

Rivers Run Cottage Connections

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Social Committee Community Meeting Summary

**Reporting
YOUR
Information
Input
Interests
IDEAS**

Input was collected from 15+ cottagers via in person meetings, email communications and direct conversations with Social Committee members.

In general, the input was positive and offered valuable insight into what reporting members of the community are interested in and what they are willing to support.

This months newsletter will offer a different format as we work to communicate the input received to the entire community.

It's never too late to offer your input and ideas. If you have new information and ideas, if something you read in the newsletter gives you an idea or there is something you want to reinforce with the committee, feel free to send us an email or give us a call. Contact information is included at the end of this newsletter.

Your input is always welcome.

Do you want to participate in community social activities?

Should the Social Committee continue to function?

Should the newsletter continue?

What types of events, activities interest you?

Is the virus a problem that keeps you from participating?



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INTEREST

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**MORE SPECIFIC INPUT
AND IDEAS**

Music Is In the Air

Invite a New Horizons instrumental group to give a concert on our campus.

Encourage neighbors who have musical skills to share their music with the community—concerts, sing-a-longs and more.

What People Had To Say

Some residents mentioned events they enjoyed from the current calendar and some from the more distant past—

Brunch, dinner, ice cream outings...wine tastings... potlucks...music performances...strawberry social... picnic or cookout...Buy Nothing Day...and more

General Input and Ideas

More activities outdoors

More activities at the Cove

More activities in individual cottages

More in community activities

More off campus events and activities like theater, concerts, sporting events, educational tours

More welcome and get acquainted options

Presentations/Speakers from inside and outside the community

Residents sharing talents, skills, hobbies

Service oriented events or activities

Environmental...Garden...Plants...Birds

Organize a Naturalist Group to learn more about our local habitat, what plants and critters share our community. This type of group could have different looks—resident sharing, outside presenters, habitat focused walking tours of our community, seasonal outings...all with an educational focus.

Resident Sharing of Skills, Talents, Hobbies

There are many residents who have interesting hobbies, skills and talents that others would like to know more about. This, too, could take different forms—individual presentations or sharing, a cottage display gallery event, a newsletter article describing your skill, hobby, etc.

Would you be willing to share your interests and talents with the community?

Input concerning the newsletter was generally positive and all residents who shared would want the newsletter to continue in some format.

Reporting YOUR Information

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MORE SPECIFIC INPUT AND IDEAS

RR Movie Night

One resident has the idea to offer movie night at The Cove conference room featuring his collection of recorded movies. As always, working out the technical issues and use of the equipment needs to be ironed out.

What People Had To Say Continued...

More Presentations or Speakers

Many residents indicated a desire for more speakers or presentations. These could be offered by our own residents or brought in from the larger Rochester community.

Some specific presentation suggestions—

Tour and use of the RR website

Selecting from various phone options

Selecting from various television options

Computer and tech updates and tutorials

Lifespan presentation on topic of importance to seniors

Strong Museum speakers

Volunteer and service options

It was great to have some residents offer to share specific presentations based on their areas of expertise.

Service Projects and Activities

Some residents prefer volunteering over strictly socializing and would welcome some service events. There could be many options, but a couple of examples might be volunteering at Foodlink for a few hours or collecting food for our local food pantry at one or more social events. At this time of year, adopting a family for whom we would provide food and gifts for during holiday times might be a possibility.

Parade of Homes

With this idea, three or four residents would open their home for a community tour. There is always interest in how someone else has customized or decorated their dwelling. This could be a repeat event with different homes open for tour at different times of the year. We have done a winter holiday home tour to check out different holiday décor.

Many responders indicated that the virus has impacted their attendance at social events and it still plays an important part in what type of events some people will consider.

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Sports

Spectator & Participant

Enjoying sporting events...RIT Hockey, Red Wings Baseball, Rhinos Soccer...even a bowling outing or Pickleball for interested cottagers.

**What People Had To Say
Continued...**

Getting to Know One Another

There seems to be repeated interest in seeking out ways to get better acquainted and to welcome new neighbors.

Developing a Rivers Run Cottage book is one suggestion. This book would include a photo of each resident with highlights from their past—kids, grand kids, jobs, schooling, hobbies...where they came from before settling at RR and what brought them here.
This type of project comes under the jurisdiction of the HOA.

This could be turned into a book or published one at a time in the newsletter to allow residents to create their own neighborhood directory.

In the past, we have had specific welcome events for new residents. Maybe you have other ideas as to how we can get better acquainted and welcome new residents.

Just a reminder

You can still offer input and ideas by emailing or contacting any active member of the Social Committee.

Final HOA Board meeting of 2022

Tuesday, November 8...4 p.m. via Zoom or in person at Cove Lecture Room



**2023
HOA
Meeting Schedule**

HOA meetings are scheduled for 4 p.m. with the exception of the Annual meeting which is at 5 p.m. Meetings are offered via Zoom or at The Cove Lecture Room as allowed

January 10...4 p.m.

March 14...4 p.m.

May 9...4 p.m.

July 11...4 p.m.

September 12...5 p.m.

November 14...4 p.m.



Thanksgiving

There have been inquiries about having Thanksgiving dinner out. So far the Social Committee has not found anyone to facilitate a Thanksgiving event. Finding a place is also proving more of a challenge than in pre-virus times. If someone would like to do some research and make reservations for a group, let Jim Galvin know this week. It seems likely that there would be a group who would be interested in joining others for Thanksgiving out.

The committee has found two places that will take reservations: Joey B's on Elmwood Avenue will serve that day, but does not have a final menu or a price. It is likely that dinner would be between \$25 and \$30. Red Fedele's Brook House in Greece offers a buffet with 3 types of meat and a variety of sides and dessert for \$47, In both cases, gratuity would be an additional cost.

Any additional information about a Thanksgiving gathering will be communicated via email, so check regularly to see if a facilitator and plans are in progress. Reservations will need to be made early in November.

You're Invited

Many of you have collected materials for Ann Drenk's daughter, Jess, to use in her art work. As a thank you, Jess would like to invite interested community members to tour her art studio and view her work.

Jess will open her home and studio—

**350 Five Points Road,
Rush, NY
Wednesday, November 8
2 to 3 p.m.**

**RSVP to anndrenk@yahoo.com
By Monday, November 7**



Thank You Veterans

Dr. Don G. Lane, General Dentist



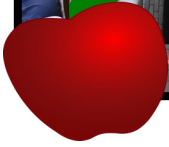
Thanks to Charline Galvin and others who facilitated a great outdoor game time over the summer months.

Early voting...October 29–November 6
At any designated location with the Henrietta Library being the nearest to Rivers Run

Election Day, November 8, 2022,
voting location is Gene Polisseni Center,
Gate 2, 200 Lomb Memorial Drive at RIT.

Apple-umpkin...a fall favorite for many!

Thanks to Lynn Musgraves, Shirley Reed and Mary Hayes for hosting the event.



Neighbors help Mike celebrate the 70s with music, munchies and a good time.

Thanks to Mike and Michele for opening their home.





The regulars enjoy the final ice cream outing for the year—Luigia’s, Sharks, Oreins and more.



An out-to-lunch outing at Ginny Lee’s on Seneca Lake.

Good food. Great company. Awesome view.





- ◆ **November 8—Craft Group, 2:00 p.m., Cove Club Room**
- ◆ **November 8—HOA Board Meeting, 4 p.m., Cove Lecture Room or Zoom**
- ◆ **November 8—Election Day**
- ◆ **November 9—Men’s Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Peppermints**
- ◆ **November 9—Jess Drenk Art Studio Tour, 2-3 p.m., Contact Ann Drenk**
- ◆ **November 10—Euchre, 6:00 p.m., The Cove Club Room**
- ◆ **November 15—Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Cottage 1303 or via Zoom**
- ◆ **November 22—Craft Group, 2:00 p.m., Cove Club Room**
- ◆ **November 23—Men’s Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Peppermints**
- ◆ **November 24—Thanksgiving**
- ◆ **December 2—Ladies Lunch Out, 1:00 p.m. Phillip’s European**
- ◆ **December 15—Dinner Out, 4 p.m., Mecate Mexican, Park Point**
- ◆ **December 20—Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Cottage 1303 or via Zoom**
- ◆ **January 1—Table Games, 2 p.m., Cove Club Room**

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The Social Committee welcomes Karen Petras and Michele Mayernik. Karen has agreed to join the committee as a limited member. Michele will help with use of the Rivers Run website and other tasks as needed.

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