

THE STERN VILLAGE VOICE

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FROM THE DESK OF HARRIET POLANSKY:

Dear Residents, It's uplifting to see the Community Room bustling with residents using the computers or taking computer classes, watching their favorite shows on our brand new 60' TV, playing pool, exercising, or just relaxing.

COMMUNITY ROOM...is yours to enjoy. It's open till 8 PM. It is also your Cooling Station. If your power goes out, the Community Room is on. Come in to stay cool especially during the severe heat. The Community Center is your emergency location.

LAUNDRY ROOM - in the Community Room is open until 8:00 PM. Please remember that once it's closed, you will not be able to get in until the morning.

As Your Executive Director - My #1 priority is your safety and well-being. We are implementing the town's approved emergency management plans for Stern Village.

Based on our survey of 179 residents, if there is a weather related emergency, 70 residents (living in the village) will stay at Stern Village & many of you rely on medical equipment that needs to be plugged in. We are getting the appropriate cots, linens, blankets & supplies to accommodate you. A special thanks to the Trumbull Rotary for their generous donation of 60 cots & bedding. In addition, we will have outlets earmarked for oxygen tanks & other medical equipment and charging stations for cell phones. We are also procuring the appropriate trailer to house the supplies.

Phone Numbers - If your phone number has changed, please let us know. You can call the office or stop by.

Parking Spaces - We will be adding more handicapped parking spaces. We are working with our SVNW to assess the best areas for additional spaces.

GARBAGE - PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE GARBAGE IN FRONT of your door. Put all garbage in plastic bags & in the appropriate receptacle near your apartment and don't forget to recycle! Do not put garbage in recycling containers.

Meet Heather - Heather LaMoult is the newest member of the Stern Village family. She is the receptionist & assistant. Stop by and say "Hi" to Heather.

A Special Thanks to Our Stern Village Neighborhood Watch - Every day or night, you can see Gus, Bob, John, Maureen, Stan & other members of the SVNW in their blue shirts and hats, patrolling our property. Their concern, responsiveness and attentiveness, have added another level of security to Stern Village. Reminder - if you see something, say something!

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

Donald Scinto, is a resident of Stern Village & on the town's Planning & Zoning committee. Don has worked with me to assess contractors and vendors based on upcoming repairs.

Peter Yachymczyk and Rob Rising - Thank you Rob & Peter for installing the computers in the Community Room and in the Congregate. We appreciate your technological expertise.

Congratulations to Bob Lewis - Bob is the new President of the Tenants' Association. He's enthusiastic, compassionate and a true resident advocate. Bob has a positive attitude & his approach is constructive. I look forward to collaborating with him & the Tenants' Assoc. in the upcoming months! Sincerely, Harriet

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST – WEDNESDAYS 7-14-21-28

THE GIRL SCOUTS at Stern Village.

We are excited to have the Girl Scouts visiting Stern Village every Wednesday during the summer. They will be available to help residents with their gardens, read to residents, play board & computer games, & much more! Please call the office if are interested in having them visit you at home!

AUGUST 6TH – TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

**TRUMBULL SUMMER CONCERTS
AT THE GAZEBO ON QUALITY STREET**
Featuring: Tony Reno

AUGUST 13TH – TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

**TRUMBULL SUMMER CONCERTS
AT THE GAZEBO ON QUALITY STREET**
Featuring: Midnight Rodeo (Country)

AUGUST 20TH – TUESDAY AT 10:00 A.M.

HARRIET'S TEA

in the Community Room

We are extremely pleased to have Judge T.R. Rowe at our Tuesday Tea. Judge Rowe will discuss the importance of having a will and what probate means. Please mark your calendar! The information presented is essential to your well-being & you will benefit from Judge Rowe's advice.

UPCOMING EVENTS continued:

CONGREGATE BUILDING

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 Afghans for Veterans Hospital.
Friday – open ***Come join us!***

The Knitting Club presented 10 Lap Afghans to St. Joseph's Manor on July 24th. The residents were very happy to receive them. The Trumbull Patch came to our Community Room to take pictures of the event which you can see in the Patch. The Knitting Club members that went to St. Joseph's to present the lap afghans were: Ruth Silver, Joan Scianna, Thelma Burr, Marie Montenaro, Maria Sienaewicz, Eleanor Frouge, Christina Le and Joyce Aquino. The Club's next project will be lap afghans for the West Haven Veterans home. We also make newborn baby hats for Bridgeport Hospital. The Stern Village Knitting Club is a member of the "Warm Up" America Foundation.

CHECK THE COMMUNITY ROOM AND CONGREGATE BOARDS FOR MORE INFO ON THE ITEMS IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND OTHER COMMUNITY INFO!

SVNW:

The Stern Village Neighborhood Watch (SVNW) is comprised of **Voluntary** residents who donate their time to help keep the community safe. They should **NOT** be subjected to verbal abuse! They are there to give help and safety to our entire Community. Please be considerate!

FIRE MARSHAL SAFETY TIP:

Change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks back.

AUGUST 20TH – TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

**TRUMBULL SUMMER CONCERTS
AT THE GAZEBO ON QUALITY STREET**
Featuring: Mia & The Riff

AUGUST 26TH – MONDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Trumbull Housing Authority monthly meeting
in the Community Room

AUGUST 27TH – TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

**TRUMBULL SUMMER CONCERTS
AT THE GAZEBO ON QUALITY STREET**
Featuring: Avenue Groove (Rhythm & Blues)

COMPUTER CLASSES - Sydney Nguyen and Lisa Manzione have weekly computer classes for residents:
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. with Lisa
Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. with Sydney

FREE COUNSELING

Trumbull Counseling Center at 121 Old Mine Rd. A five minute drive from Stern Village. Please call Victor or Robin to schedule an appointment. The Center will also meet with you at Stern Village. Call: 203-261-5110 or 203-452-5193

CORPORATE & PRIVATE SPONSORS:

A special thank you to the following businesses for their generosity:

Salvatore Altobelli of Sal's Pizza in Monroe for donating 2 pizzas to our Knitting Club Event and for being our corporate sponsor.

Carlos Vazquez for the 5 yellow reflective vests he donated to our Stern Village Neighborhood Watch team.

CENTURION BIRTHDAYS AT STERN:

A happy birthday to the following residents!

Dominic Cariccolo turned 101 on July 17th.