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Get Ready For WLLO's Annual Meeting!

We can't believe how quickly another year has passed! Suddenly, it's April again and time for our annual meeting. **Join us on Tuesday, April 19 at 5pm.** Keep an eye out on Saturday, April 9, for a special goodie bag delivery.

We'll have a questionnaire for you to share your ideas. There will be a ballot. During the meeting, we reserved time to look back at the last 12 months but also forward. Of course we set aside time for a little celebration, complete with a bit of champagne to mark the festive occasion that it is. Finally, there is one more surprise to be revealed that day. Don't miss it!





WLLO Garden Plot is in Business

We are very happy to announce that our Adopt a Plot at Luscher Farm is ready to be worked on or visited. We start in April. Feel free to drop by every Wednesday and Friday at 11 o'clock, whether you're ready to get your hands dirty or just to provide moral support. We will meet on Wednesday after our Chat and Stroll.

We've planted sugar snap peas and chard already. Now, we want you to join in the fun of planting, weeding (so much of that) and enjoying the progress of our gardens. And even having a chance to sample.

The plots are well-marked right across from the Community Gardens behind the barn. We have seeds and will be provided starts by the farm so when the ground is ready we will be doing lots more planting. If you'd like to grow anything in particular please let us know. We all have favorites. We have two blueberry bushes between the plots which will provide some great snacks while doing our tending. There is no place like the farm in spring and summer. One of Lake Oswego's best kept secrets.

Please join us rain or shine and let's plan our bounty for Meals on Wheels and Hunger Fighters.



Changes in Leadership at the Hub-Level, VillagesNW

Springtime – the time when new shoots, buds, and blossoms burst with the energy of renewal and growth.

And so it seems to be with our VNW Board. Our beloved and respected Charlie Meyer has stepped down from his role as Board President to follow more family-oriented pursuits. (Maybe actual retirement this time?) And now, at this pivotal point, Althea Ender, our current Board VP, has assumed the leadership role. We will anticipate the influence of new leadership.

We will miss Charlie's steady, patient, insightful leadership. Under his careful watch, VNW has flourished, despite COVID. Problems and challenges were always addressed in a calm, respectful, solution-oriented manner. The business-at-hand was expertly managed.

We owe Charlie an unfathomable THANK YOU for setting us on a course toward successful realization of our mission and goals. We wish him the best of luck, laughter, good health, and much love in his family circle.

Already Althea has proven to be a stalwart team member whose experience in Kaiser Community Integration programs have given her an excellent foundation for continuing the Mission of VNW. She has worked collaboratively, demonstrating utmost respect for people and their ideas, searching for—and connecting with—important resources, and building bridges. Her personal values reflect a deep respect for the activities and opportunities that will build better, more colorful and cohesive communities, just as springtime offers a variety of color to the garden and the neighborhood.

So, this Spring, watch for new and continued leadership as the fertile ground is made ready for more growth. We are looking for seeds, starts, and blossoms of expertise, experience, and volunteer energy. Our success depends upon the willingness of many to share their perspective, ideas, and skills.

Please step up and lend us your time and talent. Help us keep the Villages and VNW Hub vital, colorful, and evolving. We need you, and perhaps you need us. Together let's keep Villages NW growing and glowing with the energy of springtime throughout the year.



We are welcoming new members Elmer G. who will join on April 1, and Anne S. who joined at the beginning of March. A heartfelt 'welcome' and thank you for supporting our community and for your help to keep it growing!



The Trillium Festival at Tryon Creek State Natural Area returns. For years we have gathered to celebrate the return of the Trillium, an early season perennial native to local forests. This beautiful white flower awakens each year in late winter, and slowly turns to a reddish-purple in May, making it a wonderful beginning to the spring wildflower season.

Join Friends of Tryon Creek and partners **Saturday April 2nd** for this fun and educational event for the whole community that celebrates spring in the forest and beyond... Find more information at <https://tryonfriends.org/>



April Birthdays

Our best birthday wishes to our March birthday ladies and gentlemen: Karin M., Lois E., Joyce T., Janet P., Jeanne K., and James J. We wish everybody a very happy birthday, health and happiness, and all the best for the year to come.

Lake Oswego Sustainability Network



Sustainability Insider

What: First Annual Lake Oswego Sustainability Fair

When: Sunday, April 24, 11:00am to 2pm

Where: Lakeridge Middle School, 4700 Jean Road, Lake Oswego

Groups throughout our community will be present at the fair with sustainability information, how you can get involved, and how to take action.

WLOO will have a table and we'd love to see you at the fair!

PGE will also be holding an electric tool exchange where you can recycle your gas-powered landscaping equipment and purchase an electric model.

Advance registration with PGE is required to participate in the tool exchange. (The registration link will be posted on [our website](#) after April 1st.)

The City of Lake Oswego's Sustainability Advisory Board is partnering with the Lake Oswego School District, the Lake Oswego Sustainability Network, and the Oswego Lake Watershed Council to host the first Lake Oswego Sustainability Resource Fair.



The NO-GUILT Book Club meets again on the second Tuesday of the month. We are reading the Lake Oswego Reads book, *How Much of These Hills is Gold*. Here is the link describing the book. There are multiple copies at the library. <https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/loreads/2022-lake-oswego-reads-selection>

Our Bookclub meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am. See you on April 12. As usual it is fun to chat with anyone who shows up even if you didn't read a book on our theme or anything at all. All are welcome!

Recycling Options: Just Where Does This Stuff go?

As always, our thank goes to Terry Shumaker for putting these recycling articles together for the benefit of everyone.

The world of recycling is a constantly moving target. Even Master Recyclers such as myself must constantly check with local authorities to determine what can be taken, where and when. So for the average citizen who wishes to just do the right thing, it can be a daunting task. So let's take a look at some reasonably constant resources we can rely on in addition to regular use of your curbside bin.

Two fee-based recycling services, Ridwell and James, are available should you wish to explore paid options.

Ridwell

This company provides pickup at your door for items that cannot be put in your curbside-recycling bin. They provide a metal box to place by your door and several bags to hold your recyclables. Basic pricing is \$16 for three months, \$14 for six months, and \$12 for 12 months. A wide variety of items are collected, some on a rotating basis as part of your fee, and some, such as Styrofoam, are collected for an additional fee.

Ridwell's entry into West Linn has not been without its controversy regarding waste hauling franchise issues. You may wish to explore this option in greater detail by visiting their website at <https://www.ridwell.com>.

James Recycling

In addition to curbside pickups in Portland, this organization also conducts neighborhood collection events. They accept a wide variety of materials, including small plastic items we normally throw away, but all items must be separated and bagged according to their requirements. Get detailed information on what they accept and sign up to get email notifications of event locations on their website at <https://jshrecycling.com>. You can also view informative videos on what items they accept and how to prepare them.

West Linn Sustainability Coalition

This local group hosts monthly recycling events at the Robinwood Station Community Center on Cedar Oak Dr. in West Linn. They accept a variety of plastics, rigid foam, beauty care containers and writing instruments. Stay informed of their events by visiting their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wlsustainabilitycoalition>.

Oregon Metro Station, Oregon City

A wide variety of recyclable items are accepted at this collection facility, including appliances, tires, old paint and most hazardous materials. Find out where you can recycle almost anything by visiting their website at <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-living/garbage-and-recycling/find-a-recycler>.

WLO RECYCLING TEAM

As many of you already know, your WLO Recycling Team provides recycling pickup services monthly, and the items we collect include many items you cannot put in your curbside bin. Although we cannot handle appliances, we do accept a wide variety of items. This service for our members prevents a lot of unneeded driving by individuals to dispose of recyclable items. See below for our pickups for the next three months.

WLO RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

April 12: Hazardous products and materials. View the Oregon Metro website for hazardous products at <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-living/healthy-home/common-hazardous-products> for a current list of acceptable items. Don't forget; this includes all of those old cans of paint you've been hoarding for years.

May 10: Building materials, fixtures (light & plumbing), lumber etc. We deliver to the Rebuilding Center. Their website provides a complete list of acceptable materials. Visit them at <https://www.rebuildingcenter.org/donations>.

June 14: Electronics and most anything with a power cord. Our collected items go to Free Geek. Since the items they accept change, please check their website at <https://www.freegeek.org/small-donation> for items they accept, and also for those things they do not accept.

Remember, every month we accept plastic film. Contact Suanne Jackson at suannej@wlovillage.org if you have items to be picked up on April 12.

Volunteer Outreach By Villages NW - The Hub of all Villages in the Portland Area

Dear Village Volunteers,

Villages NW Finance Team needs help! Who among our many talented villagers would like to participate on a deeper level?

VNW Hub is looking for people to be back-up to our Finance Team.

We need a few good people who like to use their computer skills, are detail oriented, good with numbers/reports, can work independently and with a team, meet deadlines, like to write procedures, letters and solve mysteries.

\Below is a list of our current Finance Team and their role. Tasks are broken down into "bite-size" pieces to keep the time commitments to a minimum. Time commitment will vary between 2-10 hours/month depending on the task. See the chart below. Finance Team leaders are ready to be mentors now!

- Accounts Receivable
- ACH-Monthly Payments
- Payroll Accounting
- Credit Card Payments
- Recurring Invoices
- Checks
- Mail
- Donor Receipt Letters

This is an opportunity to learn more about our dynamic network of villages. We welcome any and all who are interested in this opportunity.

For more information: Contact Lee Lancaster, at lee.lancaster@eastsidevillage.org or 503-740-3497

Thank you for your dedication to our worthy organization.

Yours Gratefully,

Villages NW Finance Team

WLO Events in the Month of April

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@wlovillage.org or leave us a message at (503) 308 8223.

Please understand that some of these events are for members only. We welcome your interest and are always looking for ways to accommodate everyone as much as possible.

**Every Friday. April 1,
8, 15, 22, 29**
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 to get log-in details and the password.
RSVP required to get the dial-in information.

Friday, March 4

**LO Library Learning
Group**
7 pm - 8 pm
Online UPDATE

The group will meet on the **first Friday of each month at 7:00 pm**. To sign up for a session you are interested in, just go to the Library Events Calendar https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/calendar?og_group_ref_target_id=13 and look for the first Friday of the month to find the Learning Group and click on the link to be emailed the invitation:
<https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/library/learning-group>

**Every Monday. April
4, 11, 18, 25**
**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, April 5
**Getting to Know
WLLO Village**
4:00pm - 5:00 pm
Online

If you have an interest in learning more about WLLO Village, this is your event. We are hosting an online meet and greet where we tell people about our Village (your Village) and answer questions. Call the office for details at 503-308-8223, or email info@wllovillage.org. We are looking forward to meeting you online.

**Wednesday, April 6,
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Chat & Stroll
10:00 am
Luscher Park

Weather permitting we will be meeting at Luscher Farm's parking lot off Rosemont. Watch your email for an announcement. Members and volunteers are welcome to join.

**Every Thursday. April
7, 14, 21, 28**
Online Happy Hour
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 to get log-in details and the password.

RSVP required to get the dial-in information.**Tuesday, April 12**
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.

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,**
April 13
Recycling
Registering required

This month we will once again collect household items for the Community Warehouse. Read the article above for more details. Just remember to call the office to make sure you are going to be on the list of stops.

Wednesday, April 13,
27
Brisk Walk
9:00 am
George Rogers Park

Weather permitting we will be meeting at the lower parking lot of George Rogers Park. Watch your email for an announcement. Members and Volunteers are welcome to join.

Tuesday, April 19
WLLO Village
Annual Meeting

5:00 pm
Online

Instead of our monthly working meeting, we will have our annual meeting in its place. We will be looking back at 2021 and forward. There will be time for celebration, and as last year, we'll ask you to fill out a brief questionnaire to share your thoughts. Look for a special delivery on Saturday, April 9.



Due to dwindling demand, we decided to close the puzzle exchange program for now. If anyone would like to get a new puzzle, please reach out to the office. We're sure we'll find something you'll like. We will reopen the exchange again, once demand has picked up.



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.

Shared Village Events in the Month of March

Learning to Trust Others Is One of Life's Most Difficult Tasks Online Age Café

Friday, April 1, 11:00 am

Hosted by Viva Village

Small group conversations exploring topics of interest to older adults. Co-sponsored by Viva Village, Beaverton ty Library, Beaverton Committee on Aging (BCOA), and Washington County (DAVS). (Visit vivavillage.org for more detail

and to register.) Register to receive the meeting link and password,
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/online-age-cafe-tickets-103554793174>

Biden's Agenda

Great Decisions 2022

Saturday, April 2, 10:00 am

Hosted by Village Without Walls

The new administration in Washington promised to reverse many of the policies of the past administration, especially in foreign policy. How will issues such as climate, the pandemic, and alliances be treated under the Biden administration? Anyone is welcome to attend and participate in the discussion, you can also just listen.

Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84138707930>.

Coffee and Conversation

Friday, April 8, 11:00 am

Hosted by Village Without Walls

Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join in the discussion. We share information and opinions in a friendly atmosphere to encourage learning and social connection.

This month's theme: Social Media and Freedom of Speech

Social media sites allow the rapid spread of all speech, whether protected or not, and such messages spread around the world, and sometimes stir people into action. Striking a balance between undeterred free speech and censorship to protect values considered worthy of protection is indeed a difficult exercise. Censorship of social media speech may not outweigh the benefit of forbidding a particular speech but allowing complete free speech on social media may also have negative impacts, such as fostering cyber bullying or hate speech.

- Do social media platforms have the right to decide what types of messages can be posted?
- Should the government regulate social media messaging?

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

Villages NW Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Group

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, April 12 and 26, 2:00 pm

Hosted by Villages NW

Join fellow villagers – including some from other states – for this semi-monthly discussion on equity, diversity and inclusion. Bring your voice and share an experience. Contact Jurie Lewis, jlewis@villagesnw.org to be added to the distribution list.

Electric Vehicle Meet Up

Wednesday, April 13, 10:00-11:30 am

Rose City Park United Methodist Church

5830 NE Alameda, Portland OR 97213

Hosted by Northeast Village PDX

Have you always been interested in Electric Vehicles? Have you contemplated owning an Electric Vehicle, but have questions or concerns? Come join us to see other members Electric Vehicles and ask all your questions.

Are you an EV owner? Please, reach out to NEV Programming Coordinator, Lindsey Oldani, at programs@nevillagedpx.org to learn more about joining us in April. We would love to have you collaborate with us to spread the joy about EV ownership. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!! MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW!

Myanmar and ASEAN

Great Decisions 2022

Saturday, April 16, 10:00 am

Hosted by Village Without Walls

The situation in Myanmar, including the coup by the military in February 2021 and the ongoing human rights crises, coupled with civil resistance by those opposed to the regime, has led to chaos in the Southeast Asian country. How are neighboring countries reacting, and what role will ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) play? Anyone is welcome to attend and participate in the discussion, you can also just listen.

Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84138707930>

The Children Act (2017)

Third Thursday Movie Discussion

Thursday, April 21, 10:00 am

Smart, elegant, and deeply moving, The Children Act stars two-time Academy Award winner Emma Thompson in a powerful and riveting performance as Fiona Maye, a British High Court judge who, in the midst of a marital crisis, must rule on a life-changing legal case concerning the survival of a teenage boy.

Fiona is intensely dedicated to her profession, never finding time to have her own children while fully assuming the immense responsibility of making life-and-death decisions about the children of others. As Fiona is about to embark on one of the most challenging cases of her career, Jack (Stanley Tucci) her neglected and increasingly frustrated husband, makes a shocking revelation, sending her into an emotional tailspin.

Watch on Kanopy ahead of time and bring your thoughts and reflections to the discussion. Kanopy is free with your library card.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89016059225?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89016059225?pwd=bmhESjN0N3NhRUE3MXJWSWpVQ0Nrdz09)
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Meeting ID: 890 1605 9225

Passcode: 486547

Attend by Phone: 253-215-8782

Online Viva Village Book Club

Tuesday, April 26, 1:00-2:30 pm

Hosted by Viva Village

April book: The Great Offshore Grounds: A Family Saga by Vanessa Veselke

For meeting link, contact 503-746-5082 or vivavillageevents@gmail.com.

From Source to Electric Vehicle

RiverWest Salon

Wednesday, April 27, 12:30 pm

Hosted by RiverWest Village

John McLain, a retired PGE man-of-all-trades-and-information will speak to us about "from source to electric vehicle" and other topics time permitting. We'll also have plenty of time for questions.

To join the Salon from your computer, tablet or smartphone, click this Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83444197121?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83444197121?pwd=cTcrcUVTNTThieXp6VjM5YmIrb3pZZz09)

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Meeting ID: 834 4419 7121

Passcode: 158022

You can also dial in using your phone 253-215-8782

Garden Tour of Elk Rock Garden (formerly Kerr Park or Bishop's Close) and Luncheon

11800 S Military Lane, Portland

Thursday, April 28, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Hosted by RiverWest Village

This garden on the bluff above the Willamette was once the home of the Peter Kerr family. The 13-acre estate was donated to the Episcopal Bishop of Oregon on the condition that it remain open to the public.

Transportation: We'll leave from Neighborhood House Senior Center parking lot (7688 SW Capitol Highway) to carpool to the garden around 11:00 am.

Garden Tour: The garden should be blooming with magnolias, rhododendrons, spring bulbs, and more. It also has gorgeous views of Willamette River and its east bank far below. It has narrow dirt trails that climb a bit.

Luncheon: After visiting the garden, we'll head to New Seasons (in Sellwood) and neighboring food pod for lunch. We expect to return to the Senior Center by 2pm.

Contact Janet janetliu1@juno.com to reserve seat for carpool and for more information.

Garden and Art Tour

Saturday, June 4, 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Hosted by Village at the Falls

SAVE THE DATE! And join us for the Village at the Falls Garden and Art Tour, Saturday, June 4, 10:00 - 4:00, visit 8 gardens and watch artists at work.

\$10:00. Details in the April newsletter.



Last but not least: While we had some sunny days, the weather is still not that great for most of the time. We put together a list of enjoyable activities on our website. 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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