

CELEBRATING 41 YEARS!

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VILLAGE CRIER

The Summer wind came blowing in from across the pond...

We love the longer days of sunlight and starry night skies, not so much the hot and humid temperatures. We are experiencing a statewide drought, please be careful and responsible. **South Kingstown now has a water ban.**

PLEASE, NO FIREWORKS IN THE VILLAGE, OUR VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS ARE INCREDIBLY BUSY IN THE SUMMER! Marylou, our newsletter editor, will list all the FREE LOCAL FIREWORKS DISPLAYS FOR EVERYONE TO ATTEND.

There are numerous local and statewide celebrations for our Nation's 250th Birthday, GOD BLESS AMERICA !

It is a lovely time of the year; everyone's yard looks beautiful! Kudos to our gardeners, Judy Harris and Kelly La Grutta. They have created some lovely designs for the window boxes at The Clubhouse, given the restriction of a small space and lots of sun. We thank them for volunteering to be part of beautifying The Village.

How about Michael Soetbeer and his fellow Village gardeners, their raised beds are prolific this year, inspiring us to garden? We love their enthusiasm, knowledge and community spirit.

Grateful to The Village Homeowners Association, Officers, Board members and volunteers for your wonderful work! Let's hear it for Deborah, Roberta, Christine, Diane, Betty, Doug, Julie, Jane, Chuck, John, Bob, Kathy, Kip, Jack, Arlene, Mary, John, Jack Imelda, Karen and anyone I neglected to mention. We appreciate all of you, it takes a Village to make a Community!

Chuck Morgan and his never-ending work on our Village Resident List, by name and by address. **THANK YOU !**

Kudos to Mary Ann Reed and Roy Rathbone who took over from Bob Mulroy with refilling the waste bags at the 2 Dog stations, an endless job. Please be sure to use them. Get a pooper scooper, make it easier.

Thank you to our wonderful Newsletter Editor, Marylou Butler. Marylou volunteers her time. Please take the time to read it, copies are available at the 3 mail areas, the office, the Clubhouse and online in color under the community page on The Village Website, www.villageatwordenspond.com.

South Shore Village's new 9 Hole Golf Course is open for Village residents to play. It is a wonderful resource.

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We are celebrating The Village's **41st** Birthday this summer, the start of construction was back in June, 1985.

***** Reminder, there is an increase in the land lease amounts this year! Please pay the new amount for July 1st and remember your annual \$ 42 property tax pass through fee due July 1st payable to "The Village at Worden's Pond."**

HOUSE KEEPING IN THE VILLAGE: there is no Airbnb permitted in The Village, no house swapping of any kind. Village residents are entitled to a safe, friendly and close knit community. Residents do not need to wonder who is next door to them? When having house guests, please notify the office.

RV, Boats and Trailers are not to be parked in your driveway. The Stockade is there for storage. Preparing for a road trip with your RV, you have a few days to get ready.

Please do not place the following items in your recycling totes: garden hoses, hangers, Styrofoam of any kind, window glass, mirrors or any broken glass of any kind, ceramic pots, broken or whole.

Never include appliances or automotive fluid containers. Other items you recycle must be emptied and rinsed. **DO YOUR PART, RECYCLE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE. AGAIN, NO PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY SORT IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN.**

POWER WASHING: we have a suggestion for those of you who would like to do your own power washing. Buy a container or 2 of **"30 SECONDS OUTDOOR CLEANER"** to use with your garden hose, please follow the directions. **We recommend Spring Brook 401.742.2597** Please call them for estimates.

Village residents have access to the **Rose Hill Road Transfer station**, a good resource for South Kingstown taxpayers, the cost is 6 cents/ lb. for residential bulky waste. **They also have a great book exchange.**

FREE PICK UP AND DISPOSE OF UNWANTED APPLIANCES. PETE'S SCRAP & RECYCLING 401.363.3034

We are all in The Village to enjoy this relaxed, peaceful, friendly, & safe lifestyle. Please drive slowly & carefully!

CELEBRATE SUMMER & AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY,

Lisa and Anita

LIBRARY NEWS



The Village Library has lots of donated jigsaw puzzles. This is a great way to idle away some time when the weather is too hot to be outdoors. The white bookcase is full of books by your favorite authors. The library is a wonderful free resource for you!

Next BOOKCHAT is Monday July 6th at 1pm. Everyone is welcome.

HOA NEWS

"Hello July! Let the ice cream melt, the gardens bloom, and the good times roll!"

We kicked off the season with our Summer Fest on June 13th. It was a hot, sticky afternoon, but the atmosphere inside the clubhouse was light and airy and full of friendship and fun. Once again our activities committee led by Julie Wardwell did an outstanding job! Bob Piatek arranged for and picked up Blount clam chowder to round out our usual picnic fare. Sides and desserts were varied and delicious! Thank you to all who participated. Christine Pfeiffer contacted our entertainment. Janine Andrews and with her partner Joe provided live singing that encouraged many to get up and dance! A great time was had by all!

We ended up having elections after all last month because at the "11th hour" Chuck Morgan volunteered to take the Vice President position and Jean Lockwood replaced him as Trustee. Welcome to the board Jean and thank you both! It is becoming more and more difficult to find volunteers for our board positions. Apparently the greatest roadblock is the time commitment required for these positions. In reviewing the by-laws and our current events calendar we realize changes must be made to remain viable. Therefore, our July and August general meetings have been cancelled. Think of this as Summer Vacation! The executive board will use that time in addition to our regular monthly board meetings to work on restructuring our VWPHOA. If all goes well, we will have suggestions to present to you in September which we will vote on in October.

In addition to the general meetings being cancelled these next two months, the Welcome New Residents Coffee Hour slated July 25th has also been cancelled. A private party will be using the clubhouse that day. We will reschedule the coffee hour for September.

However, do mark your calendars for our popular Ice Cream Social which will take place on Sunday, August 23rd. Watch The Crier, mailbox bulletin boards, and our Residents of Worden's Pond Facebook page for reminders and sign up notices.

Yard Sale donations are being accepted Tuesday afternoons from 4pm-5pm. Please call or text Christine Pfeiffer at 401-741-1103 to make arrangements to meet her with your items at the lower back door of the clubhouse. Christine graciously volunteered for this role and we appreciate your courtesy for her time by contacting her to let her know you'll be coming. Thank you!

Our June meeting marked the end of Roberta Fahlman-Bawden's four year tenure as VWPHOA Vice President. Past President Jane Soetbeer spoke of Roberta's contributions, we had cake and ice cream, and Roberta was presented with a card and gift. Thank you Roberta for being such an integral part of our association. Your consistent energy, ideas, and helpful hands have been greatly appreciated! We look forward to your continued participation!

This Independence Day, let us celebrate not only our nation's freedom, but also the friendships and shared moments that make our community feel like home.

Happy 4th of July!!!

Stars, Stripes, and Peace,

Deborah Dean, President VWPHOA



SOUTH KINGSTOWN

Rhode Island

4TH OF *July*

CELEBRATE FREEDOM ★ CELEBRATE COMMUNITY



SATURDAY
JULY 4TH
5PM ★ 10PM

OLD MOUNTAIN FIELD

831 KINGSTOWN RD.
WAKEFIELD, RI



SPECTACULAR
FIREWORKS
DISPLAY



LIVE MUSIC BY
**TAKE IT TO
THE BRIDGE**



FOOD
TRUCKS



50/50
RAFFLE

★ **FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!** ★
LET'S CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S BIRTHDAY TOGETHER!

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FOR MORE INFO ★
SOUTHKINGSTOWNRI.COM



MORE LOCAL FIREWORKS AND EVENTS

Narragansett

- **Date & Time:** Friday, July 3, 2026. Festivities throughout the day; fireworks at dusk (approx. 9:00 p.m.).
- **Location:** Narragansett Town Beach (79 Boston Neck Rd.)
- **?? Parking & Logistics:**
- **Beach Lots:** The town beach parking lots are available but charge standard parking fees until late afternoon and fill up early.
- **Street Parking:** Available along **Ocean Road** and adjacent side streets. Mind all local parking signs to avoid ticketing.

North Kingstown

- **Date & Time:** Saturday, July 4, 2026. Food trucks and music from 4:30 p.m.; fireworks at dusk.
- **Location:** North Kingstown Town Beach (10 Beach St.)
- **?? Parking & Logistics:**
- Parking is available directly at the town beach lot, though space is tight.
- Additional parking can be found within walking distance in downtown Wickford Village.



SOUTH KINGSTOWN
Rhode Island

USA 250 PROGRAMS

Thursday, 07/09

Speaker Series: Robert Geake - Citizens for the First Time: How Rhode Island Communities Contributed to the Cause of Liberty - 7pm The Contemporary Theater

Thursday, 08/13

Speaker Series: Christian McBurney - Why Did Americans Rebel Against the British Crown & Seek Independence in July 1776 - 7pm at The Contemporary Theater

Saturday, 09/12

Meet John Adams - A Lively and Revolutionary Conversation
2-3pm at Kingston Free Library - Potter Hall

Friday, 09/18

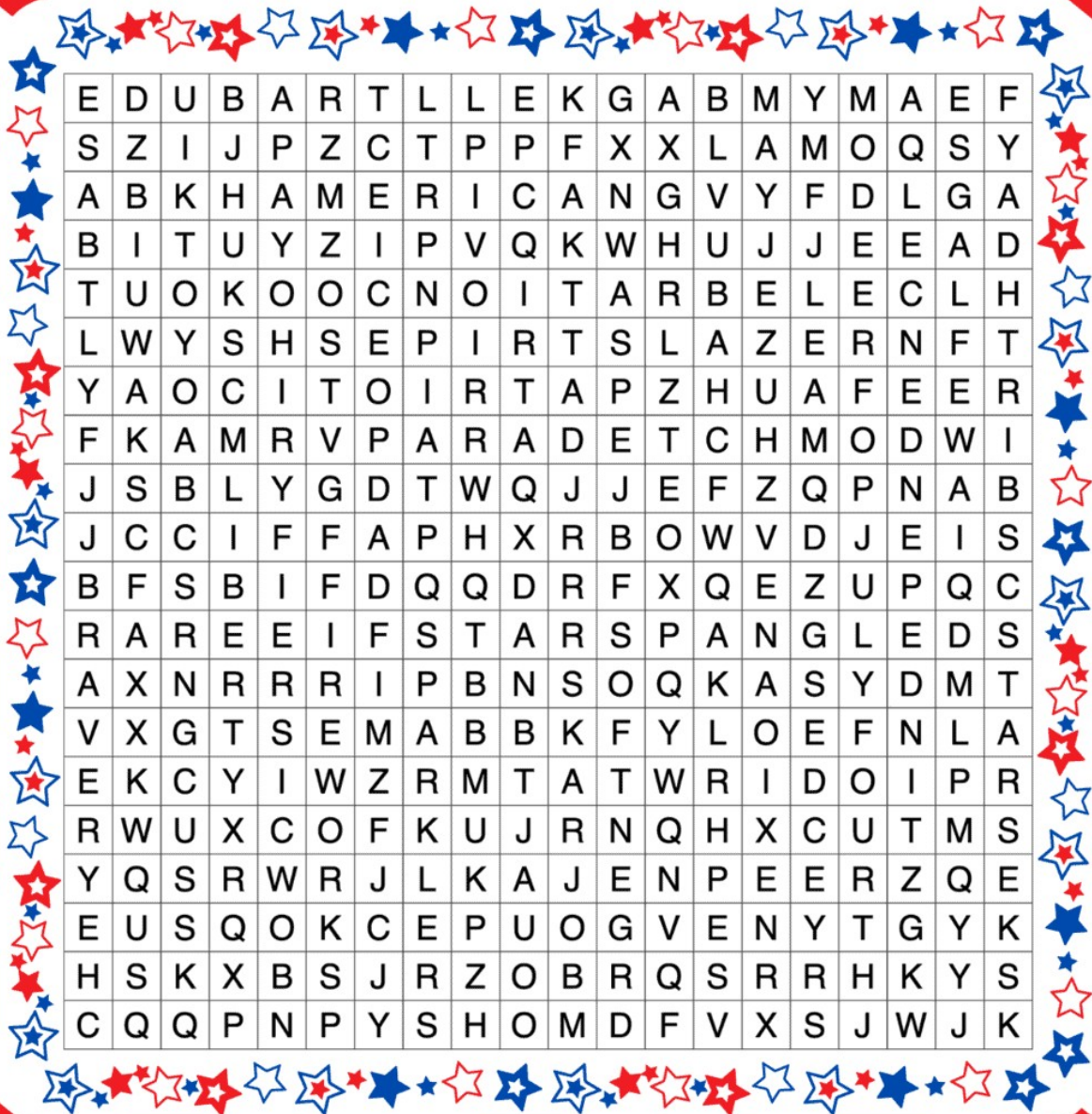
National POW/MIA Recognition Day: Tables of Remembrance at WWII Museum, Peace Dale Library, SK Town Hall, Kingston Free Library, URI Memorial Union

Saturday, 9/26

USA 250th Beach Party 2-6pm - South Kingstown Town Beach, 719 Matunuck Beach Road - Live Music, Artisans, Food Trucks

4TH OF JULY

WORD SEARCH



PATRIOTIC
AMERICAN
CELEBRATION
JULY FOURTH

LIBERTY
PARADE
STRIPES
STARS

BARBECUE
BANNERS
FLAG
PARTY

FIREWORKS
FREEDOM
COOKOUT
SPARKLERS

STAR-SPANGLED
INDEPENDENCE
BRAVERY
BIRTHDAY