



# The Village News

VILLAGES CLARK COUNTY

## September 2025

## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS STAY NEIGHBORS

## IN THIS ISSUE

Below is a list of September 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.

**Ridgefield Multicultural Festival**-9/6 from 9-3 p.m. Downtown Ridgefield. The festival will have entertainment, games, vendors, and arts and crafts. For more info. go to: [Ridgefield Multicultural Initiative - Ridgefield Multicultural Festival](#)

**Summer Concert Series**- 9/12 at 5:30 at O.O Howard House. Close out the season with the electrifying sounds of [Exit 52](#)! This high-energy dance band will keep you moving with a crowd-pleasing mix of rock, funk, pop, blues, and disco. For more info. go to: [Summer Concert Series: Exit 52 - The Historic Trust](#)

**78<sup>th</sup> Street Heritage Farm Walking Tour**: 9/13 at the Heritage Farm. Join the WSU Extension Clark County Master Gardener program for a guided tour of the 79-acre 78th Street Heritage Farm. Stroll the property with a docent and learn about the property's history and its current role in horticulture education, agricultural research, food security, and community enrichment. \*This will involve walking on uneven ground. For info, go to: [78th Street Heritage Farm | Clark County](#)



Live alone? We have a new safety device that you can receive from VCC. Find out more on [page 2](#).



Our annual fundraiser is this month. Find out how you can help support us on [page 4](#).



Food is getting more expensive. Find some helpful resources on [page 5](#).

## Say “Hello” to Hello Everyday!

Do you live alone? Those of us who live alone sometimes worry that something will happen to us, and we will not be found quickly. Hello Everyday is a simple device to help overcome some of those worries. A few minutes after it is plugged in, it begins to sense movement around it. If it does not detect movement by noon, it will send an alert to your designated contact(s). Your contact can then take appropriate action to check on your welfare.

**Villages Clark County** has been given a limited number of these devices for our members. There is no cost to you for the device. Correct, no cost to you. Ever. There are a few requirements to qualify.

To qualify to receive one of these devices, you must:

- Be a member of **Villages Clark County (VCC)**
- Live alone
- Not have daily contact with family or other support at your home
- Provide at least one contact person (up to 5)
- Live where a cell signal is available (a cell phone works)

If you would like to be considered to receive one of these devices, please contact the office by phone (360-553-1520) or email ([info@villagesclarkcounty.org](mailto:info@villagesclarkcounty.org)). Just give your name and say that you would like to have Hello Everyday in your home.

If you are selected to receive one of the available devices, two VCC volunteers will bring the device to your home and install it. You will be asked to give the name and phone number (or email address) for your contact(s). The device will be operating within 2 days, and then both you and your contact(s) will feel a bit more secure about your well-being.



## 2025 VCC Picnic – Aug

If you missed it, you missed some great food, great fun, and great friends!



## September 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".

Tuesdays at Ten-9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23 and 9/30 Coffee and breakfast at The KitchenTable in Salmon Creek. 1319 NE 134<sup>th</sup> St. Vancouver.

Thursdays at 9:30-9/4, 9/11, 9/18, and 9/25 Coffee and breakfast at Sunny's Diner 1801 SE 164<sup>th</sup> Ave (same parking lot as Big Al's)

Sept 8th and Sept 22nd @ 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.

Sept 11<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)

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> @ 1-4 p.m. VNW 10-year celebration! See details on page 4.

Sept 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m.-Book Club. See details below.

Sept 17<sup>th</sup> @ 4 p.m. VCC Happy Hour. See details below.

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> @ 4 p.m.-Circle of Pride. See details on page 5.

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30-VCC V101. See details below.

Sept 25<sup>th</sup>-Give More 24! Day of giving. See details on page 4.

### VCC Book Club

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. in the First Presbyterian Church Library.

**We are reading:** We will be selecting our books for 2025-2026. Please bring book ideas with you.



### VCC Happy Hour

**When:** Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

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

**Where:** Amaro's Table-Hazel Dell  
816 NE 98<sup>th</sup> Cir, Vancouver 98665

### V-101

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

**When:** Saturday  
September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** First Presbyterian Church-Fireside Room  
4300 Main St. Vancouver

## Fall Recreation Activities for Vancouver Residents is open now!

**Vancouver Parks and Rec:** Join us! From parent and child pottery classes to hikes for older adults, there is an activity for every member of your family. View our [printable fall activity guides](#).

Register online [Activity search | Vancouver Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services | Registration](#)



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. (Early giving opens Sep 9<sup>th</sup>)

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**Celebrating 10 Years of Villages NW: A Once-in-a-Decade Celebration at Oaks Park! The last day to RSVP is September 1st**

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.

**Humor Corner**

The fact that my entire body cracks like a glowstick when ever I move yet refuses to actually glow is very disappointing

It's okay to cut negative people out of your life.

Just don't use your fabric scissors.

**VCC Wishes a Happy September Birthday to:**

**Anna M Byrne (9/2)**

**Jamila Johnson (9/6)**

**Larry Sanford (9/19)**

**Other notable celebrities with September Birthdays are:**

**Keanu Reeves (9/2)**

**Jane Curtin (9/6)**

**Jimmy Fallon (9/19)**

**Jim Henson (9/24)**



**Remember:**  
If you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.  
Quantum mechanics may be able to address this phenomenon one day.

## Circle of Pride

The first get together of the Villages Clark County Circle of Pride will be on Friday, September 19. Here are the details:

Date: Friday, September 19

Time: 4:00 PM

Place: El Coyote Tacos y Tequila  
108 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vancouver



The Circle of Pride is open to any Villager (member or volunteer) who is connected to the LGBTQIA+ community, either personally, as an ally, or as the parent, grandparent, etc. of someone who is gay, lesbian, bisexual, intersex, non-binary, or transgender. The Circle of Pride is about mutual caring and support. A group of friends with whom we can relax and converse freely about who we are, who our loved ones are, and the issues and stresses that we deal with regularly.

**Food for thought:** Question (raised by a VCC volunteer/member): Are there Villages Clark County members who need help with food? Such as:

- Access to a food pantry or food bank?
- Basic food items?
- Stretching their food dollars - the cupboard is bare at the end of month?
- Wishing to improve their health and wellness by eating a nutritious diet?
- Someone to prepare healthy meals for them?
- More variety in their food choices?
- Opportunities to meet people in Villages Clark County or in the wider community.

Villages Clark County has some resources available to help our members.

- Clark County Food Bank (™) has over 100 food distribution sites. ● Online: <https://www.clarkcountyfoodbank.org/foodfinder> helps you locate a nearby food pantry.

Villages Clark County may also be able help connect you with the right people. Villages Clark County volunteers may be able to take you, or we can shop for you. Call us. 360-553-1520. Your information will be kept confidential. These food banks/pantries do not ask for any income information.

- Meals on Wheels (™) delivers prepared meals to your home. <https://www.mowp.org/>
  - Meals on Wheels(™) also provides meals in a congregate setting at various locations around the county. Online search <https://www.mowp.org/what-we-do/dining-centers/>
    - The Diner (™) (restaurant) has a Senior menu with free lunch, for seniors, available Pre-registration needed.
    - OR call Villages Clark County 360-553-1520, we will help you locate a dining center near you

(Resources are subject to change, depending on program funding)

## *Clippings from the Garden*

### *September 2025*

Fall bulb planting time is a tough one for many gardeners, this one included. It is not my favorite garden activity. It involves hard work, digging way too many holes in the ground, and placing compost everywhere around the holes. It is hard work and the weather, sometimes, does not encourage being outside. The PNW is notorious for quirky weather in the Fall. We are creeping up on Fall and as I write this, August 21, the weather forecast is for 100 degrees in the next few days. Who knows what will happen next month. If it isn't too hot, then watch out for the cold and rain. Either way, the hard work and iffy weather will be richly rewarded in the Spring when those snowdrop flowers, tulips, daffodils, and other assorted beauties decorate our lives.

If you want to enjoy bulbs but do not want to plant outside, then I have something for you:



**Grape hyacinths** bloom early and are quite vigorous. You can enjoy them in the bowl on the deck or balcony and then when they are done blooming give them to someone who has a yard (or do it yourself), and plant them outside. They will bloom for years. They also multiply the next year.

**Tulips** are a favorite for everyone: They do quite well in pots. Some will continue to bloom year after year, but most do not. Their short life in our garden is well worth the work to enjoy them. Such beauties.



**Crocuses** are also early bloomers and will re-bloom if planted outdoors after the first bloom. I have seen crocus blooming years and years after they are planted.

**Daffodils** also do well. Not only can you plant them in the ground in the Fall for Spring bloom outdoors, you can also plant them and place them on a window sill for an inside bloom. Crocus and snowdrops do well inside also. Tulips are a little more tricky.



There is a ton of information online to read through to get more information about bulb planting, but the bulb package will also have good information and directions. Always read the label.

Garden On!

Janet

