



The Village News



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Clark County October Events

Below is a list of some October fun in Clark County for you to explore with your Village friends. Please let us know if you would like us to help arrange a group outing for the in-person.

Murdered to Death-Fri-Sun from 9/27-10/13. Magenta Theater. This play is a hilarious spoof of the best of Agatha Christie traditions. It is set in a charming English manor in the 1930s, and the play follows a host of quirky characters entangled in a whirlwind of misunderstandings and misadventures. For more information, go to: [Magenta Theater \(arts-people.com\)](http://magenta-theater.com)

Spirit Tales of the Vancouver Barracks: Fri-Sun through 10/27. Discover the eerie history of the Vancouver Barracks on the Spirit Tales Walking Tour. Explore the darker side of Officers Row and hear stories of loneliness, fear, and tragedy that have left their mark on the historic grounds. Whether you believe in ghosts or not, these tales of past inhabitants will captivate you. For more info and the schedule, go to: [Shop - Author Jefferson Davis \(jeffdavisghostguy.com\)](http://shop-authorjeffersondavis.com)

Luminaria Dia de los Muertos: Oct. 19th 2-8 p.m. Esther Short Park. An ancestral celebration to remember and honor those who have departed. Experience beautiful luminarias, traditional Mexican dancing, music, guest artists, catrinas and an ofrenda of the beloved deceased. For more information, go to: [Luminarias Dia De Muertos — Vancouver Ballet Folklorico \(vbfolklor.org\)](http://luminariasdiademertos.com)



The VCC Annual Meeting is this month. See who is running for your Governing Council on [page 2](#).



Do you know how to check what the air quality is? Find some local resources on [page 4](#).



One of the most vile scams happens when someone you love dies. Find out what to do on [page 5](#).

Voting-Your Voice, Your Vote

Last month this newsletter let you know that you may need to update your signature on your voter registration. In Washington State you have until October 28, 2024 to update your voter registration information.

Ways VCC may be able to assist our members with voting. Please call 360-553-1520 to request assistance.

Villages volunteers regularly give rides on request to members for all sorts of appointments and destinations, so responding to requests for rides to a ballot drop box, post office, or the downtown Vancouver Elections Office should be no different. Just call us to let us know which way we may help.

In Washington, honoring another voter's request to drop their signed and sealed ballot off at a drop box, post office or the Elections office is completely legal.

If you have questions or wish to confirm any information given here, please call the Clark County Elections office at 564-397-2345

Thanks to Judy Zeider, League of Women Voter and VCC member for this research.

VCC Annual Meeting

Villages Clark County will hold its 5th Annual Meeting on Saturday Oct. 26th from 1-3:30 PM
The Business Meeting is 1-2:30 PM followed by a Potluck Dinner.

Slate of Candidates to be affirmed by a majority of those present:

Janet Houck
Julie Huntley
Ramona Perkins
Deb Thomas
Greer Davidson
Laurie Chinn (Treasurer)
Anjala Ehelebe (VNW Liaison)

You can attend in person or on Zoom.

In person:
Location: First Presbyterian Church -
Fireside Room
3400 Main Street, Vancouver WA
If you need transportation, call 360-553-
1520

"The right to vote is one of the most basic promises of our democracy. In a democratic government, every person is considered equal and is empowered to both participate in their government and speak on the issues that impact their daily lives. Through our votes, we're able to express our values around concerns like health care, climate change, criminal justice, taxes and so much more."

<https://www.lvv.org/voting-rights>

On Zoom: Topic: VCC Governing Council

Time: 1300 - 1400 + or -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82611623815?pwd=TTd0L0Y1aU04QkZUS1FPandmaGN6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 826 1162 3815

Passcode: 913377

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Zoom assistance is available: call 360-533-5120

ASAP to schedule Tech support. Support will not be available the day of the annual meeting

October VCC Events

Check the website calendar before all events/meetings for any changes or updated information. (<https://villagesclarkcounty.org/blank-page/events/>). Also check your email for invites and more information. All in-person events are subject to current COVID guidelines and may become virtual or rescheduled if needed. VCC events are for Members and Volunteers (Villagers) unless noted as "Public".

Every Tuesday at 10 -Coffee and breakfast at The KitchenTable in Salmon Creek. 1319 NE 134th St. Vancouver.

Oct. 10th @ 1-3 p.m. Governing Council. Join us in person at First Presbyterian Church, Library Room or on Zoom. Villagers are encouraged to attend. Contact Janet Houck via email at jhouck@villagesclarkcounty.org

Oct. 12th @ 10:30-11:30. V101. See details below.

Oct 14th and Oct. 28th @ 10-12 p.m. InStitches handstitching group. 10/14 at Janet's and 10/28 at Phyllis' house. Call 360-553-1520 for addresses.

Oct. 16th @ 10 a.m.-Book Club. See details below.

Oct. 23rd @ 1-3 p.m.-All Volunteer Roundtable. All Volunteer Roundtable (Hybrid) at First Presbyterian Church Rm 121@ on Zoom. Volunteers only.

Oct. 26th @ 1-3 p.m.-VCC Annual Meeting. In person or on Zoom. See details on page 2.

VCC Book Club

Wednesday, October 16th at 10:00 A.M. in the First Presbyterian Church Library.
Come and talk about what book you are currently reading.



V-101

Come learn about how Villages Clark County can help you "age in place."

When: Oct. 12th 10:30-11:30

Where: Camas Library, Eva Santee Room

625 NE Fourth Ave. Camas, WA.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

WHAT IF (Emergency Preparedness)?

Question: What if Wildfire smoke creates poor Air Quality?

This is not really a question, but a statement. We had a few days of poor air quality lately. How did you cope with it? What resources are available?

Answer: Climate scientists, local weather reporters and others are warning us (all western states) that we need to prepare ourselves for the chance of wildfire and or unsafe air quality due to wind patterns bringing us smoke from wildfires. Members of Villages Clark County may be part of the vulnerable population that should take extra precautions during times of poor air quality. The elderly and young (infants and children) as well pregnant women are all considered at risk for adverse effects of wildfire smoke. The most important thing you can do is STAY INFORMED.

PASSIVE ways to stay informed: On the radio or television, listen to a local news and weather program daily. Did you know that the National Weather service practices weather warnings every Thursday about 10 - 10:30 am. Listen for it one time, so you will know what it sounds like and you can be alert. You may wish to leave a radio or television 'on' while not watching, just you may hear any warnings that are given.

ACTIVE and PROACTIVE ways to stay informed:

- "Clark Public Alerts" (<https://www.publicalerts.org/>) is the program for automated alert notification. It provides alerts via phone, text, and email for Clark County and Portland area counties.
- PublicAlerts is the opt-in alerting system in the Portland Metro Region. If you have a landline ONLY - you are automatically registered. If you have questions, Call Monday - Thursday, 9AM - 3:30PM Phone: 360-737-1911, someone will help you make sure you are registered.
- AirNow - Download the app - it is FREE and was developed by the Environmental Protection Agency. You can find the current air quality for your locale anytime. OPB.org/wildfire - Oregon Public Broadcasting has a resource hub with lots of information to help you learn how you can protect yourself during times or poor air quality.

Humor Corner



How do you reset your body back to its factory settings?
Is it kale?
It's kale, isn't it?
Please don't say it's kale.

VCC Wishes a Happy October Birthday to:

Cecille Ellis (10/2)

Marjorie Johnson (10/8)

Other notable celebrities with October Birthdays are:

Kelly Ripa (10/2)

Jesse Jackson (10/8)

Angela Lansbury (10/16)

Bill Gates (10/28)



Senior Scam Alerts Series by Aura

This month we are looking at one of the most vile forms of elder fraud, con artists target deceased people with funeral scams. Scammers raid obituaries and then attend funerals claiming that the deceased has an outstanding debt.

Warning signs of funeral scams:

- Someone you don't know demands payment at a funeral.
- You're approached by an individual who claims to know the deceased but has no tangible evidence of their relationship

They also look at obituaries to steal the deceased person's identity. They then use the information to open accounts or establish new lines of credit. The information they are looking for is:

- Full name of the deceased
- Date of birth and date of death
- Place of birth and place of death
- Home address
- Cell phone number
- Email address
- Education history
- Employment history
- Military service history
- Names of family members and relationships
- Funeral or memorial service information



Things you can do to prevent identity theft are:

- Leave sensitive information out of the obituary
- Obtain copies of the death certificate as soon as it is available.
- Alert all major credit reporting agencies to put a "deceased" notice on the report. Monitor the reports regularly.
- Notify financial institutions, all insurance agencies, and the DMV
- Notify Social Security Administration and the VA if it applies.
- Notify the IRS and file any outstanding tax returns.

Cybersecurity

Tuesday, October 8, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Google Meet

Hosted by UpRiver Village

Registration Required, contact@uprivervillage.org for meeting link.

Ryan Bowers is an Operational Technology/ Industrial Control Systems Cybersecurity Specialist. He has 15 years experience working in various capacities within the Energy Sector, Industrial Manufacturing, Food Manufacturing, Pharmaceutical Manufacturing, Logistics and the Aerospace Industry. He has worked with companies such as Amazon, EnergySec, FXI, Ran-Tech Engineering, SpaceX, Bell Helicopters, Coca-Cola and the Department of Defense.

His presentation will address spam, updates on security software, multi-factored authentication, pass phrases, robocalls (don't answer; don't argue or explain) and recent topics that are prevalent and plaguing the cyber security community, free anti-virus or security software and online training for security awareness.



CLIPPINGS FROM THE GARDEN

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BY JANET HOUCK



It would seem that fall is definitely falling in Clark County, Washington. The tomatoes have ripened and are being enjoyed. The new variety that I tried this year is Japanese Trifele. It is a beautiful heirloom with potato-like leaves. I grew it on a single stem, and I pruned it quite heavily to allow as much light as possible onto the fruit. My garden has a lot of dappled sun. It all worked out well. I hope yours did, too.

The Green Stalk planter has produced well, and I am enjoying it. It is quite appropriate for mobility challenged folks. There are many planting pockets that produce well. I have strawberries (the best plant for this planter), herbs, one ornamental tiny pepper plant that is fun, several impatiens that did very well. A few dwarf marigolds are in the bottom level planting pockets. The squirrels and bunnies seemed to leave those alone. I will now try to plant seeds of spinach and various greens to see if they will survive the winter. Otherwise, I will harvest what I can and let the weather dictate what happens.

Impatiens were the annual plant of focus this summer. Two varieties: the regular shade annual and the new Sunpatiens. The shady plants are in planters and in the ground all over the place in the back yard. They grew best in the Green Stalk and in assorted pots but were fine in the ground also. They present a wonderful shock of color, and I will grow them forever. The Sunpatiens are in a pot in the front yard where there is some sun. I love, love, love this plant. The leaves are variegated and even without flowers it is a most handsome plant. The first bloom of gorgeous pure white flowers lasted quite a while. After they died off and I cleaned them up, a second bloom came on and is lovely as I write this on September 18. I highly recommend this plant. You might need to go to a good garden center to find this one as it is new this year.

If you are growing the beautiful pelargoniums (big geraniums) you might want to try to hold a cutting or the whole plant over the winter to have a free plant next year. If the plant is in a pot and you have room inside, they will do well in a sunny window. If you feed them regularly they will bloom all winter also. In March, remove one-half to two-thirds of the plant. They will begin to grow again within a few days and should develop into attractive plants by May. I have done this on a sunny windowsill in my classroom when I was teaching - I had plenty of room.

If they are in the ground, then either pot them up as described above. Or, dig up and remove all soil from the plant's roots. Place one or two plants in a large paper sack and store in a cool, dry place. Or, hang the plants upside down in a cool, dry place. The foliage and shoot tips will eventually die. In March remove all shriveled, dead material and prune back to firm, live green stem tissue. Then pot up and water thoroughly. Place potted plants in a sunny window or under artificial lighting. These plants should develop into attractive plants that can be planted out after the last frost. This procedure is recommended by the Minnesota extension. I have never done it, but I will try it this year just to see if it works here on our climate. Stay tuned.

Garden On!

