



# The Village News



August 2025

## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS STAY NEIGHBORS

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### Clark County August Events

Below is a list of August 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.

**Pet Portraits**-8/2 from 9-1 p.m. at the O.O Howard House at Fort Vancouver. Critters of all kinds are invited to put their best paws forward for a free photo session at Pet Portraits with skilled pet portrait photographer Robert Holcomb. For more info. go to: [Events from June 2, 2019 – April 6, 2024 – The Historic Trust](#)

**Turn Your Backyard into a Buzzing Paradise**- 8/9 from 10-11:15 at Three Creeks Library. Transform your outdoor space into a haven for native pollinators with the right plants! Uncover the best species for your landscape and attract a thriving community of bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects. For more info. go to: [Turn Your Backyard into a Buzzing Paradise: Best Native Plants for Your Backyard | Clark County | Washington State University](#)

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Vancouver Wine and Jazz Festival**: 8/22-8/24 at Esther Short Park. The Festival features GRAMMY-winning nationally acclaimed jazz, blues, and gospel bands, local and regional bands, and student musicians, fine artists from Oregon, Washington, and California, 60 Northwest wines, local restaurants, and commercial exhibitors. For info and tickets: [Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival - Home](#)



We have a new group of younger volunteers. See how we can build connections between generations on [page 2](#).



The VCC picnic and VNW celebration are coming up. Find details on [pages 4 and 5](#)



Our annual fundraiser is also coming up. Find out how you can help on [page 5](#).

## **NEW PROGRAM: Talk. Listen. Connect. Across Generations.**

At **Villages Clark County**, we know that meaningful connections are the heart of a thriving community. That's why we're excited to introduce a new opportunity that brings generations together—one conversation at a time.

A group of enthusiastic young volunteers is ready to spend time with older adults in our Villages community. Their goal? To talk, to listen, and to create genuine connections through simple, joyful moments.

### **What Can You Do Together?**

- **Look through old photos** and share the stories that shaped your life
- **Play a card game or any favorite pastime**
- **Take a walk and enjoy the fresh air and friendly conversation**
- **Exchange music**—share your favorite classics and discover today's hits
- **Swap book ideas, hobbies, or crafts you enjoy**

These activities aren't just fun—they help build bridges between generations, reduce the stigma of aging, and foster a sense of well-being for everyone involved.

### **Why It Matters**

Older adults offer wisdom, stories, and life experience. Young people bring curiosity, energy, and open minds. When we come together, we all grow.

Whether you're looking for a new connection, a little laughter, or someone to share your favorite song with, this is your chance to be part of something meaningful.

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### **Interested in Participating?**

If you're a Villages Clark County member eager to connect, we'd love to hear from you!

 **Contact Us:** 360-553-1520

 **Email:** [info@villagesclarkcounty.org](mailto:info@villagesclarkcounty.org)

 **Let's build friendships across generations—one smile, one story, one shared moment at a time.**

### August 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-8/5, 8/12, 8/19, and 8/26 Coffee and breakfast at The KitchenTable in Salmon Creek, 1319 NE 134<sup>th</sup> St., Vancouver.

Thursdays at 9:30-8/7, 8/14, 8/21, and 8/31 Coffee and breakfast at Sunny’s Diner, 1801 SE 164<sup>th</sup> Ave (same parking lot as Big Al’s)

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> and Aug 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m. InStitches handstitching group. Location TBD. Call the office 360-553-1520 for location of members' homes. Come and stitch, knit, crochet, mend, chat, drink coffee and tea, and gather.

Aug 13<sup>th</sup> @ 4 p.m. VCC Happy Hour. See details below.

Aug 14<sup>th</sup> @ 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](mailto:jhouck@villagesclarkcounty.org)

Aug 16<sup>th</sup> @ 12-4 p.m. VCC picnic, Frenchman’s Bar Regional Park. See details on p.4.

Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m.-Book Club. See details below.

Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:30-VCC V101. See details below.

Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 1-3pm All Volunteer Roundtable First Presbyterian Church, Rm 121.

#### VCC Book Club

Wednesday, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. in the First Presbyterian Church Library.

**We are reading:** Warsaw Sisters: A Novel of WWII Poland by Amanda Barritt. Twin sisters Antonina and Helena send their father off to defend Poland against the looming German invasion.



#### VCC Happy Hour

**When:** Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 4-6 p.m.

**Where:** Gustav’s  
1705 SE 164<sup>th</sup>  
Vancouver, WA.

#### V-101

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

**When:** Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** Camas Public Library  
Eva Santee Room  
625 NE Fourth Ave.  
Camas, WA.

### Villages Clark County Picnic and Potluck

Saturday, August 16 | 12:00 - 4:00

Frenchman’s Bar Regional Park, Langsdorf picnic shelter

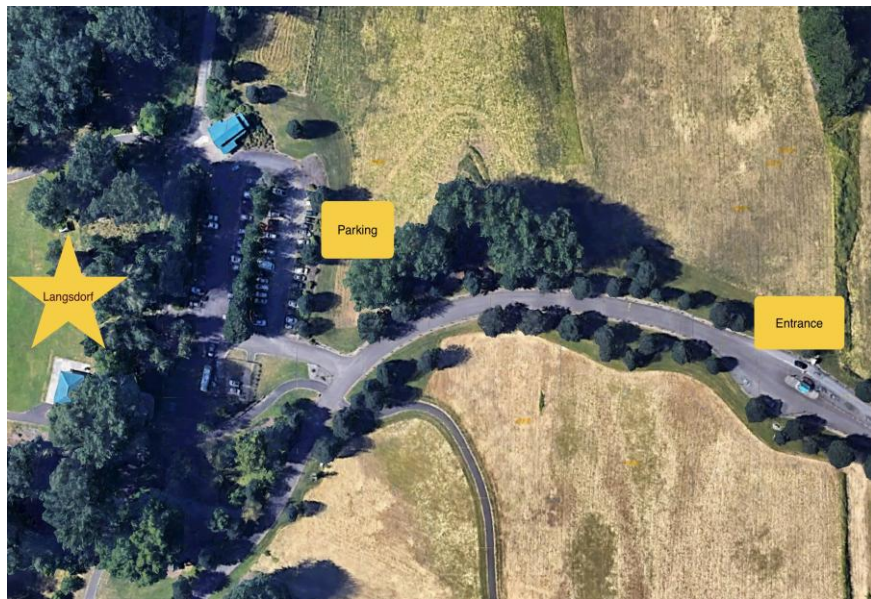
- There is a \$3.00 entrance fee into the park
- This is a covered shelter with picnic tables.
- No electric outlets
- There is a paved asphalt pathway from the parking lot to the shelter
- Restrooms are available on site.

#### What to bring:

Your favorite dish

Drinks

Plate and eating utensils



### VCC Wishes a Happy August Birthday to:

**Louise Lane (8/2)**

**Pam Miller-Tatro (8/3)**

**Donald Colville (8/4)**

**Shirley Phillips (8/11)**

**Ramona Perkins (8/24)**

**Stephanie Cody (8/26)**

### Other notable celebrities with August Birthdays are:

**Peter O’Toole (8/2)**

**Tony Bennett (8/3)**

**Louis Armstrong (8/4)**

**Cal Ripkin Jr. (8/24)**

**Melissa McCarthy (8/26)**



### Calling all Creative Artists Who Enjoy Sharing & Teaching!

The Envisioning My Future series is planning its next event for Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at TaborSpace, 5441 E. Belmont, Portland. The theme is Healthy Brains & Bodies Through the Arts. The morning will include speakers promoting artistic endeavors to help maintain healthy brains and bodies.

We are seeking creative villagers interested in offering a 1-hour workshop, after lunch on that day, to encourage the attending Villagers to explore artistic outlets in social settings. You would need to provide materials and guidance to a group of villagers, allowing them to experience your craft. We would need to know how many you think you can accommodate for your activity and spatial needs. Creative arts of all types are welcome, including but certainly not limited to graphic, musical, physical, and literary efforts.



Please email: [agingprograms@villagesnw.org](mailto:agingprograms@villagesnw.org) if you are interested, including your name, contact information, art genre, and Village (if applicable).



A GREATER VANCOUVER CHAMBER PROGRAM

“Give More 24! is a day of giving dedicated to those who love southwest Washington and the incredible nonprofits that help us thrive. Created by the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington in 2014, Give More 24! equips nonprofits with tools to inspire generosity and raise funds during a 24-hour campaign. **Save the Date: September 25, 2025.** To date, nonprofits have raised \$16 million and engaged thousands of donors through the Give More 24! platform.

In 2024, the Greater Vancouver Chamber began powering Give More 24! as part of its efforts to support the nonprofit community and plans to grow the impact of southwest Washington's largest day of giving.” (Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce)

We encourage all those who read this newsletter to consider how you can give back to our local community. We encourage everyone to go to the [Give More 24 website](#) and review the list of nonprofit organizations who need your support. Please give generously. We hope that **Villages Clark County** will be on your list, too. Please be generous. Thank you in advance.

### REPAIR CLARK COUNTY – a true community service

Repair Clark County (formerly Repair Café) is continuing to hold in-person events quarterly, and occasionally as a special event. Their mission is to reduce waste by repairing, recycling, and upcycling household items. Among the items that can be brought for repair are electronics, electrical appliances, bicycles, jewelry, and items that need sewing. All of the repair crew are volunteers. All repairs are performed without charge.

This month, there is a special event on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Founder’s Mercantile at 317 E. Main Street, in Battle Ground, from 10AM-1PM. It is recommended that you register your item for repair in advance, as there may be things you must do or bring before you come. Fixers would also be warned should they need to bring special tools to do your repair. Service is first come, first served. You must be able to carry your item in – we cannot accommodate very large items, other than bicycles.

Go to <https://signup.com/go/CbTbqYJ> to register your repair items.

Our next regular event will be held Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Vancouver United Church of Christ, 1220 NE 68<sup>th</sup> St, Vancouver 98685. The regular events usually offer sharpening (kitchen knives, scissors, garden tools), and antique radio repair in addition to the services previously mentioned. More information is available at the Repair Clark County - ColumbiaSprings.org website or call 360-882-0936.

### Celebrating 10 Years of Villages NW: A Once-in-a-Decade Celebration at Oaks Park!

Save the Date: For all Village Members and Volunteers

Saturday, September 13

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Oaks Park Historic Dance Pavilion 7805 SE Oaks Park Wy. Portland, OR.

#### 🌟 What to Expect:

- Delicious bites drinks from the beloved Elephants Delicatessen
- Live music by the energetic duo Peter & Paul
- Door prizes and table giveaways
- Reconnect with familiar faces and welcome new ones

Villages NW will cover the cost of parking, and the Pavilion is fully accessible for all guests.

Registration Info: Registration is now open. Click [here](#) to reserve your spot.

We will have a VCC table to showcase our village!





*Clippings from the Garden.*

August, 2025

Janet Houck



Last night my daughter called on her drive home from visiting with her friend. She often does that, and I enjoy our conversations. Her busy life sometimes makes connecting difficult for us. Last night the connection to my phone died as it frequently does in this wretched connection area.

Outside works better for connecting so at about 8:30 PM I went and sat out in the garden where we continued our chat. The weather was absolutely perfect. It was still warm with just a hint of the oncoming cool. The blessed cool from our hot days that allows us to sleep comfortably with the bedroom window open. But I digress. As I often do.

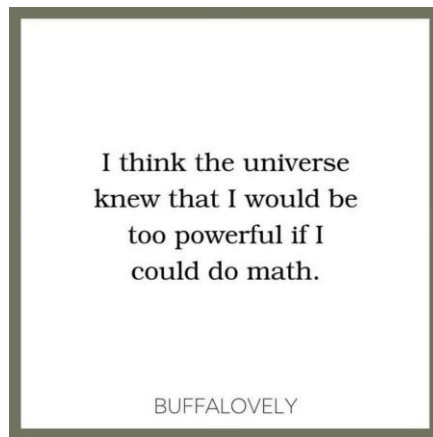
As we were chatting and I was noting that the sky was completely cloud-free, with very little sunset color, and there was no wind. My eyes thought they saw a critter flitting around through the trees. Could that be a bat? In my previous home in Lincoln City bats were frequent visitors to the garden, which had a fairly large pond. Here I have no pond, but there is a neighborhood water collecting area close by. There are zero mosquitos in my backyard. Maybe the bats are the reason.

I mentioned the supposed bat to my daughter and that sent us into a long remembrance of how much fun we have had through our years together with bats, starting when she was a newborn. I would put her in her stroller and on a warm summer's night we would go to an area where there was a creek, very few houses, and a large streetlight. The bats were everywhere. "Bat" was one of her first words. "Bat, Mama, Bat" and she would point with her chubby little arms to the light.

We laughed and it felt warm and cozy to have that conversation as I then confirmed that indeed there were many bats flying around the neighborhood and also right through my yard, quite close to where I was sitting. Sometimes I forget how wonderful it is to just go out and sit in the garden and look around, listen around, and zen out. Is that a real word? I don't know, but it is what I mean.

Google told me that there are 14 bat species in the state of Washington. I don't know the variety here, but maybe I'll dig into this subject, just for fun. Garden on!

**Humor Corner**



**You say introvert. I say state of the art social filtration system that improves the quality and purity of interaction by preemptively reducing contaminants.**