



Your January 31, 2024 Issue

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## NEWS AND NEWSWORTHY

### IT TAKES A VILLAGE

The storm of January 2024: As you know folks were without power and others without water for days.

The good news is we all made it through with and we kept in touch!

There are stories of generosity and care by neighbors helping neighbors. In WLLO, Terri called every one on our Emergency Check-In list and after the first freeze we had volunteers with four wheel drive vehicles taking folks to the grocery store, shopping and delivering water and groceries. We offered warm accommodations to those without and kept in touch with those who were toughing out the outage



conditions..

Congratulations to all of you for  
being good friends and neighbors.

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Sue Driggs

## WHAT A TEAM!

### Co-Volunteer Coordinators



Last month we reported on our new team members Marjorie Synakiewicz and Diana Fisher. This month we're pleased to announce that Sue Driggs has joined the team as Co-Volunteer Coordinator. Sue Driggs has been with WLLO as a volunteer for 2 years and joined the Village Council a year ago. She has provided a whopping 139 hours in services (driving, tech support, shopping even a few garden stops) and that does not include the time she has contributed to planning,

preparation and organization. We are so lucky to have a talented professional as part of our team. She moved to Lake Oswego in 2005. Sue retired from a successful career in the semiconductor and manufacturing industries which did not allow much time to give back to the community or meet others. According to Sue: "WLLO has been the perfect way to connect with people. I lived here 15 years without really meeting anyone but neighbors. WLLO has introduced me to a whole world of interesting and independent folks. The volunteers are all about helping the community and the members are a inspiration in how to continue living independently." Outside of WLLO, Sue is an avid walker and eater of her husband's artisan bread.



### Transportation Coordinator

## THE NEW TEAM GETS TOGETHER WITH VOLUNTEERS FOR BUSINESS AND FUN!



Just to keep you posted, our new volunteer team is off and running. January 28th they invited all WLLO volunteers to a gathering as an opportunity to get to know each other better and chat about plans for going forward. There was lots of food and conversation and it was an enjoyable time for all.

WLLO thanks to all of you for all that you do. Help us keep WLLO thriving. Here are areas where we

hope you'll find a new way to be part of WLLO.: **DRIVERS, DROP BY VISITS, HAPPY HOUR, COFFEE GATHERINGS, TED TALKS, OFFICE STAFF, SOCIAL GATHERINGS, MEMBERSHIP TEAM, FUNDRAISING TEAM**



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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Some believe those born in February are loyal, honest and cool. Whatever your traits we're happy to be celebrating birthdays with Christine K., Bonnie M., and Kathy S. We'll look forward to celebrating birthdays with our WLLO friends.

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*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.*

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## MEET AND GREET & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Get to know our villagers better, both volunteers and members

### TERRI KRAEMER

WLLO Volunteer Since 2018

Not all is changing - Council Member, Membership Lead and WLLO Member and volunteer, Terri Kraemer joined WLLO in the very first organizing days. She worked diligently to formulate our membership guidelines and forms, hosted a kick-off party at her house and assumed the Membership Lead position - helping all our new members learn about WLLO, renew memberships. Terri participates in the Villages NW Membership Affinity Group to keep in touch with other villages and exchange plans and policy information between Villages NW and the WLLO Council. Terri also maintains our emergency contact list, and called everyone on the list during our recent storm. In addition to being a pillar of the WLLO community and joining us in many events she is also an active volunteer for Respond to Racism in Lake Oswego.



Terri brings to WLLO her strengths from her exceptional career as both a nurse and an attorney and regales us with stories of her travels. You can see her recent trip to Newfoundland and Laborador on

our YouTube channel [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cDfqEm72VIE&ab\\_channel=WlloVillage](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cDfqEm72VIE&ab_channel=WlloVillage)

**WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE TERRI ON OUR WLLO TEAM! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO WLLO AND THE OUR COMMUNITY!**

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### **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. Whatever skills you are willing to share, we may be able to use. If you're thinking of joining our volunteer team email us at [info@wllovillage.org](mailto: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, FEBRUARY 13TH AT 10:30 AM**

This month Sue Driggs will be hosting. We'll be discussing the book *An Honest Man* by Michael Koryla.

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

February: *An Honest Man* by Michael Koryla

March: *Northanger Abbey* by Jane Austin

April: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

May: *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett

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## **TERRY'S EARTH FRIENDLY TIPS**

## **Recycling Review and Entertainment**

By  
Terence M. Shumaker



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Continuing in the vein of recycling review, let's take some closer looks at how that stuff you put in your curbside bin actually gets recycled. And you all know what goes in your curbside bin because you're all so well-trained now.

So, the paper, metal, and plastic containers larger than four ounces go into the curbside bin. Glass, on the other hand, goes into a separate smaller bin and never in the general curbside bin. But of course you know this.

What many of us may not know is what happens after that big truck dumps our bin and drives away.

Most of it is taken to the KB Recycling Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), in Clackamas. There it is ingloriously dumped on the floor and then the fun begins. But rather than have me explain it in words, why don't you take a few minutes to watch a short video on the subject. Almost all MRFs operate the same, but some have more advanced and exotic sorting equipment than others.

#### [General recycling video.](#)

Most of the recycling bulk is various kinds of paper. Once your stuff is deposited at the MRF, the paper and cardboard are sifted, blown and sorted, then pressed into bales and shipped to a facility that renders it into new paper. The following video illustrates how an MRF in Conyers, Georgia separates the paper from everything else and sends it on its way.

#### [Paper recycling video.](#)

As for that small bin we use for glass, it is picked up by a separate truck and transported to a facility such as the Owens Illinois Glass Plant near the Portland airport. There the glass goes through a sorting, sifting and separating process to remove contaminants, then is crushed and optically separated into different colors. The crushed glass, or cullet, is then melted into new products. The next video provides a detailed look at how this process works.

#### [Glass recycling video.](#)

Well, that's enough entertainment for one sitting. Next time we will take a video tour of some other interesting recycling processes. In the meantime, keep up the good work and we hope to see some of you soon for our next pickup in February.

One last thing. Should you, or someone you know, have an old, still-functioning cell phone that you are looking to part with, we've got just the ticket. Contact Jeanne Kiernan Burckhardt at [thee.je.suis@gmail.com](mailto:thee.je.suis@gmail.com) and let her know. She has a friend who is working with a women's organization in India that is helping to provide them with cell phones.

### **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.

**February 13:** Electronics and everything with a power cord. PLEASE: NO LIGHT BULBS OR SMOKE DETECTORS! Free Geek rehabilitates and recycles this stuff.

<https://www.freegeek.org/take-action/donate-technology>

**March 12:** Furniture, linens, dishes (no chips or cracks or alcohol-themed items), kitchen utensils, mattresses/box springs, small appliances (in working condition), decorative items and artwork, rugs etc. Items are donated to the Community Warehouse. <https://www.communitywarehouse.org/give-furniture/>

**April 9:** Cleaners, pesticides, chemicals, light bulbs, smoke alarms, paint, batteries and other hazardous materials. Metro South Hazardous Waste site reclaims and recycles.

<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-living/garbage-and-recycling/garbage-recycling-hazardous-waste-disposal-oregon-city>

**May 14:** Building materials, tools, plumbing and lighting fixtures, fasteners etc. The Rebuilding Center breathes new life into these items. <https://www.rebuildingcenter.org/donations>

***Review or re-reading Terry's articles by clicking on the link below.***

<https://www.wllovillage.org>

## COMMUNITY CORNER

*These are member or volunteer recommendations from friends and neighbors that we think you might have an interest in.*

### [Lunar New Year Festival at LO Library](#)

Saturday, February 3, 2024 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Celebrate the Year of the Dragon by joining members of our community in a variety of fun activities for the whole family!

1:00 - 1:20 pm – Stop by the Children’s Library (lower level) to listen to children’s stories read in Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese.

1:30 - 1:55 pm – On the main floor, children from Heart Strings Mandarin will offer a special performance of songs, dance, and poetry.

2:00 - 2:15 pm – Delight in a spectacular lion dance performance by members of The White Lotus Dragon and Lion Dance.

2:30 – 2:45 pm – Enjoy a special Nanta Drumming & Korean Fan Dance by Oregon Korean Performing Arts.

3:00 - 4:00 pm – Head to the Children’s Library to learn the traditional way to fold a dumpling or to make red envelopes. Or, head to the 2nd floor for a Chinese ink painting demonstration by local artist Yanan Dai.

This festival was organized in collaboration with LO for LOve and Palisades World Language School and is sponsored by the Friends of the Lake Oswego Public Library. Floral arrangements will be created and donated by Diane (Wang) Dixon. Admission is free. The library is located at 706 Fourth Street, Lake Oswego.

### [MLK Community Celebration](#)

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 - 5:30pm to 6:30pm

\*Please save the date for our MLK Community Celebration, rescheduled from Sunday, January 14 due to inclement weather. Please check back for updates.\*

Commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s life and teachings with a family-friendly celebration that features artwork created by LO youth, Katharine Phelps as emcee, a poetry reading by Emmett Wheatfall, musical performances by Alonzo Chadwick, Sr. and The Godsistas, and closing remarks offered by City Councilor Massene Mboup.

The City is joined by partners from African American Women of Lake Oswego and Surrounding Areas, Bahá’ís of Lake Oswego, LO for LOve, Lake Oswego School District, Lakewood Center for the Arts, Mary’s Woods, and Respond to Racism for this event. This event is sponsored by the City of Lake Oswego, the Friends of the Lake Oswego Public Library, and Respond to Racism.



This event will take place at the Lake Oswego Public Library, located at 760 Fourth Street in Lake Oswego. Admission is free. ASL interpretation will be available at the event. A livestream of this event will be available at: [www.youtube.com/lakeolib](https://www.youtube.com/lakeolib)(link is external). For additional information, please visit the Lake Oswego Public Library's website at [www.lopl.org](http://www.lopl.org)(link is external) or contact Allison Arnold at 503-534-5665 or [aarnold@lakeoswego.city](mailto:aarnold@lakeoswego.city)(link sends e-mail).

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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
  - All Thursdays except the 2nd Thursday of each month, **Happy Hour on Zoom at 4 PM**
  - The 3rd and Last Friday - Coffee's are in person at 10:00 AM
  - 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@WLLOvillage.org](mailto:info@WLLOvillage.org). (Many events are for members and volunteers only.)

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