



The Village News



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Clark County March Events

Below is a list of some March 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.

Port of Vancouver Lecture Series-3/6, 3/19 and 4/3 @ 6:30 p.m. 3/6- *Discover Treasure in Astoria: The Columbia River Maritime Museum* 3/19-*Lightning Round-An Update on Port Projects and Activities* 4/3- *The Fascinating World of Washington State's Public Ports*. All lectures are free and held at the Kiggins Theatre. For more details and to reserve your seat, go to: [Events - Port of Vancouver USA](#)

Big Apples, Big Business-How Washington Became the Apple State 3/6 7 p.m. @ Fourth Plain Community Commons. Van Lanen, a history professor at Lewis-Clark State College will uncover the crucial role played by scientists, investors, irrigators, railroad corporations, marketers, and apple growers in shaping the apple industry. For info, go to: [Big Apples, Big Business: How Washington Became the Apple State - Clark County Historical Museum](#)

Spring Makers Market-3/21 (12-4 p.m.) and 3/22 (10-4 p.m.) at Dennis Seven Dees Vancouver. Enjoy coffee, snacks, and craft food and beverages while browsing and shopping local artists' creations including ceramics, dried florals, watercolors, indoor art, home décor, body care, jewelry, and more at our beautiful Garden Center! For more information, go to: [Makers Market - Dennis' 7 Dees | Landscaping Services & Garden Centers](#)



March is about Clematis and Heather. Find out how to keep them healthy and growing on [page 2](#).



We could use a good laugh right now so you will find an additional meme in our humor corner on [page 3](#).



Join us for a Lunch and Learn about how to improve communication and collaboration between the Villages. Find out more on [page 4](#)



CLIPPINGS FROM THE GARDEN

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BY JANET HOUCK



Jobs for the Garden in March include fertilizing your Clematis. These gorgeous flowers are such a beautiful addition to your vining plants.

An important thing to remember is once flowers emerge, avoid fertilizing at this point as it reduces bloom time. Once the flowering is finished, then fertilize again to encourage reblooming. Fertilizing once every four to six weeks with bone meal or tomato feed works well. A 5-10-10 feed works well.

Also known as 'leather flower', Clematis grows best in loose, well-draining soil and requires full sunlight, neutral pH soil, and roots that are protected from intense heat. Given the right conditions, clematis will bloom from the beginning of the summer until early autumn. Amend soil with compost.



There are three types: Group 1 are varieties that bloom in the spring, Group 2 varieties are repeat bloomers, and Group 3 are summer or fall blooming varieties.

'Apple Blossom'

Clematis plants do not require deadheading in order to rebloom. In the case of repeat blooming varieties, flowers form first on old wood followed by a second set on new wood, so deadheading the first set of blooms won't have an impact on the appearance of the second flush of flowers.

Currently I have one plant in my garden. It is an early spring bloomer. I planted it at the foot of a Japanese maple that is only about six feet tall. The maple puts out its lovely leaves and then the clematis climbs up into the tree making it seem like the maple is blooming! It is a pretty show that does not last long, but it is fun while it is there.

Another March job is about your heathers. Trim heather and heaths after blooming, just back to below the point where blooms form. This is important to do with the first few weeks of the bloom. If you wait, even six weeks out, then the blooms for the next season have already set and you will cut them off, deleting a season of bloom. Heathers planted in a drift - three, five, or seven plants, depending on your space - form a lovely sight. The bloom is great in the early spring and if you shop you can find different colors of the vegetative show. This is a sturdy, easy care plant.



If you want to learn about other jobs in the garden, then <https://extension.wsu.edu/clark/master-gardeners/community-education/gardening-tasks/> will lead you to more information that is specific for Clark County, Washington.

Garden On!
Janet

March 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 evites 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".

Tuesdays at Ten-3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 Coffee and breakfast at The KitchenTable in Salmon Creek. 1319 NE 134th St. Vancouver.

Thursdays at 9:30-3/6, 3/13, 3/20 and 3/27 Coffee and breakfast at Sunny's Diner 1801 SE 164th Ave (same parking lot as Big Al's)

March 10th, March 24th and March 31st @ 10 a.m. InStitches handstitching group. Call the office 360-553-1520 for location of members' homes. Come and stitch, knit, crochet, mend, chat, drink coffee and tea, and gather.

March 10th @ 10 a.m. VNW Membership Affinity Group via Zoom. Call the office 360-553-1520 for zoom link

March 13th @ 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

March 15th @ 10:30 a.m. V-101. See details below.

March 19th @ 10 a.m.-Book Club. See details below.

March 24th @ 10 a.m. VNW Volunteer Affinity Group via Zoom. Call the office 360-553-1520 for the zoom link.

March 26th @ 1-3pm All Volunteer Roundtable (Volunteers only) at First Presbyterian Church.

VCC Book Club

Wednesday, March 19th at 10:00 A.M. in the First Presbyterian Church Library.

We are reading "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking" by Susan Cain.



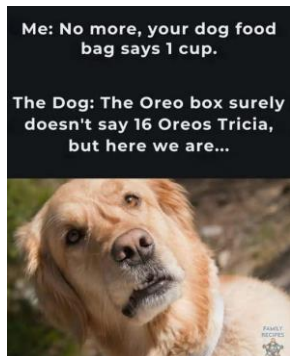
V-101

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

When: Saturday, March 15th at 10:30 a.m.

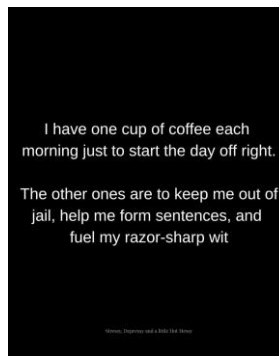
Where: Ridgefield Library 210 N Main, Ridgefield-Allene Wodaage Community Room.

Humor Corner



Bob Phillips
@BobTheSuit

Me: I have a paper cut.
Universe: Excellent. I will send you an unusually high number of encounters with citrus fruit.



Brunette Bohemian
@Jane.Doe82

Are we like this cause we drank from the hose

LISTEN, LUNCH & LEARN

Removing Barriers & Building Bridges to Village Collaboration

Friday, March 21

10:00 am – 2:30 pm

Providence Willamette Falls Community Center

519 15th Street

Oregon City

Reserve your place: <https://evite.me/dtBGA2MCXr>

You asked, we answer!

In response to your questions and concerns about communication and collaboration, the upcoming LISTEN, LUNCH & LEARN will focus on ideas to strengthen intra Village operations and expand communication and collaboration between all Villages in the Villages NW family.

Communication builds positive relationships in each Village and beyond, bringing creative ideas, opportunities, shared events, and important resources that benefit all Villages.

Join us for a fun, energized, informational day!

This session is for current Village leaders including your Council members, team leaders, key volunteers as well as for those who may be interested in getting more involved in the future.

[Register now](#). When you register, please include your Village in the notes as well as any dietary requirements you may have. We look forward to seeing you there!

Help Wanted-Web Manager

- Are you interested in websites; want to learn?
- Do you enjoy learning new applications?
- You can be part of a small team to help improve our website to:
 - Better tell our story
 - Better support activities
 - Better connect members/volunteers
- Work from home; no meetings; your schedule

VCC Wishes a Happy March Birthday to:

Jennifer Johnson (3/3)

Helen Hewitt (3/7)

Charlie Gleason (3/7)

Linda Wilson (3/9)

Ann Horstman (3/12)

Cindy Wilson (3/24)

Frankie Shetterly (3/26)

Myna Mason-Reibson (3/26)

Ellen Hinds (3/27)

Other notable celebrities with March Birthdays are:

Alexander Graham Bell (3/3)

Willard Scott (3/7)

Bobby Fischer (3/9)

James Taylor (3/12)

Peyton Manning (3/24)

Diana Ross (3/26)

Mariah Carey (3/27)



When I was younger, I had an ego. But it gets in the way.

-Anthony Hopkins