

*Save the date!*

16th Annual Seabury Charitable Foundation  
**Golf With Purpose Tournament**  
Monday, August 19th, 1 pm at Golf Club of Avon  
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*From the Chair:*

*Two Things Are  
On My Mind...*

*Two things are on my mind this spring.*

The first is that after *way too long* the Courtyard project is coming to fruition. Your Foundation Board made a grant of \$26,000 to Seabury for the express purpose of rejuvenating the courtyard at the top of the stairs. The promise to create a beautiful outdoor space was made when the enhancement and building program first started. At last, bids are being sought and the expectation is for the improvements to be completed by summer. Spruced up plantings, new furniture and a koi pond and fountain will invite residents and visitors into the peaceful warmth of this lovely garden space.

The courtyard upgrades are happening because many of you contributed to them several years ago. For that we give grateful thanks.

Speaking of contributions, the April edition of the *Newsletter* also announces this year's Seabury Charitable Foundation golf tournament. For those who are golfers, your enthusiasm and participation is always appreciated. As you know, the golf tournament is an important major fund raiser for us.

"But, what about me?," you might say. "I don't play golf." **Not a golfer? We want you!** Personally, I've been rebelling against golf all my life. My father and brothers? All golfers. Many of my friends? Golfers. My point is that you need not exclude yourself from supporting the Foundation just because you're a golf-a-phobic. On the contrary. Those of us who eschew the game need to rise up and show we can support the Seabury Charitable Foundation just as much as those golf-a-holics who swing their sticks wildly, knock balls into sand and water and miss easy putts. So, when the opportunity arises, consider joining in anyway...*just because*. Maybe even take out a "Thank You for Your Service" player sponsorship to provide a valued public servant with an opportunity to play in the tournament AND show that you, too, support the Seabury Charitable Foundation.



All the best,

*Puck.*

April 2019

Over time, the Seabury community has watched the Village Store expand, evolve and meet the daily expectations of residents, staff and families. However, with the recent addition of seven new volunteers, regained focus on popular merchandise and welcomed suggestions from residents and staff, the Village Store is now exceeding expectations that once seemed impossible.

"My favorite television show is on in an hour but my remote needs new batteries."

"I have no clean socks! I have to do laundry but I'm all out of laundry detergent."

"I forgot my granddaughter's birthday is in 3 days. I need to get her a birthday card and mail it today so it gets to her on time."

"I need a small gift that I can mail to my friend. A pair of earrings and a necklace is just perfect."



Steffie

Sue

**Steffie Levine** and **Sue Slavin** are two of the most recent volunteers to join the Village Store. When they were asked why they became interested in volunteering, they both said that every time they walked by, they were impressed with the welcoming and warm atmosphere and really wanted to be a part of it. For Steffie, the retail world is new to her but one of the aspects she enjoys the most is watching the inventory change frequently and seasonally. She's made new friends through the Village Store by simply welcoming visitors and getting to know other residents. Steffie sees the extended weekday and the new Saturday hours as another improvement that all of Seabury is benefiting from.

Sue has worked in retail before and, since becoming a volunteer, she's rediscovered her passion for decorating and creating new displays. She finds it very helpful that if a customer is looking for a certain item that is not currently in inventory, she can jot it in the Communication Log, which is checked daily. Sue loves to help

customers shop around and find exactly what they are looking for. If you ever want to see how something looks on, just ask Sue! She will turn into a Village Store model within minutes!

The most recent improvements relate to the on-going goal of providing new levels of convenience to the Seabury community.

"I just need my Dove Dark Chocolate."

Since November, residents and Seabury at Home members have been able to charge purchases to their in-house accounts. Another advancement has been the addition of credit/debit card capabilities. As Steffie and Sue both say, all of the increased effort to bring simplicity and efficiency to the Village Store has reminded fellow resident shoppers of how convenient, enjoyable and helpful their shopping experience has become!

Don't forget to check Connected Living and Channel 918 every Monday for weekly hours and new merchandise announcements throughout the week. Still curious? Stop in and see what all the buzz is about!

— by Jackie Cross, Fund Development & Volunteer Coordinator



**The Village (Store) People!**