

## April Village Foundation News

April brings showers, so they say, and I like to look at those showers as being showers of blessings. I know there are many residents that have received those blessings from The Foundation in the past and I am blessed to be a part of this Foundation to have helped make that possible. It is once again time for volunteering, baking, assisting with the garage sale, donating and buying. Thank you and may you be blessed by helping each other. On Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> the Resident Meeting will be held at 10AM and there will be a drawing for \$250.00 toward your May rent. There will also be a bake sale before and after the meeting. On Thursday & Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> the garage sale will be open. Tell your friends and family. REMEMBER all proceeds go to help our residents that are struggling financially to pay rent and other expenses. Thank you for your prayers and best wishes for me during this happy but hard time.

God's blessings for all! Jan

Did you know that The Village has a Facebook page?  
On Facebook just search for  
"Village Retirement Community." We post a lot of pictures and have MANY followers! Share with friends and family!

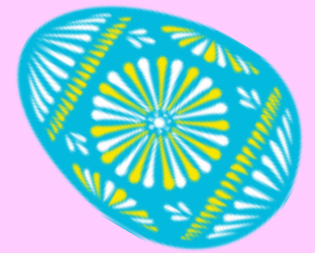
### KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

Most of us know Sandy Jordan, our neighbor in apartment 27, but here is an interesting thumbnail of her extraordinary life. Sandy was born in Los Angeles and, when just 10 weeks old, moved with her mother and brother to Germany where her father was posted to the U.S. Air Force. They lived in Germany for the next four years and, after another two year assignment at the Tampa Florida Air Force Base, they returned to Germany for four more years where, once again, the family lived on Air Force bases. Sandy's father, a 27 year Air Force veteran, served in World War II, the Korean and Vietnam war. It was during that last conscription, that Sandy, her brother, and mother moved to Portland, OR. After several other assignments in various U.S. Air Force bases, Sandy moved to Oregon to attend Oregon State University and Portland Community College where she graduated with a Marketing Degree. Her first job was with the Meier and Frank Company where she excelled in a supervisory position. She subsequently spent 18 years with Buckeye Pacific, a private wholesale lumber brokerage and trading company where she was part of the Canadian Department Trading Committee. Sandy and her late husband of 32 years, Steve, met in Portland where he worked in specialized security but was also a professional storyteller and member of the National Storytelling Guild. Besides being an expert world traveler Sandy is also a keen photographer but Sandy's heart's passion is to be used by God as an ad hoc caregiver, especially here, in our community.

Alex Marcus

# The Village News

## April 2026



Dear Villagers,

I have worked here for one year and although I now know the majority of people who live here by name, there are still many activities that I am trying to get "exactly right." It is heartwarming how gracious all of you are when things go a bit sideways and I know I can always expect help if I am floundering. Thank you all for your patience and kindness and also your sense of humor and adventure!

With the weather warming and drying up we are shifting to more outdoor trips. If you would like to see a particular outing please see me or come to the monthly activity meeting. The meeting is open to all. Personally I look forward to Al's Garden Center and our Arbor Day tour led by Cameron.  
Have a Beautiful and Blessed Spring! Jean

#### April Guessing Game

The winner is Joy Williams (#102) who guessed that the jar had 203 lucky charm marshmallows. The actual number was 205!  
The April Guessing Game:  
How many jelly beans are in the jar?

#### WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

Wendy Matsumura to #5



#### April Birthdays

1 Elaine Brown  
1 Evelyn Long  
3 Laura Morrow  
8 Laurie Rhodes  
12 Sally Clark  
13 Bob LeBlond  
14 Mana Weldemiriam  
14 Mary Danner  
14 Sandy Jordan  
14 Thomas Stafford  
14 Jackie Scott  
14 David Yu  
16 Joyce Stewart  
22 Gerilyn Howard  
23 Fran Locke  
24 Ernie Yoder  
26 Edwin Fitzpatrick  
27 Cynthia Jackson  
29 Billie Elkins  
30 Barbara Radke



#### OUR WISHING WELL

During activities look around the room and you will find two wishing wells. When residents participate in an activity they can donate to the well; the donated money goes into a specific fund that pays for our birthday party cake and entertainment. Our entertainers receive payment from your donations. So if you think of it drop a dollar in the well next time!



## Administrative Corner

Happy April,

Spring is here and I hope you are enjoying the beautiful buds and blossoms. It is such a wonderful time of year, when things start new and there is light and beauty all around. Change can be a positive thing! Be sure to walk around and enjoy the colors of our beautiful campus.

This month on Monday, April 20th, I am going to start what I hope to be periodic presentations on "Understanding our Neighbors." There are many different philosophies and beliefs in this world and many people think a lot differently than we do. Often we tend to think negatively of anything that is different from what we think, yet to truly be caring of everyone, I think we need to understand at least to some degree what other people think and believe in and be accepting of their right to choose what they wish to think. This month I will be exploring a philosophy with a guest speaker who can give us more understanding of some of our neighbors. Please come and share the experience.

On Monday April 27th we will have a presentation on options that are available when and if you need to leave The Village. Stacy of Kairos Senior Referral will be presenting to us. She has been such a wonderful help to many of our residents in the past. She is very knowledgeable and caring. It is always good to learn about our options before we actually need them. When the need comes there is often no time to learn your options. This is a great opportunity to learn about what is available and how things have to happen.

Our new rental rate goes into effect on April 1st. You were notified at the beginning of January of the new rates, so they should not be a surprise to anyone. The increase applies to everyone who moved in before January 1st, 2026. We are thankful that we were able to keep the increase to a small percentage. It is troubling to see how high the increases are that are now occurring everywhere else. If you have any concerns about the increase and what it means for you please contact the office.

Our transitions keep happening. We just finished apartments 208, 320, and 5. We are working on the #s 301, 43 and 94, with more apartments to come in April. Be sure to welcome your new neighbors to The Village as they move in.

This last month the Oregon Legislature passed a bill that affects The Village. It seems we never know what may come our way to change our lives. This is one that concerns your privacy rights. We are still waiting for some final direction from the state but we are planning on sending out a letter, requesting your response, later this month.

We still have a couple of garden areas that are available for this year's season. If you are interested please contact the office.

I want to remind everyone that the services that we offer, whether they are charged for separately or are part of your rent, are services that you are paying for. Please do not offer tips, gifts or any kind of compensation to any employees for doing their jobs. They are paid by The Village to do their jobs and it is against our policies for them to take money from residents. This protects both you and the employees. Most employees, except those in the office or café', are not authorized to deal with money or checks from residents. Please do not put them in a position that would jeopardize their jobs here at the Village.

It is the time of the year that we need to be especially diligent not to have food or water outside in any way. We do not want to feed stray animals or wildlife, including birds at feeders and stray pets. We have witnessed firsthand how putting food out will attract coyotes, rats, mice and other wildlife, and we do not want to encourage that in any way. Hopefully we will not make The Village so attractive to coyotes this year, so we can have fewer of them around. Remember that they do not want to be around you any more than we want them around us. You can shoo them away and make noise to encourage them to leave, but do not try to corner them or get close to them.

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## Village Weekly Events

### EXERCISE CLASSES

Monday, Wednesday,  
Fridays at 9:30 AM  
Community Room

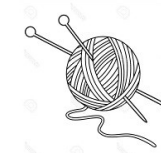
Come and join your  
neighbors and get moving and  
get your heart  
pumping!



### KNITTERS & MORE

MONDAYS at 2:00 PM  
Community Room

Join us **every** Monday to learn,  
share and visit! You do not have  
to knit to join us. Feel Free to  
bring your own  
project to work on.



### MEN'S GROUP

Tuesday  
4/7 and 4/21  
10:00 AM ~ Meeting Room

Contact:  
Kurt Matzke & Don Schell.  
Our goal is to cultivate  
meaningful connections for men  
with a focus on camaraderie &  
mutual support. Where men can  
encourage one another, share  
their experience & foster  
genuine friendships.

### BALANCE AND STRENGTH CLASS

WEDNESDAYS  
2:20 & 3:00 PM Community  
Room

2:20 Movement and strength  
3:00 Better balance  
Excellent opportunity to  
Become stronger  
And more flexible!

### FRIENDS HOUR

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
9:00-10:00 AM ~ Café  
Gather & socialize with old  
friends and meet new ones.  
June will have coffee, tea and  
breakfast goodies available for  
purchase.

### CHIME CHOIR

WEDNESDAYS  
2:30 PM ~ Meeting Rm

Come learn to play chime in  
a friendly environment!

### OPEN Wii BOWLING

MONDAYS at 4PM  
WEDNESDAYS at 10:30 AM  
FRIDAYS 2:30 PM  
Community Room  
Come bowl with friends and neighbors



### Women's Bible Study

Mondays at 10:00 AM,  
meeting room.  
Ramona leads women through scripture  
and prayer



### GAMES, GAMES, GAMES!

SUNDAYS 2-4 PM ~ Community Room.  
Come play Games in the Community  
Room. Meet new people & make new  
friends! We have dozens of games in our  
game cabinet or bring your favorite!

### GROCERY SHOPPING

Concierge shopping is available on  
Thursdays. Grocery lists must be in by  
2:00 PM Wednesdays.  
The grocery bus makes a weekly trip to  
Winco and Fred Meyer, Fridays @ 8:30  
AM.  
Please sign up at the volunteer desk.

## SPECIAL DINNER

Thursday April 16th 12 Noon

Purchase your ticket for \$14 by April 6th, \$16 for guests. After April 6th the ticket price increases to \$16 for residents and \$18 for guests

### MENU:

*Hawaiian Macaroni Salad*

*Hawaiian Rolls*

*Chicken Breast (or vegetarian chicken breast)*

*Pineapple Jicama Salsa      Jasmine rice      Vegetable Medley*

*Key Lime Pie*



### **COLORING CONTEST**

Pick up the page to color at the sign up table. Use markers, pens or crayons to color. Turn in at the front office by April 9th. Vote for your favorite by April 15th.

Winners will be announced at our Special Dinner April 16th

**Congratulations to the March Winners!**

First place: Marilyn Cooper, who wins a café meal!

Second Place: Nancy Thomas, who wins a café dessert!

Third Place: CJ Richey, who also wins a café dessert!

### **Speakers And Presentations in March**

**Monday April 6th 12:45 PM:**

SPOTLIGHT: Robin and Sheryl Knutson

**Thursday April 9th 12:45 PM:**

A Tour of "My Father's House" shelter

**Monday April 20th 11AM:**

Dennis brings us  
"Understanding Our Neighbors"

**Friday April 24th 1:00 PM:**

Arbor Day walk with Cameron Summers

**Monday April 27th 11AM:**

Armchair Travel: The Cascade Range

**Monday April 27th 1PM**

Stacy Kriebaum from Kairos Senior Referral

I am grateful for the kindness bestowed upon me with sympathy cards, flowers, gifts, and prayers and to those who attended my husband's celebration of life. I will always remember your thoughtfulness which truly touched me and blessed me.

Sandy Jordan

### **The Village Foundation is prepping for the Village Garage Sales!**

If you have things you can donate or if you can spend two hours arranging or assisting with sales please contact Jeri Yoder or Jim Michels. This is the biggest fundraising event for The Village Foundation, which in turn provides financial assistance to the residents that live here.

**The first sale is April 23rd and 24th 9AM-3PM**

The garage sale is held the last Thursday and Friday of the month through September.

All activities are open to all residents to attend

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Please remember to keep your front porches and back patio areas clean, neat and free of clutter. If you need help cleaning yours please contact housekeeping.

For April, our Thankfulness Wall asks the question: "What is your favorite part of Springtime?" Share your thoughts and see what others have written.

Have a beautiful April,  
Dennis

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH:**

"Spring: a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be."

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Are you aware that The Village provides transportation to more than medical or doctor's appointments? On Wednesdays medical appointments take priority, but trips for social and business activities are also fine. While our Wednesday trips are available for a \$5 flat fee, our Concierge service is available for a \$1 per mile fee for the first 10 miles on the other business days of the week. Please read pages 32-34 of the Helpful Information Guide for more information. In order to reserve a trip we must have the availability of a driver and of course the vehicle that we use. We are usually able to accommodate most requests, but of course the earlier we can schedule it the more likely we are to have availability. We realize that the cost of maintaining a vehicle can be a heavy burden and we want to provide transportation so that our residents can get where they want to go.

### **REFLECTIVE THOUGHTS**

Dear Village Community,

I hope that the readers of this letter are in good health and prospering in the things that matter. The coming month has a number of dates that call for celebration.

At the Village Community Church we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Scripture proclaims "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 1 Corinthians 15:3-5.

During the days of the Jewish Passover we will also reflect on the truth that the Passover, although historical and important, point to the Passover secured by Jesus, The Lamb of God.

After the long but mild winter, we will also rejoice in the Spring. We will have the beauty of the flowers, the shrubs and the trees to celebrate. What a gorgeous state we live in. Happy Spring!

Love in Christ, Pastor Bob

The Village Community Church

### **The Village offers many different worship choices here on Campus:**

- Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 4:00 pm.
- The Village Adventist congregation meets on Saturday mornings at 10:00 am.
- The Village Community Church group meets Sundays at 4:00 pm.
- Vespers Service the 1st Saturday of the month at 4:00pm.
- This month from April 12th to 18th our Adventist Congregation is inviting everyone to special focus meetings titled "Jesus Last Love Letters." The meetings will be at 4:00 PM every day with a potluck to follow.

**All are welcome and encouraged to attend any or all of the meetings!**



# Activities

## PONG

Thursday April 2nd 11:00 AM.  
We play as teams and always cheer EVERYONE on!



## APRIL SHOWERS AND APRIL FLOWERS!!!

We will go to Al's Garden Center on Thursday April 2nd at 1:00 PM and we will follow up with a sweet treat from Cold Stone Creamery! Sign up required, \$2 for transportation, plants and food not included.

## COME PLAY LEFT CENTER RIGHT

Monday April 6th at 11:00 AM.



## SPOTLIGHT

Monday April 6th at 12:45 PM.  
Come have a cookie and get to know Robin and Sheryl Knutson

## BINGO

Tuesday April 7th at 1:00 PM.  
Of course there will be prizes provided by the Easter Bunny!

## DINNER AT THE BLUE PINE GRILL

Tuesday April 7th 4:00 PM.  
Sign up required, \$2 for transport, (does not include cost of meal).

## SEATED VOLLEYBALL

April 9th 11:00 AM.  
Let's play volleyball  
And keep score this time!

## TOUR OF "MY FATHER'S HOUSE"

Thursday April 9th 12:45 PM.  
You can ride our bus or walk. Free.  
Sign up required, please indicate if you will walk or ride.

## CRAFT WITH CHRISSY

Monday April 13th at 1:00 PM.  
Sign up required, limit of 8 people.  
This is our last day with Chrissy so come say good-bye as she moves on to new things!

## FOUNDATION BAKE SALE

Tuesday April 14th, 8:30-10:00 AM.  
Buy some treats prior to the All Resident Meeting. Bake sale will resume after the meeting and end at 12:00 or when sold out. Contact Don McClure for details.

## ALL RESIDENT MEETING

Tuesday April 14th 10:00 AM.  
Please come listen to what's happening in the Village and get a chance to win \$250 off your May rent!

## 100 YEARS YOUNG BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Tuesday April 14th 1:00 PM.  
At the Village we celebrate the milestone of 100 years, and we will honor David Yu. Join us for treats in the Annex.

# Activities

## Special Dinner

Thursday April 16th at 12 Noon.  
Ticket purchase required.  
See details on next page!!



## TROUTDALE OUTLET MALL

Friday April 17th 1:00 PM.  
Let's visit the Troutdale Farm Market and the other shops at the outlet mall.  
Sign up required, \$2 for transportation.

## DENNIS PRESENTS:

Monday April 20th 11:00 AM.  
Dennis brings us a special guest to discuss how to "Understand Our Neighbors."

## GRIEF SUPPORT

Monday April 20th at 1:00 PM.  
We grieve for many kinds of loss; possessions, independence, hopes, dreams and love.

## BREAKFAST AT MCCRAE'S

Tuesday April 21st 10:00 AM.  
Sign up required,  
\$2 for transportation  
(does not include meal).

## ACTIVITY MEETING

Tuesday April 21st 2:00 PM.  
As the weather warms we will make plans for more outdoor activities—join us and give us your ideas!

## VILLAGE FAMILY FEUD

Thursday April 23rd 1:00 PM.  
Round two of Family Feud will bring two new teams to answer questions from our survey. Sign up for a team or join our audience!

## ARBOR DAY TOUR

Friday April 24th 1:00 PM, meet on the front porch.  
We will walk the property, learn more about our landscaping, and identify trees, shrubs and flowers.

## ARMCHAIR TRAVEL:

**The Cascade Range**  
Monday April 27th 11:00 AM.  
How did this mountain system form and what is it's future?

## KAIROS SENIOR REFERRAL

Monday April 27th 1:00 PM.  
What are the options out there for senior living? What if one's care needs increase? Let's learn what other options look like from Stacy Kriebaum who works for Kairos Senior Referral.

## BINGO

Tuesday April 28th 1:00 PM.



## BUNCO

Thursday April 30th 1:00 PM.

