

# **Rose Villa Resident Forum**

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

## **Employee Anniversaries**

### **5 Years:**

- Michael Smith, Line Cook, F&B

### **Welcome New Staff!**

- Traci O'Connor, Accounting Assistant, Business Office
- Derek Felsing, Tech II, Building Operations & HVAC Specialist

### **Welcome New Residents!**

**Anna Van Tyne** is moving into Classic Cottage #336 on Wednesday, September 15, from Milwaukie, OR.

Hobbies & Interests: Being outside, light gardening, reading, cats.

Former Occupation: Data Analyst at Blue Cross

Her phone number is 503-652-3336.

**Jane Myers** is moving into Classic Cottage #95 on Monday, September 20, from Oregon City, OR.

Hobbies & Interests: Sewing, reading, assisting at food banks and homeless shelters.

Former Occupation: Medical Clinic Manager

Her phone number is 503-652-3009.

## **Announcements**

### **COVID-19**

Please tune in to our weekly COVID-19 Infectious Disease Taskforce livestream (or pick up the accompanying notes) to stay informed about any changes to campus policy and infectious status.

From our recent breakthrough cases, I'd like to emphasize and ask that no one take ANY sign of illness for granted. At this point, it helps us all if you treat it as possible COVID and limit your contacts, call our hot line, and get a test if you

have symptoms. Be aware of how you feel and what is going on around you, both here at Rose Villa and wherever else you go. The hotline is always available at ext. 1234, so don't hesitate to call, even if you think you probably do not have COVID.

Similarly, if you have contact with someone else who has, or suspects they have COVID, do not gather with other people! Be conservative and quarantine for 3-5 days, monitoring for symptoms. Follow up with the suspected person to find out their test results so you know what next steps to take.

**Recycling Projects:** The Green Team has additional information on Rose Villa's continuing and very successful recycling of #1 clear (as in, non-color) plastics. Those are the ones with the number 1 in the triangle, that may also have the letters P...E...T or P...E...T...E. Just remember...it's our "PET" recycling project...or for "PETE's" sake.

This recycling has its very own specially-marked green bin. Currently, there's just one located in the service entry area on the South side of South Main. Soon, we will have a special green bin located in North Pocket, The Oaks, and Garden Grove neighborhoods.

In just 10 days of recycling #1 plastics last month, we collected eight bin loads. Our thanks to Jack Duren for filling his trusty pickup to the max and driving to our recycler. We're ready to go again!

Just recently, a flyer was released with information on this recycling project. It can be seen under the Green Team/Recycling section of Touchtown.

Thank you to all who have contributed to both of these efforts. Keep up the great work...encourage and help others in these efforts...AND TAKE PRIDE IN REDUCING THE LANDFILL!

### **Upcoming Events**

**Neighborhood Walk** – Saturday, August 21 – New residents, please sign up for the Neighborhood Walking tour via Touchtown. On Saturday, August 21, meet outside South Main at 11:00. We will walk through the CAB, the Southwest Neighborhood, and Rose Court.

**Treasure House Attic Boutique Sale** – Due to the heat, August's Attic Boutique Sale has been rescheduled for Thursday, August 26, and Friday August 27. Finding A Treasure! We will feature items recently donated to the Treasure House

but not previously available in the store. Open to residents, staff, and the public. Cash and carry. Purchases may be charged to your Treasure House account.

Then, mark your calendars for Thursday, September 16 – Friday, September 17, for September's sale. Shop to your heart's content! Both sales are in the Club Room on Thursdays from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm and Fridays from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

**Chamber Music Northwest in the PAC** – Thursday, August 26, at 4:00 pm. Join us for a screening featuring chamber music from the internationally renowned Brentano String Quartet playing Hayden and Barber. Then the Chien-Kim-Watkins Trio, consisting of CMNW Artistic Directors Gloria Chien and Soovin Kim, and Paul Watkins of the Emerson Quartet, makes its CMNW debut with Brahms's glorious C major piano trio.

**Summer of Soul** – Saturday, August 28, The iDREAM Committee presents a showing of the documentary "Summer of Soul" in the PAC at 7:00 pm. "Summer of Soul" is part music film, part historical record created around an epic event that celebrated Black history, culture, and fashion. Over the course of six weeks in the summer of 1969, just one hundred miles south of Woodstock, The Harlem Cultural Festival was filmed in Mount Morris Park (now Marcus Garvey Park). The footage was never seen and largely forgotten-until now. "Summer of Soul" shines a light on the importance of history to our spiritual well-being and stands as a testament to the healing power of music during times of unrest, both past and present. The feature includes never-before-seen concert performances by Stevie Wonder, Nina Simone, Sly and the Family Stone, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Mahalia Jackson, B.B. King, The 5th Dimension and more.

**Birding Trip** – Join Patty Newland for a birding trip on Tuesday, August 31 (destination TBD)! The bus will leave Rose Villa at 8:30 am and return by 11:30 am. Transportation will cost \$7 per resident. Sign up on Touchtown or by calling ext. 3289.

**Volunteer Appreciation BBQ** – On Thursday, September 9, we'll be having a special Thank You BBQ for lunch, honoring the tireless and generous volunteers who make Rose Villa a great place to live! Space is limited, so watch for information on how to sign up! This will be the main meal for the day, but Grab 'N Go will be available until 6:30 pm.

**Reflection Week** – September 13 – 18. Watch for information about this special week presented by the Wellness Ideas Committee. There will be a Time Capsule meeting; a Poetry Slam; we'll be doing the Jerusalema dance on Main Street; René Swar and Stephanie McBride will teach a Mind-Body class; and we'll cap it all off with a bus trip to The Grotto.

**Connections** – After every monthly Forum, the Welcoming Committee hosts a Connections gathering to help new residents connect with community members and resources. Join them via Zoom at 3:30 pm today! This event is open to new residents and all Rose Villains who have lived here for less than 100 years, because your “need to know” never ends! See the Zoom link in the Flyers section of Touchtown and listed in the Daily Activities Update email. Today, Rose Villa Courtesy Services staff will talk about events in and outside Rose Villa.

The next **Resident Forum** is on Tuesday, September 21, at 2:30 pm in the PAC.

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## Q&A

Q. Why was the decision made not to install solar panels on Schroeder Lofts and the new Madrona Grove? Why did solar energy pencil out for the Oaks and not for the new construction?

A. We have evaluated solar for every single building we have constructed since 2014 – all of the phases. It is a combination of what power we need, the storage capacity for it, as well as the cost of panels, subsidies available, etc. The Oaks neighborhood was designed as a “net zero” neighborhood, as is Trillium Townhomes. This pencils out mostly because the entrance fees are at the level needed to offset the extra construction cost. The goal of Phase 3 was to build Madrona Grove, so our financial resources were deployed to make sure that happened.

Adding solar panels to Schroeder Lofts or Madrona Grove would allow us to deploy net metering with PGE and get some credit for the energy generated that gets put back on the grid, but the amount of years it would take to repay the initial investment makes this not feasible

Additionally, and most relevant to the decision, adding PV does not help us with resiliency unless we also add a battery storage system and switchgear, which

we hope to do at some point. What we learned with GreenHammer recently is to add a battery “backup” to just the six Trillium homes would cost \$14,000 AND it would only last about 24 hours and only run refrigerators (not HVAC). Right now, the battery technology isn’t sufficient to meet any material resiliency needs while also being cost prohibitive.

Q. Can you provide a firm update on plans to replace fossil fuel powered lawn mowers and leaf blowers?

A. Our current mowing service provider will be transitioning to battery powered blowers and weed eaters by no later than their first service visit in October and have already transitioned to using only mowers that comply to California emission standards.