



The Village News



October 2025

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS STAY NEIGHBORS


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Below is a list of 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.


Dine the Couve-All month at participating restaurants. Want to try a new restaurant or go to a favorite one? All month participating restaurants are offering 3 courses for \$33 deal. To find out who and what they are offering, go to: [Dine the Couve | Vancouver Dining Month & Restaurants](#)

Birdfest and Bluegrass Festival: 10/4 in Ridgefield. Celebrate the return of the sandhill crane at the Wildlife Refuge and then head downtown for music, crafts and food. For more info and the schedule, go to: [BirdFest & Bluegrass - Friends of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge](#)

Haunted Cemetery Tour-10/11 at 1:30. Tour the three oldest cemeteries: the Hudson’s Bay Company Cemetery, Vancouver Barracks National Cemetery, and Vancouver’s Old City Cemetery. Tours will begin on the half hour at each location. Participants are responsible for transportation between cemeteries. For more info, go to: [Guided Tour of Vancouver’s Three Oldest Cemeteries](#)

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VCC’s annual meeting is this month. See who is running for our 2026 Council on [page 2](#).
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A VCC Member and volunteer is having an art show in October. Find out who on [page 4](#).
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Fall is a busy time in our yards and in our houses. Find some tips on tackling it on [page 5](#).

VCC Annual Meeting

Villages Clark County will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday Oct. 19th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

The Business Meeting will be 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, followed by snacks and socializing.

The following 2026 Council Slate of Candidates to be affirmed by a majority of active members and volunteers who are present:

Greer Davidson
John Chapman
Pam Miller-Tatro
Ramona Perkins
Laura Cook
Michelle Adelman
Laurie Chinn (Treasurer)
Anjala Ehelebe (VNW Liaison)

You can attend to get updates on our village, and to vote on your Council representatives, either 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

On Zoom:

Topic: VCC Governing Council

Time: 1:00- 2:30 pm (+ or -)

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

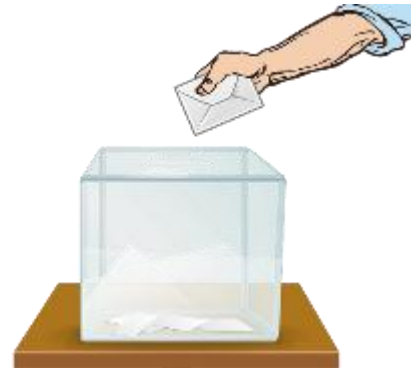
Meeting ID: 826 1162 3815

Passcode: 913377

Dial by your location

• +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Zoom assistance is available: call 360-533-5120 ASAP to schedule Tech support. Support will not be available on 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".

Tuesdays at Ten-10/7, 10/14, 10/21, and 10/28 Coffee and breakfast at The KitchenTable in Salmon Creek. 1319 NE 134th St. Vancouver.

Thursdays at 9:30-10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23 and 10/30 Coffee and breakfast at Sunny's Diner 1801 SE 164th Ave (same parking lot as Big Al's)

Oct 9th @ 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. 13th and Oct. 27th @ 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.

Oct 15th @ 10 a.m.-Book Club. See details below.

Oct 19th @ 1:00 p.m.-VCC Annual Meeting. See details on page 2.

Oct 22nd @ 1-3pm All Volunteer Roundtable First Presbyterian Church, Rm 121.

Oct 22nd @ 4 p.m.-VCC Happy Hour. See details below.

Oct. 25th-V101. See details below.

Oct. 30th @ 5 p.m.-Circle of Pride. See details below.

VCC Book Club

Wednesday, October 15th at 10:00 A.M. in the First Presbyterian Church Library.



We are reading:

An Irish Country Doctor by Patrick Taylor - choose any book of this series.

VCC Happy Hour

When: Wednesday, October 22nd

Time: 4-6 p.m.

Where: Auto's Pub

16209 SE McGillivray Blvd,
Vancouver.

V-101

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

When: Saturday, October 25th at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Location TBD

Check the website calendar:
<https://villagesclarkcounty.org/events>
or call 360-553-1520.

Villages Clark County Circle of Pride

The Circle of Pride will meet on Thursday, October 30, at UnderBar from 5:00 to 7:00

Members and allies of the LGBTQIA2S+ community are encouraged to join us!

UnderBar is located at 1701 1/2 Broadway in Vancouver WA.

Meet the Artist, Jennifer Hart-A VCC Member and Volunteer

Saturday Oct 4, 2025, 10am – 1pm

LatteDa Coffee House, 205 E 39th St, Vancouver

I am the October artist at LatteDa and will have 17 pieces of mosaic art on display for the entire month. On October 4th I will be in the café to meet and talk with people. Please come and have a coffee or pastry, visit with me, and view my art.

A Gathering of Villages-Villages NW 10th Anniversary



VCC Wishes a Happy October Birthday to:

Cecille Ellis (10/2)

Claudia Shobert (10/19)

Karen Larrabee (10/24)

Other notable celebrities with October Birthdays are:

Kelly Ripa (10/2)

John Lithgow (10/19)

Kevin Kline (10/24)



Humor Corner

One thing no one ever talks about when it comes to being an adult is how much time we debate keeping a cardboard box because it's... you know... a really good box.



I see people my age hiking mountains and zip lining...
Meanwhile, I'm just proud when I get my leg through my underwear without falling over.

Clippings from the Garden

October, 2025

Fall Things

My neighbor's yard sprouted some fall creatures that are nocturnal. You won't believe it. The small children in the 26th Court Cul de Sac are giddy with joy when in the early evening these critters begin to come to life. All day long they just lay there, gathering dust and falling oak leaves. Slowly turning to compost. I wish.

On another note, if you are landscaping a large property and wish to add more large plants, then now is the time to plant trees. How I wish I could plant groves of redwoods, oak trees, Douglas firs, or pines to leave a legacy and a healthier planet to the next generation. I cannot do that here, but if I lived on property that could handle it I surely would. Not a spelling error.



If you have houseplants, then now might be a good time to assess whether or not they need to be repotted. I have a Peace Lily plant that I adopted and now is a member of the small but mighty gathering in my dining room window. It has not bloomed for a long time and looks a bit crowded in its plain terra cotta pot. I think it deserves better so I will shop for a prettier pot that is about one to two inches larger in diameter. Black Gold (I am not paid by them for this hint) is one of the very best potting soils and since this is a relatively smaller plant, I will go for the gold. Your houseplants also will do better with some fertilizer. I have discovered that all of my houseplants, whether or not they bloom, like African Violet food. This is my opinion, not a researched opinion.

Fall is also clean up time. Some outside shrubs are being cut back and tidied up. I am considering removing one that is totally boring. The whole area is too crowded and is dominated by a large Oregon White Oak. This is the major contributor to the leaf fall that is now happening. I am trying to keep up with it rather than waiting until the trees are done. I am using the leaf blower/vacuum tool that I bought last year. It will suck up the leaves, chop them up, and save them to a bag which then gets spread as mulch or removed. I like the concept of doing a big job in smaller bits. My shoulder and I argue over whether I should be doing this, but for now I win. Every other day or so, I work on it for about 15-20 minutes.

In closing, I have a favor to ask. If you are reading this, could you please let me know what kinds of gardening related issues you would like to know more about or would just like to see in this column? Some folks have issues that I am not aware of and I would really like to hear from you. Send comments, questions, or complaints to janet.houck3@gmail.com. Thank you.

Other VNW Events:

Envisioning My Future: Healthy Bodies, Healthy Brains Through the Arts

Friday, October 24

TaborSpace

5441 SE Belmont, Portland

Hosted by Villages NW

Register Today! When you register, please let us know in the Comments box the name of your Village and if you have any special dietary needs. Lunch will be served.

Janae Taylor from OHSU will kick off the day with a presentation on the impact of creativity, and the physical and cognitive health benefits of social connection and relationship quality as we age. Then we'll hear from Earthtones about the importance of music and Eastside Village will tell us about their Messy Beautiful Art (MBA) program.

In the afternoon there will be dancing with Let's Dance and Dance for Universal Peace along with demonstrations and hands on experiences Legos, loose threads, collage, junk journals, contour drawing, cross-stitching, haiku, card making and more. Come and experience what fun and healthful benefits we can reap from the arts!

SAVE THE DATE: Listen Lunch & Learn Celebrates Village Councils (current/past/potential council members)

Wednesday, November 12, 10:00 am – 2:30 pm

Providence Willamette Falls Community Center

519 15th St, Oregon City

Hosted by Villages NW

Registration Now Open! Registration Required by November 5.

Corrected registration link: <https://evite.me/WDsjEpiGEk>

