



The Village News

November 2020

November Blessings!

Looking outside my office window, I can see the fresh faced winter pansies that Cameron just planted today. They are so colorful! And with the fall colors of the Japanese maples against the azure sky and the goldfinches drinking from the gently flowing fountains, it makes for a serene scene. With all the turmoil surrounding us and all the negativity stemming from the ensuing election, serenity is sorely needed. During this season of Thanksgiving, I pray that you find your serene spots where you, too, can find peace and be aware that God is still present among us and give thanks!

Veterans Day is November 11th, and I am sad to not be able to honor ours with a celebration. So, to all our Village Veterans: "Thank you for your service!"

~ Solveig



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Jean Drowley in #87

Linda Skeels in #4

Elsie Smith in #43



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE!

As we continue through this pandemic and maintain social distancing:

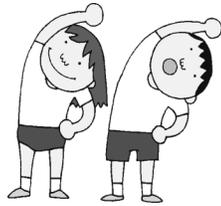
ALL STATEMENTS WILL BE DELIVERED. THE STATEMENT AND YOUR CHECK WILL BE PICKED UP BY OFFICE STAFF. PLEASE SEE THE NOTE ENCLOSED WITH YOUR STATEMENT FOR YOUR PICKUP DATE. PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE OFFICE. STAY HEALTHY.



NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES 2020

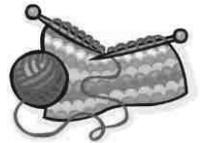
EXERCISE CLASS

COMMUNITY ROOM
More chance to exercise.
Now meeting Monday
through Friday at 8:30 am.



KNITTERS AND MORE

Join us MONDAYS at 2:00 pm
COMMUNITY ROOM
Join us every Monday to
learn, share and visit.



CRAFT TIME WITH LOIS

FRIDAY, November 20th
1:30 pm ~ SMALL MEETING ROOM



We're grateful to have Lois
leading us in a fun craft
activity!

**PLEASE CALL THE OF-
FICE TO SIGN UP!**

CHIME CHOIR

TUESDAYS at 2:00 pm
COMMUNITY ROOM
Come make music with us!
Contact Solveig if you are
interested.



ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, November 16th
1:00 pm ~ Community Room
Please join us to discuss possible COVID
compliant activities as we enter the
holidays!
Anyone is invited to come!

*Thanks to Mavis Petersen,
OUR SCARECROW'S NAME IS:
"Clem Cudiddle Hopper"*

*Thank you to everyone who participated in
naming him!*



THE WAY RADIO WAS!!!
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH
2 shows: 10:30 am and 1:30 pm
Community Room

id, Dick Karman, is bringing his radio reminiscences back to The Village for our enjoyment! Dick's show this time will be a salute to Veterans Day in honor of those who served our country. **You must call the office to sign up for one of the shows by Friday, November 6th.** Seating will be limited and chairs will be spaced to accommodate social distancing. Masks will be required for the show. We are so happy to be bringing some light hearted entertainment back to our community!!

Administrator's Corner

Dear Residents,

Welcome to our Thankfulness season. I hope each of you are doing well. I am glad that there are holidays to help us remember all we have to be thankful for, especially in a year like this one has been. Now we can focus on those things that we have to be thankful for. When we think about how our lives are taken care of and we are secure with all of our needs being met, there is much to be thankful for.

The Holidays will be upon us soon. Due to Covid this year, for the first time in at least 40 years, we are not holding our annual Thankfulness Dinner. We will be serving lunches as usual each day including Thanksgiving Day. On Thanksgiving Day we will be delivering lunches for those that want them, and just like any other day, we will have limited seating available at the Café. Please call by November 16th to get your reservations for lunch delivery or dine in for Thanksgiving Day. Please plan ahead so that we can know how many to plan for. We need to order our food ahead of time and we want to make sure to have enough to serve all that want to eat.

Also because of Covid precautions, we will not be offering the Grocery Bus on the day after Thanksgiving. We will also not be offering Personal Shopping on Thursday or Friday of that week, but we will offer it the previous week on Wednesday and Thursday. Please plan ahead and make sure that your needs are taken care of for that time. I know that we are spoiled by the conveniences we have. I think back on how many of the pioneers before us went to town once a month at the most, and got along just fine. I think with a bit of pre-planning we can get by with not going shopping for one week.

Our remodels are progressing well. This month we will be finishing up #4 and #43. Work will continue on #'s 18, 117, 70, and 71. We are still keeping our goal of finishing in 14 months if all goes well.

This is the month that we turn off all of our outside water faucets and disconnect our hoses. Please do not reconnect your hose during the winter. Also remember to keep your doors closed to keep the heat in.

In keeping with the Holiday season, our Thankfulness Wall asks the question: "What are YOU thankful for this month?" Stop by and share your thoughts and see what others have written.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Dennis

Quote for the Month

"The heart that gives thanks is a happy one, for we cannot feel thankful and unhappy at the same time."

Douglas Wood

THE GREAT BIG, ONE WEEK VILLAGE THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Village has been very generous in donating to a worthwhile cause every Thanksgiving. This year's food drive will benefit Gresham's Zarephath Kitchen and Pantry. Zarephath Kitchen and Pantry is a community outreach program housed in Gresham, providing food for low-income families and the homeless in the Gresham, Troutdale, Wood Village, Fairview and surrounding area.

Zarephath Kitchen and Pantry was established in 1985 with the mission to feed the hungry in the greater Gresham Area. With that in mind, a Kitchen was set up to feed hungry and homeless people in our area. In 2001, a Pantry was added to provide food for families that have a hard time making it through the month.

Please bring non-perishable food items and canned foods to the Community Building between November 16-20th and place them in the barrel outside the Activity Office. Your generosity will help provide 3 meals for needy families 6 times a year. Last year, the pantry provided food for 14,173 meals - a record high!



THANKSGIVING DINNER THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH 12:00 PM ~ \$10.00

June will be making a delicious dinner on Thanksgiving Day. You **must** make reservations for either eating in our Café or if you would like your meal delivered.

Please call the office by 4:00 pm, Monday, November 16th for reservations.

MENU:

Turkey or Tofurkey
Stuffing
Yams with candied pecans
Green Beans
Gravy
Roll
Pumpkin Pie



Happy
Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER GROCERY SHOPPING

There will be NO personal shopping Thanksgiving week.

We will shop for you on Wednesday and Thursday, November 18-19. Please have your grocery orders in by Monday, November 16th.

There will be **NO GROCERY BUS AVAILABLE ON 'BLACK' FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH!**

LEADINGAGE OREGON AGELESS ART EXHIBIT

The Village had 5 talented artists enter their work in this year's Ageless Art Exhibit: Melody Howden,Carolynn and Wendell Wagler, Kathie Duff and Terry Pullen. You can view their pieces, as well as all the other entrants online on LeadingAge Oregon's Facebook page or at:

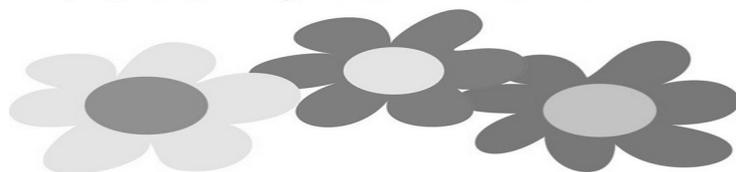
<https://youtu.be/6zURVBPsbvc>

NOVEMBER COLORING SHEETS

We invite you to color the image included in your newsletter and display it in your window for all to enjoy. There are two different sheets, so if you don't care for yours or want another one, ask a neighbor! There is also a "Gratitude Sheet" that we'd love for you to fill out and post in your window!

We are grateful for you!

Thank You



for your Kindness

Dear Village Family,

A great big Thank You for all the cards, thoughts, prayers, flowers and well wishes!

I miss you all and hope to be back in the office soon.

Your Loving fellow Villager,
Jan

Dear Village,

Thank you very much for the plant, your cards , prayers and thoughts.

~ Nancy Conser

NOVEMBER SOCIAL

THURSDAY, November 5th
2:00—4:00 pm

Grab a friend or neighbor and come to our "lemonade stand" on the patio outside the café to warm up with some hot apple cider and special fall cookies for only \$1.00!

Bundle up if it's chilly!



Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP)

Normally this time of year I have the pleasure of seeing many of you for my annual presentation on Medicare, but COVID is not going to let that happen this year. So, I am reaching out via the newsletter. As many of you know the Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) begins Oct. 15-Dec. 7. In September, you should have received your notification of changes to your Medicare Advantage plan or your Stand-Alone Prescription Drug plan. Please be sure to read those notices carefully so you are aware of any changes to your plan benefits. If you have difficulty understanding your plan changes, or if you feel your plan is no longer working, please feel free to reach out for assistance. You can reach me at 503-891-5793 or at Lparker@healthbenefits411.com. I am here to help! ~Leslie Parker



Please call The Village office, 503-665-3137, for any maintenance requests as soon as they are noticed. It is important to let us know when a leak is small rather than wait until it becomes a significant issue. This helps prevent inconvenience to you as well as possible major damage to apartments.

If you are in need of adult undergarments, Nancy Armintrout has packages in several sizes available at no cost. Please contact her at 503-312-6749 if you are interested.

VETERAN'S DAY

Sharing a Veteran's Pride

We are always quite proud of our nation. Many times we have answered his call: Yes, we shall defend our America's freedom, giving safety to all within our shores. Doesn't matter if it is on land or sea, because it was just meant to be. We left to do our duty, with honor and pride and continued to carry it in our stride, no matter how. Yet we served with respect, picked up our weapons to defend and fight. Continue to honor my brothers and sisters. Help them to always know what freedom means. Let us stand to honor them with Pride. Once again, America, it's nearing Veteran's Day. As Americans, we owe them much honor - more than a hand shake, we'll ever say.

~Specialist 4 Steven E. Pierce, # 332

Reflective Thoughts

Pastor Bob Brotherton

Dear Village Community,

Happy Thanksgiving! As we move into November, we definitely have a lot of reasons to be thankful to God. By the time most of you read this, you will have already voted in the local, state and national elections. Whatever the outcome, it is a wonderful thing to be able to vote and thus have some say in government. God has been very merciful to our Nation and this political freedom is something to give thanks for.

At The Village Community Church, we are moving along with services and this religious liberty is very precious. All my life I've enjoyed enormous freedom in the United States of America. I know that you have been blessed as well. What a nation, what a God and what great reasons for celebration and thanksgiving. Let's consider the words of the Holy Spirit in 1 Peter 4: 7-11:

The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever.

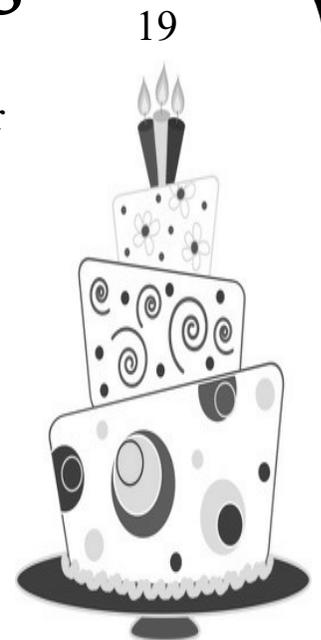
Happy Thanksgiving,
Pastor Bob

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Dolores Demarco
4 Yvonne Carl
7 Adeline Dykema
8 Ted Lutts
8 Ila Myers
9 Barbara Fadel
9 Cliff Dismukes
10 Michael Sage
12 Caroline Dimock
14 Dana Lester
15 Vera Ayers
17 Rich Bastini
19 Eve Klug



James Belfiore
20 Margaret Nikander
20 Mitzi Hansen
20 Kurt Matzke
22 Steven Pierce
23 Gladys Whitted
24 David Carl
24 Abe Munoz
25 Joan Gabriel
27 Jim Hagerman
29 Fred Warren
30 Reba Brown



Café News

June Lavoie

I read from an unknown author that “There is always something to be thankful for”. I find there is always some person to be thankful for every day at The Village:

I am thankful for: **Dennis and Jan** for giving me this great opportunity, for fostering an environment of peace, joy and humanity. **Tonya** for your consistent hard work, for entertaining me, and mostly, your friendship. **Rose** for your flexibility, your availability and your great sense of humor. **Sam** for your dedication to your work, willingness to grow, and our many meaningful chats. **Nicole** for your dependability with our dinner service, your great desserts and for putting your heart into your work. **Office and volunteers** for fueling the engine by making calls, but mostly for putting up with me! **Roger and Steve** for your willingness to help deliver, and your support on a daily basis. **Caroleana and Solveig** for all you do to keep our residents happy, always cloaked in a spirit of service. **Our Residents** for being present with a smile or a laugh, even for the grumpy moments that keep me on my toes.

For everything you do, for everything you are, Thank you! Chef June Lavoie

Know Your Neighbors

Tiffany Brasesco

Say hello to Henry and Veronica Stai, #11, both born and raised in South Dakota. Veronica says she was born in a nursing home because the Hospital was full that day! Henry was born in his family home on their farm! Henry and Veronica have been married 61 years as of November 7th. Happy upcoming Anniversary to these two! Their adventure to Oregon began in March of 1961 with a couple kids in tow. They moved here for a better job; in South Dakota they made \$125 a MONTH! Call it divine intervention because the month after they moved here the place Henry worked, burned down! I asked what family means to them as they have a great sized family, it means ‘loving, caring, and lots of trust among each other’. In those 61 years I asked what their happiest memory is, for Henry it was the day Veronica said “YES!” and for Veronica, it was their wedding day. If you ever have a prayer request don’t hesitate to bring it to them. Henry and Veronica are strong in their faith and are happy to lift you up.