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Village Crier

Celebrating 40 years!

Springtime has finally arrived: hellebores, pansies, daffodils, crocus and spring peepers have arrived along with ducks, chipmunks, squirrels, rabbits, and fantastic birds all enjoying a break from winter. Longer days and more sunshine leads to beautiful blossoms on flowering shrubs and trees, can't wait.

If you love daffodils, Blithewold, the arboretum in Bristol, is a must see, it is gorgeous, acres of gardens all the way down to the Bay.

We are enjoying the lovely pansies and spring bulbs at the Clubhouse, thanks to Judy Harris & Kelly La Grutta. Kudos to you!

Earth Day is Wednesday, April 22nd, a perfect day to enjoy the GREAT OUTDOORS, create your special garden and take a walk in nature.

Kudos to our nature loving Doug Shepard, he collects the litter left by others in the Village. Largest culprit, **nips and plastic wine bottles**, if you notice anyone littering, please call Lisa. Doug also cleans Worden's Pond Road which is notorious for litter.

We would like to get a team from the Village to help clean up a section of Worden's Pond from the entrance to the Campground.

Anyone interested please let the office know.

Doug monitors our security cameras for us and has incredible nature videos. **THANK YOU, DOUG!**

It is wonderful to see so many residents out walking with friends and their dogs. We love our pets, please clean up after them so neighbors can enjoy walking freely in the recreation area.

Drivers please be considerate of fellow residents walking and bike riding, go slow and drive safely.

The Winter Special Olympics had their award ceremony on March 7th at the Clubhouse. We were delighted to host them and are grateful to **Jane Soetbeer and Chuck Morgan** as Village Representatives who facilitated the use of a new venue for them. Fun was had by all!

Our Village Bowlers turned out in force to support Southern RI Volunteers, Sunday, March 22nd at Old Mountain Lanes Bowling Alley. It was great fun for all our bowlers and their cheering section, and we supported a wonderful non-profit organization committed to helping seniors.

Please know, there is NO LEAF BURNING in The Village.

Burning leaves releases irritants into the air that can cause respiratory problems and other health issues.

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Peace Dale Museum of Art & Culture Spring Lecture Series starts on April 2@ 7pm. “**The Improbable life and legendary career of Nathanael Greene**” by Gerald “Ged” Carbone and April 23rd at 7pm Evan Wilson from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport will present “**The Life and Times of Oliver Hazard Perry**”. They are in person and on The Museum’s You Tube.

HOUSEKEEPING:

*Now is the Time for Spring Clean Ups **Cordice Landscaping is back for another season! Don’t delay signing up, earlier is better. Please call: Ashley 401.626.7175*** Our Shred It was a success, working to keep your personal information safe, is a priority.

POWER WASHING OF HOMES:

Please contact Spring Brook Power Washing either online at www.PowerwashRI.com or call 401.742.2597.

Posting at the Mail Areas: Management has purchased 3 new enclosed Bulletin Boards for our mail areas. These are for residents only and those who have permission from Lisa, all other notices will be removed. We do not want strangers who are not vetted in our Village posting messages to our residents. **Remember NO SOLICITING!** We need to be diligent with who is working in The Village.

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Mail, delivered to your box by mistake, needs to be placed in the Big Blue Mailbox or brought if residents no longer live in The Village. Never pin mail on the notice boards. THANK YOU!

to the office,



BE WELL, STAY SAFE AND ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS !

Peace, Lisa & Anita

VILLAGE LIBRARY

The successful monthly Book Chat was solely the idea of our much missed Betty Bogutt. An assigned book is not the format. We each briefly discuss a recent book we have read and have a lot of fun doing so and sharing our thoughts on whether we enjoyed the book or not. All Villagers are welcomed.

I have asked Mary Foster and Jane Soetbeer to join me in managing the library. We recently did some purging of old books and rearranging. The library exists on newer donated books which are borrowed on the honor system asking books be returned in a timely manner in order for other villagers to enjoy them. The white “sign out” cabinet has some new to the cabinet “newer” books!! We are always looking for donations of books that would be of interest. Unfortunately, we cannot accept cookbooks, gardening, CD’s, magazines or coffee table type books.

The next Book Chat will be held: **Monday, April 6 th** at 1pm in the Clubhouse.

Arlene Arnold, Mary and Jane

“The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.”

— Albert Einstein

HOA NEWS

Hello April! We've been waiting for you! (Fingers crossed...no more snow!)

Thank you Doug Shepard for arranging the speaker for our March general meeting. Union District Fire Marshal Dennis Bernier did a lively talk on fire prevention. We had very good attendance with residents asking many questions and receiving answers to their concerns.

Please note that this was our last Saturday afternoon meeting. General meetings now resume on the third Tuesday evening of the month through September.

Our Pasta Party is happening Saturday, April 18th at 5:00pm. The menu includes Pasta and Meatballs, Pasta and Clam Sauce, Pasta Primavera, Chicken Piccata, Pasta a la Norman, garden salad, Italian bread and butter, and for dessert, eclairs and a Cannoli Cream Cake. Water and coffee of course will be included. You may BYOB. Tickets are \$10.00 pp and sign up sheets will be posted at the mailboxes on April 7th. Thank you to our Activities Committee for making what is sure to be a fun and delicious event possible!

Spring has arrived and perhaps you've started your seasonal cleaning! Finding items that are in good shape but not needed anymore? Well, we are collecting for our annual yard sale, taking place on Saturday, October 3rd. Starting mid-April, you can call Diane Smith at 203-535-6650 for pick-up. Your donations are greatly appreciated. The proceeds from this sale help supplement our various activities and provide donations to many non-profit organizations.

As previously stated, Roberta Fahlman-Bawden is completing her second two year term as our Vice President. Our TVWPHOA bi-laws prohibit Roberta from continuing in this role. Kathy Piatek and Kathy Stagg have graciously taken on the role of Nominating Committee for our upcoming election in June. The VP position requires attendance at monthly board and general meetings, filling in for the President should he/she be absent, and acting as liaison to our wonderful Activities Committee. If you have interest in volunteering for this position please contact Kathy P. at 401-284-2053 or Kathy S. at 914-629-4532 to have your name placed on the June ballot. Roberta or myself may also be contacted if you have any questions.

Our next general meeting is Tuesday, April 21st. Corine Minkle will present "Dying with Dignity". This is a talk to help make us aware of how to be somewhat prepared when having conversations about death and dying. Corine asks that we come with open minds and to bring pen and paper should we want to take notes. This speaker has been highly recommended by our neighbor Joyce Egan. We understand that these conversations are never easy, but perhaps this experience will provide us with confidence and comfort when the need arises.

We will begin the meeting with Corine's talk at 6:30 pm. Refreshments and our general meeting will follow. All Villagers are invited.

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." Charles M. Shultz

Happy Easter to those who celebrate... and may all enjoy a chocolate bunny or two!

With the renewal of Spring, as always, I wish you peace.

Deborah Dean, President TVWPHOA

SPEAKER SERIES

Colonial men who fought in the American Revolution are often pictured wearing tri-corner hats. We have all seen them. But what did the women wear? Renee Tuttle will answer this question Wednesday, April 8, at 7:00pm in the South Kingstown High School Auditorium.

Tuttle's talk will discuss the dress of colonial women and touch on hair and cosmetics or the lack thereof. Her talk is the fourth in the South Kingstown 250th Anniversary Speaker Series.

Renee Tuttle has worked at Colonial Williamsburg's Costume Design Center and with their 18th historic clothing collection. She completed her Master of Science in Historic Textiles and Dress at the University of Rhode Island, Department of Textiles, Fashion, Merchandizing, and Design.

She has meticulously recreated reproductions of 18th century garments for her personal collection.

Window Issues???

If you know, if and who replaced your windows, check their Warranty. However, if they are the original windows and the frames are in good condition this information could help you.

See if you have a name on the window anywhere on the sides. We didn't have a name on ours, but got Window info when we moved in. Our vinyl windows had a lifetime warranty of 20 years from installation, so since ours were from 2002, they were out of Warranty. However, we got a guy to replace the double pane glass section using the still good frame, because it was just the seal between the windows that failed. We could tell because the between window gasket was drooping or bulging and air was getting between the panes.

Keith came, measured and ordered a new double pane window glass section for each. When he received them, he returned and disassembled the frames and installed the new double pane glass section. The new window panes had a aluminum looking seal. He was efficient and reasonable.

If you have good frames and just need some repairs this might be the guy to help you. Let him know you live in the Village at Worden's Pond.

Keith Wildenhain 401-578-3716 kjweng1@gmail.com

He lives in Lincoln, RI. If you text or email him pictures of your issues, he could let you know if he is willing to try and help you. He has already agreed to try and help two others in the Village. He was the perfect help for our issue.

...Chuck Morgan





SOUTH KINGSTOWN

Rhode Island



RIVMA RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC



PROTECT YOUR CAT, DOG OR FERRET
FROM RABIES WITH A SIMPLE, LOW COST SHOT.

- ➔ **Date:** Sunday, April 19th
- ➔ **Time:** 10AM - 12PM
- ➔ **Location:** Animal Rescue Rhode Island
506B Curtis Corner Rd
South Kingstown, RI
- ➔ **Cost:** \$10



PLEASE NOTE:

- All RI residents welcome
- Clinics are cash only
- Cost is per shot
- Receive a 1-year shot without proof of current shot
OR receive a 3-year shot with proof of current shot

HISTORY IS NEEDED!

The Narragansett Historical Society is doing a 2 prong project on pre and post urban renewal in the Pier. They are looking for people who have stories and photos of those times. Especially photos from the 1960's. The photos are okay even if the buildings are only in the background. They must be within the urban renewal area.

We will be the last generation that remembers how the Pier was before urban renewal. If you would like to help you can contact them by

email: narurbanrenewal@yahoo.com or visit the Facebook page.



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