



# The Village News

November 2025

## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS STAY NEIGHBORS

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Below is a list of November 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.

**Vancouver Symphony “Rhapsody in Blues” Featuring Pianist Marc Andre-Hamelin**-Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. or Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3 p.m. Skyview Concert Hall. If you can’t attend in person, they will have it via livestream. For more info, go to: [Buy: Rhapsody in Blue](#)

**Downtown Wine Walk Sips of the Season:** Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1 (early check-in for shopping and dining)-6 p.m. (tasting start at 3 p.m.) Experience Ridgefield Main Street’s *Sips of the Season Wine Walk* and enjoy tastings from more than 15 regional wineries, cideries, and breweries while exploring the charm of our vibrant downtown. For info and tickets, go to: [Sips of the Season Wine Walk hosted by Ridgefield Main Street Tickets, Sat, Nov 1, 2025 at 3:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

**Veterans Day Parade** – Nov.11 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Fort Vancouver Features over 75 entries, including veterans’ organizations, military vehicles, marching bands, ROTC units, equestrian groups, and youth organizations. For more info, go to: [37th Annual Lough Legacy Veterans Parade - The Historic Trust](#)



It’s time to renew your Medicare Advantage plan. Find resources on [page 2](#).



Holidays are coming. If you need assistance, there’s a reminder on [page 2](#).



Fall is a busy time for gardening. Find out how to prepare for next year on [page 4](#).



**Whether you need to sign up for basic Medicare or find/renew an Advantage Plan, now is the time!** There are 45 Medicare Advantage Plans available in our area, including 9 new plans. Even if you're happy with your current plan, now's the time to explore all your options. You could save money, find better coverage, or both!

### [Compare Coverage Options](#)

At [Medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.Medicare.gov/plan-compare), you can easily compare all the coverage options in your area — from basic Medicare, to Medicare Advantage plans, to Part D drug plans, and more.

### Tips to help you compare:

- **Add your prescription drugs** and local pharmacies to get better estimates of your prescription drug costs.
- See if your preferred **doctors are in-network** for the plans you're considering.
- **More easily search for plans that include additional benefits** like vision, hearing, dental coverage, or fitness benefits.
- Double-check that your **specific prescription drugs are covered by the plan** before you enroll in it. In 2026, your out-of-pockets costs for covered drugs are capped at \$2,100. The cap only applies to drugs covered by your plan, so it's important to make sure your drugs are covered.

### Service Request Reminder:

Please send your Service Requests (SRs) to the office early. Volunteers wish to celebrate the holidays with family, so they reduce their volunteer hours during this time. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

To schedule, call or text 360-553-1520 or email [info@villagesclarkcounty.org](mailto:info@villagesclarkcounty.org)

-SR Team

### SAVE THE DATE: Listen Lunch & Learn Celebrates Village Councils – for all Past, Present, and Prospective Council Members

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

Providence Willamette Falls Community Center

519 15<sup>th</sup> St, Oregon City

Hosted by Villages NW

**Registration Now Open! [Registration Required](#) by November 5.**

**Don't forget to Vote**

**November 4, 2025**

## November 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-11/4/, 11/11, 11/18, and 11/25 Coffee and breakfast at The KitchenTable in Salmon Creek. 1319 NE 134<sup>th</sup> St. Vancouver.

Thursdays at 9:30-11/6, 11/13, and 11/20, Coffee and breakfast at Sunny's Diner 1801 SE 164<sup>th</sup> Ave (same parking lot as Big Al's)

Nov 10th and Nov. 24th @ 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.

Nov 13<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)

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30-V101. See details below.

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m.-Circle of Pride. Location TBD

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m.-Book Club. See details below.

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> @ 3 p.m.-VCC Happy Hour. See details below.

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> @ 3-5 p.m. All Volunteer Social + "Drive By - Say Hi" pickup. No meeting in November (holiday). FPC Fireside Rm.

### VCC Book Club

Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. in the First Presbyterian Church Library.

We are reading:  
Teacher Man by Frank McCourt



### VCC Happy Hour

**When:** Wednesday, November 19th

**Time:** 3-5 p.m.

**Where:** Bunny's Pizza (used to be Vinnie's)

206 Main Ave #110  
Ridgefield, WA.

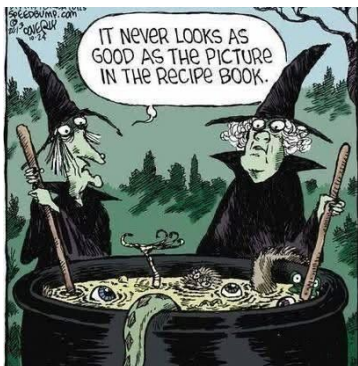
### V-101

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

**When:** Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** Meyer Memorial Trust Community Room  
Battle Ground Library 1207 SE 8<sup>th</sup> Way, Battle Ground

## Humor Corner



Every marriage has two types of people:

The one who loves to declutter and the one emotionally attached to random cables from 2008.

MY FAVORITE EXERCISE IS A  
CROSS BETWEEN A LUNGE  
AND A CRUNCH...

I CALL IT "LUNCH."

## Clippings from the Garden

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By Janet Houck

**At a gathering of Villagers** the other day, one lovely lady was telling me that she had successfully brought several plants into the house by herself. This was no small task. She is a wonderful gardener, pays attention to details, and her home and gardens demonstrate how well she works. She has a large jade plant that lives in the house during the winter months and lives on her west facing front porch during the summer months. Her story reminded me that I need to do the same. I have a large Christmas cactus that has been outside for the summer, on my shaded west facing back porch. Today it will come in. Sometimes it is easy to forget that some of our houseplants can go outside during our mild months but need to be protected during late fall and wintertime. So, consider yourself reminded. A jade plant is pictured on the left.



### VCC Wishes a Happy November Birthday to:

**Maghee Thompson (11/3)**

**Kathy Mather (11/11)**

**Lee Nusich (11/14)**

**Amy Craig (11/14)**

**Cecilia Kessel (11/15)**

**Phyllis Robinson (11/24)**

### Other notable celebrities with November Birthdays are:

**Dennis Miller (11/3)**

**Demi Moore (11/11)**

**Claude Monet (11/14)**

**Ed Asner (11/15)**

**Dale Carnegie (11/24)**



**Of course, the other fall job is to deal with the leaves** if you have them. The large grape plant that is on an arbor in my neighbor's backyard beautifully flops over my fence. When I moved into this house, she graciously asked if I wanted her to cut it back or to let it go. I told her that I enjoyed it and would deal with it myself. On this October morning, I see that it is turning pretty shades of gold on its way to dropping all the leaves. At that point I will just cut back most of the stems. I am training a few to run along the top of my fence. I get to enjoy a few bunches of what appears to be Thompson seedless. Sweet light green grapes show up in the fall. Yum.

**Some of the oak leaves will be left on the ground**, but most of them need to be raked up and removed. If I had more land, I would not remove any from the property, but this small property cannot handle all of it. Several bags will go to a neighbor who has a large garlic plot of about an acre behind his home. He mulches the entire acre with leaves from the neighbors. Alas, the rest just go to the various composting businesses around Vancouver. Squirrels are busy burying their acorns especially in the large flowerpots that have lovely soft potting soil. We are battling over several pots in my front driveway where I want to have winter pansies. I plant new plants and then find them dug up, pushed aside, and replaced neatly with their food stores. It's okay. We shall just get along.

**It is also time to plant spring bulbs:** tulips, daffodils, and alliums are the most popular. If you get a chance to shop for some of the lesser known, smaller, but interesting bulbs, you might want to try some. If you do not have much room but are interested in trying some bulbs, they do just fine in pots. Daffodils and tulips are the most plentiful in local stores. Try it, you just might like that. They do best in full sun (six to eight hours/day). Alliums are pictured on the right.

