



The Village News



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NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS STAY NEIGHBORS

IN THIS ISSUE

Below is a list of May 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.

Secret Spaces Tour: May 2nd at 9 a.m. @ Fort Vancouver. The tour will give participants a unique peek into typically unseen parts of The Marshall House, Grant House, and O.O Howard House. There will be a talk before each house and then a tour. It does include stairs. For tickets, go to:

<https://www.thehistorictrust.org/calendar/secret-spaces-three-house-tour-marshall-house-grant-house-and-o-o-howard-house-2/>

Society of Washington Artists Spring Art Show and Sale May 7th-9th at Vancouver United Church of Christ. Come see over 200 works of art by local artists. You can vote for the People's Choice Art award as well as purchase pieces. For more info, go to:

<https://www.gallery360.org>

Eruption Anniversary Views and Brews: 46 Years of Learning from the Volcano May 18th at 6:30 @ Heathen Brewing & Kitchen in Salmon Creek or virtual. USGS Scientist Emerita Carolyn Driedger will share her personal memories of the eruption of Mount St Helens as a scientist in the field and explore how the event has created ripple effects throughout the world. For tickets, go to:

<https://www.mshinstitute.org/events/views-and-brews-051826>



Are you a VCC volunteer, or a member who wants to thank a volunteer? Come celebrate at our appreciation event this month. Find out more on [page 2](#).



One of our first VCC members is featured on [page 4](#). Find out what VCC has meant to her.



When is the right time to plant your vegetables in Clark County? Find out on [pages 5 and 6](#).

Volunteer Celebration:

All volunteers please join us May 5 with a Cinco de Mayo celebration honoring you. Members who want to thank their volunteers are also encouraged to attend. A themed lunch, words of gratitude and gifts await you.

Time 1-3 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

4300 Main St

Vancouver

Fireside Room



ATTENTION all singers and musicians:

An interest has been voiced in having VCC sing-alongs

A perfect voice is not required! You just need to love music and songs.

Contact Michelle if interested in making this happen and we can work out details: 708-536-8901

WALK WITH US!

Join the Village Walkers for a leisurely 2-3 mile stroll from Marine Park to Wintler Park along the eastern section of the Waterfront Renaissance Trail in Vancouver, with a stop during the walk at The Cove for happy hour. Details follow!

WHEN: Sunday, May 24, 1:30 - 3:30 pm.

WHERE: Meet at the parking lot just after the pillar that says “Marine Park” at the entrance of the park. We’ll be on the lookout for you!

ADDRESS: 4501 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, WA 98661

PLEASE RSVP so that we can update you with any changes and know who is coming. **RSVP to Michelle Adelman, 707-536-8901; or Kathy Davis, 360-787-3197.** You may also email Kathy at kdavis0116@comcast.net.

Hope you will join us for this beautiful, easy walk!

Pictures from April’s Battle Ground Lake State Park walk:



May 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".**

Tell your Story-Every Wednesday from 10-12 at 7213 NE 58th St. Vancouver, WA. This is an opportunity to write your life story with the help of Dominic Sitowski.

Tuesdays at Ten-5/5, 5/12, 5/19, and 5/26 Coffee and breakfast at The KitchenTable in Salmon Creek. 1319 NE 134th St. Vancouver.

Thursdays at 9:30-5/7, 5/14, 5/21, and 5/28 Coffee and breakfast at Sunny's Diner 1801 SE 164th Ave (same parking lot as Big Al's)

May 5th @ 1 p.m. Volunteer Celebration luncheon. See details on page 2.

May 14th @ 1-3 p.m. VCC Council. Join us in person at First Presbyterian Church, Room 121, or on Zoom. Villagers are encouraged to attend. Contact Janet Houck via email at jhouck@villagesclarkcounty.org

May 9th@ 12:30-1:30 p.m. V-101. See details below (Public)

May 20th @ 10 a.m.-Book Club. See details below.

May 24th @ 1:30 p.m. VCC Walkers. See details on page 2.

May 27th @ 1 p.m.-All Volunteer Roundtable. Hybrid.

May 28th @ 4 p.m.-VCC Happy Hour. See details below.

VCC Book Club

Wednesday, May 20th at 10:00 A.M. in the First Presbyterian Church Library.

What we are reading: It's time to choose our books for the year. Bring your suggestions.



V-101

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

When: May 9th at 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Where: Ridgefield Community Library

210 N Main Ave, Ridgefield – Allene Wodaage Community Room

VCC Happy Hour

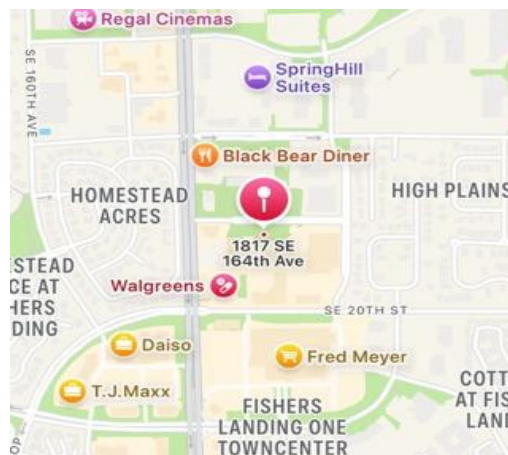
When: Thursday, May 28th

Time: 4-6 p.m.

Where: Vancouver Station Food Carts

1817 SE 164th Ave

Vancouver, WA. 98683 (Next to Big Als)



Member Spotlight



Meet Frankie Shetterly

Frankie is a wonderful woman who was one of the first members with Villages Clark County.

Frankie grew up in the Midwest and came to the Pacific Northwest when she married her husband. She has now been here over 50 years. When her husband passed away unexpectedly, she was having a difficult time. She had seen a segment on TV talking about the original Villages in Beacon Hill (Boston) and how the organization started. Then she was talking to her friend on the east coast who was a

volunteer for the Villages group in her town, and she recommended Frankie try to find a Village here. That's exactly what she did. She says "it was life changing" and all the wonderful volunteers made her life better when she was walking through such a difficult time.

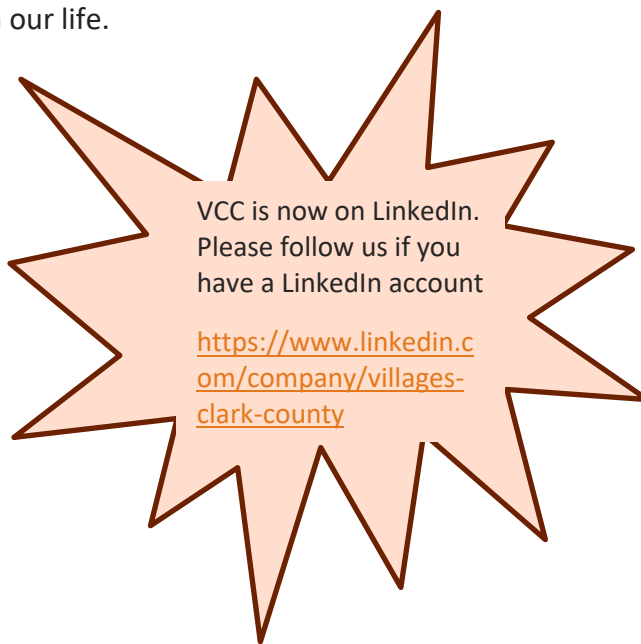
She loves meeting all the volunteers. After all these years they are like friends she looks forward to seeing. Frankie spent much of her life volunteering for many organizations herself and said she has never seen so many amazing volunteers in one organization. They are outstanding people. It's fun for her to get to know them. Frankie is in her 90's and says without groups like Villages she would not be able to stay in her home. Being a member makes life easier at a difficult time in our life.

VCC Wishes a Happy May Birthday to the following members:

- Susan Odenbach 5/3**
- Cathy Boyer 5/11**
- Michelle Adelman 5/13**
- Aggie Blackmer 5/17**
- John Treosti 5/19**

Other notable celebrities with May birthdays are:

- Frankie Valli (5/3)**
- Irving Berlin (5/11)**
- Stephen Colbert (5/13)**
- Dennis Hopper (5/17)**
- Pete Townshend (5/19)**



VCC is now on LinkedIn. Please follow us if you have a LinkedIn account

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/villages-clark-county>

Save the Date

Village at the Falls Oregon City Garden & Art Tour Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, June 13, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Oregon City, Oregon

Hosted by Village at the Falls

Purchase Tickets online. \$12 in advance, \$15 the day of the event.

Visit eight extraordinary gardens in Oregon City. Several of the gardens will also feature local artists. Beautiful baskets of items donated by local businesses will be raffled. This is an opportunity to see eight beautiful and unique private gardens, while supporting Village at the Falls. This fundraising event helps subsidize membership cost for some of our elderly neighbors.

Clippings from the Garden by Janet

A thought: As I drive around neighborhoods in this new area for me, I look at gardens to see what is blooming, both as perennials and as annuals. I try to make note of it both for general information and as I help my daughter make decisions about her garden. I no longer have my own real garden where I live. The one thing that strikes me now is bulbs blooming: daffodils and tulips. I will see a yard that just looks terrific with the tulip display, perhaps stop and take a quick photo, or jot down my thoughts in a small notebook. I try to remember to plan for planting in the fall. It is not easy, but if you make a point of it and start small, then it can work wonders. The patience required to be successful in garden development feels huge to me. I am more of an Immediate Results girl.

So even if it is only one thing you see in your neighborhood that you just love, try to make a note of it and just do it. I saw a hydrangea hedge in front of a colonial style home in La Center last summer and it made me turn around and go back and just gawk at it. It was awesome. They had planted five large hydrangeas on either side of a boxwood lined straight pathway that led to the front door. The hydrangeas were a white with light pink tinged blooms. It was so beautiful that I went and got my daughter and drove her up there to see it. She was not happy at being absconded, but when she saw what I was talking about, she got it. It was fun to watch her jaw drop when she saw it.



That sort of thing.

But remember, step by step, baby steps, if you possibly can do it.

Also remember that sometimes the best laid plans fail. Other than being annoying and expensive at whatever level, failure often leads to outstanding future decisions that do not fail. They succeed mightily.

So what do you really want to know about? When to plant vegetable seeds and transplants? Here you go.

The following chart is for gardening zone 8b. Most of Clark County is gardening zone 8.



