

# THE STERN VILLAGE VOICE

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## **FROM THE DESK OF HARRIET POLANSKY:**

Thank you for your continued support & help to make Stern Village the premier housing authority in Connecticut. My #1 priority is your safety and well-being. As you know, we have made many improvements and we have many more to make. The unsatisfactory roads, uneven pathways, potentially leaky roof on the congregate & lack of gutters on many of the apartments, didn't happen overnight. Based on my conversations with roofing & paving companies, many of the repairs are long overdue. We are in the process of getting estimates to make the necessary repairs as part of our capital needs plan. I want to thank Don Scinto with his help in evaluating contractors and estimates. Don is a member of the town's planning and zoning committee & has dealt with several contractors. We now have a generator in the community room & it will be necessary for each resident to fill out a short survey in order to assess our needs for additional outlets as well as cots, blankets, food & supplies. Once we collect and review the data, we'll work with EMS on getting the essential supplies. We now have the right housing authority software to enable us to input all of your information and conduct certifications for those that meet the requirements. It appears resident information that was on the computer magically disappeared, we need to start from scratch inputting data. You will receive a letter regarding what forms to bring for a re-certification. We only have to re-certify every 2 years. If your income has decreased by 10 % and/or medical expenses have increased by 10% you, are entitled to a re-certification. You can call the office to schedule an appointment. Security issues: we have installed speed bumps & you will see additional signs throughout the village to deter speeders & people that are trespassing. We are also installing wireless security cameras around the village. We are getting flood lights & brighter bulbs for our existing outside lamps. We're implementing additional surveillance cameras at the congregate. We are also enforcing parking violations. Some visitors park in no parking areas. In case of an emergency the police, firemen and EMS need to access. Officer Velky spoke to us about a neighborhood watch. Many of you have already been watching over your neighborhood. Now we are formalized. Gus Aquino, Bob Lewis, John Koch and I are in charge of the neighborhood watch. We have several volunteers. If you are interested, please sign up at the office. We've implemented a food committee at the congregate; our cook, Loraine, is excited about trying new, healthy recipes and offering more variety.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR THESE EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM & CONGREGATE BUILDING**

#### **JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> – WEDNESDAY AT 10:00 A.M.**

**THE ORCHESTRA / JAZZ ENSEMBLE AT  
Trumbull High School – bus pick up at 9:45 a.m.**

#### **JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> – WEDNESDAY AT 10:30 A.M.**

**GBT - Stern Village Scheduled Shuttle Service  
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM  
A new schedule for the GBT buses will be discussed.**

#### **JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> – THURSDAY AT 10:00 A.M.**

##### **KNITTERS CLUB "SHOW AND TELL"**

As part of the "Warm Up America" program, a national charity foundation, we have made baby newborn hats for Bpt Hosp, scarves & hats for homeless, & presently making lap afghans for the Nathan Willingly Nursing Home / Greenwich.

Our next project will be lap afghans for St. Joseph's Manor residents. Come see our accomplishments in the Community Room!

#### **JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY AT 10:00 A.M.**

##### **A FATHER'S DAY EVENT**

**"The Truths of Fatherhood That Come From God"**  
The Diocese of Bridgeport will be conducting a Special Father's Day Event in the Community Room Refreshments will be served!

#### **JUNE 18<sup>th</sup> – TUESDAY AT 10:00 A.M.**

##### **HARRIET'S TEA**

in the Community Room  
Event sponsored by Stop & Shop  
**"HEALTHY EATING"**  
*Refreshments and gifts!*

**"UPCOMING EVENTS" CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

**FROM THE EDITOR:**

**A SPECIAL THANKS**

We would like to give special thanks to Harriet Polansky for the great work she has done in her first 100 days as Interim Exec Dir of Stern Village. She has worked tirelessly to bring our community together and you can see the results in the positive response of the villagers.

**SVNW**

The Stern Village Neighborhood Watch (SVNW) kicked off in May. They will be on the grounds at different times during the day and night checking for parking violations and help keep the community safe. For any concerns, other than 9 1 1 emergencies, you can stop them and ask for their help. You will recognize them by the logo **S V N W** on their hats and shirts.

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**LOOKING FOR PARTY BRIDGE PLAYERS.**

If you are interested in joining, please call Ann at 203-880-9849

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**COME JOIN IN OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AND THE CONGREGATE BLDG**

Monday – Bingo– 1:45 p.m. in the Community Room  
Tuesday – Pinochle –1:30 p.m. in the Community Rm  
Wednesday – Bingo–2:00 p.m. at the Congregate Bldg  
Thursday – Knitting–10:30 a.m. in the Community Rm  
Project: Lap Blankets for St. Joseph's Manor.  
Friday – open

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**PARKING IN STERN VILLAGE**

Stern Village residents must have a THA sticker in the rear window of their car. Parking violations will be enforced. If you receive a 3rd violation, your car will be towed. If you do not have a sticker, get one at the office. Alert the THA if your car information changes.

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**OUR MAINTENANCE DEPT**

We would like to welcome our new maintenance worker, Joe Hoydilla and we would like to say welcome back to Tyler!

**JUNE 18th – TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.**  
**TRUMBULL SUMMER CONCERTS**

at the Gazebo on Quality St.- bring your own chairs.  
Featuring: Clam Diggers (Dixieland)

**JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> – THURSDAY AT 10:00 A.M.**

**VETERANS FINANCIAL, INC:** provides information on Aid & Attendance Pension offered by the Dept of Veterans Affairs. Our speaker will be Tom Restivo of the Always Best Care Senior Svs of Greater Fairfield County. Event in the Community Rm. Please sign up for this event.

**JUNE 24TH – MONDAY AT 7:00 P.M.**

Trumbull Housing Authority monthly meeting in the Community Room

**JUNE 25TH – TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.**

**TRUMBULL SUMMER CONCERTS**  
**AT THE GAZEBO ON QUALITY STREET**  
Featuring: Yesteryear (Doo Wop 50's & 60's)  
Bring your own lawn chairs!

**JUNE 28TH – FRIDAY AT 4:00 P.M.**

**in the Community Room**  
Annual Membership Meeting, Stern Village Tenants' Association. Bylaw Amendment."

**JUNE 29TH – SATURDAY 11:00 to 11:00**

**TRUMBULL DAY 2013**  
At the fields behind Trumbull High School.  
Senior \$5.00  
**FIREWORKS AT SUNSET**

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**FIRE MARSHAL SAFETY TIP:**

Keep your front and side entrances clear!  
Remove any items blocking your doors from the inside AND the outside.

***In the event of a fire, your life may depend on it!***

