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## **"Getting Together" Meetings are Taking Off**

We had two wonderful get-togethers in July. Kathy has been a member since June of 2019, and May's party was the first time we met in person. It was truly lovely to get together with old friends and new ones, and those we had met on Zoom.

We enjoyed chatting about the last year and our plans for the future: travel, classes, family and the opportunities for new events. Unfortunately, two of our events had to be cancelled or rescheduled due to the weather and new masking guidelines. We hope it won't be too long

before we can start these again.

Enjoy the pictures of different gathering sprinkled across this newsletter.  
Speaking about sprinkles...

Everyone asked for the scone recipe and suggested we put a favorite recipe in the newsletter every month. We would have to give credit Sally for introducing us to [Sally's Baking Addiction](#). Here is the article about [the perfect Vanilla icing](#). And here is the link to [the perfect blueberry scones](#). Together it's like a piece of heaven.

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## Here Are Some Pictures from May's Backyard Gathering





## CITY OF West Linn

We want to express our deep gratitude to the City of West Linn for a \$940 grant to our organization. We will use part of the money to purchase a basic tablet if one of our members needs one. The rest will go to a membership assistance program for members whose financial situations doesn't allow them to pay for a full membership. Both are very valid causes, and we are very happy for the support.

## Do You Have Questions About WLL0 Village?

While many of you know what we're all about, please share with friends and families that we are holding introductory sessions again. Take an hour of your time to listen to some members who tell you what we do and how it has changed their lives. Our next event is planned for **Tuesday, August 3, at 5pm and Wednesday, August 18, at 10am**. See our events calendar for more details. Please help us spread the word by telling friends, family, and neighbors. If you are interested, call the office, or email us for log-in details.

## Brunch at Laura's with WLL0 Village Friends





All of us at WLLQ extend a very warm welcome to Catheryn O., our newest member, and our newest volunteer Joan C. We are very happy to have you join our family.

By the way, if anyone knows of anyone who might be interested in WLLQ Village, please spread the word.



The NO-GUILT Book Club meets once a month on Zoom. We are taking a break in August but will be back in September! Enjoy your summer!



## MahJong is back!

The folks that play MahJong at the West Linn adult community center are open and welcoming to new players. Our Mahjong mentors Arva and Paul Bartos are happy to provide lessons if we have anyone in WLLO Village who would like to learn. Everyone is vaccinated and we play with the doors and windows open.

The existing MahJong players meet on Friday at 1:00 to play for an hour and half or two. Arva indicates that if we have anyone who wants a refresher or a lesson, she could do it Fridays at noon.

If any members or volunteers are interested in playing MahJong or learning to play MahJong, they should please contact Ellen Steel at (503) 860-3694 or [EllenS@wllovillage.org](mailto:EllenS@wllovillage.org). Ellen will arrange lessons for those who are interested.



Have you been checking out our [YouTube Channel](#)? We keep on adding videos frequently. Learn about how we started, listen to members explaining WLLO and what it means to them in their own words, and relive how we managed through last year's turmoil together.



## August Birthdays

In the month of July, we are celebrating the birthdays of Joan N., Janet P., Stuart E. and Susan C. A very happy birthday to all of you. Stay healthy and have lots of fun in your next ride around the sun.

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## WLLo Events in the Month of August

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.**  
**August, 2, 9, 16, 23,**  
**30**

**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, August 3**

If you have been following WLLo Village for a while from

## **An Opportunity to Learn About WLO Village**

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Online

**Wednesday, August 4, 18**

### **Chat & Stroll Walk**

10 am - 11 am  
Foothills Park

**Thursday, August 5, 12, 19**

### **Online Happy Hour**

5:00 pm  
Online

**Every Friday. August 6, 13, 20, 27**

### **Friday Coffee**

9:00 am  
Online

**Thursday, August 12, 26**  
**DEI Affinity Group**

2:00 pm  
Online

a distance, you might appreciate the opportunity to learn more about our organization. To that end, we are going to hold 2 events in June where we present what we do and why. If evening hours are not ideal for you, we'll have another mid-morning event on June 16. Contact the office (503-308-8223) or email [info@wlovillage.org](mailto:info@wlovillage.org) to get log-in details and the password.

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

Join us for a leisurely walk in and around Foothills Park. It's called chat & stroll for a reason! Please call ahead to let us know you're coming. However, if the urge only strikes you that morning, meet us at the starting place and time. Be prepared, maybe bring your own beverage and snack and let's enjoy each other's company. Contact the office or email us to let us know you're coming (preferred).

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@wlovillage.org](mailto:info@wlovillage.org) to get log-in details and the password.

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

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

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

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.

**Tuesday, August 10**  
**Recycling**

All Day by Appointment

This month, we will be picking up construction material such as lumber, trim, siding, fencing, doors, windows, toilets, sinks and the kitchen sink.

Call or email the office to make sure you're on the list of our volunteers' route.

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

**Wednesday, August 11, 25**

**Brisk Walk**

10 am - 11 am

George Rogers Park

Parking Lot

Join us for a brisk walk that gets your heart pumping. Please call ahead to let us know you're coming. However, if the urge only strikes you that morning, meet us at the starting place and time. Be prepared, maybe bring your own beverage and snack and let's enjoy each other's company. Contact the office or email us to let us know you're coming (preferred).

**We are taking a break in August! See you in September!**  
**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. Beach reads 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.**

**Wednesday, August 18**

**An Opportunity to Learn About WLLLO Village**

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Online

If you have been following WLLLO Village for a while from a distance, you might appreciate the opportunity to learn more about our organization. Contact the office (503-308-8223) or email [info@wlllovillage.org](mailto:info@wlllovillage.org) to get log-in details and the password.

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**Thursday, August 26**  
**WLLLO Party**

5pm - 7pm

This will be our first party since December 2019. We have so much to celebrate and be thankful for so put it in your calendar now and watch for upcoming announcements

TBD

[with more details!](#)

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## Shared Village Events (Events Organized by Other Villages)

Here is a list of events that are being organized by our sister Villages in the Portland Metropolitan area. Please note the Village associated with the event, and who to contact for more information. If it is an in-person affair, mind travel times to get there.

### **Virtual First Friday "Meet the Artist" Coffee Klatsch**

Friday, August 6, 10:00 am

Hosted by Village at the Falls

Our guest artist is our very own Bonnie Merchant who has led an interesting and colorful life filled with art, acting and a tour of Europe with the Department of Defense Overseas Shows! Hope you can join us!

Here's the Zoom link to join us, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82409571327?pwd=dGNuMGlnM2NYREZkbzlhc0U1THRmZz09> All are welcome!

### **Online Age Café**

Every Other Friday, August 6 and 20, 11:00 am

Hosted by Viva Village

Small group conversations exploring topics of interest to older adults. New thought-provoking topics each session. Sponsored by Viva Village, Beaverton City Library and Washington County DAVS. Contact Viva Village, [vivavillageevents@gmail.com](mailto:vivavillageevents@gmail.com) or 503-746-5082 for the meeting link.

### **Who Do You Think Had an Impact on History?**

History and Current Events Discussion Group

Friday, August 6, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Hosted by Village Without Walls

Rescheduled from July. Discuss what you have read in books, online, newspapers and magazine articles. This month's topic: Who do You Think Had an Impact on History? Each participant does a brief participation on a person that they feel had an impact (good or bad) on history. Join at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86366674028>

### **Come and Walk With Us in Beautiful Columbia Park**

Wednesday, August 11, 12:30 pm

Hosted by North Star Village

All Villages NW villagers and volunteers are invited to join our North Star

Village walking group on a walk through Columbia Park. At just over 35 acres, this beautiful North Portland park is known for its mature (and very tall!) Douglas-firs and lindens that provide plenty of shade along its walking paths. We'll meet at 12:30 p.m. at the corner of N. Woolsey and N. Lombard to begin our walk. Stay as long as you want to; walk at your own pace as far as you want to. There is no need to RSVP. Just come and enjoy walking and socializing with other villagers.

### **Salon: Ensure your Choices and Autonomy Are Respected by Health Professionals and Family**

#### **Janis Landis, Past President, Final Exit Network**

Zoom

Wednesday, August 11, 12:30-2:00 pm

Hosted by RiverWest Village, contact [info@riverwestvillage.org](mailto:info@riverwestvillage.org), for meeting link.

Final Exit Network was founded in 2004 by former members of the Hemlock Society including that organization's co-founders, Derek Humphry and Dr. Faye Girsh.

Janis Landis, past president of Final Exit Network, will share real life stories about how individuals achieved their end-of-life goals and some illustrative examples of how failure to plan can be disastrous. She will also address what steps you can take to prepare and how to ensure your health care providers and family respect your choices and autonomy. Bring your questions.

### **Climate Change and Nuclear Energy**

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Saturday, August 14, 10:00 am – Noon

Hosted by Village Without Walls

To combat climate change, the US must reduce dependence on fossil fuels to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Can using the latest nuclear power technology to replace fossil fuels be part of the solution? To attend click: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84138707930>.

### **Moonlight:**

Third Thursday Movie Discussion

Thursday, August 19, 10:00 am

Hosted by RiverWest Village, contact [info@riverwestvillage.org](mailto:info@riverwestvillage.org), for meeting link.

Oscar-winner for Best Picture, Moonlight is a moving and transcendental look at the three defining chapters in the life of Chiron, a young man growing up in Miami. His epic journey to adulthood, as a shy outsider dealing with difficult circumstances, is guide by support, empathy and love from the most unexpected places.

"If you think art should challenge us, then you will embrace the writer-director

Barry Jenkins' exquisitely crafted drama, "Moonlight". It's a true American masterpiece and one of the best films of the decade. -Tirdad Derakhshani, Philadelphia Enquirer

Watch the movie at your convenience any time during the month. Then join us for discussion. Bring your comments and insights.

### **Third Thursday Ice Cream Social in the Park!**

Thursday, August 19, 4:00 pm

Hillendale Park, 13216 Roseberry Ave, Oregon City

Hosted by Village at the Falls

Interested in what Village at the Falls is all about? Come meet our fun group of volunteers, members and guests and see how you fit in! Ice cream treats provided. Bring a friend and your own chair! No need to RSVP. Just show up. Everyone welcome! Hope to see you there!

### **Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens**

Online Viva Village Book Club

Tuesday, August 24, 1:00-2:30 pm

Hosted by Viva Village

RSVP to Viva Village, vivavillageevents@gmail.com or 503-746-5082 for the meeting link.



Last but not least: For these hot days when it's uncomfortable to be outside, 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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