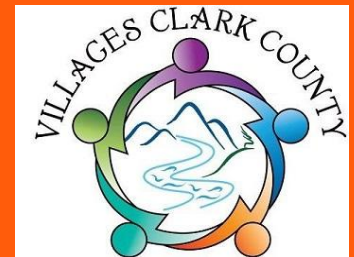




The Village News



June 2025

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS STAY NEIGHBORS

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Clark County June Events

Below is a list of some June 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.

Farmers Markets- Farmer's markets are open in a variety of locations, starting in June. Camas-Every Wed. from 3-7 p.m. 4th Ave between Everett and Franklin. East Vancouver-Every Thurs. 10-2 p.m. 17701 SE Mill Plain. Salmon Creek-Every Thurs 11-3 p.m. Legacy Hospital Ridgefield-Every Sat 9-2 p.m. Davis Park. Downtown Vancouver-Every Sat 9-3 and Sun-10-3 Esther Short Park.

Car Shows and Cruises: A variety of car shows and cruises are happening in June. Every Friday-Cruise In-Alderbrook Park Brush Prairie 6/7-Main Street Cruise 5 p.m. Main St. Vancouver 6/14 and 6/28-Felida Cars and Coffee 8-10 a.m. 10718 NW Lakeshore Ave 6/14-Car Show, BBQ and Music 2-5 p.m. Touchmark at Fairway Village 6/28-Camas-Car Show 2-7 p.m. 310 NE 5th.

Summer Concert Series-Big Bossa Quartet 6/27 5:30-8:30 O.O Howard House Fort Vancouver. Big Bossa brings cool jazz with a flavor of Latin and blues thrown in creating an amazing musical experience. The concert is free and food and drink will be available to purchase. For more information, go to: [Summer Concert Series: The Big Bossa Quartet - The Historic Trust](#)



Would you like a friendly phone call or a visit? If so, VCC can help. Find out more information on [page 2](#).



There are a lot of fun picnics, celebrations and social gatherings happening this summer. You can find them on [pages 3, 4, and 6](#).



There are some recent scams to be aware of. Find out what they are on [page 6](#).

Friendly Phoning or Visits


Friendly Phoning or Friendly Visits are a Personal Support Service that Villages Clark County offers to its members. For the last three months we have been calling all our members. Now we ASK YOU to ASK US to contact you on an intermittent basis (you specify). We offer short and sweet phone calls, to touch base with you OR brief visits to your home to chat. (These could be outdoors or in a common space - you are in charge).



An important part of a healthy life is social interactions. These do not need to be with 'best or old friends, they can be with a VCC acquaintance. Casual contact with an acquaintance is as beneficial as contact with 'friends.' The important thing is that it is regular and casual. There is not a need for 'deep' philosophical or political conversations. Our members and volunteer SHARE something in common - their love of Villages Clark County.

We all love a smile and a positive interaction. Remember when? You saw and greeted many acquaintances at the grocery store, at the bank or post office? Invite a Village Volunteer to be that person now.

Call the office to request either a Friendly Phone call and / or a Friendly Visitor. We want to make sure that you feel connected to your village.


OREGON GERONTOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

ARTFULLY ENGAGING PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA:
HOW TO SUPPORT ART AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES USING MONTESSORI AND BEHAVIORALLY-BASED APPROACHES

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM PDT
VIA ZOOM

PRESENTERS:
JENNA SANT-WING, MA, BCBA, CMDCP & MADELINE ROGERS-BARAJAS, MA, BCBA, CMDCP

REGISTRATION:
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/OGAJUNE2025](https://bit.ly/ogajune2025)

Artfully Engaging People with Dementia: How to Support Art and Leisure Activities Using Montessori and Behaviorally Based Approaches - Thursday, June 26th from 12-1 pm PDT

This presentation will provide an overview of how to adapt art and leisure activities for people with dementia. We will discuss the benefits of accessible, person-centered art and leisure activities for people with dementia. An introduction to a Montessori-based approach and key behavioral principles will provide attendees with practical strategies for creating meaningful engagement.

Intended audience: This presentation is intended for general interest but may be most valuable for anyone who cares about, or for, a person with dementia, including paid and non-paid caregivers, loved ones, activity directors and community providers.

June VCC Events

Check the website calendar before all events/meetings for any changes or updated information. (<https://villagesclarkcounty.org/news/>). 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 10:00-6/3, 6/10, 6/17, and 6/24 Coffee and breakfast at The KitchenTable in Salmon Creek. 1319 NE 134th St. Vancouver.

Thursdays at 9:30-6/5, 6/12, 6/19, and 6/26 Coffee and breakfast at Sunny’s Diner 1801 SE 164th Ave (same parking lot as Big Al’s)

June 9th and June 23rd @ 10 a.m. InStitches handstitching group. June 9th-Location TBD. June 23rd-Janet Houck’s house. Call the office 360-553-1520 for location of members' homes. Come and stitch, knit, crochet, mend, chat, drink coffee and tea, and gather.

June 12th @ 1-3 p.m. Governing Council. Join us in person at First Presbyterian Church, Room 121 or on Zoom. Villagers are encouraged to attend. Contact Janet Houck via email at jhouck@villagesclarkcounty.org

June 18th @ 4 p.m. VCC Happy Hour. See details below.

June 18th @ 10 a.m.-Book Club. See details below.

June 25th @ 1-3pm All Volunteer Roundtable First Presbyterian Church, Rm 121.

June 28th @ 10:30 a.m. V-101. See details below.

VCC Book Club

Wednesday, June 18th at 10:00 A.M. in the First Presbyterian Church Library.

We are reading: Bold Spirit, Helga Esby’s Forgotten Walk Across Victorian America, by Linda Hunt.



VCC Happy Hour

When: Wednesday, June 18th

Time: 4-6 p.m.

Where: Grady’s Public House
2714 NE 114th Ave
Vancouver, WA.

V-101

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

When: Saturday June 28th at 10:30 a.m.

Where: First Presbyterian Church-Fireside Room
4300 Main Street (off upper parking lot)



SAVE THE DATE: Envisioning my Future: Guarding Against Schemes, Scams and Fraud

*Thursday, June 19, 10:00 am-2:30 pm
Moreland Presbyterian Church
1814 SE Bybee Blvd, Portland OR 97202*

RSVP Now: <https://evite.me/2FAJz98shT>

When you RSVP, include your Village and dietary limitations in the notes.

Learn about common devastating schemes, scams, and fraud and how to protect yourself.

VCC Wishes a Happy June Birthday to:

Linda Gabel (6/7)

Bruce F Eavey (6/8)

Carolyn Heinz (6/9)

Kathy Walsh (6/22)

Other notable celebrities with June Birthdays are:

Tom Jones (6/7)

Joan Rivers (6/8)

Johnny Depp (6/9)

Meryl Streep (6/22)



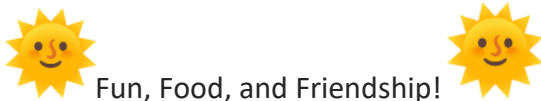
SAVE THE DATE!

All Villagers -- You're Invited!

The Villages Clark County Summer Picnic



& Potluck



Fun, Food, and Friendship!



Date: Saturday, August 16th



Location: Frenchman's Bar Regional Park



Time: 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Join us for an afternoon of summer fun at beautiful Frenchman's Bar! Enjoy delicious picnic food and great company. Bring your appetite, your favorite dish, sun hats, and sunscreen!

Bring your family and friends!

RSVP by August 4th – (360) 553-1520 or email: info@villagesclarkcounty.org.

Let's make this a summer to remember!

Humor Corner



Clippings from the Garden

June 2025

By Janet Houck

The Garden Walkabout this morning was lovely. The weather is perfect. My neighbor was out to their hen coop gathering eggs, and the sweetshrub is full bloom.



The Greenstalk planter is producing strawberries from plants that wintered over. We installed the rolling and swiveling base of the Greenstalk. I can now just turn the whole unit to get sun on everything. I am quite happy with the Greenstalk. I continue to add flowers here and there and some annual herbs. If you get one, I recommend the top watering unit and the bottom units. They are separate from the main frame. I ordered mine from Garden Answer because I love that show. Shipping was prompt.

The chives plant continues its lovely blooming and adding to the kitchen flavorings. Chives are the easiest to grow. They are not demanding other than needing some sun. They grow in light shade in this garden - in a raised bed.



The Acanthus is budding up. 'Bears Breeches' is the common name of this plant. It is an herbaceous perennial. It dies down at the end of the season and then bursts forth in the spring. It does spread a little, but the new plants are easily either pulled out and tossed, or potted up to share with a friend. Or a neighbor. Sharing plants from the garden is one of the loveliest parts of gardening. I am not particularly in love with this plant, but there are three of them in this garden and they are ok.

Hydrangeas are budding up. What can I say about hydrangeas. They are the best. There are four in the backyard and one in the front. I could add more here and there.

The baby bunnies are eating the grass but also munching on impatiens, columbines, and one bright purple heuchera. The bunnies are about five to six inches long and look so adorable I just tolerate them. I also have those black kitchen wire trash baskets covering new plants. We shall continue to live cooperatively.

We are all just getting along. And isn't that a good thing.

Garden On!

The VCC Newsletter is always looking for new content. Do you have a recipe to share? Information about something you think others would enjoy knowing more about. Or a hobby you would like to write an article about? If so, please share!

You can email any ideas or articles to bhoge@villagesclarkcounty.org by the 20th of each month.

Recent Scams 2025

Last year, VCC did a series on scams that target Seniors. Since then, there have been more that are targeting everyone. Some of the recent ones include:

Bank Fraud Scheme: In this scam, the caller is impersonating the person's bank. They tell them, "Your bank account is under attack" and their credit and debit cards no longer work. They then offer to pick up their cards and convince them to disclose their Pin number. They then take the cards and go to an ATM and steal the person's money. The calls look like they are coming from a legitimate company, but no bank would come and offer to pick up your card. If you aren't sure about a call from your bank, just call the number on the back of your bank card.

Jury Duty Scam-In this one, the person either calls or emails you saying that you missed jury duty and that if you don't pay a fine, you will be arrested. The person seems to know important details about you, which is what makes it more believable.

Toll Road Scam-In this scam, they will send you a text (most likely from E-Z Pass which runs most of our toll roads) and it tells you that you didn't pay a toll and there will be a large late fee if you don't pay now. They want you to click a link which will then persuade you to give them bank, credit card, and other important personal information about you.

If you receive any of these, you should:

- **Don't click on any links.** "Clicking on a bad link may lead you to a phishing website where your personal information is stolen [or] the site installs malware on your device or gives the attackers remote access to your device," Cute says.
- **Don't share sensitive information.** Never give anyone your credit card or banking information.
- **Don't respond.** You should never respond to unexpected text messages, phone calls, or emails but it's especially important to avoid those that include links.
- **Delete the text or email.** For texts, you can also select "Report Junk."

