

Rose Villa Resident Forum

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

To start us off, we have a group of residents who will wish everyone with April birthdays a very “Happy Birthday!”

Employee Anniversaries

Celebrating **ONE YEAR** with Rose Villa:

- Emily Spielmann, Personal Care Aide, Avencia
- Penelope Moskowitz, Personal Care Aide, Avencia
- Dahlia Hearts, IT Technician, Tech Services
- Annie Newberg, Payroll and HR Specialist, Finance Department/HR

Celebrating **FIVE YEARS** with Rose Villa:

- Nat Cox, Housekeeper, Environmental Services

Welcome New Employees

- Cary Watts, Building Operations Tech I, Facilities Services
- Sharon Mapfumo, Housekeeper, Environmental Services
- Antoinette Green-Hite, Driver/Relief Receptionist, Courtesy Services

Please congratulate these staff when you see them!

Welcome New Residents

Ted Ziegler moved into Classic Cottage #63 on March 28 from Portland, OR.

Hobbies & Interests: Stained glass, baseball, reading, walking, bridge

Former Occupation: Environmental Health and US Public Health Service

His phone number is (503) 652-3063.

Shannon & Alberto Diez moved into Classic Cottage #232 on April 11 from Portland, OR.

Hobbies & Interests: Shannon: reading, knitting, gardening, cooking, painting, bird watching, gardening, piano, ceramics, Tai Chi, singing, hiking, travel, movies.

Alberto: soccer, biking, genealogy, kayaking, photography, hiking, yoga, walking, singing, travel.

Former Occupations: Shannon: Primary school teacher. Alberto: Science Teacher

Their phone number is (503) 652-3232.

June Haddox took occupancy of Classic Cottage #312 on April 17. She is moving from West Linn, OR., date still TBD, but you may see her on campus.

Hobbies & Interests: Reading, art, cooking, music, travel, gardening

Former Occupation: Registered Nurse, Realtor, Art Instructor in ceramics.

Her phone number is (503) 652-3312.

Kay Schmerber relocated to Classic Cottage #59 on April 17. Her NEW phone number is 503-652-3059.

Announcements

Please welcome **Erin Cornell** to introduce the **Madrona Grove Team!**

Please welcome **Cheryl Franceschi** to let you know about upcoming Foundation events (see Upcoming Events below for information about Listen & Learn Happy Hour on April 20, Cinco de Mayo Trivia Night on May 5, and Mother's Day Brunch on May 14).

Jim Willeford is here with a Facilities update. The homes with water damage are being worked on and flooring installation in 3057 and 3058 will begin next week. **Rick Hamell** reminded everyone that their old blue (or purple) fobs will not work starting next month, so please turn them in to Courtesy Services or Tech Services staff. All residents should have new gray fobs. If you do not have a gray fob, please submit a work order.

What's New Around Touchtown? Every month, we will feature a new icon or refresh information about Touchtown. This month, we'd like to share two new items. First, we have added office locations for Directors and Managers. For example, you can now see that Angela's office is located on the 3rd floor of Madrona Grove. And second, updated pet policies are now available under the Pets icon.

And speaking of pets, we have a special treat for you! Last Friday was **National Pet Day**, and staff sent in photos of themselves and their pets for our All Staff Meeting. We are happy to share that video with you today.

Back by popular demand, **Judy Francis** is here to read a poem created with the names of all the men at Rose Villa. The poem will be included in the Notes.

The next **Resident Forum** is on Tuesday, May 16, at 2:30pm in the PAC and on Zoom.

Q & A

Q1. I was taken aback to learn via the Resident Council Meeting Minutes that the Yellow House, formerly the Housekeeping/Environmental Services offices, is now being leased to Golden Bond Rescue with no Rose Villa control over what happens there. I am very concerned about this, especially that the residents whom this most affects were not consulted.

Will this be an outdoor kennel? I'm concerned about noise from dogs, the odor and health consequences of dog waste and, as not really a "dog person," I do not want to live among them or hear them. Any information you can provide is helpful.

A. Thank you for bringing your concerns to us! We appreciate that not everyone is a dog-lover.

The opportunity to temporarily lease the house to Golden Bond was discussed in the Resident Ideas Round Table work last year, which produced many viable suggestions from residents on how to use our empty common spaces. The only other use for the house is to board it up, which is undesirable.

The house itself will be used as an office. There will be no kenneling of dogs on the property. The business facilitates dog fostering and adoptions, and it is not a shelter facility. No more than one or two dogs will be on the property at any given time, and they will never be left unattended. There is also no provision for any Golden Bond staff or volunteers to live on the property although there may be occasions when a dog is not picked up and must remain overnight. If this occurs, a volunteer will stay overnight so the dog is not alone. There are limitations written into the lease agreement to ensure this is not a regular occurrence.

To answer your concerns about control, Rose Villa retains sole and total control of the property, not Golden Bond. If any issues arise, Rose Villa will address them. The month-to-month term of the lease, with both parties able to cancel with 30 days' notice, ensure that we will be able to immediately address any issues. Given the size and location of the property, as well as the way Golden Bond will be using it, we do not anticipate our residents will experience any changes or disruptions. But please let us know immediately if you do!

For more information about Golden Bond, you can also contact Joan Clark, who has history with the organization and is chair of the Resident Pet Committee. She is a great resource.

Q2. Is Golden Bond paying market rate for the house they are leasing?

A. The rate Golden Bond is paying is equitable to both them and Rose Villa.

Q3. Can the palm trees in the lot next to the parking area along River Road be saved from the steam shovel?

A. While the palm trees do not meet Rose Villa's landscaping policy for native plants, they are not currently scheduled for removal.

Q&A from the floor

LANDSCAPING

Q1. When will the landscaping around Trillium Townhomes be complete? We have been told not to do any planting until the contractor is finished. What is the timeline on this, and when can we start planting?

A. The contractor is under a maintenance contract with us for one year. We will be doing a walkthrough next month to determine the status of the common areas, which are anything outside the planters in front of your homes. You can plant them now! And as always, we are open to suggestions about what you would like to see planted in common spaces that Rose Villa will be managing after our contract with Colors NW has ended.

Q2. What is the status of bamboo removal?

A. It continues. Most of the bamboo has been removed (we had to remove and replace some concrete patios and steps), and we are now "chasing" the bamboo shoots. They are petering out and we are hopeful that we will not have to remove any other structures. As bamboo is relentless, we may be on "shoot alert" and remaining vigilant for a long time.

Q3. What about the bamboo adjacent to the employee parking lot? And will they remove the dead birch tree in the yard of the house that will be demolished?

A. The bamboo is going to be removed. If there are dead trees or other plantings, they will also be removed.

Q4. Is this the same landscaping company we are trying to get rid of?

A. Technically, yes, we would like to see the end of our contract with Colors NW, but they remain under contract with us now and they will be doing judicious pruning and removal of plants at the property adjacent to the employee parking lot.

Q5. In the landscaping plans that were posted in the Lobby, there were oak trees that should have been planted near the new parking area and in The Commons. I do not see trees planted there. Where are they?

A. Those plans were drawn up well before Phase 3 started and, as any plans – especially landscaping – do, they changed. There were oak trees planted in other areas of campus.

CONCRETE/GENERAL CAMPUS

Q6. What is the status of the concrete that has been deteriorating?

A. We will be doing a “concrete walk” to determine what needs to be repaired. Priority will be given to areas that have deteriorated to the point where they cause physical hazards.

Q7. What is the status of the project in North Pocket to replace cracking concrete?

A. If there are cracks that cause physical hazards, please submit a work order and we will look at the area. Concrete is prone to cracking, due to its nature, so not all cracks will cause hazards.

Q8. I have a concern about the decking outside Schroeder Lofts. It is slippery when wet, as signage indicates. Are there plans to put in handrails?

A. At this time, we are putting down non-slip applications such as ice melt and gravel during inclement weather, and making sure the signage is obvious.

Q9. Recently, on my way to the other side of campus, I got stuck with my walker in an area that was too steep and had nothing to hang onto. I had to call for a surrey. Is there an inventory of non-accessible spots on campus?

A. You certainly did the right thing by calling for a surrey! As you can imagine, with our campus being built on a slope, not all areas are ADA-compliant. We

recommend you use the switchbacks (zig zags) in the Pocket neighborhood, as they are safer to navigate. Reminder that the surrey ramp opposite the South Main building and next to Cottage #64 is NOT designed for pedestrians and is very steep. We can certainly look at improving campus navigability.

Q10. What is happening with all the properties Rose Villa has purchased and why is it so slow to clean up?

A. We are working on cleaning up the properties, and can let our Grounds team know about trash. As for the properties, we do need to work on a plan on how to use them long-term.

Q11. We have not heard a progress report on how the common spaces, such as SEEDS and Heirloom will be used.

A. Tina's report at the last Resident Council meeting included a list of the spaces and how they are going to be used. Her report is available in the Resident Council Minutes on Touchtown. Specifically, SEEDS will be turned into a common space for resident use. There is no timeline yet, but we are prioritizing that work. As for Heirloom, there will be an initial "refresh" and the space will be ready for resident use, especially for Food & Beverage events. A longer term project is to fully re-do that space, but there is no timeline for that yet. We chose to redirect some funds from Heirloom to addressing the acoustics in Harvest Grill, which is a priority.

DOG-RELATED

Q12. The yellow house is being leased to Golden Bond, but it seems that property could be put to much better use, rather than leasing it.

A. Our lease with Golden Bond is month-to-month and short-term. It is an opportunity for Rose Villa to capture some revenue while we work on long-term use for that property. It is beneficial to both parties right now. We do need to work on a plan on how to use the properties.

Q13. What about a dog park? Can't the property on the corner of Schroeder and Courtney be used as a better dog park?

A. We are looking at an area that can be turned into a dog park. No timeline yet, but we are definitely pursuing that.

Upcoming Events

Quilt, Craft, and Sewing Festival – Thursday, April 20, from 11:00 AM – 2:30 PM – Bus Trip

You will find a wide variety of Sewing, Quilting, Needle-Art, and Craft supply exhibits from many quality companies. Free classes and demos will be going on as well. Get your tickets at the door or save time by buying them here: <https://quiltcraftsew.com/> Admission is \$12. Transportation will cost \$10. Sign up on Touchtown or by calling ext. 3289. The bus will depart at 11:00 AM and return by 2:30 PM.

Listen & Learn Happy Hour provides opportunities to ask Rose Villa Foundation board members questions about how, when, and why services are provided to Rose Villa residents, and how you can get involved. The next happy hour is Thursday, April 20, at 4:00 pm in the Vista Lounge. Call 503-652-3075 to RSVP. Wine, beer, snacks, and soft drinks are provided.

River Road Cleanup – Friday, April 21, from 12:00 – 1:30 PM – Bus Trip

Help fulfill Rose Villa's Adopt-a-Road obligations and beautify our neighborhood! Grabbers, safety gear, and bags will be provided. Sign up on Touchtown or by calling ext. 3289. Meet at the South Main entrance. Contact Grey Davis at ext. 7001 or gdavis@rosevilla.org for more information.

Electrify Now - Friday, April 21, at 2:00 PM on Zoom

What does it mean to Decarbonize and Electrify Now? IPCC reports state that we must reduce our carbon emissions in half by 2030 and reach net-zero by 2050 to have any hope of limiting a temperature rise to 1.5-2° C. How does this happen? What would it look like? What has Rose Villa already done and what can we do in the future?

Ukulele Jam and Class – Friday, April 21, at 2:00 PM in the Training Room

Future Resident Marianne Brogan is offering two ukulele sessions:

Beginner Session: This is for those who may have some sort of musical background and are interested in learning to play the ukulele but have no experience. Marianne has a few loaner instruments and there are other loaners in the community. If you haven't played for a while, you may want to join this portion for a refresher. Come see if this experience is for you!

Play and Sing-along: This is for experienced players. Marianne will make PDF documents available and project the songs and chords on a screen in the classroom. The songs will be seven chords or fewer and Marianne will provide coaching with

arrangements, and technical aspects of playing. The offerings are an experiment, and we will make adjustments as we go along and gauge the level of interest.

Earth Day Wellness Walk – Friday, April 21 Meet at the Wellness Center lobby at 11:00 a.m. This is a 4-mile loop on the Trolley Trail. We will walk two miles to Stringfield Family Park for a short rest, and then head back to Rose Villa, stopping at Awakening Coffee Shop for a bite to eat or drink.

Earth Day Poetry Slam – Friday, April 21 1:00 PM via Zoom. You may read an original work or do a reading. Theme: Earth. Sign up with René Swar. Listen or participate!

Exercises You Can Do in the Lazy River for Better Balance – Monday, April 24, at 10:00 AM in the Pool. Join René and the Lifeguard Corp. Get in the water or sit on the deck. See flyer for more details, and for a testimonial.

Darrell Jabin Oregon History Presentation - Friday, April 21, at 3:30 PM in the PAC North. Just in time for Earth Day, Darrell returns to Rose Villa with a presentation on Oregon's changing geography.

Meet the Staff – John Wade - Monday, April 24, at 1:00 PM in the PAC North. You may know John as our new Courtesy Services Supervisor, but do you know that he used to coach high school softball? Or how many times he has called 911? Or that he started dating his wife in 1988, but they didn't speak for over ten years before they were married in 2006? If you still want to speak with him after hearing that, here is your chance!

Rose Villa Choir Performance – Friday, April 28, at 11:00 AM in the PAC
The Choir has been rehearsing for a few months and would like to share their music with you!

Lance Rhoades May Presentation – Monday, May 8, at 4:00 PM on Zoom
The Legacy of *Robinson Crusoe* A 2-part series presented over Zoom. Three centuries ago English author Daniel Defoe, inspired by a true story, penned a tale of a man shipwrecked on a deserted island, who survives by his wits, his hope, and help from a loyal companion whom he rescues. This novel, *Robinson Crusoe* – perhaps the very first novel – was so popular that it inspired numerous other desert island adventure and survival stories in literature and film, what came to be known as “Robinsonade.” These presentations explore the themes that still resonate in our times. Part One, May 8, at 4:00 PM: The Story of *Robinson Crusoe* and the Story Behind *Robinson Crusoe*. Part Two, July 17, at 3:30pm: Three Hundred Years of *Robinson Crusoe*.

Whitaker Ponds Birding – Wednesday, May 3, from 8:00 – 11:00 AM – Bus Trip
Downy woodpeckers, osprey, wood ducks, rufous hummingbirds, and more await you at Patty Newland's next tour. See flyer for details.

Drumming Circle with Steven Skolnik – Wednesdays, May 3 and 17 at
12:00 PM in the PAC North
Steven will provide rhythm instruction twice a month—on the first and third
Wednesdays. Bring an instrument or play one of his.

Classical Club – Thursdays, May 4 and 18, at 1:00 PM in the Tranquility Room
Join classical radio host, Terry Ross, for an hour of expertly curated classical music! For
those who were asking, Terry is fine and just got the time mixed up last time.

End of Life Choices – Friday, May 5, at from 1:00 - 2:30 PM in the PAC
Sue Porter, Founding Director and Co-chair of the Board at End of Life Choices Oregon,
will discuss:- End of Life Options- Principles Behind Oregon's Death With Dignity Act
(DWD)- Requirements to Pursue DWD- Non-Qualifiers- Two Physicians'
Responsibilities- Overview of the Legal Process- Prescription- Working with Hospices-
Supporting Families at the Time of Death- Common Concerns- Relevant Statistics There
will be a time for Q&A following Sue's presentation. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments
will be served. The presentation will not be recorded.

Cinco de Mayo Foundation Trivia Night! Friday, May 5, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM in the
PAC North. Only two teams left...sign up now! Forms are available across from the
Resident Services Counter.

Mother's Day Brunch with Rose Villa Foundation – Sunday, May 14. Seatings from
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Watch for more information to come with menus and details of
how to sign up.

Monday Night Movies – Mondays at 6:30 PM in the PAC
May's weekly movies will center around the DEIA and Wellness themes of Asian
American/Pacific Islander and Better Sleep. Popcorn is provided weekly. **BRING YOUR
OWN BOWL.** Feedback is always welcome; email Grey Davis
at gdavis@rosevilla.org with any suggestions or concerns. See flyer for details.

Happy Hour – Wednesdays at 4:00 PM in the South Main Club Room
The Food & Beverage department will provide complimentary snacks and beverages in
the South Main Lobby. Feel free to bring your own beverage or buy one at the Harvest
Grill as well. Stop by to socialize and make new friends!

Readers Theatre – Thursdays at 2:00 PM in the PAC North

What's Readers Theatre? Me, act? Memorize lines at my age? No, we're not THAT serious. We read short plays within the group. It's fun! We read short plays each week - usually one act or about 15 minutes each. Plays are read from a script, so no memorization and absolutely no acting experience are required. Almost all of what we do is within the group itself, so you are NOT performing, just reading your lines.

Talk With Tina! – Fridays at 12:00 PM in the Rec Room

Join Executive Director Tina Moullet for casual conversations about any topic you have in mind. Bring your own lunch, purchase from the Harvest Grill, or just join for the conversation.

Sunday Suppers – Sunday evenings in the Rec Room

To sign up to volunteer and/or dine, use the link listed on RVillagers.org:

<https://rvillagers.org/community-wide/sunday-suppers/> or call Susan Hyne at x3057. Sign up by the Friday before each Sunday.

The Men of Rose Villa *by Judy Francis*

Introduction

Last month I wrote a poem using the first names of the women of Rose Villa in honor of Women's History Month. Well, April is National Humor Month so I thought it would be appropriate to honor the *men* of Rose Villa!

As of April 6, there were 180 men, including residents in Independent Living and Madrona Grove, staff and the Board of Directors.

- Can you guess the most popular name for boys from 1922-1953? *Robert*. There are 15 at Rose Villa.
- The most popular from 1950-2010? *Michael*. There are 4 at Rose Villa.
- The most popular now? *Noah*. There are no Noah's at Rose Villa - yet.

A word about numbers and categories. This is not a census! People come and go all the time. In addition, some people are gender-neutral or non-binary and I respect that. These are intended to be an all-inclusive tribute to the people of Rose Villa, honoring the fact that each of us has a name and a story. Maybe next time I'll do *The People of Rose Villa* - all 500 or so!

But today, from A to Z, here are *The Men of Rose Villa*.

The Men of Rose Villa

Agnaldo, Alberto and Al,
Alan with 1-L and Allan with 2-Ls.
Anab and Anthony, Andi and Andrew,
Arlin and Azeem,
and Art.

Ben and Bernie,
Bill, Bill, Bill and Bill.
Brad, Brandon, Brian and Brian,
Bud, Bynner and Byron.

Carl and Carl, Chuck and Chuck
Charles and Charlie,

Casey, Clay, Coby and Craig.

David, David, David and Dave,
Dale, Devin, Devon,
Dick and Diedrich.

Don, Don, Don, Don, Don, Donovan, Donovan,
Doug and Doug and Dwain.

Edward, Eduardo, Ed and Ed,
Elijah, Eric and Elliott.

Frank, Frank and Fritz.

Grey and Gene and Glenn.

Hank, Hans, Herb, Howard, Huan and Hal.

Jack, Jack and Jack the Resident Curmudgeon,
Jacob, Jaiden, James, Jason and Justin.

Jim and Jim,
Jeffrey, Jeffrey and Jerry,
Joe and Joe and Joel,
Joshua, Joseph, Josh and Jose,
John and John and John and John and John and John and Juan.

Ken and Ken,
Keefe, Kofi, Kris and Kyle.

Lee and Lee
Leaf, Larry and Lou.

Mark, Mark, Mac and Matt,
Michael, Michael, Michael and Mike,
Martin, Marty, Melvin and Mo.

Nick.

Otto and Oscar.

Patrick and Patrick,
Peter and Paul, and Paul.
Philip and Phil and Phil.

Ray and Raymone, Rowdie and Reggie,
Rick and Rick and Richard.
Roger and Roger, Roman and Ronald,
Ron and Ron and Ron.
Robert and Robert, Roberto and Rob,
Bob and Bob and Bob and Bob and Bob and
Bob and Bob and Bob and Bob and Bob and Bob and
Bibbity-BOBbity-Boo.

Steve, Steve, Steve and Scott.

Ted, Tyler and Tony,
Tom and Tom and Tom and Tom and Tom.

Walt and Walt,
Wade and Wayne,

and . . .

Zane.

These are the courageous, outrageous

~ and God help us we love 'em ~

Men of Rose Villa!