



# The Village News

December 2025

## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS STAY NEIGHBORS

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Below is a list of December 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.

**Party on the Plaza** Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 4-7 pm. Providence Academy. Come celebrate the new Sacred Heart Plaza at Ed Lynch Square. Watch a live ice sculpture demo, have hot cocoa, explore the plaza, and talk with docents indoors about the Academy indoors. For more info, go to: <https://www.visitvancouverwa.com/event/party-on-the-plaza/29453/>

**Vancouver Master Chorale:** Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. or Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 3 p.m. First Presbyterian Church. From ancient carols to contemporary songs, this concert will lead our audience on a mindful, devotional, and celebratory journey for the Winter Holidays. For info and tickets, go to: <https://vancouvermasterchorale.org/event/winter-concert-a-celebration-of-light/>

**Menorah Lighting-** Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 4 p.m Vancouver Waterfront near Evoke Winery. Celebrate the first night of Chanukah with the lighting of the 19 ft Grand Menorah. Enjoy free donuts, festive music, and a live ice-carving of a Menorah. For more info, go to: <https://jewishvancouverwa.com/holiday-celebrations>



Drive by and say “Hi” is bringing some holiday cheer. Find out more on **page 2.**



All of us can be leaders for Villages Clark County. Find out more on **page 2.**



Want to learn a new hobby without the commitment? Need a tool? The library can help. Find out how to try them out on **page 4.**

## Holiday Cheer for our Members

Every year Villages Clark County tries to provide some sort of holiday cheer for our villagers.

This past year we have also started a program we call “Drive by to Say Hi!”. We do this quarterly as an opportunity for volunteers to meet members and build relationships as well as for members to know that we care and wish to stay in touch. Fostering fellowship and building community is the primary reason the Village movement exists.



This Holiday Season, volunteers will be bringing a gift bag to all members between Dec 12th and January 6th. As a member, you should be expecting a telephone call from your assigned volunteer asking for a mutually agreeable time to stop by to deliver the gift bag. Please consider inviting the volunteer for a brief chat and ‘getting to know you’.

The gift will be made by our own volunteers with love and well wishes for all of our members. If the gift is ‘not your thing’, please pass the gift onto another person who will enjoy it.

### VCC Council - Leading by Example

On November 19th, Village founders and Village Council members past and present were invited to be honored for working hard to help Villages thrive. Your VCC Council had five representatives. The 60 attendees, from all local villages, were inspired and full of conversation exchanging ideas and thoughts.

Prior Villages NW Board President, Charlie Meyer, shared some leadership thoughts with everyone that we all can use. He described a non-traditional meaning to leadership that he learned in his Boy Scouts experience at a young age – Leadership is helping other people at all times. Being a leader is not a title; it is an attitude.

When we take initiative to serve, we lead by example. We see it throughout Villages Clark County. When we help our Village in any way, we lead by example. One member pick’s our Happy Hour location each month. One volunteer makes the volunteer badges. They lead by example, doing one thing they enjoy. Can you? Contact [jchapman@villagesclarkcounty.org](mailto:jchapman@villagesclarkcounty.org) to discuss options.



*We wish all of our members and volunteers a wonderful and happy holiday season!*

## December 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-12/2, 12/9, 12/16 and 12/23 Coffee and breakfast at The KitchenTable in Salmon Creek. 1319 NE 134<sup>th</sup> St. Vancouver.

Thursdays at 9:30-12/4, 12/11, and 12/18, Coffee and breakfast at Sunny's Diner 1801 SE 164<sup>th</sup> Ave (same parking lot as Big Al's)

Dec 8th and Dec. 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.

Dec 11<sup>th</sup> @ 1-3 p.m. VCC Village 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)

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> @ 3-5 p.m. All Volunteer Holiday Social + "Drive By - Say Hi" pickup. FPC Fireside Rm. See details on page 2.

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

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> @ 3 p.m.-VCC Happy Hour. See details below.

### VCC Book Club

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

#### We are reading:

Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver



### VCC Happy Hour

**When:** Wednesday, December 17th

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

**Where:** Senor Taps

3600 NW 119th St,  
Vancouver, WA 98685.

## Humor Corner



Marriage is accepting that your wife can switch from "We need to save money" to "You only live once" In the same day, and you never know which version you're getting.

I used to be cool.  
Now I say things like, "I better sit up so I don't get heartburn"

### VCC Wishes a Happy December Birthday to:

Janet Houck (12/1)

Elsie Chan (12/6)

Elva Eliason (12/12)

Patty Powers (12/19)

Kathy Adams (12/21)

### Other notable celebrities with December Birthdays are:

Bette Midler (12/1)

Judd Apatow (12/6)

Bob Barker (12/12)

Reggie Wright (12/19)

Jane Fonda (12/21)



## Did you know?...FVRL now has a Library of Things?

The **Library of Things** is a hands-on collection that lets you explore, create, and discover—beyond books. Borrow items like telescopes, drill kits, ukuleles, sewing machines, and more from participating libraries. Individuals with resident and non-resident cards can now begin to place holds on items using your library card.

To borrow from Library of Things, you must be a **Resident Account holder** or have purchased a **Non-Resident Fee account**. The collection is not available for ConnectCards, Reciprocal, Limited, or Teacher accounts.

Patrons may **checkout 2 items at a time**, and **2 renewals** are allowed if there are no holds on the item.

To learn more and to see what they have available, go to: <https://www.fvrl.org/library-of-things>.

## Beat the Holiday Blues: Top 5 Holiday Tips for Caregivers and Older Adults

adapted from Senior Source

Here are a few tips to help you navigate the holiday season with grace and ease.

- 1. Start New Traditions** – We put so much pressure on ourselves trying to recreate the perfect moments of Holiday's past Focus on starting new traditions. Besides aren't the imperfect moments the things we remember and still laugh about the most!
- 2. Keep It Simple** –Keeping holiday decor simple and festive is key...besides do we really need trees in every room?
- 3. Christmas Potluck** – Who says you must cook? Ask family members to bring their favorite holiday dish; this is the perfect opportunity for everyone to show off their culinary skills and bring their favorite dish.
- 4. Plan Ahead** – If you are planning to attend a holiday party, take a road trip to visit family, attend worship service, or all the above make a plan and consider things like parking and if extra assistance is needed.
- 5. Give Yourself the Gift of Time** – Don't neglect your self-care! Plan some down time for yourself; watch a silly holiday movie, take a drive, and enjoy the holiday lights, meet up with friends in-person or virtually, Be good to yourself and enjoy a little down time.