



The Village News

January 2026

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS STAY NEIGHBORS

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Below is a list of January 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 events.

Swap Days: Kindred Home Supply. Various swap events are taking place in January. Jan. 2nd-Regift swap 10-2 p.m., Jan. 16th-Book Swap 11-2 p.m., Jan. 25th-Seed Swap 9-2 p.m. and Jan. 30th-Jewelry Swap 11-2 p.m. Come bring your items that need a new home and swap it for something you need or want. For more info, go to: <https://kindredvancouver.com/pages/workshops-events>

Ne Plus Jazz Band Orchestra Jan. 2nd @ 7 p.m. Providence Academy. The ensemble transports audiences to the golden age of Hot Jazz and Sweet Dance Music, specializing in the tunes of Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, and George Gershwin. For more info, go to: <https://www.thehistorictrust.org/calendar/ne-plus-ultra-jazz-orchestra-at-providence-academy-3/>

Audiobook Walking Club Jan 26th @ 9:30 a.m. Bring your audiobook of choice and meet us each month at a new outdoor location-this month the Heritage Trail in Camas. You'll walk for 60 min. and then wrap up with an optional 30 min. of social time to chat with book lovers. For more info, go to: <https://camaspl.librarycalendar.com/event/audiobook-walking-club-25171>



Do you live alone? See how VCC can help you stay safe on **page 2.**



From walking together to attending a tea party - there are some new VCC activities to participate in. Find out more on **pages 2-4**



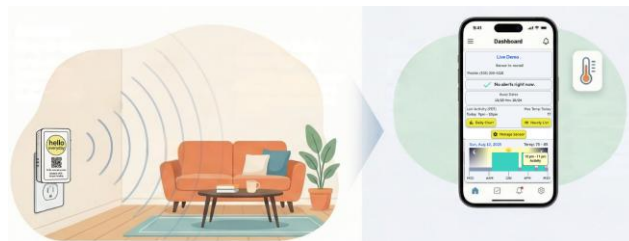
January is a good time to start prepping and planning your spring garden. Find some things you can do on **page 5.**

Hello Everyday!

We still have some Hello Everyday devices available!

Hello Everyday is a simple device to help overcome some of the worries of living alone. It plugs into a normal electrical outlet and senses movement in the room. If it

does not detect movement by noon (or another time you select), 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 to have one of these devices for your home, please contact the office by phone (360-553-1520) or email (info@villagesclarkcounty.org). Just give your name and say that you would like to have a Hello Everyday device in your home.

If you qualify to receive one of the devices, a VCC volunteer 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.

Morning Walkabout!

Saturday, January 10, 2026

10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Where: Meet at the parking lot between McMenamins and the Oswego Grill on the Vancouver waterfront (SE Columbia River Drive).

Join fellow Villagers on this inaugural stroll along the Vancouver waterfront, approximately 2 miles in length. For those who wish, we will have an optional stop at Savona Coffee House immediately following the walk. We will discuss what we as a group might like to plan moving forward - other walks, ideas, etc.

Please RSVP to Kathy Davis at kdavis0116@comcast.net, or text to 360-787-3197.

Leisurely paced. All abilities welcome!

January VCC Events

Check the website calendar before all events/meetings for any changes or updated information.

(<https://villagesclarkcounty.org/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-1/6, 1/13, 1/20 and 1/27 Coffee and breakfast at The KitchenTable in Salmon Creek. 1319 NE 134th St. Vancouver.

Thursdays at 9:30-1/8, 1/15, 1/22 and 1/29 Coffee and breakfast at Sunny's Diner 1801 SE 164th Ave (same parking lot as Big Al's)

Jan 7th @ 3 p.m. VCC Happy Hour. See details below.

Jan 8th @ 1-3 p.m. VCC 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

Jan 21st @ 10 a.m.-Book Club. See details below.

Jan 24th @ 10:30-V-101. See details below

Jan. 28th @ 1 p.m.-All Volunteer Roundtable. Hybrid: at First Presbyterian Church, or online (watch for email of Zoom web connection)

VCC Book Club

Wednesday, January 21st at 10:00 A.M. in the First Presbyterian Church Library.

We are reading:

Girl Gone Missing by Marcia Rendon



V-101

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

When: Saturday, Jan. 24th at 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Where: Vancouver Community Library

Skamania Room

901 C st.

Vancouver, WA.

VCC Happy Hour

When: Wednesday, Jan. 7th

Time: 3-5 p.m.

Where:

A Beer At A Time
216 NE 3rd Ave
Camas WA

360-835-5200



VCC Wishes a Happy January Birthday to:

Scott Swenson (1/1)

Barb Faith (1/2)

Melissa Hernandez (1/4)

Nuala Davies (1/19)

Rena Benette (1/21)

Greer Davidson (1/26)

Other notable celebrities with January Birthdays are:

J. Edgar Hoover (1/1)

Cuba Gooding Jr. (1/2)

Doris Kearns Goodwin (1/4)

Dolly Parton (1/19)

Placido Domingo (1/21)

Eddie Van Halen (1/26)



VCC Anniversary Tea Party

Members and Volunteers are invited to celebrate the 7th Anniversary of Villages Clark County at a Potluck Tea Party!

—When: February 10, 2026 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

—Where: First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver in the Fireside Room.

—Who: **The first 30 members or volunteers who RSVP “ YES “ :**

—Call 360-553-1520 (VCC office) by January 27, 2026

—Information needed:

—Your name and contact information

—Your choice of item to bring (see below)

—Your request for transportation to and from event (if needed).

Each attendee will choose from one of the following food categories and bring six portions on a disposable plate or in a disposable bag:

- Muffins
- Cookies
- Sandwiches
- Savory (non-sweet) Pastries
- Sweet Pastries
- Sweet Bread

Please feel free to purchase food at a local grocery store bakery department. Or, if you’d prefer to bake your own and have access to a computer, you can find recipes on the Pinterest website. Maybe you have a trusted recipe already. Remember, bakeries are also a fine choice. With your goodies, please include a list of ingredients.

NOTE: When you RSVP upon calling the Villages Clark County office at 360-553-1520, Pat Rimmer will return your phone call, so please be sure to leave your name contact information, item bringing, and if you’re needing transportation to and from.



Do you like to do jigsaw puzzles?

VCC has puzzles for our Members. Just let us know you would like one and we will deliver it to your door. Call the office (360-553-1520).



Clippings from the Garden January 2026



As I write this, we have just been through two gully-washing rain events in SW Washington. The north part of the state has had many main highways closed. More rain is predicted. So, buckle up, as they say. We here in SW Washington have apparently had it much gentler. There have been some flooded roads, but nothing too serious. I hope all of you are safe, warm, and dry. I hope your gardens have weathered December. Mine has had a few problems. Nothing that serious, but my sore back is letting me know there is more work to do.

A few nights ago, I was rudely awakened by the sounds of something hitting the roof. That is not a good sound due to the fact that a very large Oregon White Oak dominates my back yard. There are a couple of other smaller oaks and a few large Douglas Firs. I checked the back yard briefly, saw nothing too serious other than some smaller branches on the ground, and went back to bed. When the morning light came, I went outside to check. There was almost nothing on the roof, many downed smaller branches, and pieces of fir needles and lichens all over the place. Nothing serious. I had heard a chain saw working during the night and saw a large fir tree down over the main street that leads into our part of the neighborhood. Someone had cut off part of the tree, moved it to the side, and created a one lane clear part of the road. I was able to leave the area to attend to business. When I returned, a few hours later there was a large rig clearing out the whole tree and cleaning up the street.

So, on to January garden chores:

- Plan to begin to replace varieties of ornamental plants that are susceptible to disease. Check with your local garden center and carefully read labels of plants. Do your research.
- If you so desire, take hardwood cuttings of deciduous ornamental shrubs and trees for propagation.
- If you have been having problems, now is a good time to order a soil test. Check with the local extension office for a list of labs in your area.
- Begin planning your vegetable garden. If you start your own seeds, some plants will begin soon. It is a super inexpensive way to garden. Even if you plant only a few vegetables, starting from seed is really interesting.
- If you keep a garden journal, be sure to continue to write.
- Reapply or redistribute mulch that has been disturbed by winter rains and wind.
- Clean up small garden tools by wiping down with rubbing alcohol. Keep your clippers sharpened, clean, and dry.
- Moss in your lawn may mean too much shade or poor drainage. Correct conditions if moss is bothersome. Some folks do not mind the moss and actually encourage it.
- Take a walk around your neighborhood and take note of what your neighbors have in their yards that looks especially attractive this time of year. In small yards look for dwarf conifers. They are a hidden gem, in my opinion.

Garden On! Janet

Attention All Villagers in the Villages NW Family of Villages

Help Wanted

Volunteer(s) needed with Google Workspace Experience (GWS)

Background: The Finance Reorganization Team (FRT) conducted a GWS training in 2025. We received good feedback from attendees asking for more trainings and areas they'd like to see covered, in the future. We would like to accommodate our village GWS users by doing another training in the spring of 2026. We need some help. This is a good opportunity for those with GWS understanding to share your knowledge.

Volunteer(s) needed to provide help with two major areas:

1. Use your skills and knowledge to teach and coach the GWS training team (FRT) to prepare comprehensive training(s) to village end users.
 - a. Help identify and organize basic 101 training topics
 - b. Help identify and organize intermediate training topics
 - c. Target two user groups: Mac's and PC's

Do you have a good working knowledge of GWS? Do you want to hear more about this opportunity? Contact Wendy Orloff at: wendy.orloff@eastsidevillage.org

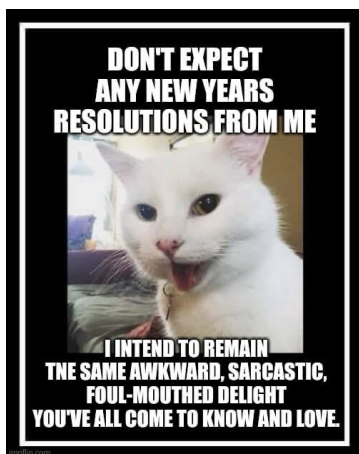
2. Help the Hub and Villages archive obsolete and/or out-dated files and documents.
 - a. Help prioritize removal and/or archival of files/documents
 - b. Help with file/document naming for archived files
 - c. Help establishing consistent formatting and locations for files/documents.

Do you want to hear more about this opportunity? Contact Lyn Trainer at: info@villagesnw.org.

The next Envisioning My Future, will be Friday, February 6 from 10:00 am - 2:30 pm at the PCC Opportunity Center @42nd Ave-4299 NE Killingsworth St. Portland, OR.

The topic is Home Safety and Preparing for Emergencies.

Humor Corner



This picture was given to a grade 1 class and the children were asked to suggest a headline.

The winning entry was:
Never swallow your bubblegum.

