

February - March 2024



Foxwood Village Homeowners Association

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Fellow Residents

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoyed the holidays. So far so good, when you read this, we will be about halfway through winter with just a little bit of snow. Let's hope that we continue with no snow and just rain. You don't have to shovel rain.

The Board wants to thank the Recreation Committee for coordinating the Christmas Social at the Clubhouse and the Holiday Party at Giorgio's. Both affairs were enjoyed by everyone who attended. Upcoming, is the Valentine's Day luncheon and the St. Patrick's Day party.

There are some additional people that the Board would like to thank for what they do to help make Foxwood a more enjoyable place to live. In no particular order.

--The Train Committee for the beautiful display they set up in the Clubhouse.

--Ellen Spina, again this year, distributed over 60 Christmas Cards that remained in the Clubhouse after Christmas.

--Judy & Mike Ogiejko and Lynn Drasher, for taking care of the refreshments after the HOA Meetings.

--Meredith Ritter and AnnMarie Minicucci for taking charge of the Yard Sale.

--John Cacciola, Phyliss Zolonowski and Dominick Capobianco for taking care of Bocce,

--Susan Cacciola for running Bingo on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the Clubhouse. Come out and give it a try.

--Susan Cordaro for editing the Foxtales and Bill Austin for handling the Ads.

--Also, we want to thank those other residents who are listed on the inside cover of Foxtales for the time they spend making things better here at Foxwood.

Please remember that you are not supposed to park on the street. This is especially true if it's going to snow.

Please check on your neighbors as we are all becoming more housebound due to the cold weather.

Please contact our Foxtales advertisers for estimates. Their advertising payments allow us to provide subsidies for various activities throughout the year.

Remember, if there are any problems or suggestions don't hesitate to contact me or any other member of the Board.

The next HOA meeting is February 27th.

Sincerely,

Kevin Finnegan, HOA President

**There is a metal box labeled "Fox Tales" on the front porch of #81 for anyone to drop off any articles, notes, or letters for the next issue. Please submit all materials by the 23rd of the month before each issue. This gives me time to finish before the publishing deadline.

Thank you.

Susan Cordaro, Editor, Fox Tales

Activities at Foxwood Village

Bingo	Wednesday at 7
Book Club	3 rd Wednesday at 2
Bowling	Monday at 12:00 pm (All Star Bowling)
Bunco	Daytime 1 st Friday each month at 1 pm Nighttime 2 nd Monday of each month at 7pm
Exercise	Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:30
Genealogy	2 nd Wednesday at 2pm
Golf	Tuesday's Cherry Creek 12:30 tee time
Corn hole	Saturday at 10
Mahjong	Tuesday at 1
Model Railroad Club	Thursday at 10 (downstairs)
Monthly HOA meeting	4 th Tuesday at 7.
Texas Hold'em	Mondays and Fridays at 7pm



Community Related Announcements

Mahjong

“Players needed. We will teach you the game. Everyone is welcome!” Every Tuesday at 1:00 in the clubhouse.

ATTENTION: Game Players

TEXAS HOLDEM

We are looking for additional players to join our game. We are friendly players. We're willing to teach or guide you if you need assistance.

We meet MONDAY nights and start promptly at 7:00 PM at CLUBHOUSE.

Those interested please contact Dennis Proven House #20

To all the residents of Foxwood Village,

I want to share my heartfelt appreciation for the thoughtful and wonderful community get well card and to all that called, stopped by, or asked how I was doing after my recent lung surgery. In addition, I so appreciated the prayers and well wishes as I was given a wonderful Christmas gift to find out that it was a benign mass. Your community spirit was a comfort to both Ellen and me and is one reason we love Foxwood Village.

Paul Spina, Unit 112

Community Announcements

ATTENTION TEXAS HOLDEM PLAYERS

Come join the fun Fridays at 7pm in the Clubhouse. Beginners welcome. Contact Susan Cacciola at 631-884-0423 for more information.

If you want to rent the Clubhouse please contact Judy Ogiejko, house #93, telephone #631-905-0253 or Dominick Capobianco, house #94, phone #631-591-1773 to reserve your date and time for the room. Please, remember that the rental of the Clubhouse is on a first come first serve basis.

Giving Tree

Thank you to all the great ladies that helped to make the Giving Tree so successful. Susan Vorndman #28, Diane Capobianco #94, Lynn Drasher #3, Anne Marie Minicucci #135, Kathy DaCadia #62, Sandy Tyte #61, Fran LaBoff #97, Linda Nugent #65.

The gifts we received were over the top. People in Foxwood Village are extremely generous. You all have blessed five families between Living Water Church in Riverhead and St. Isador's Church in Riverhead.

A Special thank you to Lynn Drasher for a beautiful bike and helmet for a deserving 13-year-old girl.

You are all such a blessing.

Sincerely,

Joy Tyler #143 and Phyllis Zolnowski #14

Community Announcements

Book Club

The book club has resumed meetings after a brief respite during the holidays. We met on January 17 and discussed “Lessons In Chemistry” by Bonnie Garmus. We all enjoyed this comic novel that “tackles feminism, resilience and rationalism in a fun and refreshing way.” It was an enjoyable change from our usual historical fiction selections, and probably won’t be the last novel we choose in this genre. At our February 21 meeting we will review “The Nightingale” by Kristin Hannah. This international best seller will take us to France during WW II where we will meet two sisters who struggle to survive and resist the German occupation.

We will meet again on March 20 and will discuss “Run” by Ann Patchett. This novel takes place in Boston and tells the story of a family’s efforts to recover after the death of the mother, and the events that take place in a 24-hour timeframe during a New England snowstorm. Readers describe the novel as an “engaging, surprising, provocative and moving” book, “an intimate domestic drama that deals with big issues.”

The Book Club is open to anyone, so join us whenever you like. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 PM in the clubhouse.



Please join us for our next concert, “Travels Abroad” on February 11, 2024 in the Riverhead High School Auditorium at 1pm. As always admission is free!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Correspondence Report

Get Wells:

Kevin Finnegan
Rene Maldonado
John Becker
Bill Fortunato
Kate Joyce
Dick Horton
Phil Schook
June Dolson

Sympathy:

George Washington on the passing of his wife Elaine



COOKS CORNER by CATHERINE HANNON

What's for dinner tonight? Simple recipes to warm your stomach and soul.

Classic Tuna Melts:

Serves 4

Ingredients:

1/4 cup mayonnaise, plus more for bread
1/2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
1/2 Tbsp Dijon mustard
Kosher salt and pepper
2 5- oz cans solid white tuna in water, drained.
1 small pickle, chopped.
8 slices white bread
8 thin slices orange Cheddar cheese
1 large tomato, sliced.
1/2 small red onion thinly sliced.

1. In bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, lemon juice, Dijon mustard, and 1/4 tsp salt and pepper. Add tuna and mix to combine, then fold in pickle.
2. Heat large nonstick skillet on medium. Lightly spread 1 side of each bread slice with mayonnaise and place on work surface, mayonnaise side down.
Top 4 bread slices with 4 slices of Cheddar, then tuna, tomato, red onion, and remaining 4 slices of Cheddar. Cover with remaining bread slices, mayonnaise side up, and cook until golden brown and cheese melts. 2 to 3 min. Per side.

Spaghetti with Fennel Pork Sausage and Olives:

Serves 4

Ingredients:

12oz spaghetti
3 strips lemon zest, thinly sliced, plus 2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice.
2 Tbsp olive oil, divided.
1 lb ground pork
2 cloves garlic finely chopped.
1 tsp fennel seeds, crushed.
1/4 tsp red pepper flakes
1 tsp paprika
1pt grape tomatoes
1/2 cup dry white wine
1/2 cup Castelvetrano olives, torn in half and pitted.
1/4 cup basil leaves, torn.
1/4 cup flat leaf parsley, chopped.
Grated Parmesan, for serving.

1. Cook pasta per pkg. directions. Reserve 1 cup pasta water, then drain and toss pasta with lemon juice.
2. Meanwhile, in large skillet, heat 1 Tbsp oil on medium-high heat. Add pork and cook, breaking into small pieces, until starting to brown, about 5 minutes. Move pork to edges of skillet, add remaining Tbsp oil, lemon zest, fennel seeds, and red pepper flakes; cook stirring, 1 min. stir into pork, sprinkle with paprika, and cook, stirring 1 min.
3. Push pork to side, add tomatoes, and cook stirring occasionally, until beginning to release liquid, about 5 min. Add wine, bring to a simmer, and cook until reduced, 2 min.

4. Remove from heat and add olives and 1/2 cup reserved pasta water. Add pasta, return to medium-high and cook, tossing and adding more reserved pasta water as necessary, until sauce coats pasta . Toss with basil and parsley and serve with Parmesan cheese.

Chicken Tortilla Soup:

Serves 4

Ingredients:

2 yellow corn tortillas

3 Tbsp olive oil, divided.

1/4 tsp ancho or chipotle chili powder, divided.

1 large onion finely chopped.

Kosher salt

3 cloves garlic finely chopped.

2 tsp chili powder

2 jalapenos seeded and finely chopped.

1 28 oz can diced fire roasted tomatoes

1 32 oz container broth

2 rotisserie chicken breast, meat shredded, diced avocado, chopped cilantro, sliced radish, crumbled cotija cheese, and lime wedges, for serving.

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Brush tortillas with 1 Tbsp oil and dust with 1 Tbsp ancho chile powder. Cut into thin strips and arrange in even layer on rimmed baking sheet.

Roast until lightly golden brown and crisp, 8 to 10 min

2. Meanwhile, heat remaining 2 Tbsp oil in large, heavy Dutch oven or pot on medium.

Add onion and 1/2 tsp salt and cook, covered, stirring occasionally, until onion is very tender and beginning to brown around edges, 10 to 12 min. Add garlic, chili powder, and jalapenos and cook, stirring 1 min.

3. Add remaining 1/8 tsp ancho chili powder and cook, stirring 1 min. Add tomatoes and juice, and chicken broth and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 15 min.

4. Using immersion blender purée half of soup. Stir in chicken and cook until heated through, 3 min.

Divide among bowls and top with tortilla strips and additional toppings as desired.

FOOD QUOTE:

“Food for us comes from our relatives, whether they have wings or fins or roots. That is how we consider food. Food has a culture. It has history. It has a story. It has relationships.”

Winona LaDuke, environmentalist

February Birthdays

Joe Geremito	1st
Sharon Biviano	2nd
Karen Hillinger	2nd
Helen Bartone	4th
John Fallon	4th
Jase Poyato	4th
Barbara Edwards	6th
Doris Macchia	9th
Lenny Padula	9th
Meredith Ritter	9th
Fulvia Payato	10th
Ellen Spina	10th
Paul Chaisson	14th
Marion Wildenauer	14th
Linda Halinar	15th
Carol Miller	15th
George Flaig	17th
Richard Kohl	17th
William Heiberger	22nd
Mark Siracusa	24th
Larry Lang	25th
Donna Lipiro	25th
Michael Walters	25th
Dorothy Murray	26th
Frank Jasinski	28th

February Anniversaries

Catherine & James Hannon	17th
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March Birthdays

Sandra Gillam	2nd
Elyse Ray	2nd
Susan Vorndran	3rd
Mary DeAngelo	11th
Peter Hillinger	11th
Robert Schatzel	14th
Phil Mazzola	15th
Bill Ingrassia	16th
Donna Talmadge	17th
Eileen Moylan	20th
Gloria Gargiulo	21st
Werner Vollmers	21st
Lenka D'Angelo	24th
Antionette Vacca	25th
Bill Austin	27th
Fred Jann	28th
Paulette Jasinski	29th
Hadley Sloben	29th
Mike Heinz	31st

March Anniversaries

Bill & Genevieve Austin	11th
Ellen & Paul Spina	18th

Early April Birthdays

Virginia Trandahl	1st
Frank Wildenauer	4th
Janet Bennardo	5th
Dan DiScioscia	5th
Pullmum Toska	5th
Linda Magliato	6th

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE WEBMASTER

We have been trying to maintain a strong email system here in our community. We have successfully been able to bring important information into the homes of so many in the community. We understand that there may come a time when you need to make a change to your email provider and get a new email address. We ask that when you do, that you notify us of the change. Returned emails in a mailing system as large as ours cause us many internal problems as we must determine if there is an internal error or if the problem is your email itself. The easiest way to notify us of a change is to send an email from your new email address to us at Webmaster@foxwoodvillagehoa.com and put the new email address in the subject heading. Also, if you are not yet part of our email system but would like to be added to the list. You can also send an email to webmaster@foxwoodvillagehoa.com and say add my email address in the subject heading. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Bill Fox

Recently I sent an email regarding Scams received by email. There are also scams sent out by text messages.

People have been receiving emails from the US Post Office and UPS. The subject matter is "your package can't be delivered and requires your attention". The idea is that you will respond and give them information that they are going to use against you and maybe get into your accounts.

1. Post Office and UPS do not email or text you regarding package problems. (unless you have an **online account** with them; then you will get a secure message through your account.)
2. You need to learn how to identify scam mails and texts and what to do with them.

When you receive an email described above or any email alerting you to a problem that seems suspicious DO THE FOLLOWING:

The email will be sent from something like this Example: UPS@joeshmoo.com. Most business' or stores will have their own domain so it would be for example: UPS@unitedparcel.com. IF YOU THINK IT IS SUSPICIOUS click on the email sender: Example UPS@joeshmoo.com right click on the email address and it will reveal the true senders alias like in this case if you right click on UPS@joeshmoo.com and you'll get something like this: jbx@nomail.com which is nothing to do with UPS.

US Post Office has an email service which identifies your daily mail and deliveries. Anyone can sign up. to sign up go to <https://www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm>. To use this service as an example of Legitimate email senders

I receive daily emails from USPS, and it comes as this: **From: USPS Informed Delivery**
(to verify if it is real if I right click on this email address
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AS you see the legitimate email has usps.com as its domain.

WHAT DO YOU DO TO GET RID OF THE SCAM EMAIL: In the inbox, right click the email listed or in the list of choices above the inbox select **MOVE**. Then in the choices Move the email to **SPAM**>

DO NOT OPEN ANY LINKS IN SUSPICIOUS EMAILS. DELETING EMAILS IS SAFER THAN OPENING A BAD LINK. IMPORTANT MESSAGES WILL REACH OUT TO YOU ANOTHER WAY IF YOU DON'T RESPOND TO THE EMAIL.
BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY

TEXT MESSAGES:

The idea is very similar. If you receive a Text you believe is Spam, don't click on any links in the TEXT. At top of the screen click EDIT. Select the TEXT you think is fake and then select **delete**.

It is better to be safe than sorry. (If it was real, the party will reach out another way)

It is my hope this will help you protect yourself from potential scams. Remember if it sounds too good to be true, it most likely is.

Bill Fox

Foxwood Searchers Genealogy Club

Are you interested in finding out Who Your Ancestors are? Where did your family originated? When did they come to America? Who You Are?

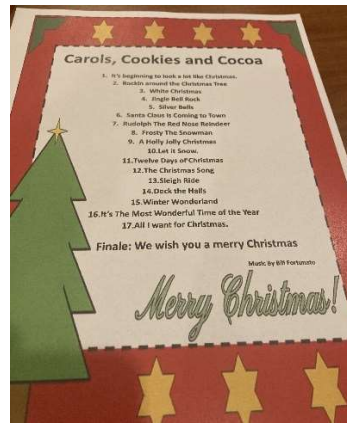
Come join us. We meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2:00PM at the Clubhouse. We have been going strong for 7 years. Since we started, we have put a Recipe Book together 2 years ago containing our ancestor's recipes. Last year we completed 4 books containing our ancestor's Photos, Heirlooms, Documents and Family Stories. We research family records at the library; and we assist one another in finding family records. We have luncheons, clubhouse parties and many laughs together.

Contact Carol #20 for more info



Carols, Cookies and Cocoa December 10, 2023

Caroling led by Ellen Spina *** Music by Bill Fortunato *** Photos by Judy Ogiejko





TOWN HALL NEWS

There have been several important events in the Town of Riverhead since the new Superintendent and board members were sworn in on January 1, 2024.

Tim Hubbard, our new Supervisor, has quickly stepped up and kept several of his campaign promises.

On January 3, 2024, at the first meeting of the new Board, the promised Moratorium resolution was passed by a super majority of the board. Since 4 out of the 5 members were in favor, we will have a six-month moratorium instead of the three-month moratorium as suggested by the Suffolk County Planning Commission. This moratorium will take effect as soon as it has been filed with the Secretary of State. The moratorium on BESS (battery energy storage systems) will not be enacted because the state has completed its safety evaluation of these systems and will be providing guidelines for all BESS properties. These state guidelines will determine our town's decisions on future placement of these energy projects. The board also passed a resolution that prohibits cargo and /or freight planes at EPCAL as well as flight instruction, training, aircraft rental and aeronautical services at the EPCAL site. There will be no cargo or commercial airports at EPCAL. Riverhead Local has reported that CAT has filed a lawsuit against the Town claiming that the IDA & CDA schemed to evade the original contract with CAT. Supervisor Hubbard stated that Riverhead will not settle this suit but will fight the claim with everything in its power to defeat CAT. All the Civic Associations, EPCAL WATCH, Riverhead Neighborhood Preservation Committee and others support this effort.

Your Civic Association hosted state Senator Anthony Palumbo at its January meeting. The senator answered all questions presented and discussed the IDA and school taxes at length. He was fully committed to helping Riverhead in its struggles to grow and improve our community.

On February 15, the Civic Association will host your new Town Supervisor, Tim Hubbard. Be there with your questions and concerns. This is your opportunity to speak your mind and be heard! Be there or zoom in.

By the way, 2024 dues are due. Please send yours in as soon as possible.

Keep watch for Comprehensive Plan meetings and updates. A public forum was held on December 13, and an estimated group of 50 people showed up...a pretty poor turnout for a hamlet of over 6,000 residents, don't you think? This Comprehensive Plan is the future of Riverhead and the North Fork. Please participate! Be aware that there is talk of a zoning change to allow a luxury resort and spa on the north side of Sound Avenue. This resort will include 600 feet of beachfront property, a 70-acre farm and an "agritourism" design. What do you think of this proposal?

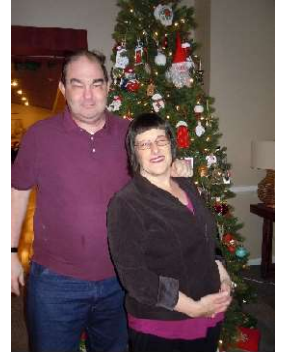
Read Riverhead Local of Dec. 26, 2023 for more details. Please stay involved with your local government. Once the Comprehensive Plan is approaching completion, there will be significant steps taken towards zoning changes. **PAY ATTENTION!** We must persist in our efforts to prevent giant warehouses in our neighborhood.

Holiday Social December 3, 2023

Photos by Tom Rossi







A Brief History of the Foxwood Village Model Railroad Club by Bill Austin #74

Our Model Railroad Club has been in existence since 2016. It all started after I retired and had the time to renew my interest in model railroading. I discovered several others here in Foxwood were also interested, so we formed the club that consisted of Artie VanRiper, Ron Stanza, Frank Windenauer, Bill Fortunato, Hadley Sloben, Bob Lodding, Joe Graham, Brenda and Bob Merjave and myself.

Our first project was adding a train (donated by Bob Lodding) running on a loop around the base of the Christmas tree in the clubhouse for the 2016 holiday season (see Figure 1). While it was a simple, classic addition to the clubhouse decorations, it was appreciated by everyone who saw it.

After that effort we decided to build a larger, more detailed display for the following holiday season. As a result, we built a 4 x 8 table-based layout that included tracks in a figure 8 pattern and several detailed scenes that were built by the members of the club. Figure 2 shows club members Frank Wildenauer, Bob Lodding, Brenda and Bob Merjave, and Ron Stanza. Figures 3 thru 6 show several scenes from the 2017 layout.

Following the 2017 season, we decided to add to the layout. The updated version added a 4 ft by 4 ft section to the original 4 ft by 8 ft table resulting in the current L shaped configuration. There were also many “behind the scenes” features added that improved the stability of the setup. The track layout was changed from the figure 8 to a dual loop of tracks to support the operation of two trains at the same time. Other additions included the expansion of the Foxwood Village diorama to include a scale model of the clubhouse, pool and bocce courts (developed by Frank Wildenauer). Frank also built the ski mountain. Also added was the “neon” Foxy’s Nightclub sign, street and building lighting, sound, and automated crossing lights (developed by Bill Austin). Bill also added the button to allow people to run the trains on demand.

Figure 7 shows the 2018 layout and the members of the club that contributed to it. They include Artie VanRiper, Frank Wildenauer, Rich Kelton, Bob Lodding, Bill Austin, Ron Stanza and Walt Strubel. Not shown is John Cacciola.

The basic layout didn’t visibly change much for the next two seasons (2019, 2020), partly because of the pandemic, but there were some significant improvements made under the hood. The track base was improved so that the trains ran more reliably, improvements were made to the electrical wiring and automation, and plexiglass panels were added to protect the layout from being accidentally nudged by onlookers. Figure 8 shows the layout and the club member Bill Austin, Walter Strubel, Artie VanRiper, John Cacciola, Frank Wildenauer, and Ron Stanza. Missing is Rich Kelton.

The primary modifications to the layout for the 2021 setup included a total redesign of the electrical system by Bill Austin that controls the layout including the addition of an interactive control panel to allow people to activate any one of the several different attractions on the layout. Other significant additions included an operating carousel and the Suffolk Theater. The Grumman Park was also redesigned to better represent the actual park on route 25. Additional audio tracks were added that include music for the carousel and soundtracks for the theater. The 2021 layout is shown in Figure 9

along with the club members Bill Austin, John Cacciola, Artie VanRiper, Bruno Sidor, Ron Stanza, Frank Wildenauer, and Walter Strubel. Not shown are Rich Kelton and Roger Barbaro. Figures 10 thru 13 show some random shots of the 2021 layout taken by Nick Colavito.

The 2022 season saw a redesign of the area where the mountain once stood. In it's place we decided to render the east end of the north fork, primarily the Greenport area. This included Claudios, Preston's, the Reeve's building (all created by Frank Wildenauer), and other familiar settings. We also included the Soundview motel and a vineyard (also built by Frank), and the Orient Point Ferry (created by Bruno Sidor), the carousel and a farm scene. Figure 14 shows the 2022 layout along with Frank Wildenauer, Artie VanRiper, Bruno Sidor, Ron Stanza, John Cacciola, and Bill Austin. Club members who were missing include Rich Kelton and Roger Barbaro. Figures 15 thru 17 show various scenes of the new addition.

This year's layout (2023) includes a complete update to the Riverhead village section. This section represents Main Street (Rt. 25) in downtown Riverhead and includes several familiar restaurants (Cucina 25, Diggers, Dark Horse, Tweeds), the Suffolk Theater, the Chase Bank, and a beautifully detailed representation of the Aquarium (created by Frank Wildenauer). You'll also notice lights in the buildings randomly being turned on and off to simulate occupants moving from room to room and working traffic lights (developed by Bill Austin). Figure 18 shows the new layout in process and the current club members: Bill Austin, Ernie Merlino, Roger Barbaro, Artie VanRiper, Rich Kelton, Bruno Sidor and, John Cacciola. Not shown is Frank Wildenauer. Not shown is Ron Stanza

Every member of the club contributes to the final product. Rich Kelton helped with wiring and built several of the models, including the farmhouse and (coming this year) several of the boats on the river scene. John Cacciola is our artist who painted a lot of the small, detailed parts that add to the overall effects of the scenes. Roger Barbaro, Artie VanRiper, John and Rich added a lot of the landscaping and rock work that adds to the beauty of the layout. Ernie Merlino (a friend of mine and fellow retired electrical engineer) and I worked on the wiring and under the hood electronics that make the layout come to life. Frank Windenauer scratch-built a majority of the buildings, including the Foxwood Village Clubhouse, the Greenport buildings, and the Aquarium (coming this year). Bruno Sidor painstakingly scratch-built the orient point ferry and (new this year) the Riverhead train station and the horse farm, modeled after the one on the corner of Middle Road and Mill Road. Ron Stanza is our treasurer. Everyone in the club thoroughly enjoys creating the miniature world for everyone to appreciate. We particularly enjoy watching the reaction as our neighbors and their guests (especially the grand-kids) view the display. But above all, we enjoy getting together each week with each other to spend time having fun and learning some skills.

We are always looking for help. Anyone in Foxwood Village who has an interest, even if you don't have experience, is welcome to join us. We meet on Thursday mornings at 10 AM in the train room adjacent to the Bingo Hall. If, by chance, we are not there or if you prefer, contact me (Bill Austin) either by phone (631 669-4508) or email (dcnbill@optonline.net).

We look forward to continuing our efforts to improve the display in the coming years. If you have any suggestions regarding the train display, please let us know – we're always open to new ideas.



Figure 1. Our first display (2016)



Figure 2. The 2017 display and some of the crew



Figure 3. Foxwood Village Entry (2017)



Figure 4. Riverhead Traffic Circle (2017)



Figure 5. Ice Skating Pond (2017)



Figure 6. Beach, Farm, Big Duck, Vineyard (2017)



Figure 7. 2018 layout and crew



Figure 8. 2019 layout and crew



Figure 9. 2021 layout and crew



Figure 10. View of ski mountain (2021)



Figure 11. View of fun park (2021)

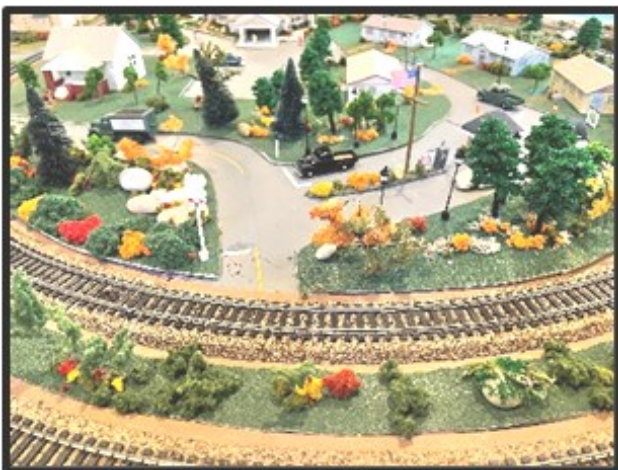


Figure 12. View of Foxwood Village entry (2021)



Figure 13. Overview of layout (2021)



Figure 14. 2022 layout and crew



Figure 15. Vineyard (2022)



Figure 16. Claudio's, Carousel, Pumpkin Farm (2022)



Figure 17. Orient Point Ferry (2022)



Figure 18. The 2023 layout (in process) and crew

Holiday Party at Giorgio's * December 14, 2023

Photos By Tom Rossi & Judy Ogiejko



