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WLLO Village Newsletter

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NEWS AND NEWSWORTHY

Happy New Year

from all your friends and neighbors in WLLLO Village!

A FEW CHANGES IN THE NEW YEAR

We are pleased to announce that Marjorie Synakiewicz has assumed responsibilities of the Volunteer Coordinator and Lead for service and social volunteers and Diana Fisher for Transportation Coordinator and driving volunteers.

Marjorie was one of WLLLO's first volunteers as Co-Chair, during the initial planning stages before WLLLO opened. She was also the Outreach Lead, speaking all over our community spreading the concept of the Village movement. She serves on the Village Council and is an enthusiastic supporter of our Village. Many thanks to Marjorie for taking on new additional responsibilities and for being a cheerleader for our community.



Diana is active with Meals on Wheels and her church but decided to join WLLLO in January of 2023 as a driver volunteer. In the past year she has driven 624 miles, and spent 104 hours supporting our members. We call that enthusiastic and are so pleased she has agreed to accept more responsibility as Transportation Coordinator. Thanks Diana for taking on additional responsibility and for all you do. We are so lucky to have you in our village.

BEST OF LUCK TO BOTH OF YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!

JANUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

January fills us with thoughts of new beginning and so it is for these January birthdays. We're happy to be celebrating birthdays with Claudine W., Jane L., Vicci M., Margie W., Rich B., Joyce M., Susan C., Mary Kay P., Sue D., and Jan S. We'll look forward to celebrating birthdays with our WLLLO friends.

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December Birthdays Pictures!



We don't always remember to take pictures (because we're so enjoying being with you) and not all pictures make the newsletter. However, if we took a picture, we'd be happy to send it to you.



MEET AND GREET & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Get to know our villagers better, both volunteers and members

WAYNE HATLEY WLO Volunteer Since 2019

As a native Oregonian, Wayne grew up in Astoria. Wayne and his wife have lived in West Linn for the past 40 years and his kids attended West Linn High School.,

He volunteers as an all-around handyman and when asked why he chose to volunteer, Wayne says that he loves to solve problems and being a volunteer handy-man has provided an opportunity to be that problem-solver for his neighbors who are in need of help around their homes. Wayne has responded to over a hundred service requests for small inside and outside maintenance jobs regularly putting his



problem solving skills and talents to work. He also brings a great smile and a helpful 'can-do' attitude.

Our members express their sincere appreciation and thanks to you Wayne, for all of your volunteer help, your skill and your kindness. Wayne has helped thirty-two of our members in his time as a WLLO Volunteer.

THANKS WAYNE, WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE PART OF THE WLLO FAMILY!



Villages Volunteers

Each and every volunteer is important to our WLLO Village community as we are an all volunteer organization made strong by the relationships between our members and volunteers. Did you know there are approximately 10 hours of preparation, background and administrative volunteer support for every hour of service such as rides or maintenance.

You may have also noticed that many of our volunteers stay with us for years as valued members of our team. If you are a member and have some spare time we would love to have you join our team. If you are reading the newsletter and are not part of WLLO but find us interesting you may want to join as a volunteer. There's no cost to be a volunteer and many rewards.

There are opportunities for:

- Drivers
- Administrative Support
- Computer Gurus, our members need the support
- Leadership Team Members

And whatever skills you are willing to share, we may be able to use them. To volunteer email info@wllovillage.org or call and leave a message at 503-308-8223.

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NO GUILT BOOK CLUB

We're a No-Guilt book club that meets on the second Tuesday of every month. Members and volunteers are welcome even if you haven't finished the book. It's always a good discussion.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH AT 10:30 AM

This month Ellen Steel will be hosting. We'll be discussing the book Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt.

Based on a vote by bookclub regulars, the next books are:

January: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

February: An Honest Man by Michael Koryla

March: Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen

April: Horse by Geraldine Brooks

May: Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

TERRY'S EARTH FRIENDLY TIPS



HOLIDAY RECYCLING REMINDERS

December, 2023

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The holidays give us permission to generate the greatest amount of garbage in the shortest amount of time. In fact, in the weeks around Christmas and New Year's Day, garbage increases 25% in the US. That amounts to around 6.5 pounds per person, or about 30 pounds per the average household. And that equates to over 2.8 billion (yes, billion), additional pounds of garbage per week during the holidays.

Similar to the fact that the largest flow of sewerage through the Oregon City wastewater treatment plant is at halftime of Superbowl. It's true.

And the culprits of this garbagemagedon? Wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue paper, food waste and cardboard and plastic boxes.

But lo, we can lessen the load on the landfill and divert some of those raw materials back into the system. And we're proud of the fact that so many of our WLLO members are willing to take the time to follow that path.

And when you're wealthy in years, you deserve to be given the luxury of a reminder now and again. So, let's review as follows: Paper & Cardboard, Glitter, Plastic, Plastic Film, Styrofoam, Glass and Metal.

Continue reading by clicking on the link below.

<https://wllovillage.org/docs.ashx?id=1273768>

Here's to a healthy and happy 2024 and beyond.

WLLO RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

As always, every month we pick up #6 PS Styrofoam, #6 PS containers of any color, plastic film, and all clean clear #1 PET and PETE plastics. Please, no black or colored #1 plastic. Thanks.

January 9: Building materials, tools, plumbing and lighting fixtures, fasteners etc. The Rebuilding Center breathes new life into these items. <https://www.rebuildingcenter.org/donations>

MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS - REMEMBER

The earlier you notify the office that you want a pick up the better!!! However, the latest time for notification is noon on the 8th.

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RED HOT RECOMENDATIONS

These are member or volunteer recommendations and we encourage you to participate and send us your favorites in TV, movies, recipes,. (These are not WLLO Village recommendations, just valued sharing from friends and neighbors.)

This month's recommendations focus on the actor Martin Clunes who played Doc Martin in the BBC series of the same name from 2004 to 2022. The recommendation suggests much less of a curmudgeon as Clunes presents the mini series

"[Martin Clune: Island of Australia:](#)", (series of 3) The series can be watched on Acorn TV or can be purchased on YouTube for 2.99 an episode. Also a 30 minute version can be viewed for free on YouTube
"[Martin Clunes: Islands of the Pacific](#)", (series of 3) on Prime Video, Acorn TV, YouTube TV, Sling (all subscription)

"[Martin Clunes: Islands of Britain](#) (series 3) on Prime Video

"[Martin Clunes: Islands of America](#)" (series 3) on Prime Video, Sling, Acorn TV, Apple TV, YouTube Premium, YouTube TV, Roku Premium

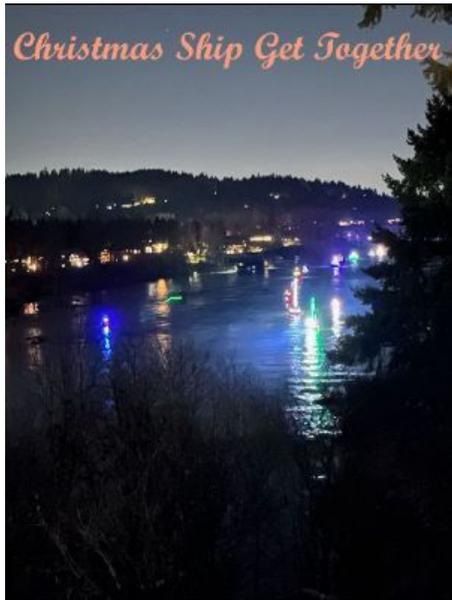
You can also find "Britain By the Book" on Acorn TV

Hope you enjoy!

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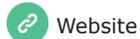
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WLLO & Villages Events

Check out our calendar on our website [homepage](#). It's easier to read, you can change how information is displayed and the calendar is also printable.

- Also be sure to check your **Week-At-A-Glance** email. Members and Volunteers receive Week-At-A-Glance emails every Sunday with detailed information for the upcoming week.
- Summary of Regularly Scheduled Events:
 - Ted Talk Discussion Group - Monday 11:00 AM
 - No Host Brisk Walk Wednesdays at 9:00 AM
 - No Host Chat and Stroll Wednesdays at 10:00 AM
 - 2nd Thursday of the month - Happy Hour in person at 4 PM
 - The 3rd and Last Friday - Coffee's are in person at 10:00 AM
 - All Thursdays except the 2nd, Thursday of each month, Happy Hour on Zoom at 5 PM
 - All Fridays except the 3rd and last Friday of each moth Coffee Hour on Zoom at 9:00 AM.
- For registration, calendar questions, or log-in help, contact the WLLO office (503-308-8223). To get log in details to specific events, email info@WLL OVillage.org. (Many events are for members and volunteers only.)
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