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Of Quail Run



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Second Annual Progressive Dinner Come for an Italian Meal Saturday, 24 October at 6:00 P.M.



Cost is \$6.00 per person, payable in advance. Checks can be dropped off to either **Sally Mauro**, at 1D Strawberry, or to **Theresa Bosio** at 1G Strawberry.

The absolute cut-off date to sign up is October 17. A sign-up sheet is also posted at the Community Center.

We are looking for folks to host this year. Like last year, hosting will be limited to 6 at a house, including hosts. And as last year, everyone pays. The host will turn in receipts for expenses and be reimbursed.

Meet at the Community Center for appetizers at 6:00, where you will be assigned to your host, dinner at 7:00, and back to the Community Center for desserts.

Everyone had a great time last year. We hope to see even more this year!!

Game Night is Back

The first one was on September 15 at 7:00 P.M. at the Community Center. We had two tables of games that night. Plan to come on the third Tuesday of each month.

We split into small groups and play whatever game you like.

There are several at the Community Center including Rummicube, Dominoes, Bunko, Taboo, and Trivial Pursuit. Feel free to bring a different game. We play till 9:00. Coffee, tea and goodies will be available to munch on.

No need to sign up...just come. It's FUN and it's FREE!!!!

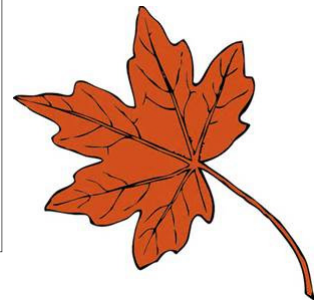


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Editor’s Desk

MJ Ebens, editor



If the last *Quail Runner* looked a bit unfinished — it was! The draft copy went out instead of the finished version, losing all my proof readers hard work!! My apologies to all.

Big changes are happening here at Quail Run with old neighbors moving out and new ones coming in.

Barbara Paradiso’s leaving will be a loss to the Social Committee as well as the *Quail Runner*. Her sister, **Ruth Fay’s** leaving will also affect the newsletter. Ruth has been our go-between to our advertisers. Note the “Position Open” ad on page 7. The job doesn’t take much effort, but is very necessary.

Barbara Picarello is also looking for a replacement to send out our Quail Run email notices, again not a big job, but a necessary one.

Have you noted to progress on the Richard F. Ebens sidewalk?
MJ

Coffee Hour at the Community Center

Saturday, 3 October from 9:30 - 11:00
Cost is \$1

If you can, please bring an item (or two) for the Hudson Food Pantry.

Thanks.



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HEALTHY LIVING

by Peggy Rittenhouse



Possible New Blood Pressure Guidelines As reported in *The New York Times*, September 11, by Gina Kolata, Federal health officials said that a major study is ending a year early because it has already conclusively answered a question cardiologists have puzzled over for decades: How low should blood pressure go? The answer: way lower than the current guidelines. Doctors have been uncertain about what the optimal blood pressure should be for patients with high blood pressure. The aim is to bring it down, but how far.

Patients who were assigned to reach a systolic blood pressure goal below 120—far lower than current guidelines of 140 or 150 for people over 60, found that the goal of 120 for systolic blood pressure had their risk of heart attacks, heart failure and strokes reduced by a third and their risk of death reduced by nearly a quarter.

The study is called Sprint and more than 9,300 men and women ages 50 and over who were at high risk of heart disease or had kidney disease were assigned to one of two systolic blood pressure targets: less than 120 mm of mercury, which is lower than any guideline ever suggested, or less than 140. (Systolic pressure is the higher of the two blood pressure numbers and represents pressure on blood vessels when the heart contracts.)

The study was expected to end in 2017, but considering the results of great importance to public health, the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute announced the decision to end the study a year early. A paper with the research data will be published within in a few months. But there are concerns that reaching a target that low would mean giving people more and more medications and the side effects could cancel

any benefit. A low blood pressure could result in dizziness and falls. It will be interesting to see if the results of this study will result in the recommendation of new guidelines for older patients with high blood pressure.



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ROMEO's

Retired Old Men Eating Out (and having fun!)

The October gathering is Wednesday, 21 Oct at 12:00 noon at Horseshoe Pub & Restaurant 29 South St, Hudson, 978-568-1265

Please contact Pete Recklet at 978-562-2721 or precklet@live.com if you plan to attend.

The group is open to all men at Quail Run.



AAA Car Doctor Coming to Quail Run

John Paul, AAA's Automotive Technical Adviser is coming some afternoon in November to speak at our Community Center.

The exact date and time is TBD, so watch your email. **John** will give us some car advice and suggestion as well as answering your questions.

His column occurs regularly in the *Boston Globe's* Saturday edition as well as the AAA Northeast Newsletter. In past columns he has covered such things as: "If an emergency vehicle is coming from the opposite direction, do I have to pull off to the right and stop?", "During the school year I see crossing guards helping kids cross the street. Do they have any police authority?", "What do you think of the 2015 Ford Expedition?"



Condo Care

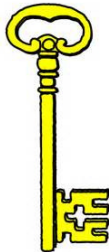
Warning: The last issue tried to correct this, but didn't quite do it.

A recent "CONDO CARE" column, under "garbage disposal", says "to mix baking soda and vinegar together to clear up the drain opening." The problem with this says our resident Chemist, **Harold Edelstein**, is when mixed together, even in the presence of ice cubes, you will create a HUGE VOLUME OF CO2 GAS which will cause a mess at the sink and possibly — eye damage or spray to the surrounding area. The neutral Sodium Acetate left has very little cleaning function.



It should read "vinegar followed by water and finally, baking soda when the smell of vinegar is slight or gone. Rinse with a final water flush" and also run the dishwasher empty to clean any residue from it.

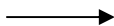
Master Key Access Many folks purchased previously owned units at Quail Run and had their locks changed. Not a bad idea. But, the master key no longer works. The new keys can be modified to work with the master key. This is especially critical in cases where access to a unit is required for emergencies. Repair crews may need to get into adjacent units. If the owner cannot be contacted, crews are left with no alternative but to breaking in the front door or window.



Warner Eldredge, an approved Hudson locksmith, has the codes to re-key your locks. \$50 for a house call and \$12 per lock. You have 2 locks on your front door. He is quick and efficient and cheaper than replacing a front door.

Calendar

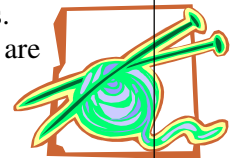
- Switch overhead fans to the winter setting with the button up.
- Replace the batteries that run the thermostat. If the batteries die, according to



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Stitch & Knit

The group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. each month at members homes. All knitters (or other types of handwork) are welcome.



Contact **Marie Kapsalis** for locations.


Wanted: Good Cooks to Share Their Recipes with the *Quail Runner*!

Send your recipes to **Claire Kilcommins**.
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Condo Care (Continued)

the LuxPro tech, the thermostat defaults to about 40° and will continue to turn the furnace off and on. You have 30 seconds to swap the batteries before your program is lost.

- Replace the 9V batteries in the smoke detectors once a year. They are at the 2 bedrooms, dining/living area, loft, and the often forgotten basement.
- Replace carbon monoxide detectors 9V batteries.
- Replace the battery in the outdoor garage door opener key pad.
- Check your smoke detector-- push the button, perhaps with a broom handle, and make sure they are still functioning.
- Turn-off outside water faucets
- **Don't wrap or cover** your air conditioner over the winter – that could cause serious condensation problems and it makes a cozy home for the small critters who do other types of damage.


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Quail Run Birthdays

October

- Al Durand, 1
- Claire Kilcommins, 4
- Barbara Picarello, 5
- Vinnie O'Brien, 6
- Ralph Trask, 7
- Greg McMahon, 8
- Jeannine Bensette, 9
- Ken Hart, 12
- Helen Montgomery, 17
- Marjory Carpenter, 19
- Judy Johnson, 21
- Ruth Fay, Nancy O'Brien, 22
- Harold Edelstein, 26
- Harry Morgan, 30



November

- Nicole Baker, 1
- Mary Stronach, 2
- Rosemary Fitzgerald, 4
- Regina Darcy, 9
- Bob Rittenhouse, 11
- Vincent Picarello, 16
- Tamara Boriakoff, 18
- Patricia Smith, 19
- Aida Fallon, 20

To include a birthday, contact your reporter or the editor

Weight & Nutrition Support Group

We meet on Wednesdays at 9:30 A.M. at the Community Center. Each of us set our own reasonable goal and the group helps us stay focused.

Here's a book some of us are using to help track of our carbs and calories. It's available through Amazon. *The Complete Food Counter* by Natow and Helsin, both nutrition experts. It costs ~\$8.00

Open to all ladies here at Quail Run. Contact **Marcella Monte** for more information.

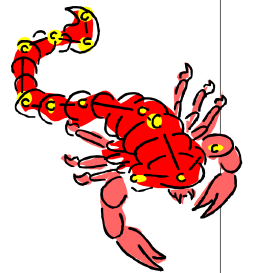
Astrology — What's Up

By Beverly Beylouné

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

The beginning of October you have some important transits very close to your tenth house of honors, awards, and achievement, which is a fantastic development. Your performance in whatever you do is not only knocking the socks off some 'higher ups' but everyone you are involved with. People you come in contact with will find you endearing and charming, and say you are a joy to have around.

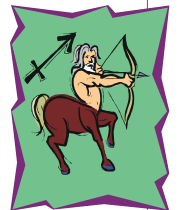
You seem to be hitting all the right high points, dear Scorpio. Your off-the-charts popularity will last at least till the end of 2015. Make good use of this time. You'll be receiving planetary beams of genius to help you complete a project. It will be clear that something you are working on will add to your growing reputation as a visionary. It doesn't matter what your age - you are on an uphill trajectory. All this work and no play may start to wear on you, however, and the universe is aware of your plight. Your social life is about to see encouraging growth and change, and your circle of friends is about to evolve and grow. Like ripples in a pond after you've tossed in a stone, your contacts will ever-widen in the coming year.



Sagittarius November 22 - December 21

There is a crowd of heavenly bodies that have been moving silently through space toward your house of honors, awards, achievement, and fame, and by October they will all be in a perfect position to give you profound opportunities. You can also expect reward for past efforts and the kind of respect you used to dream about. A recent eclipse will bring some stabilizing vibrations.

This means what you set in place is likely to remain there a very long time and offer you security and a feeling of comfort. A planet of money and earnings was involved with this eclipse also, so if you need funding or a pleasing solution to a financial situation that has been ongoing for some time, things will look more upbeat for you. If you need a line of credit, loan, or mortgage, banks will favor you. Another theme that is going on in your chart is a situation that could involve some travel and/or a relationship with a person or entity abroad, an important journey, or any matter involving academia, a legal matter, or one having to do with a publishing or broadcasting matter.



Area Highlights

By Barbara Champine

COLLINGS FOUNDATION

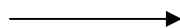
“Keeping History Alive” The Collings Foundation is a non-profit, Educational Foundation, founded in 1979. The purpose of the Foundation is to organize and support “living history” events and the preservation, exhibition and interaction of historical artifacts that enable Americans to learn more about their heritage through direct participation. They are hosting a WWII re-enactment on October 10 and October 11 . There will be over 300 re-enactors representing several branches of Allied and Axis military



participating in an incredible history event. This includes tanks, cannons, troop carriers, half tracks, aircraft and support supplies. Allied and Axis camps are set up with authentic materials and appearance.

People are encouraged to interact with re-enactors who share a wealth of information about life as a WWII military person. This event will be held at the Foundation’s Headquarters: 137 Barton Road, Stow MA. Suggested donation at gate is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children.

Plan to arrive 1 hour prior to each re-enactment for onsite parking. There will be two battles per day, 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Grounds are open 8:30 to 4:30 both days. Battle outcomes may change from one day to the next. The museum collections include a vintage car collection of over sixty-six American built automobiles and vehicles from the first half of last century. Included in the collection are Fred Dusen-berg’s personal car along with a 1940 Cadillac owned by Al Capone. The aviation museum is home to a number of the Foundation’s smaller aircraft including a 1902 Wright Glider (replica), many other early planes and military vehicles including a Vim “Camp Devens Express”, a 1918 Model T Ambulance and even an 88mm German anti-aircraft cannon. I have attended the Battle for the Airfield several times. I would suggest that you bring your own folding chair and snacks. This battle is great fun and the museums



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Book Club

Meetings are at the Community Center on Wednesdays, from 7 to 9 P.M., generally the last Wednesday of each month.

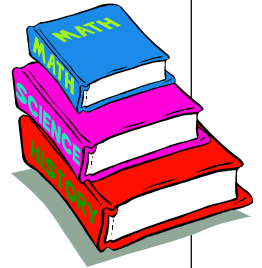
Carole Perla, 978-568-9979. is now chairing the group.

The group’s reading list for the rest of the year is:

October - *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins

November - *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr

December - *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant



Recommended Tradespeople

A Great Carpenter -- Michael Mickalonis. M and M Home Repairs' phone 978 562 4008. Highly Recommend by **Toby Allen**

Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

You can read these on our website.

www.QuailRunHudson.com

For the password, contact the chair of the Communications Committee, **MJ Ebens**, 978-562-7880.

Area Highlights (continued from left)

are very nice and well worth a visit. It’s apple picking time at Honey Pot so I would suggest you do not use Sudbury road to Barton but rather take Main St. Hudson east to West Ave or Lake Boone Drive. Take a left toward the lake and then a left along the lake. There will be signs at the entrance. Go early so that you can find a parking space and visit the museum before the show.

JULIETS NEWS

Quail Run women are invited to Lunch

October, Thursday 15 at 12:30 at Stephen Anthony's Restaurant, Route 20 in Marlboro. Separate checks. Contacts are **Marlynn Stott** 978-567-5912 and **Nancy Reid** 978-562-6282

November, Thursday 12 at 12 NOON. Please note the time is earlier than usual. At the 99 Restaurant, Route 85, Hudson Contacts are **Ruth Durand** 978-562-3338 and **Shirley O'Connell** 508-380-7056

Sign up with these ladies or on the list at the Community Center.



Transitions:

Barbara Paradiso and **Ruth Fay** are moving to Georgetown, MA to be closer to family. They hope that many Quail Runners will come to visit.

For Sale — Free — Wanted

Sale Panasonic Jet Flo Upright Vacuum cleaner; MC 5255. \$20 or best offer. It's 20 years old but still works. Three extra bags and belts are included. Contact **Jeannine or Barbara**, 978-212-5006 or 508-397-6906

FREE: 12' x 18' bound Berber area rug good for basement. Email rhcawile@gmail.com or phone 978-897-6452. **Ruth Carwile**, 3B Strawberry

Position Open

The *Quail Runner* newsletter needs a new manager to handle the relationship with our advertisers. The job is not difficult or time consuming. Simply contact each of the 6 once a year to remind them it's time to renew. Our advertisers are very faithful and only need a reminder. Use email or postal mail. Contact the editor.

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Cider Sauce

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/4 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- 1 cup Apple cider
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine



Claire Kilcommin

Mix the sugar, cornstarch, and pumpkin pie spice. Stir in the cider and lemon juice. Cook until the mixture thickens and boils. Boil stirring for 1 minute. Remove from heat and blend in the butter. Serve over hot pancakes.

This is a good fall recipe with the fresh cider. From **Claire's** recipe file.



Marlboro Hospital Needs Volunteers

There is a dire need for volunteers at the Marlboro Hospital especially at the front desk and the gift shop. Both men and women are needed to give 3 hours or more a week of their time. It is a rewarding experience and you meet a lot of nice people and make new friends,

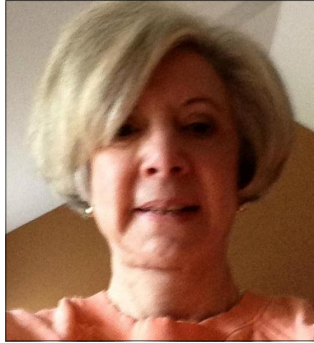
If interested, call **Mary-Ann Stein**, Director of Volunteers at the Marlboro Hospital, 508-481-5000 Thanks to **Virginia (Ginny) Fernandes** for pointing this out.





**Technology
Corner**

by **Carole Perla**



A question I am frequently asked is "what is the cloud." So my column this time is about the cloud and cloud computing.

The cloud refers to computers that are accessed via the Internet. The cloud, simply, refers to software and services that run on the Internet instead of your computer. It is a huge server farm located somewhere other than in your home. Apple iCloud, Dropbox, Netflix, Amazon Cloud Drive, Flickr, Google Drive, Microsoft Office 365, Yahoo Mail -- those are all cloud services. It is a means of storing all of your documents such as presentations, spreadsheets, PDFs, videos, music, and pictures someplace other than in your house or office.

The cloud lets you watch half an episode of Breaking Bad on your TV at home and continue watching it on your smartphone while riding the train. It allows you to play Candy Crush on your iPad at home and continue to where you left off on your PC when you get to work. You can buy a song on iTunes and it can then be sent to all your devices. The cloud allows you to work on a document at work and then continue to work on it at home without bringing your work computer home.

The cloud most people have heard about is Apple's iCloud. The reason is that it is a feature of the iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, and Mac as well as PCs. It competes with other cloud services such as Dropbox, Box, Mozy, Carbonite, Google Drive, Sugar Sync, Crash Plan, and Backblaze. The difference between iCloud and the others mentioned clouds is that the iCloud Drive is built into the Macintosh and iOS software.

You can store any kind of files in the cloud. The amount of storage these cloud services provide is dependent on the user.

So far there is no dedicated app for iCloud Drive for iOS devices currently. However, on iPhone, iPad or iPod touch, you can access the files in iCloud Drive using compatible apps. You need to tap on the document picker or the share button and then iCloud to access the files. The files will be available in the respective folder

or what Apple calls 'App Library' of the particular application.

On a Mac, you will be able to access the iCloud Drive folder in Finder, or using iCloud for Windows on your PC. You can also access the files on iCloud.com, by logging in with your Apple ID, and clicking on iCloud Drive or iWork for iCloud beta icon.

You could also use apps like Documents 5 (iTunes link – Free) by Readdle and Cloud Opener (iTunes link – Free) to browse and open documents in your iCloud Drive.

The information below is taken from the following website.

<http://www.iphonhacks.com/2015/01/icloud-drive-guide.html>

iCloud Drive was one of the major new features introduced by Apple in iOS 8, which allows you to store all your documents in iCloud

1. What is iCloud Drive?

It allows you to store all your documents such as presentations, spreadsheets, PDFs, images, and any other kind of document in iCloud, so that you can access them from your iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Mac or even PC. You can call it a competitor to cloud based services like Dropbox, but in the case of iCloud Drive as you might have guessed it is tightly integrated with iOS and Mac platforms.

Prior to iCloud Drive or iOS 8, you could access and edit files using an app, but they were private to the app. Apple called this feature "Documents in the Cloud". As a workaround, you could use the "Open In" to export the file to another app; however, this was quite messy as it would end up creating a duplicate copy of the file rather than the app referencing the same file.

With iCloud Drive, any app can access compatible files, and edit them, and the changes will be accessible to the original app that created it. It does not create a duplicate.

2. Can I store any kind of file in iCloud Drive?

You can store any kind of file in iCloud Drive. However, the size of the file cannot be more than 15 GB in size, and the files should not exceed the iCloud storage limit.

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Technology Corner (Continued from page 8)

3. Can I create folders in iCloud Drive?

Yes and No. You cannot create folders in iCloud Drive for iOS devices currently, but you can create a folder in iCloud Drive on your Mac running OS X Yosemite or using the iCloud Drive app on Windows, and access this folder on your iOS device.

If you've a Mac, and haven't upgraded to Yosemite, then it would be better to avoid enabling iCloud Drive, as you won't be able to access the files on your Mac.

4. How can I access the files in iCloud Drive?

There is no dedicated app for iCloud Drive for iOS devices currently. However, on iPhone, iPad or iPod touch, you can access the files in iCloud Drive using compatible apps. You need to tap on the document picker or the share button and then iCloud to access the files. The files will be available in the respective folder or what Apple calls "App Library of the particular application.

On your Mac, you will be able to access the iCloud Drive folder in Finder, or using iCloud for Windows on your PC.

You can also access the files on iCloud.com, by logging in with your Apple ID, and clicking on iCloud Drive or iWork for iCloud beta icon.

You could also use apps like Documents 5 (iTunes link – Free) by Readdle and Cloud Opener (iTunes link – Free) or to browse and open documents in your iCloud Drive.

What happens to my files stored previously in iCloud?

All your files in iCloud are automatically moved to iCloud Drive when you upgrade. So all the stock Apple apps that used Documents in the Cloud will use iCloud Drive. Third-party apps will also continue to work as usual after you upgrade.

6. How to enable iCloud Drive?

You will get an option to enable iCloud Drive during the setup process if you're setting up a new iOS device. If you didn't enable it during the setup process then in iOS 8 or newer, you can enable it by going to Settings > iCloud > Upgrade to iCloud Drive.

On your Mac, go to Apple menu > System Preferences > iCloud, sign in with your Apple ID, then select iCloud Drive.

7. Can I downgrade and go back to using Documents in the Cloud?

No, you cannot go back to using Documents in the Cloud, you can however disable iCloud Drive on your device, which will mean that you will work on your documents locally. The

documents will not be *synced* or updated to your other iOS devices with iOS 8 or OS X Yosemite, or on iCloud.com.

You can also upgrade at iCloud.com. Sign in to iCloud.com. Then click on Pages, Numbers, or Keynote, you'll be asked if you want to upgrade to iCloud Drive. Click Upgrade to iCloud Drive to proceed.

8. How to disable iCloud Drive?

To disable iCloud Drive on your iOS device, go to Settings > iCloud > iCloud Drive and on your Mac, go to Apple menu > System Preferences > iCloud. If you disable iCloud Drive, then you will be managing your files locally, the documents will not be *synced* or updated to your other iOS devices with iOS 8 or OS X Yosemite, or on iCloud.com.

9. Does iCloud Drive get counted against my iCloud storage?

Yes, iCloud Drive gets counted against your free 5GB iCloud storage. iCloud storage is used for iCloud Backup, iCloud Drive, iCloud Photo Library beta, iCloud Mail (your iCloud.com email account), and data from apps that use iCloud. However, purchased music, apps, books, TV shows, movies, My Photo Stream do not get counted against your iCloud storage.

10. How much iCloud storage do I get?

With the launch of iCloud Drive, Apple introduced new and more affordable storage plans for iCloud. iPhone, iPad and Mac users get 5 GB of storage for free by default. The new iCloud storage plans are broken down as follows:

5 GB Free; 20 GB 99¢ per month; 200 GB \$3.99 per month; 500 GB \$9.99 per month; 1 TB \$19.99 per month. You can check the cloud website if you need help in figuring out which plan is most suitable for you.

➤ iCloud Storage Plans: 5GB vs. 20GB vs. 200GB vs. 500GB vs. 1TB

11. What is 'Look Me Up By Email' in iCloud Drive?

When you enable iCloud Drive, you will notice a new setting 'Look Me Up by Email'. It is not clear how exactly it will work as I am yet to see apps using this feature, but it is supposed to allow users to look you up using your email in apps. I am assuming this would make sharing files in iCloud Drive easier with your contacts. You can't disable the feature completely, but can disable a feature at an app level.

12. Are my photos and videos stored in iCloud Drive?

Your photos and videos are not stored in iCloud Drive. Apple has introduced a new feature in iOS 8.1 called iCloud Photo Library, which allows you to keep all your photos and videos in the iCloud, so you can access them from any device.

A chart was included with the original article that did not repeat in the *Quail Runner*. Check the website for more information.

Welcome New Residents

Diane Stronach and her mother **Mary Stronach**, moved into 7A Autumn. They come to Quail Run looking for the ease of home ownership and our convenient location.

Diane and **Robert (Bob) Bemis** are now at 3A Autumn. Diane says she's been checking our website for quite a while and is delighted to be here. They were attracted by the many activities and the sense of community.

Magali (Maggie) Franceschini and **Joe (Joe) Vernaza** are renting 1A Strawberry with their cocker spaniel Sasha. Contact Joe at 954-805-2571 and Maggie at 954-805-2584 or at

franceschini_magali@hotmail.com
(Note the underscore between the names.)

Let **Barbara Langley** or **Barbara Edelstein** know when someone moves into your neighborhood.



Heritage Chorale Fall Concert

John Finney, Music Director and Conductor

RUTTER - A 70th Birthday Tribute
Sunday, November 22, 4:00 p.m.

St. Mark's School Performing Arts Center
25 Marlboro Road, Southborough

Program: John Rutter: *Mass of the Children*, *A Choral Fanfare*, *O Clap Your Hands*, *Musica Dei donum* and more

Soloists: Jean Danton, soprano; Garrett Murphy, baritone

The opening concert of the Heritage Chorale's 79 season showcases choral works by John Rutter, the beloved British composer, who celebrates his 70th birthday in 2015. Rutter's choral music is filled with lyrical melodies of exquisite beauty, coupled with harmonies that are at once sublime and satisfying.

Ticket prices: \$25 - General Admission, \$20 - Seniors and Students, \$10 - Children up to age 12

Tickets available at the door or from Chorale members. Contributors during our 2015-2016 season may use *Donor's Choice* tickets for this concert.

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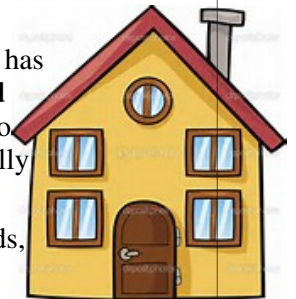
Change! One thing we can all be sure of is that change affects all of us virtually every day. And I am sorry to say that because of my recent illness I will no longer be soliciting for the listing and selling of homes at Quail Run. However, I assure you I am available for consultation and advice regarding the buying and selling of Real Estate. And we even have my loyal and trusty assistant, my wife Sally, to handle anything that requires stair climbing, picture taking or other physical activity.

In the meantime here is an update on the latest QR activity. **Jean Mercuri's** home at 7-A Autumn has sold and is occupied by a mother and daughter, **Diane** and **Mary Stronach**.

Ben Iannotta's home at 3A Autumn has sold and is now occupied by **Bob and Diane Bemis**. I still have a friend who is looking for a B unit and would really like to move in before winter.

Thank you so much for the many cards, calls and concerns expressed by our many QR friends. We certainly live among the finest neighbors one could find anywhere!!

Hugo



Are You Email Conversant?

Barbara Picarello is looking for someone to take over her position as *Sender Outer* of emails to the Quail Run community. The work is easy and can be done in your home. **Barbara** will be glad to provide training. Contact her at 978-568-5358 or bpnonna11@gmail.com

Be the first to know the news!

Board Of Governors (BOG) News

The Community Center is not a hotel or a second bedroom. Whoever gave access to a guest to occupy this space overnight for what now appears to be two nights and at least one day needs to clearly understand this is totally unacceptable. This should never occur again! Use of the Community Center must have a unit owner/resident on site at all times while in use.

Unit owners/residents are now reticent about entering the Community Center alone. Our Community Center is for all unit owners/residents to enjoy for borrowing books, club events, etc. To feel intimidated about entering the facility is extremely unacceptable.

The Board received two revised winter related master insurance claim estimates. The last one listed all units with the correct location of damage but only covered the cost of painting walls and ceilings. It did not allow for the removal of walls or ceiling and the replacement of insulation in units that incurred significant damage. At a special Board meeting on September 9th the Board voted to reject the estimate and to have all units re-inspected. The Board is chartered to do their best to fairly and responsibly represent the unit owners at The Villages of Quail Run and in all clear conscious could find no way to approve the estimate being fully aware of significant inaccuracies.

On September 22 the Board received notification from Arbella, our master insurance company, indicating that they denied the Board's request for a re-inspection. Very reluctantly the Board voted to move forward with the last estimate being fully aware that unit owners with significant damage will need to file supplemental claims.

Until our insurance claim is settled, the Board is also unable to determine if there will be a winter related budget amendment, formerly referred to as an assessment.

Effective October 13 our trim project loan will be paid in full. **Yeah!**

The Board has rewritten the Association's Rules and Regulations. They will replace the original and all revisions of the Rules and Regulations. They are in the process of being filed. Once this process is complete they will be sent to all unit owner/residents. There are many changes and need to be reviewed closely by all

residents as the intention of the Board is to have them enforced.

The Board received the proposals for snow removal and landscaping. The Board has chosen to have one contractor for both snow removal and landscaping. This eliminates issues of which contractor is responsible for damaged sprinkler heads and lawn damage along the roads, driveways, etc. The estimates had significant dollar differences. The estimate closest to Dave's Landscaping was \$27,088 greater. This would have equated to an increase in monthly Association fees of approximately \$15.00 per month per unit. Dave's Landscaping contract for the snow removal includes the same services as we had before – it includes clearing our roads and satellite parking areas along with snow removal around fire hydrants, mailbox platforms, vehicles parked in driveway, and front porches.

Snow will be pushed back from entrances three times. Once off site, Dave's doesn't come back to clean out satellite parking or to remove drifted snow including the Community Center, all other requested services will cost the Association \$200 dollars per hour. The contract will not be signed without the inclusion of a short list of items for both the snow removal and landscaping.

The one deck that suffered significant damage from the winter has been repaired. SPS completed the work to repair damage to our roofs from the ice/snow removal.

Our irrigation system while up and running is still experiencing issues. We are still experiencing malfunctioning sprinkler heads and irrigation line breaks. The weekly lawn mowing and maintenance has also been an ongoing problem. ValleyCrest removed the lawn mower in back of 1F Autumn and reseeded the area.

Following work by two Board members behind 2E/2F Strawberry to cut back the junipers so the lawns could be mowed without running over the gutter downspouts, ValleyCrest was contacted and they have trimmed all juniper behind 2/4 Strawberry as part of their contract.

ValleyCrest, at no charge to the Association, cut back all the over growth along the fence behind Rotherham except for one section where the drop-off was too steep. That area was sprayed with weed killer. They will also be pruning shrubs not trimmed in the spring along with their fall clean-up.

The Board has been staying in close contact with

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ValleyCrest to address issues as they occur. As a cost saving measure, the Board through The Dartmouth Group, has requested ValleyCrest to turn off our irrigation system the week of September 29.

During the rain storm on August 3 a lighting strike damaged our fire equipment in the kiosk which has been repaired.

Three times this summer the speed sign on Rotherham has been pushed over. It's unclear who is responsible. Thanks go to **Bill McPhail** and to **John Smith** and **Ken Hart** in their assistance in reinstalling the speed sign.

Thanks also goes to **Klaus Schneller** for obtaining labels for our gas meters, dryer/gas exhaust vents for units without walkout basement and unit numbers for the back of units. A special thanks to **Bill McPhail** and **Ken Hart** for their efforts in labeling all units. Now that all units have been marked, unit owners will know where vents and gas meters need to be shoveled. Everyone will also know the unit number from the back of all units.

Thanks to **Bill McPhail** and **Ken Hart** our fire hydrants have been repainted.

Huge thanks goes to **Vinnie Picarello** for meeting with the Board at the pump station. Our new variable pump is not working at a variable speed as other equipment needs to be replaced. Also a usage clock was not connected when the new pump was installed, which should have been part of the new pump installation. The irrigation system has staggered start times which places less demand on the pumps and saves electricity. **Vinnie** also noted that the pump platform needs to be power washed and repainted. The Board is in the process of following-up.

The Board still observes vehicles parked in circles or on the street overnight. **Please park all vehicles in your driveway or a satellite parking spot during the night time hours. Also, no parking on the lawns.**

Coyote and fox have again been recently seen on The Villages of Quail Run property. Please be cautious when walking dogs, especially after dark.



For the purposes of potentially needing to have our
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roofs cleared again this coming winter, residents are asked to have all deck furniture removed by November 1.

The following are still goals in our 2015 budget. Due to the delay in the winter related insurance claim settlement, these will be revisited by the Board as part of our 2016 budget planning. These expenditures are one time.

- Landscape improvement on Rotherham.
- Mulch the hill between 11 Autumn and 2 Strawberry.
- Update the fire alarm system.

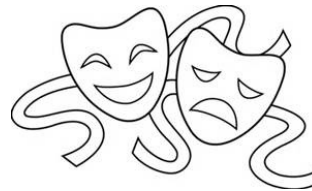
Curtain Call



Toby Allen

The group meets monthly to decide on which of the local area plays to attend. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 3:00 P.M. in the Community Center.

Contact **Toby Allen** to be added to the distribution list and find out more of what's going on.



Let Carole or Pete know what topics you'd like to see covered in the Tech Corner, both PC and Apple, other technology applications such as iPad and assorted Smart Phones. cperla@me.com or precklet@comcast.net

Intel News

Intel expects increased activity at the HD1 loading dock adjacent to Quail Run starting in October while we are decommissioning Fab 17 and shipping out tools. Loading dock hour (6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.) will not change, and trucks will continue to access the site via Technology Drive.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact **Ann Hurd** (978)761-5998 or the Intel Security Desk.