

Rose Villa Resident Forum
Thursday, October 17, 2019

Employee Anniversaries

ONE YEAR:

- Marty Bracken, Chef, Food and Beverage
- Amal Swan, PCA, Avencia

FIVE YEARS:

- Heidi Reyes, CNA, Madrona Grove

Department Intro – Rose Villa Foundation

Please Welcome New Residents!

Bill Scheible, North Pocket cottage 3051, joined us October 4 from Cedar Rapids, Iowa! He loves travel, reading, birding, and his 5 grandkids.

John & Phyllis Watson, Cottage 84, arrive Oct 21 from SE Portland. They love gardening, hiking, music, and their 10 grandkids!

Announcements

We are thrilled to introduce Alex Mihm from Clackamas County. He has come to award Rose Villa with the **Leaders in Sustainability Gold Certification**. The certification process included evaluating our sustainability efforts in the following areas: Policy & Employee Engagement, Hazardous Materials Management, Water & Energy Conservation, Transportation, Reduce/Reuse/Recycle, Community Engagement, Hospitality and Food. Rose Villa residents, administration and staff have all gone above and beyond in adopting strong sustainable best practices each of these areas to earn us the Gold!

Bill Rector will be the Council speaker presenting candidates for elections in November.

Suzanne Townsen is here to speak about the Employee Christmas Fund.

Green Energy Option Update

Last month we shared an opportunity for residents to participate in a Green Energy program through PGE. This program allows residents to choose to have their portion of electricity used at Rose Villa to be sourced from Clean Wind power which is 100% renewable source. This program has been launched this month as planned, with roughly 75 residents participating. We are off to an exciting start and want to continue to promote this opportunity for our community to choose a sustainable energy source alternative that substantially reduces CO2 emissions. We also value each resident's freedom to choose, so it was decided that the most equitable way to offer this program to residents was for all those interested to opt-in by informing either Kristina DeLisle, our Sustainability liaison, or the business office, with their desire to be included in this program. The cost to participate is \$3.20/month per resident. The next opt-in window will be March, 2020, as this program's open enrollment is every 6 months - so there is plenty of time to find out more information about this program before making a decision. Please contact Kristina if you have any questions regarding this program.

Rose Villa Clinic Change

The Rose Villa Clinic will be moving to its new location on Monday, October 21. The new location is adjacent to the new Treasure House, across River Road, on the east side of the employee parking lot. You will find the following staff members in this space: Louise Albrecht, Carrie Currin, Erica Schafer, MaryHelen Clausing, and Erin Cornell. In order to allow time to move and set up the new space, the Clinic will be closed on Monday, October 21, and Tuesday, October 22.

We want to encourage every resident to use Rose Villa transportation services when they visit the Clinic. We will be using Rose Villa vehicles, not surreys, for shuttling residents back and forth, but the procedure is the same. Call the front desk, let the receptionist know that you need a ride to the Clinic, and we will take care of you from there. Clinic staff will contact the receptionist to arrange return transportation when you are through.

UNICEF Donation Drive, sponsored by Rose Villa's chapter of USA-UNA, happening NOW through October 31 (from Kay Schmerber):

“If we are to reach real peace in the world and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children.” Mahatma Gandhi.

UNICEF has been on the ground throughout the eight years of the Syrian Conflict, helping mobilize the largest humanitarian operations in history. Recently, UNICEF and its partners had to stop most of their work in the area due to the massive physical devastation. Many UNICEF staff and volunteers have joined an estimated 2.6 million children who remain displaced *inside* Syria, and another 2.5 million children are living as refugees.

UNICEF continues a presence in one camp, and another camp is stocked with health and nutrition supplies covering the needs of 45,000 children and women *for one month*, with additional supplies in the pipeline. UNICEF reiterates that the only solution to the brutal conflict in Syria is political. However, monetary resources keep that pipeline open, staffed, supplied and ready. Remember **UNICEF** is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. It receives no **funding** from the assessed dues of the United Nations.

Nelson Mandela reminds us, “Safety and security are the result of a collective consensus and public *investment*.” So, please invest with UNICEF -- prioritize the protection of children---in northeast Syria, and the remaining 190 countries with a UNICEF presence.

(Instructions for donating are on the slips of paper near the donation box in the mailroom.)

Upcoming Dates:

Visiting artist **Jennifer Viviano** stops by the **Performing Arts Center on October 22 from 7:00-8:00pm** to showcase her artwork that investigates embodiment, transcendence, and ritual. Fascinated by the margin and mystery between two and three dimensions, her work hovers uncannily between them and generates an ephemera sense of space.

Join SEEDS manager Patti Haltom for a **Pumpkin Bouquet Workshop on October 24 from 6:00-8:00pm in the Vista Lounge**. Add a touch of fall flair to your indoor or outdoor space with this one-of-a-kind fall pumpkin centerpiece.

Light bites and beverages will be provided. Cost is \$35 and includes all your materials. Sign up by October 22 via TouchTown or by calling x3289.

In honor of **United Nations Day 2019**, UNA-USA Rose Villa Chapter invites you to an evening with **James Moore, PhD**, on **Friday, October 25, at 7:00pm in the Performing Arts Center**. An expert in American and International politics, Dr. Moore teaches courses in U.S. World Affairs, the International Political Economy, Security-Rights-Globalization, and US Foreign Policy. His areas of research are in International Relations, Economics, and the Middle East. Dr. Moore's analysis can be found in newspapers throughout the Pacific Northwest, on NPR, and scattered throughout the national media. Q&A will follow the presentation. If you have a question you would like Dr. Moore to address, please send to kschmerber@gmail.com, or put in cubby #3033.

Start your holiday shopping early with a bus trip to **Woodburn Outlets on Friday, October 25**. Woodburn Premium Outlets features 110 stores with savings of 25% to 65% every day. **Bus leaves at 10:00am** and will return by 3:00pm. Cost for transportation is \$7. **Sign up by October 23**.

- Join us on **October 31 for a Spooktacular day filled with Halloween activities!** Cast your vote in the **employee pumpkin carving contest in the Club Room from 9:00am–2:00pm**. Stop by Spooky Madrona Grove **between 2:30–3:30pm** for their funhouse, including a photo booth! And finally, from **3:00–5:00pm is the Halloween Party in the Performing Arts Center**. Enjoy spellbinding treats and spirits plus the **costume contest parade starting at 3:30pm**. Residents, friends, family and employees are all welcome to join the party!

The **Fall Art and Food Festival is Saturday, November 9, from 9:00am to 3:00pm**. Handmade arts and crafts in the Performing Arts Center and North Main Hallway, baked goods in the Club Room, holiday décor sale at the Treasure House, raffle in the Lobby and so much more!

Finally, Samantha will be in the back of the room as you leave recruiting volunteers for the Fall Art and Food Festival. Even if you can't make it the day of the event, we still need volunteers to help out earlier in the week. There's something for everyone! If you can't sign up today, the sign-up sheet will be hanging on the bulletin board in the Club Room until the day of the event. Feel free to go in any time to sign up for a shift – job descriptions are provided on the sheet.

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Visual interlude!

I saw these pictures and found it remarkable how quickly our landscape is filling in! This is only in two years – especially for those of you who joined us in Phase 2, it's nice to see how fast we are growing.

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Q1. Could you please update us on the status of the automatic door opener wait list? I am looking forward to when the north door to North Main has one and am wondering if it has arisen as next. Trying to get in that door, in bad weather with a grocery cart in tow, is a challenge. The door is heavy and those carts are unwieldy. Walking around to the front of the building in bad weather with cart also is no fun.

A. Thanks for the question! We spent \$14,000 in 2018 on automatic doors. If you remember, those were the Vista Lounge doors – both interior and onto the deck – and the door by the elevator in South Main that goes out into the Atrium. This year, we have spent \$4,000 on one door, which is the entrance to the salon. Our goal was to continue, as we feel we have the cushion to do so, and we will be scheduling the North exterior entrance, from the Tranquility Garden into North Main, to be automated before the end of 2019.

Q2. Is there any plan to improve the broken path to the TH on Torbank? Walkers do not work well on the gravel and the broken blacktop or whatever it is!

A. Building Operations is aware and we are working with a pavement contractor to repair this area in the next two weeks.

Q3. Now that the CAB is finished, isn't it a more appropriate place for the grand piano than the Tranquility Room?

A. The Creative Arts Building is a dedicated space for working artists and their own studio spaces. In addition, there is a classroom or instructional space and a hallway for gallery space. No, there is no music practice space in this building. I

appreciate that the Tranquility Room may not appear to be a great space for music either, but the hours of play are posted and agreed to by the most consistent users of the Tranquility Room. As we move forward and our space needs and uses shift after Phase 3, our intention is to come up with a better, dedicated music space option.

NEXT FORUM: Friday, November 15, 2019, at 10:30am, in the Performing Arts Center

WELCOME SONG

Right after the Forum, meet at the back of the PAC to serenade new neighbors at their homes with the Welcome Song. Join the procession of musicians and singers. All Rose Villains welcome.