

RIVERBAY Happenings #17

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RIVERBAY QUARTERBOARDS

Distinguishing Signs on Riverbay Homes

Quarterboards are carved wooden signs fastened to the outside of houses. They are part of Cape Cod's seafaring heritage. Once used to identify legitimate wooden sailing ships from pirates and in sea disasters, these sign boards were displayed near the ship's quarters. Homeowners have adopted this tradition to give a personal and often very clever identity to their houses. Here are some of them in Riverbay.



If you thought that this quarterboard referred to *closing the bar*, you would be wrong. For Stu and Nancy Tuchinsky, it is the directive they give their dog, Ollie, every evening when it's time for him to make his last trip outside on Round Cove - to conduct his final 'business' of the day. It's their dog's **LAST CALL**!



Jim Buckley's Quarterboard on his Riverview Drive house is a tribute to his mother. Jim recounts that when he was a boy, after school he would often invite his many friends back to his home. Due to the frequency and number of different friends arriving, his mother would usually welcome them by saying "**DO DROP IN**."



Paula and Noble Hansen report that people have informed them that the Quarterboard sign on their Riverview Drive home is misspelled. Not so. There is an enormous, beautiful copper-colored tree in front (see photo). While they certainly think of their home as a house near the *beach*, this tree truly makes their home a **BEECH HOUSE**.

With a strong Irish heritage, Dan Hayden, with his wife Diane, extend greetings to visitors arriving at their Round Cove home. In Ireland, guests are often received with a traditional saying that expresses a warm welcome and good hospitality. **CEAD MILE FAILTE** translates to a *hundred thousand welcomes*.



Canadian Club and Ginger Ale (CC & Ginger) is the favorite family drink at Dan and Margaret Jones' home. The family are also avid golfers, each with a 'GHIN' (a golfer's handicap). The **SEA SEA & GHINGER** quarterboard on their Sachemas Way home combines all three of their very special interests: the ocean, golf and a beverage.

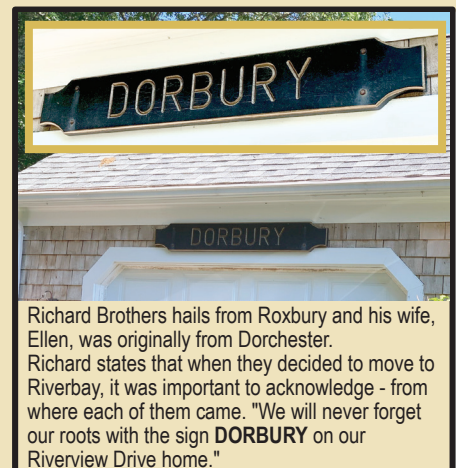
Alice Cronin says that "when Tom and I moved to our Riverbay home in 1993, we were so thrilled to be located on the river-side of Riverview Drive that we put up a new quarterboard with a nod to his heritage. After careful research, we selected: **EABARACH BAGH**." The Irish Gaelic translation is: *Muddy Creek*.



Ana Lotharius and John Schafer named their Quarterboard in 2020 for the hydrangeas (same name) in front of their house and for the fact that 2020 seemed like an **ENDLESS SUMMER** as they worked from their Sachemas Way home during the pandemic. It gave them an idea of what retirement on the Cape would feel like.



The **GRAMMYS PLACE** quarterboard is a very important beacon for Eleanor Crowley. She and her husband, James, have 7 Children, 10 Grand Children and 4 Great Great Grandchildren. Also on all previous homes, this sign, now on Riverview Drive, signals the location where all of their 'children' are welcome and expected to visit.



Richard Brothers hails from Roxbury and his wife, Ellen, was originally from Dorchester. Richard states that when they decided to move to Riverbay, it was important to acknowledge - from where each of them came. "We will never forget our roots with the sign **DORBURY** on our Riverview Drive home."

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