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**Your April 29, 2021 Issue**

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## **WLLO Village 2nd Annual Meeting**



WLLO held its second annual meeting online in April. To celebrate the event, WLLO gifted a bag filled with champagne, a plant, the slate of candidates and a directory of members and volunteers. During the meeting, we first used the slate of candidates to vote in new leadership. At the close of the meeting, everyone toasted with the champagne provided. Even a flute had been included in the gift bag to make sure there would be no logistical problems.

The meeting was attended by many of our members and volunteers. Highlights included video statements by members expressing their gratitude for WLLO and the volunteers that help bring it to life. We also watched a couple of videos telling the story of how WLLO came to be, and a recap of last year. Some of these videos will be available on our WLLO YouTube Channel soon so don't forget to check there. We also enjoyed a lovely tribute to the outgoing co-chairs by Susanne R. and Judy B.

Our new Council Officers for 2021/2022 are Joan N. (Chair), Judy B. (Chair Elect/Secretary) and Laura M. (Treasurer). Thank you for your willingness to help WLLO in this capacity.

## **Moving Forward in 2021 - A Message from Joan Nelson, the new Chair of WLLO Village**

Despite all the difficulties that we encountered in 2020, I am proud of our members and volunteers, and of what we have accomplished. Over the last 12 months, we added both new members and new volunteers. That tells me that despite all the uncertainties and challenges that the

pandemic brought into our lives, there is a real need for the services we are offering, for the community we are trying to build in Lake Oswego, West Linn and the Stafford Hamlet.

I credit my fellow volunteers with working to find solutions that allowed us to keep on going. We added new services to deal with social distancing and modified behaviors to keep on delivering others. We introduced everyone to the technologies that became part of the new normal like video chats. We strengthened the ties with other Villages in the Portland Metro Area to learn from each other more quickly what's working and what is not as we were all trying to deal with this new reality. My thanks go out to everyone in our virtual Village who helped making it work, whether as a volunteer or as a member, showing flexibility and patience.

The next 12 months will be different again. With more and more people getting vaccinated, we very well might have in-person events again, especially when the weather gets nicer. Like schools, universities and workplaces, we most likely will end up with a hybrid model. At times we will meet in person while taking necessary precautions of course. Other events will remain online.

We have asked our members and volunteers to help us navigate this period by creating a survey for them to fill out and share their wishes and concerns with the volunteers who steer WLLO. There is another reminder in this newsletter. Please take the time to respond. You can also call our office number 503-308-8223, leave a message and a real person will call you back and ask you to share your thoughts.

Onward and upward, 2021...Here we come!

Joan Nelson  
Chair WLLO Village





We have seen continued interest and are interviewing new members who we hopefully will be able to announce soon. If you know of anyone who might be interested in WLLO Village, please spread the word.

Monica S. is our newest volunteer. We're very happy to have you, Monica, and appreciate your support for our Village.



We want to thank all the volunteer drivers who made time on the Saturday before our annual meeting to deliver the gift bags for it to everyone.



Further, a "shout out" to members who penned cards during the national volunteer week to recognize our volunteers for all they do. A heartfelt 'thank you' goes out to Dorie R., Ellen S., Linda F., Lori G., Sue C., Eleanora L., Margie W., Janet S., Jane L., and May T.

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The NO-GUILT Book Club meets once a month on Zoom. In our May meeting, we will be discussing historical fiction books. Historical fiction is one of our favorites because in addition to a good story, you also learn something about a different place and time period.

As always, you can read whatever you want about the theme of the month, or nothing at all. If you enjoy books and like talking and hearing about them, feel free to participate even if you haven't read anything recently.

For June we will be reading a "garden mystery," sometimes called a "cozy mystery." Often set in charming English, Irish or Scottish villages, these are enjoyable reads that stimulate your inner sleuth. Read anything you want that fits the theme! We will enjoy hearing about it. Also, we will be monitoring the weather and may start meeting outside again once the temperatures have gone up somewhat.

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## WLLO Needs Your Feedback!!

We are looking forward to the next 3 or 4 months, with hopefully somewhat relaxed social distancing restrictions.

Assuming all in-person events will require masks and will be in smaller groups, we want to know how you feel about getting together in person again?

Please answer [this very brief questionnaire](#) to help us understand your priorities better. It shouldn't take more than 3 minutes.



## Two Opportunities in May to Learn More About WLO Village

If you're getting this newsletter and are not yet a member or volunteer, you might have questions about WLO Village. You're in luck. We are going to conduct **two introductory sessions** in May. On Tuesday, May 4, at 5 pm, and on Wednesday, May 19, at 10 am. You'll have the opportunity to learn more about us and get your questions answered. This is a virtual meeting. For log-in information and password, please call the office at (503) 308-8223.

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## Activities in May

Read all about our planned activities this month in the calendar below or on the website. Here are a few things we wanted to point out.

Don't miss our educational and informational session on **Advanced Directives** on Thursday, May 6. It's a very important document to have. Come prepared with your questions that we will be happy to answer.

This month's **recycling activities** are scheduled for Tuesday, May 11. We are going to pick up plastics! Just call the office to schedule a pickup.

One ongoing effort is our **puzzle exchange**. If you finished a puzzle or



gave up on it (we won't judge), call the office for a contact-free pickup and exchange. Tell us your preferences for picture types (art, nature, scenic, abstract, etc.) and how many pieces you would like (500, 1000, etc.) and we will do our best to find one that fits. Share in the fun!



If you missed our annual meeting, some of the videos we created for it are now available on our [YouTube Channel](#). Don't forget to check out them out! You'll learn about how we started and how we managed last year's turmoil.



## May Birthdays

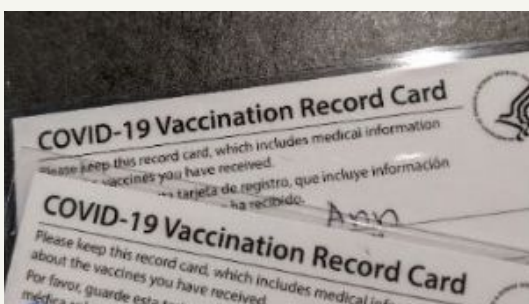
In the month of May, we are celebrating with JB L., Ginny H., Susan R., Eleanora L., and Dorie R. We wish you all a very happy birthday, good health, and all the best for the future.





Dorie R. who has been informing our Village on various art-related activities before has issued another **ART ALERT** on 2 special opportunities in May. The first is the **annual fund raiser of the Arts Council of Lake Oswego**. From May 6 through May 16, you can donate by bidding online on various art experiences and related goodies donated by local stores. If you register before May 3, you'll be included in a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate from St. Honore. Who can say no to that? Here is the [link](#).

The second opportunity is a special exhibition at the **Portland Art Museum: Ansel Adams in Our Time**. This is the only West Coast stop of an exhibit organized by the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. It is a retrospective of more than 100 of Adams' Photographs and similar photographic works by contemporary artists. The exhibition starts on May 5 and runs through August 1st. You must reserve a date and time because visitor numbers are capped. [Click here](#) to learn more.



## Vaccinations -

## The Gift That Keeps on Giving

You know that vaccinations are keeping you safe. What you might have missed is that many companies are offering freebies to people who show their vaccination card. Staples and Office Depot offer free lamination of your card. That might come in handy when you're going to Krispy Kreme next to pick up your free doughnut. Especially, if you're a messy eater.. Here is a [link to a story](#) with more offers.

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## Events in the Month of May

If you know of any event that would be a great addition to our activities, or if you have comments or suggestions about an event you attended, we want to hear from you. Please email us at [info@wllovillage.org](mailto:info@wllovillage.org) or leave us a message at (503) 308 8223.

**Every Monday. May 3,  
10, 17, 24, 31**

**TED Talk &  
Discussion**

1:00 pm

Online

Each week we will choose a brief TED Talk to watch together then have a short discussion. Call or email the office for sign-in or call-in information!

**RSVP required to get the dial-in information.**

**Tuesday, May 4  
An Opportunity to  
Learn About WLLO  
Village**

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

If you have been following WLLO Village for a while from a distance, you might appreciate the opportunity to learn more about our organization. To that end, we are going to hold 2 events in May where we present what we do and why. If evening hours are not ideal for you, we'll have another mid-morning event on May 19. Contact the office (503-308-8223) or email [info@wllovillage.org](mailto:info@wllovillage.org) to get log-in details and the password.

**RSVP required to get the dial-in information.**

**Thursday, May 6  
Advance Directive**

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Online

To have an Advanced Directive is a very important step that everyone should take. We'll host an information and educational session to that end. Come prepared with your questions! Call or email the office for sign-in or call-in information!

**RSVP required to get the dial-in information.**

**Thursday, May 6**

Join us for our fun online gathering. Be prepared with

**Online Happy Hour**

5:00 pm

Online

your own beverage and snack and let's enjoy each other's company. Contact the office (503-308-8223) or email [info@wllovillage.org](mailto:info@wllovillage.org) to get log-in details and the password.

**RSVP required to get the dial-in information.****Every Friday. May 7,  
14, 21, 28****Friday Coffee**

9:00 am

Online

WLLO is hosting a virtual gathering every Friday at 9 am. Contact the office (503-308-8223) or email [info@wllovillage.org](mailto:info@wllovillage.org) to get log-in details and the password.

**RSVP required to get the dial-in information.****Tuesday, May 11  
The No-Guilt Book  
Club**

10:00 am

Online

Join us for our no-guilt book club meeting where you can read whatever you want following a general theme. Historical fiction is the theme for today's discussion!

Come prepared to talk about your favorite piece of literature. If you haven't read for a while, maybe you'll be inspired after our discussion! We will send out an email with the Zoom link to all members and volunteers a day or two before the gathering. Or call the office! 503-308-8223.

**RSVP required to get the dial-in information.****Tuesday, May 11  
Recycling Pickup  
Day**

All Day

We are picking up plastic! Email [info@wllovillage.org](mailto:info@wllovillage.org) or call the office at 503-308-8223 to schedule a pickup.

**RSVP required to get on the list!****Thursday,  
May 13, 27  
DEI Affinity Group**

2:00 pm

Online

The DEI Affinity Group meets via ZOOM on the second and fourth Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00 pm. All village volunteers and members are invited to join the Zoom video call and listen to speakers, get DEI resources, hear what is happening in the Village Movement California and more. Join the group and share your personal experiences with ageism, sexism, ableism, racism and more. Learn more about diversity, equity and inclusion and how these social issues affect villages. To get the ZOOM link or for more information contact Jurie Lewis, DEI Affinity Group facilitator, at [realestatebyjury@msn.com](mailto:realestatebyjury@msn.com). Or call the office and we will



facilitate the connection.

**Wednesday, May 19**  
**An Opportunity to**  
**Learn About WLLO**  
**Village**

10:00 pm - 11:00 am  
Online

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**RSVP required to get the dial-in information.**

**Thursday, May 20**  
**Online Happy Hour**  
**And Games**

5:00 pm  
Online

Join us for our fun online gathering. Be prepared with your own beverage and snack and let's enjoy each other's company. Contact the office (503-308-8223) or email [info@wllovillage.org](mailto:info@wllovillage.org) to get log-in details and the password.

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Last but not least: If you're stuck at home and bored, check out [our tips for PlayTime on our website](#). We're sure you'll find a distraction that will brighten your day.



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