

## August Village Foundation News

A BIG Thank You to everyone who has donated and purchased items at the garage sale and bake sale!! The next garage sale is August 27th and 28th.

God Bless, Jan Ybarra

### Movies at The Village

Federal Law prohibits The Village from showing any movie that is still protected by copyright law; the law extends back 95 years. That means most movies we show have been made prior to January 1st, 1931. Those movies are considered in “the public domain.”

Here is a website that lists hundreds of public domain movies:

<https://www.loc.gov/free-to-use/public-domain-films-from-the-national-filmregistry>

If you find a movie on this list that you think would be enjoyed please let Jean Black know. I’d like to show movies more often!

IF, however, a **RESIDENT** of The Village would like to play a current, copyrighted movie and even share watching it with a friend you are absolutely free to do so!! Staff cannot be involved in promoting the movie or providing snacks/popcorn. We CAN show you how to access movies on our smart TV in the Community Center.

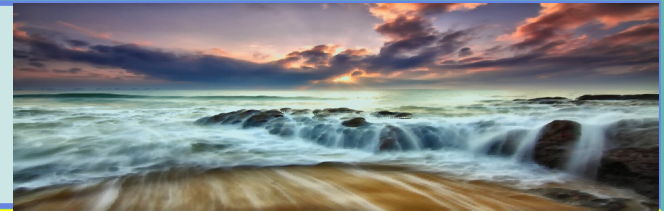
## KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

Mana Weldemiriam is a great new addition to The Village family. Born and raised in northern Ethiopia, Mana’s parents made the painful and sacrificial decision to get her and a brother out of the country due to the brutal civil war with Sudan. Still a teenager, she arrived in Boston, as a refugee in 1987. Soon she embraced the challenges of learning English, advancing her education and finding gainful employment. The Boston climate didn’t agree with her and she began researching the possibility of moving to a different state where she could live in a more village-like setting. She eventually moved to Gresham where she worked as a phlebotomist at the Gresham CSL Plasma Center. Mana heard about The Village from friends, fellow church congregants, some of whom were/are residents. After visiting their apartments and the grounds, she realized that it was precisely the place best suited for her. At the time, despite being younger than the required 62 years of age, Mana applied so that she could secure a place on the waiting list as soon as she was eligible to move in. Now retired, Mana is enjoying The Village Community, its comfort and the serenity of the grounds.

Alex Marcus

# The Village News

## August 2026



Happy August Dear Villagers!

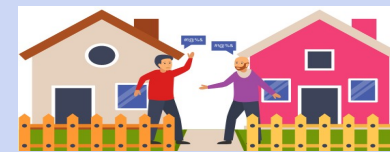
Last month our trip to the Gresham Arts Plaza was wonderful, although I am bringing bigger folding chairs and a spray bottle of cold water for the two trips to listen to live music this month. Lesson learned! We are packing in many more field trips this month—to The Wildwood recreation site, to The Clackamas County Fair, and to The Swan Island Dahlia Festival. One of my gardener friends Keren will come speak to us about the work she does with “Pond Hag Natives,” a group that puts focus on native plantings and reclaiming wetlands and garden spaces. I hope a lot of you can come and listen!

We have some new games to play during “Pong” on August 11th as well as our Bingo, Farkle and Left Center Right. I like to put the first few days of the following month on our calendar so that activities don’t sneak up on people. A shopping trip to the PACS thrift store happens on the first and we have Bunco on Thursday the 3rd.

Have a beautiful month and take care when the temps are high!

Your Sister in Christ, Jean Black

Welcome New Neighbors!  
Jane Foreman #47  
Janet Westburg moves to #98



### August Birthdays

- 1 John Adams
- 3 Goodie Bartholomew
- 4 Carol Krueger
- 4 Larry Ariza
- 10 Sarah Billbe
- 10 Josephine Litvin
- 11 Jackie Herman
- 12 Jeri Yoder
- 12 Duane Thomas
- 13 Margaret Eldridge
- 15 Gary Ihle
- 21 Ruth Silvestri
- 21 Cameron Summers
- 21 Shante Symons
- 22 Nita Woosley
- 23 Jan Ybarra
- 27 Shirley Jordan
- 27 Teresa Ashton
- 29 Meta Goff



*Happiest of Birthdays to all of you!*  
(If you have a birthday and your name is not on this list it is because the office does not have a signed consent to do so)



Back row: Jean Black, Lynette Hinkel, Kalena Griffin.  
Front Row: Marge Wilson.  
If you see Kalena around go ahead and say Hi! She is the grand-daughter of Jim and Marilyn BelFiore and will be helping out this summer. Marge is teaching her how to put together the monthly mailings and Kaleya loves to help out with Bingo.

## Administrative Corner

Dear Residents,

I hope you are enjoying this summer. We have had a pretty nice July. But the summer is speeding by fast. This month I have a lot of short announcements that I want to share:

We are going to try something new for our special dinner. We will be having fresh corn on the cob (and off the cob), fried chicken, vegetable chicken, potato salad, fruit medley and our special ice cream treats. It will be like a summer picnic on August 13th at noon. Seating will be both inside and outside. Please sign up by Monday August 10th and come and enjoy!

Our two little plastic men on our roadways have been doing their best to remind everyone to slow down. Please remember to do your part too.

Our staff is instructed not to pick people up from the ground or the floor if they fall, in almost all situations. We call 911 and try to make the person as comfortable as possible. This is important for many reasons. If you move someone who has fallen you can cause more severe injury than if they are left on the surface. Our staff are not certified to make medical decisions. I would encourage each of you to follow the same protocol. You do not want to make the situation worse. And you do not want to hurt yourself in the process.

If you call the office to have a maintenance item taken care of please plan to be home. It is hard for our staff to take care of an issue if they cannot find you at home. Our goal is to respond within one business day but if you are not home after you report it that is not possible.

Our renovations are slowing down. We have a new resident moving into #107 at the first of the month. We hope to finish up #302 this month and then we will just have #306 left. At the present time we have no 30 day notices but we never know what tomorrow will bring.

We welcome John Adams to our Maintenance department. He will be working part time. We are also welcoming David Brown and Robert Bruce to our grounds department.

Please remember that the recycling bins must not contain anything that is not recyclable. When you put plastic bags and containers that are not recyclable in with the recyclables it creates a lot of work and waste for the recyclers. Please take a few moments extra to do it right.

This month our Thankfulness Wall asks: "What is something that you want to do that you have not done before?" Stop by and share your thoughts and see what others have written.

Have a wonderful August!

Dennis

### Quote for the Month:

"Life is worthwhile if you try. It doesn't mean you can do everything but there are a lot of things you can do, if you just try."

~Jim Rohn

## Village Weekly Events

### EXERCISE CLASSES

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

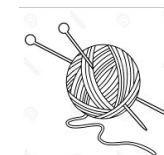
Come and join your  
neighbors and get moving and  
get your heart  
pumping!



### 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  
8/11 and 8/25  
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, a place where  
men can encourage one another,  
share their experiences & 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.  
Chef June will have coffee, tea  
and breakfast goodies  
available for  
purchase.

### CHIME CHOIR

WEDNESDAYS  
2:30 PM ~ Meeting Room

Come learn to play chimes  
in a friendly environment!

No chime choir on August  
19th or 26th.

### OPEN Wii BOWLING

MONDAYS 4:00 PM  
WEDNESDAYS 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.



# Village Events

## MONTHLY PACS MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Every third Tuesday of the month we will have a visit from the PACS mobile food pantry. If you went in July you are certainly welcome to come in August and the PACS people have your information already. If you did not go in July come on down in August; you do not need to bring proof of ID or income. The July visit went well but we plan on improving how the visit goes. See you there!

### July Guessing Game

The winner is Joy Williams, who guessed that there were 139 gumballs. The actual number was 140!

**The August Guessing Game:**  
How many bugs are in the jar?



## County “Flair” Corn Feed

Thursday August 13th 12:00 Noon.

Tickets are \$12 for Residents, \$14 for guests until 3:00 PM August 10th. All tickets after the 10th are \$17 .

Fried Chicken (Vegetable Chicken available)

Corn on The Cob (Niblets available)

Baked Beans

Potato Salad

Biscuits with Honey and Butter

Fresh Fruit Medley

Ice Cream Bars

Featuring....

Lemonade Stand (sugar free available)



All activities are open to all residents to attend

## 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 may provide financial assistance to the residents that live here.

**This month the sale is Thursday August 27th and Friday August 28th 9AM-3PM**

### August Speakers And Presentations

**Monday August 3rd 12:45 PM:**  
**SPOTLIGHT** Jane Foreman

**Monday August 10th 1:00 PM:**  
Keren Chappelle from  
“Pong Hag Natives”  
discusses gardening with native plants

**Monday August 17th 11:00 AM**  
Sarah Weller “Riding Transit 101”

**Monday August 24th 11:00 AM**  
Armchair Travel: Thailand

**Monday August 24th 1:00 PM:**  
Jessica Spoden from “Assisting Hands”

### August Coloring Contest

Pick up the page to color at the sign up table. Use markers, pens or crayons to color. Turn it in at the front office by August 13th. Vote for your favorite by August 20th. Winners will be announced August 21st.

### Congratulations to the July Winners!

First place: Marge Wilson, who wins an \$8 Village Gift Certificate!

Second Place: CJ Richey, who wins a \$4 Village Gift Certificate!

Third Place: Marilyn Cooper, who wins a \$4 Village Gift certificate!

## REFLECTIVE THOUGHTS

Dear Village Community,

Well, summer has certainly come upon us in all of its splendor. Some hot days with cooler days afterwards, I hope we stay out of the triple digits. I know we all have lived through many summers but it never hurts to remember to drink a lot of water and to do our physical work outside during the coolest part of the day.

At The Village Community Church we are going verse by verse through the magnificent book, The Gospel According to John. I wish my praise of God could rise up to the level that His great Gospel deserves. What a Gracious God we have. Nothing sums up His Gospel better than John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” John 3:16 NKJV.

How simple, how profound and how good is God and His word.

Love in Christ, Pastor Bob

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

- Wednesday mid-week service at 4:00 pm.
- The Village Adventist congregation meets on Saturday mornings at 9:45 AM.
- The Village Community Church group meets Sundays at 4:00 pm.
- Vesper Services the 1st Saturday of the month at 4:00pm.



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

# Activities

**LEFT, CENTER, RIGHT**  
Monday August 3rd 11:00 AM



**SPOTLIGHT**  
Monday August 3rd 12:45 PM.  
Come have a cookie and get to know  
Jane Foreman!

## LIVE MUSIC AT THE GRESHAM PLAZA

Monday August 3rd 4:45 PM

Dustin and Ava Rose and Foxhole play acoustic folk rock and country.  
Bring a folding chair and a water bottle, if you need a chair let Jean know.  
Food, snacks, ice cream and drinks are sold at food trucks.  
Sign up required, \$2 transportation.  
This event may be cancelled if the forecast is for 88 degrees or higher.

**BINGO**  
Tuesday August 4th 1:00



## SWAN ISLAND FARM DAHLIA FEST AND LUNCH AT THE BACKSTOP

Thursday August 6th 10:00 AM

The Farm is actually in Canby, as is the Backstop.  
Sign up required, \$7.00 cost for transportation, does not  
include cost of meal.

## Keren Chappelle, “Pond Hag Natives”

Monday August 10th 1:00 PM

Keren will talk about the value of native plantings and habitat rehabilitation.

**Pong, cup games, ring toss and pool  
noodles—new games!**

Tuesday August 11th 11:00 AM

## Croquet

Tuesday August 11th 1:00 PM

## CHIME CHOIR CONCERT

Wednesday August 12th 1:00 PM

Listen to Villages play music!

## SPECIAL DINNER!

Thursday August 13th 12:00 PM

Turn the page for more information!

## RIDING TRANSIT 101

Monday August 17th 1:00 PM

Sarah Weller from Ride Connection shares  
The ins and outs of riding TriMet.

## GRIEF SUPPORT

Monday August 17th 1:00 PM

You do not need to be alone in grief!

## BREAKFAST AT IHOP

Tuesday August 18th 9:30 AM.

Sign up required, \$2 for bus.

## ACTIVITY MEETING

Tuesday August 18th 1:00 PM

Let’s make plans for September!

# Activities

## THE PACS MOBILE FOOD PANTRTY

Tuesday August 18th 2:00 PM

It is helpful if you can bring your own bags or totes.

## CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR

Thursday August 20th 10:00 AM. Fair Food! Alpacas! The Midway!

Sign up required, \$8 for transportation and parking.

## ARMCHAIR TRAVEL:

### Thailand

Monday August 24th 11:00 AM

Will there be samples of snacks? Yes!

## Jessica Spoden

Monday August 24th 1:00 PM

Jessica with “Assisting Hands” will  
share the ins and outs of in-home care.

## Wildwood Recreation Site and lunch at The Zig Zag Inn

Tuesday August 25th 10:00 AM

Sign up required, \$11 for transportation and admission, does not include  
cost of meal.

## BINGO

Thursday August 27th 1:00 PM

## August Foundation Garage Sale!!!

Thursday August 27th and Friday August  
28th 9:00-3:00

## FARKLE

Monday August 31st 11:00 AM

## LIVE MUSIC AT THE GRESHAM PLAZA

Monday August 31st 4:45 PM

Sonny Hess and Johnny Wheels play the blues!

Bring a folding chair and a water bottle, if you need a chair let Jean know.  
Food, snacks, ice cream and drinks are sold at food trucks.  
Sign up required, \$2 transportation.  
This event may be cancelled if the forecast is 88 degrees or higher.

## THE PACS THRIFT STORE

Tuesday September 1st 1:00

Sign up required, \$3 for transportation.

## BUNCO

Thursday September 3rd 1:00 PM

Sign up required