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70 & Fabulous Summer Party

In celebration of Willamette View's 70th Anniversary, residents were treated to a festive garden party on the Manor Lawn on August 21. Signature cocktails and a delicious buffet dinner were served by the Food and Beverage Team. Live music was provided by the Tracy Kim Trio during dinner, followed by dancing to popular songs by Hit Machine. More photos on page 6.

Photo at right by Greg Silver



WV CEO Craig Van Valkenburg and resident Dale Silver dance to music by Hit Machine.

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How Do I Love Thee?

by Carol Knowles, Blue Heron Players Director



From left: Dorine Enz, Christine Thompson, Glenda French, Director Carol Knowles, MH Socolofsky, Alan Ely. Not pictured: Geneva Cook, Amy Torgerson. Photo by Gary Smith

Please join the **Blue Heron Players** on Monday, **September 29**, at 6:30 p.m. or Tuesday, **September 30**, at 2 p.m. in the Blue Heron Auditorium. On those dates – with the help of William Shakespeare, the comedic genius of Mike Nichols and Elaine May, Robert Burns' sardonic tribute to *Holy Willie*, Elizabeth Barrett Browning's love letter to her husband in *Sonnet 43*, and a clarinetist's unique attempts to discover the essence of music and partnership through *Immer Kleiner* by Adolph Schreiner – The Blue Heron Players will explore the joys, pains, and mysteries of human relationships.

From the Resident Council

by Donna Moores, RC Vice Chair

New Sustainability and Resilience Advisory Group

In July, the Resident Council created a **Sustainability and Resilience Advisory Group** (S&R Group) – the outcome of discussions held subsequent to the Council's resolution that Willamette View adopt a **climate resilience and sustainability policy and action plan**. This may sound like bureaucracy in action – of interest only to the wonks among us, but *au contraire* – this is a BIG DEAL! Let's back up a moment and see what this is about. What exactly do *sustainability and resilience* mean? **Climate sustainability** is the ability to meet current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. For our community, this means cost-effectively helping to slow climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, conserving energy and water, reducing material waste, and using renewables. We need to be thoughtful about decisions we make today so that the effects felt tomorrow will benefit our environment and are financially viable. **Resilience** is the ability of our community to adapt to changing conditions, to withstand unfavorable events where possible, and to recover from disruptions due to extreme events. Some emergencies we need to be prepared for are heat domes, wildfires, severe winter storms, power outages, and earthquakes. These are things we don't want to think about but need to prepare for. So this is a BIG DEAL for us now, for the future of Willamette View, and for our impact on the planet.

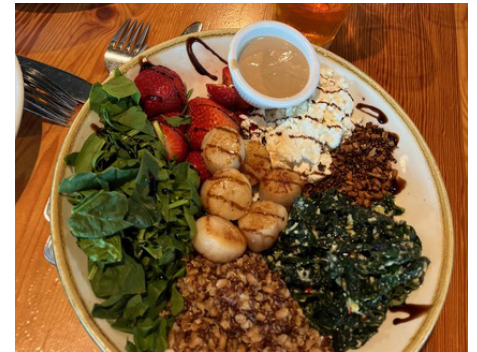
What is this group planning to do? The Sustainability and Resilience Advisory Group will work to help incorporate additional sustainability and resilience practices into the culture of Willamette View by:

- supporting more consideration of S & R
- initiating a process to create an S & R plan
- informing the community of existing S & R practices
- considering construction and renovation practices that reduce environmental impact and proactively addressing threats to our campus livability and workplace environment.

The S&R Group's goals are:

- to highlight and enhance S & R
- to identify cost-effective elements for construction and renovation that reduce environmental harm and mitigate effects of extreme environmental events
- to learn, share, and work collaboratively
- to make recommendations to decision-makers and seek to have the advice implemented

This is a joint resident/administration effort. Members are **Craig Van Valkenburg, Gary Smith, Potter Herndon, Donna Moores, Pam Brown, Matt Hartley, and Sharon Gross**. As I've mentioned in this column, the best way to accomplish something is to get the right people together and stand back. Again, diligence, information-gathering, respectful listening, and creative thinking generate good works – important and admirable goals. It will be exciting to see the outcome. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated!



The **Let's Dine Out** group transported 23 residents to **Wildfin American Grill** on the Vancouver Waterfront on July 10 for a delicious seafood lunch. Following lunch, the diners explored the walking path and shops by the Columbia River's edge.

Photos by Elizabeth Olsen

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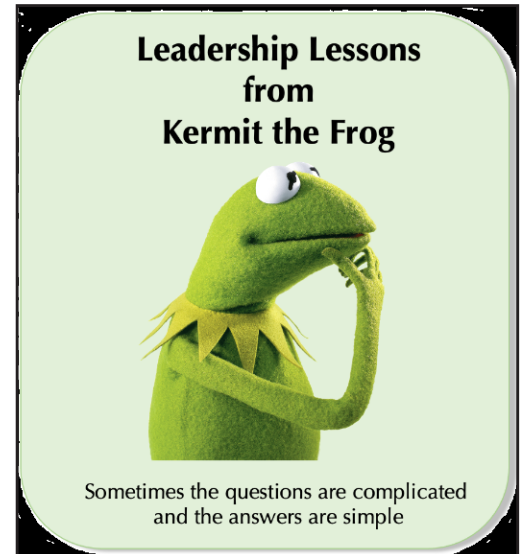
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A Prerelease Book Review *by Sue Bosshardt, Book Review Chair*

A “prerelease” book review – How do you write an invitation to come to a book review for a book “that should be written,” but has not been published? It’s easy! You introduce the main character, who is known to all of us. It is **Kermit**, the anthropomorphic green frog who has been the host of the television series, *The Muppet Show*, and has a featured role on *Sesame Street*. We have all seen Kermit’s leadership abilities in his community of diverse beings. The name of the prereleased book is ***Leadership Lessons from Kermit the Frog – Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple***. Author unknown, but the reviewer for such a book is **Eva Laevastu**.

Eva and **Kathy Blume** moved to Willamette View from Arcata, CA, in 2019. Eva has a BA from UC Santa Barbara in psychology and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of San Francisco. Eva’s career was in federal civil service after retiring from the USAF Reserve. Her interests include cycling, photography, and assisting organizations with database and website design and development.

Come to this exciting book review on Wednesday, **September 17**, at 10 a.m. in the Blue Heron Auditorium.



Book cover design by Eva Laevastu

September Movies

*All movies will be shown in the Blue Heron Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.
Donations gratefully accepted*

International Film

Tuesday, **September 9: 37 Seconds** (Japanese language with subtitles, 2019). This unique, moving film depicts a comic book artist who is profoundly disabled by cerebral palsy seeking accreditation of her professional talents and control of her life. Mei Kayama, who has cerebral palsy, makes her professional debut as she portrays the artist in this realistic treatment of disability. Misuzu Kanno plays her overprotective mother. Written and directed by Hikari (Mitsuyo Miyazaki).

Discussion following. 1 hr 55 m. Drama.

Saturday night films

Optional discussions will follow.

September 6: Driveways (2019). This critically acclaimed film depicts new connections for a young boy and

his mother, who relocate to clean out the house of a deceased sister. Brian Dennehy with brilliant newcomers Hong Chau and Lucas Jaye create an exploration of loneliness, friendship, and life choices. Andrew Ahn directs. **1 hr 23 m. Drama. Not rated**

September 13: Flow (2024). From the boundless imagination of the award-winning Latvian director Gints Zilbalodis comes a thrilling animated spectacle with stunning visuals and a narrative that radiates humanity in a world devoid of humans. It features a courageous cat who teams up with other animals to survive after a devastating flood. This captivating film won the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature. **1 hr 24 m. Family/Fantasy/Animation. PG**

September 20: The 39 Steps (1935).

This early Alfred Hitchcock movie has all the twists of his classic films. The adventure includes an international spy ring, murder, police, and a beautiful unwilling accomplice. Robert Donat stars with Lucie Mannheim, Godfrey Tearle, and Madeleine Carroll. **1 hr 20 m. Mystery/Thriller. Not rated**

September 27: Supernova (2021).

Partners played by Academy Award winner Colin Firth and Academy Award nominee Stanley Tucci travel across England visiting friends and family following a life-changing diagnosis that tests their love. This film about love and loss is written and directed by Harry Macqueen, with outstanding photographic direction by Dick Pope.

1 hr 33 m. Drama/Romance. R

✓ Check it out

by LaJean Humphries, Library Committee Chair

Celebrate the US Constitution in September!

Citizenship comes with obligations – to be informed, to vote, and to ensure that the spirit of liberty does not die. **Constitution Day** commemorates the signing of the US Constitution on September 17, 1787. “We the People” affirm that the government of the United States exists to serve its citizens. Read the full text of the Constitution (and amendments) at www.constitutioncenter.org/the-constitution/full-text. Each WV library also has two copies.

What is or is not constitutional? What does the Constitution mean? Civic dialogue is crucial for discussing the Constitution. The Founding Fathers envisioned a constitutional system driven by what they referred to as civic republican virtue – a system that was guided by deliberation, reason, enlightened public opinion, and pursuit of the public good. Civic dialogue examples:

- “... robust, honest, frank and constructive dialogue and deliberation that seeks to advance the public interest...”
- “exercise of patience, integrity, humility and mutual respect in civil conversation, even (or especially) with those with whom we disagree.”

Conversations about the Constitution start by separating political and moral views from constitutional views. For example:

Policy/Political Question: **Can** a public-school principal be permitted to search a student’s locker?

Moral Question: **Should** a public-school principal be permitted to search a student’s locker?

Constitutional Question: Does the Fourth Amendment restrict the power of a public-school principal from searching a student’s locker?

When reading and interpreting the Constitution, focus on how it expands or limits the powers of the government. This is how constitutional lawyers and judges may apply the Constitution to new issues and cases. Standard forms of argument are used when interpreting the Constitution as well as important doctrines such as standing, mootness, etc. Judges may use any or all of these when deciding constitutional cases. Different lawyers/judges apply methods differently and weigh them differently in any given case, leading to disagreements over the Constitution’s meaning.

Lawyers and judges may consider the text/history of the written words of the Constitution (including amendments), precedent, a court decision considered an authority for deciding subsequent cases involving identical or similar facts, or similar legal issues, and many other arguments. According to the US Supreme Court website, “As the final arbiter of the law, the Court is charged with ensuring the American people the promise of equal justice under law and, thereby, also functions as guardian and interpreter of the Constitution.” (2025)

To better understand the Constitution, read *The Federalist Papers* at www.guides.loc.gov/federalist-papers/full-text. In the 1780s, one of the central concerns was how best to control government power. Framers of the Constitution settled on a national government with defined but limited powers between three branches of government – the legislative, executive, and judicial branches. This process of dividing power between branches of government is known as “separation of powers.” Visit the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (in person) or www.constitutioncenter.org for more information. The Constitution permits the people to govern themselves by putting the power of government in their hands – an obligation and a privilege!

The WV libraries are supported by grants from the Blue Heron Foundation At Willamette View.

Resident Protest Group Schedule Change

by Dale Harris

When more than 130 residents expressed interest in an opportunity to protest the Trump administration's actions, a plan was born. Sponsored by neither the WV administration nor the Resident Council, but in communication with both, a group began a **monthly protest** on April 12 when about 100 residents assembled on River Road on the north end of campus. This and later protests were scheduled on dates of other protests across the country. Protest signs evoked waves and honks from passing vehicles. On Friday, **September 5**, the group's monthly schedule and time will change. We will move to weekly protests in harmony with **Rose Villa's** protest group from 5 to 5:30 p.m. each Friday but will continue to gather north of our campus. Participating residents are kept informed by regular emails, as are our administration and Resident Council. Our CEO acknowledges the right to express viewpoints that may or may not express the administration's views, or that of the WV Board of Directors, or other residents. Contact Dale Harris at harrisdale33@gmail.com with questions or comments.

Creating a Pull Into Our Desired Future

by Milt Markewitz

I hope that you are living your desired future here at WV where ***Inspiring the Art of Living Well*** is actively manifested. We have each experienced life-changing learning experiences. Perhaps you changed a long-held belief or found serenity or happiness you had never expected. Join **Grateful Earthlings** on a discovery process on Tuesday, **September 16**, at 10:30 a.m. in the Court Family Room and share a breakthrough moment in your life – one that changed or solidified your direction. We'll share and focus our conversations on how these *aha moments* might inspire changes that could pull us into a desired future. Call **Milt Markewitz** (503-248-0432) with questions.

The **WV Chorus** resumes on **September 4**. All residents are invited to sing – no auditions! We meet each Thursday afternoon until the Holiday Concerts on **December 3 and 4**. Come join us as we blend our voices and grow musically under the leadership of our talented director. Cost is \$35. Sign up in advance near the Manor or Terrace bulletin board. Contact **Kent Louscher** for more information by phone at 7097 or email him at pklyphd@aol.com.



Resident Council Elections 2026

by Donna Moores, RC Vice Chair

A **Willamette View Resident Council Nominating Committee** will be formed at the Council meeting to be held on Friday, **September 12**. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact **Donna Moores, RC Vice Chair**, at dmooresmd@gmail.com. It is a time-limited commitment and a great way to make a difference in our community.

This Nominating Committee will be charged with presenting a slate of candidates for the following positions to serve January through December 2026:

- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- Dining & Hospitality Councilor
- Education Councilor
- Hobbies & Special Interests Councilor
- Performing Arts Councilor
- Spiritual Life Councilor
- Two Personnel Standing Committee Members

Reckoning With the Really Big One

The Public Affairs Committee will sponsor a program on earthquakes and tsunamis by **Dr. Elizabeth Safron**, Associate Professor of Geological Science, Lewis & Clark College, on Thursday, **September 18**, at 7 p.m. in the Terrace Auditorium. Dr. Safron will explain the origins and anticipated consequences of this region's major earthquakes, as well as some of the ongoing efforts to reduce risk and build resilience. The last event happened 325 years ago. The vast majority of Oregon's infrastructure was built before even geologists recognized how big our Big Ones could be. When the next Magnitude 9 earthquake strikes the Pacific Northwest, it will trigger the worst disaster in US history, but there are ongoing efforts to minimize the potential damage.

70 & Fabulous Summer Party

Photos by Martha Dibblee, Walt Lundberg, and MH Socolofsky





*Huber's chocolate mousse
with Chantilly cream*

Let's Dine Out at Huber's

Established in 1879, **Huber's Cafe** is Portland's oldest restaurant, at 411 Southwest Third Avenue (at SW Morrison Street). Huber's specializes in roast turkey entrees and Spanish coffees made with skill, featuring flaming glasses with showmanship of yore. On Wednesday, **October 1**, **Let's Dine Out** participants will ride on the WV bus to Huber's for lunch. The \$12 bus fee will be charged to resident accounts. Enjoy good food, majestic decor, and lunch with neighbors. Sign-up sheet and limited menu list will be available in the Manor lower level on Monday, **September 15**, at 10 a.m.



*Exciting water volleyball game:
WV vs. Rose Villa on August 22*

Concert with Two Portland Musicians

by Ginny Seabrook, Music Committee

Duo pianists **Timothy** and **Nancy LeRoi Nickel** will perform in the Blue Heron Auditorium on Friday, **September 12**, at 7 p.m. The Nickels have performed several times at Willamette View. The Nickels have devoted over half a century to keyboard music. They studied at the Guildhall School of Music and have performed at the Purcell Room, both in London. In addition, they have performed in France and Germany, as well as at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall. Their duet organ recital was described by the critic at *Die Welt*, a German national newspaper, as "*virtuosic playing*, a virtual swinging dance without every getting entangled." Their program here on September 12 will highlight the observance of the 100th anniversary of the death of composer **Erik Satie**, known as the father of French *avant-garde* music. In addition to music by Mozart and Debussy, the program will



include a showing of the famous 1924 silent film **Entr'acts**, directed by Rene Clair, and accompany the film with Satie's music. Satie appears in this surrealist experiment along with visual artists Marcel Duchamp, Man Ray, and Francis Picabia. Join us in welcoming back these exceptional Portland musicians.

Donations to support our concerts can be made at the door. The Music Committee is very grateful for resident support, which makes our extraordinary concerts possible.

Supported by the Blue Heron Foundation.

The Anson Wright Quartet to perform

by Lois King, MusicWorks

Enjoy the dazzling jazz stylings of the **Anson Wright Quartet**. They will be heard in the Blue Heron Auditorium on Tuesday, **September 16**, at 7 p.m., sponsored by MusicWorks. This is a highly celebrated and multitalented combo. Of course they are all fine musicians, but among them you'll also find college professors, authors, recording artists, bloggers, and composers. Guitarist Anson Wright is a novelist and poet; pianist Jof Lee has taught piano master classes and jazz theory clinics; bassist Tim Gilson is the conductor of the Mount Hood Community College orchestra; drummer Todd Bishop has produced seven CDs of his original music. And they have also been



busy performing with such notable jazz artists as Stan Getz, Mose Allison, Mel Brown, and Ritchie Cole. You know that with a group this talented, you are in for a great evening of jazz!

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Planning for Enhanced Sustainability and Resilience

by Gary Smith

In her article on page 2, **Donna Moores** reports on the creation of the **Sustainability and Resilience Advisory Group**. She defines those terms and outlines the goals and objectives of the Advisory Group. Here, I give my perspective on a planning process and some urgent tasks.

We are spurred to action by these “inconvenient truths”: irreversible harms due to climate change are already occurring, and the greenhouse-gas (GHG) pollution already in the atmosphere will inexorably cause harms to increase in frequency and severity.

Sustainability plans have been created by progressive senior communities, colleges and universities, health-care systems, and cities. Those plans include lists of best practices motivated by reduction of GHG emissions, stewardship of natural resources like water and pollinators, and minimization of costs for acquiring and operating equipment. Most entities hired consulting firms to create plans. Currently, our Group is considering which best practices to recommend

to decision-makers at WV. Our Group is also considering a resilience plan that addresses extreme environmental events like nearby wildfires, extreme temperatures, and earthquakes. Such events may be rare, but they risk making our homes uninhabitable. WV staff and SERV have put some thought into possible responses to such events. Our Group will recommend engineered safeguards to reduce the severity of their consequences.

WV has old residential buildings that need to be replaced. That fact presents us with the opportunity to make long-lasting improvements to enhance our sustainability and resilience. Because the building replacements need to happen as soon as possible, we feel an urgency to identify specific best practices that can be incorporated into the design of any new buildings. Part of our identification process is to understand the interactions between sustainability, resilience, cost, and marketability of future living spaces. Professional consultants will continue working with our Group during this process.

The Blue Heron

As I walk the dike road above the river,
the gentle lapping of the water
soothes and quiets my weary spirit.

Cottonwood, spring green, line the bank,
their light honey fragrance
perfuming the air.

Yellow butterflies and goldfinch
weave in and out
before me on my path,
such bright bangles
swinging in the sunlight.

High up against a clear blue sky bird
house perched atop tall thin poles
I listen to the purple martins'
bubbly talk and envy
their sweet occupation
as they busily build their nests.
I stroll on toward the pond ahead,
but there in the meadow,
I see a post with a hint of pale blue
that seems to shift in the tall grass.
Cautiously, I move closer ...
It's a blue heron! I catch my breath
and revel in its beauty and proud stance.

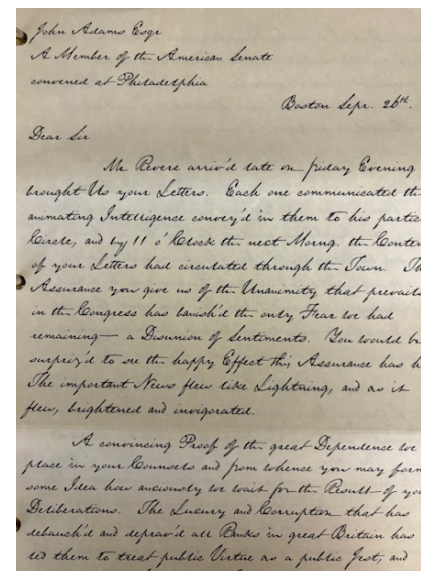
I wonder what he is thinking.
Is he as curious about me as I am
about him?
I do not move until the Blue Heron rises
and flies up into the blue sky.

Mabel P. Pool

New Historical Letter Collection in Manor Library

by Janet Black, Library Committee

The Manor Library has a binder of copies of original letters from throughout American history. There are letters by Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Mary Todd Lincoln, Charles Comiskey, Amelia Earhart, Robert Oppenheimer, Douglas MacArthur, and many others. The documents are fascinating and give a personalized view of major events in our history from the 18th to the 20th century. In addition to each letter, there is an explanation of its historical context and its importance. A few of the major eras covered include the American Revolution, the early republic, the Civil War, World War I, the Industrial Revolution, World War II, the Civil Rights movement, and the Cold War. The binder is for library use only, so please come enjoy these letters in the Manor Library. The binder is on the side table with the dictionaries.



David Perry honored with Spirit of L'Arche Award



L'Arche Portland is a community in which people with and without intellectual disabilities share life together in mutual relationships of care and respect. L'Arche Portland has announced that WV resident **David Perry**, a

beloved friend of the community for over 20 years, will be honored with the **Spirit of L'Arche Award** at its Annual **Fall Benefit Celebration** on **October 11**. The celebration will take place at Bauccio Commons at the University of Portland. This prestigious award recognizes individuals who made outstanding contributions to build inclusive communities and embody the values of dignity, compassion, and shared humanity.

David shows up with deep care, humor, and unwavering attention, every week. He goes out of his way to connect with each person in our community, said **Julia Brown**, Executive Director of L'Arche Portland. *We are thrilled to*

celebrate his vision, heart, commitment, and impact at this year's event. The Fall Benefit Celebration brings together community supporters for an evening of live music, connection, an auction, and a delicious shared meal. Proceeds will benefit L'Arche Portland's work. Tickets are available through their website: www.larche-portland.org.

Calling Pen Pal Volunteers

This year's Pen Pal Program is getting ready to begin, creating relationships between WV residents and students at Oak Grove Elementary School. The children come from a variety of backgrounds. The role of a pen pal is to give a student the presence of an adult who is consistently there as a supportive, caring, and interested person and to have fun with. Our 40 pen pals will be 4th and 5th grade students. Letters are exchanged monthly. Residents and students meet at the end of the school year. Last year I was surprised at how much I came to look forward to my pen pal's letters, and meeting her was a delight. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please email

teri_bennett@comcast.net

or call 410-371-2921. *by Teri Bennett*

WV's Pen Pal Partnership *by Sherry Johnston*

Patsy Steimer took the great idea of a WV Pen Pal Project and turned it into a successful outreach to elementary school children in 2015. She combined her years of teaching, experience with organizing writing projects, and seasoned understanding of building good relationships through the written word to make it a reality. She contacted **Caressa Albin**, an interested teacher at Oak Grove Elementary School. They hit it off and put the simple-sounding but complex program together. Patsy recruited 35 WV residents to be the first pen pals with 40 children. Patsy and Caressa created rules to avoid children's hurt feelings and boundaries to avoid over-involvement. Letters are exchanged monthly and for one year only. The teacher will act as a guide and resource but not direct the students in what to say. A striking example of the program's impact involves WV resident Wyma Rogers and her pen pal. The little girl's mom and dad reported at a parent/teacher conference that they worried that their child had a *pretend friend* when she announced during a heated conversation, hands on hips, that only Wyma really understood her. The teacher quickly reassured them that indeed Wyma existed and was her WV pen pal. Great relief!

After 10 years of serving, Patsy has decided it was time to pass the proverbial pen and retire. The program's foundation lies well-planned with her contributions nestling in its cornerstone. **Teri Bennett** volunteered to follow Patsy as program coordinator. She took on this program because she so enjoyed her experience as a pen pal last year. Teri plans on continuing the same process and will be relying on her own leadership expertise to support this important outreach. A **Thank you, Patsy** seems pitifully inadequate, but we trust she feels all the love and respect that fill those words. And we also add, **Your contribution made a difference in many old and young lives.**



Patsy Steimer

New residents spent careers as educators – enjoy art, science, outdoors



Nancy Reckord

Nancy and **Josh Reckord** are new residents of 804C, having moved from their Eugene home and Sellwood condo in late June.

Nancy grew up in Champaign-Urbana, IL, and also lived in Madison, WI. Josh grew up in the Washington, DC area, south of Alexandria, VA. They both lived in Milwaukee, WI, and Tokyo, Japan, before moving to Eugene.

Nancy attended Beloit College, earning a BA in history and the history of religion, the University of Wisconsin for an MS in education, and the University of Oregon. She attended the American University of Beirut in Lebanon in 1965-66. She taught elementary school in Milwaukee's inner city and in Eugene, Oregon. She also taught in an alternative school in Eugene and served as head teacher there for seven years. She taught in an American school in Japan and was an assistant principal for five years, and then served as admissions director.

Josh attended Beloit College, earning a BA in religions and art history, the University of Wisconsin for an MS in



Josh Reckord

education, and the University of Oregon for a post-masters program. He was part of a VISTA program in Milwaukee, and later taught kindergarten through 8th grade middle school. He also taught in Eugene and Japan. He became a consultant for organizational development and school programs in Eugene and overseas.

Nancy lists her interests as music, reading, walking, swimming, textiles, and travel. She is currently a volunteer at the Shower Project for unhoused people in downtown Portland. She also belongs to a book club. Josh is a school volunteer and his interests include gardening, reading – especially history books – and travel.

They are parents of a son, Eben, and daughter, Rachel, and have five grandchildren. They love spending time with the family, and they chose Willamette View to be closer to them.

Sharon Worsham and **David Dusenbery** are still in the process of moving from Atlanta. They came to 303NP on July 1. They plan to spend extended summers here and winters in



Sharon Worsham

Atlanta for several years.

Sharon grew up in Panama City on Florida's Gulf Coast. She has also lived in Tallahassee, FL, and Louisville, KY.

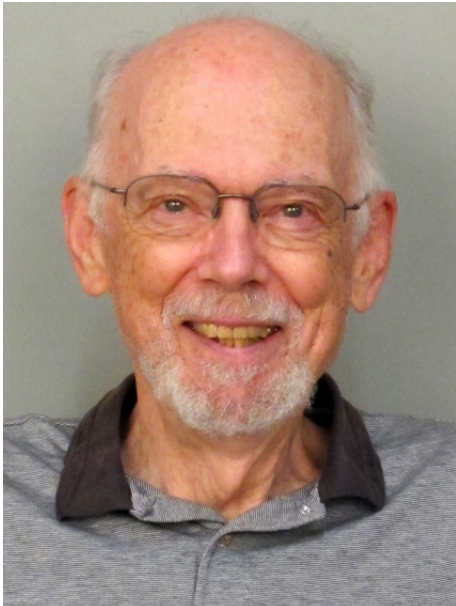
She attended Florida State University, earning a Master of Education, and received certificates in Gifted & Science Education and Marine Ecology from Georgia State University. She also attended the Atlanta College of Art.

Sharon taught science and environmental education in a Gifted Education program in middle schools for 20 years, and worked as a free-lance computer graphic artist for eight years before returning to teaching for nine more years.

She was active in the Sierra Club for many years, teaching outdoor leadership, backpacking, and white-water canoeing. She now enjoys easy hiking, canoeing, and botanizing. She was active in the Georgia Native Plant Society and a volunteer at Woodlands, an Atlanta native plant garden. She was the managing editor/writer for a book, *Georgia: Images of Wildness*.

David was born in Portland and grew

Photos by Mike Lincicum



David Dusenbery

up here and in Vancouver, WA. Right after WWII, he lived in the wartime housing project of Kellogg Park, just two miles from where WV now stands. Between then and now, he studied physics at Reed College, only four miles away, and spent summers working for the Forest Service in Gifford Pinchot National Forest. He then departed for graduate school in biophysics at the University of Chicago, three years as a postdoc at Caltech, and 30 years as a professor at Georgia Tech. His primary academic interest was understanding the behavior of simple animals and micro-organisms, especially how the laws of physics constrain what organisms can do. He wrote the books *Sensory Ecology*, *Life at Small Scale*, and *Living at Micro Scale*.

David and Sharon have enjoyed international travel focused on indigenous cultures and natural environments. They are returning to Portland because of family in the region. They chose WV because of the green campus, the river location, and the interesting residents they met on several visits.

Blue Heron Foundation At Willamette View Grants – Your Generosity at Work

Thanks to the incredible generosity of donors to the **Blue Heron Foundation**, Willamette View is experiencing a season of transformation. With over \$92,400 in grant funding awarded to date in 2025, your support is creating lasting, meaningful change for both residents and staff.

2025 Library Grant – \$19,000

Supporting the Library Committee's vital work throughout 2025:

- 400+ new books in large and standard print, reflecting residents' interests
- Upgrades to the online catalog for easier browsing and discovery
- Expanded services for residents in licensed care

2025 Art in Public Areas Grant – \$25,000

Bringing beauty and inspiration to shared spaces through curated art:

- \$20,000 to refresh artwork across campus, from hallways to Waterfalls
- \$5,000 to complete installations in The Neighborhoods

Spaces That Feel Like Home – \$21,570

Creating warm, welcoming places for connection and comfort:

- Elk Rock Refresh (\$14,070): To reupholster the barrel chairs and new side tables to restore comfort and charm
- Manor Patio Furniture (\$5,000): New seating and dining set to encourage outdoor relaxation and connection
- Harmony Garden Landscaping (\$2,500): A peaceful dry creek bed beneath the skybridge to enhance the courtyard in The Neighborhoods

Creativity Without Limits – \$20,650

Fueling artistic expression through the Artworks Studio:

- Digital Art Equipment (\$9,000): iPads, Apple Pencils, Procreate software, and a high-quality printer to open new doors for digital artists
- Guest Artist Education (\$3,150): Six guest artists will lead 14+ classes in improv, painting, and more
- Printmaking Equipment (\$7,000): A new press and expanded supplies elevate studio capabilities
- Employee Breakroom Art Project (\$1,500): A rotating gallery showcasing staff creativity and talent

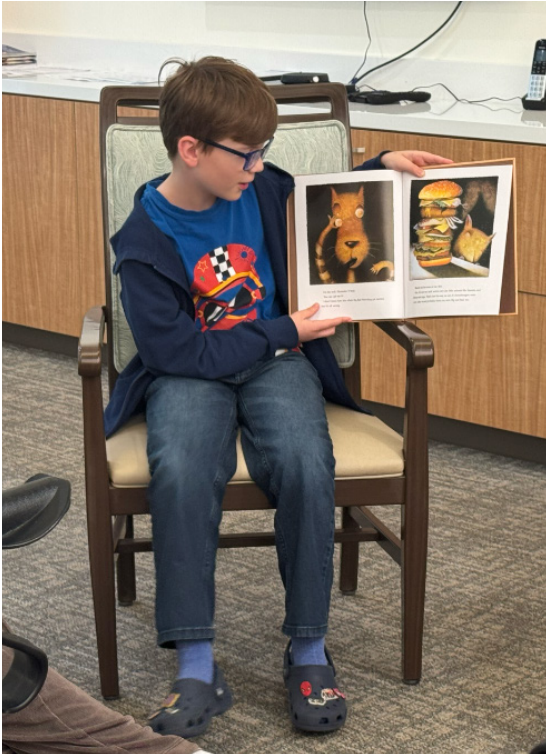
Empowering Our People – \$6,215

Investing in staff development and inclusion:

- EnGen Learning Program (\$5,640): A career-focused English language program supporting non-native speakers, in partnership with Human Resources
- LEED Accreditation Grant (\$575): Supporting Monique Ziesmer of Property Development in her pursuit of LEED accreditation, reflecting our commitment to sustainability and innovation

From all of us at Willamette View: Thank you for making these programs possible. To learn more or support initiatives that are meaningful to you, please contact **Loraine Collacchi** at the **Blue Heron Foundation**:

lorainec@willametteview.org or 503-652-6203.



Ten-year-old **Grady O'Rourke** reads to residents in the Heritage Rose Neighborhood. During the summer, he read to neighborhood residents several times a week. Grady is a 5th grade student at Rigler Elementary School and is in the Spanish Immersion Program. His chosen book at this visit was *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*. Listeners from left: Life Enrichment Assistant **David Manuel**, **Donna Parker**, Assistant **Shelly Schuster**, **Grace Schmitz**, **Patty Eddy**. Grady is the grandson of **Johanna and John Niemitz**.



In late June, **Candace Bradley** hosted an open studio Sea Glass Workshop in Artworks, attended by two dozen residents and staff. Resident **Jane Luddecke** and BHF Philanthropy Director **Loraine Collacchi** are creating their colorful art pieces.



David Keifer ran the 10K **Revolutionary Run** race in Pennsylvania on July 4, winning his age group (75 - 79) with a time of 69 minutes. The race was in Washington Crossing Park on the Delaware River. This historic place is where Washington crossed the river on Christmas Day 1776 to surprise the British in Trenton. David's son also ran the 10K, with a time of 41 minutes. The race was the farthest David has run since his November knee injury. With this success, he is now considering participation in the Portland Marathon in October. Congratulations, David!



Congratulations to **Kay Sweeney**, who had her first skydive experience on June 18 at the Mulino Airport.

The Timelessness of Love

I first saw you sitting quietly in the back of the kennel
unperturbed by the canine fuss around you.
Your mellow, dispassionate glances at my overtures
were like those of a beautiful woman
disdainful of the male minions around her.

But your tail gave you away.
It moved slowly as if conducting adagio,
and I saw serious intention as you loped my way.

We went home. I named you Bruce.
The boundary between us was not secure.
If you were happy, I was happy; if not, I wasn't either –
or was it the other way around?
I was ten; we were inseparable – until one day.

While holding your dinner on the back stoop,
I called your name more than once, over and over,
our nightly ritual where I made up for missteps
and fumbles in my caring for you.

I was sure you thought you were Marco Polo
off to explore and bring home some booty.
Were you lost? Were you hurt? Was it me?
You were gone.

And time moved on,
unforgiving memory in its wake.
Decades have passed, and I am in the August of my life.
Yet with this ode to you, I prove the timelessness of love.
Sandra W. Felkenes

Try This Title

All My Patients Have Tales

Favorite Stories from
a Vet's Practice



Jeff Wells, DVM

All My Patients Have Tales
Terrace Library SP 363 WEL
Publication date: 2006

Simple Pleasures Collection

All My Patients Have Tales is a heart-warming and funny collection of stories by a dedicated veterinarian ... he narrates many uplifting, life-altering, life-threatening, and hilarious episodes.

–Amazon review

Wells began to hone his skills: Another winning veterinary memoir deserving of space next to the immortal James Herriot and his heirs.

–Nancy Bent, BOOKLIST



The Art in Public Areas Committee sponsored a bus trip from WV to the Hallie Ford Art Museum at Willamette University in Salem on July 8. Of the 21 travelers, 1/3 of them were current or former APA members.

Photo by Candace Bradley

Announcements

Windows 10 Support to End

On **October 15**, Windows 10 will no longer receive support updates, free software updates, or bug fixes. Your device can be vulnerable to security risks if not addressed. Your options:

1. Do nothing – you take the risk of being a victim of malware or scam attacks
2. Upgrade your computer to Windows 11 if your device is upgradeable.
3. Purchase Extended Support Coverage from Microsoft.
4. Purchase a new computer. The WV Resident Computer Support Team can help you select and set up a new desktop or laptop computer.

Thank you to our WV Raspberry Pickers. The 587 pints of raspberries were brought to you by the good work of Jerry Smith in particular. He picked every day of the 33-day harvest. Thanks also to Walt, Julie, Don, Jean, Phil, Sue, Jacqui, Sue, Cheryl, and Anita.

Many thanks to **Millie Rochester** for her inspiring reflection in WV's **Memorial Day Ceremony**. We regret that her name was inadvertently omitted from the article about the program in the July/August issue of the *Willamette Views*.

Language of the Heart weekly gatherings resume on Thursday, **September 4**, from 10 a.m to 11 a.m. in the 2nd floor Manor Heron Lounge. Phone 714-756-0088 or email **Joe Johnson** at abbafatherr@icloud.com with questions. Bibles not needed; we provide weekly handouts. *by Joe and Judy Johnson*

In Remembrance

*Beth Boyce
Bob Ely
Wendy Gibb*

Save The Date!!

NOVEMBER	
Friday	Saturday
14	15

2025 Annual Resident Art & Craft Sale
Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details about this amazing event!

11/14 12 - 4pm | 11/15 10am - 3pm

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Apartment Moves

	from	to	phone
Midge Baker	New resident	202E	6468
Peggy and Bob Fujimoto	New residents	1808HH	7156
Lisa and Philip Richards	New residents	1810HH	7158
Kingsley Click and Paul Connolly	107P	Out of Willamette View	
Willi and Marq Bautista	509A	Out of Willamette View	

Life Enrichment invites residents to Terrace Auditorium programs

by Nate Lesiuk, Life Enrichment Manager

Wednesday	September 10	King Louie and Renato Caranto jazz performance	2 p.m.
Wednesday	September 17	John Nilsen piano performance	2 p.m.
Wednesday	September 24	<i>Rail History of Oregon: It Changed Everything</i>	2 p.m.
		history program by Darrell Jabin	

Perspectives on the Natural World

by Wendy Aeschliman

Bats in our House ... Oh MY!

For several years our Tijeras, New Mexico, house had not only many bird enclosures outside but more than a dozen bats living inside – both educational and rehab. True story: Our first son had come home to visit us, his time in the Navy and college days over, finding that his old beloved bedroom – SURPRISE! had been turned into a fruit bat enclosure for a Giant Indian Flying Fox with a four-foot wingspan and eight Egyptian tomb bats – smaller flying foxes. To his disgruntlement, his younger brother's bedroom was intact and acting as our new guest room. It stayed that way until we were able to move all the animals to our new **Talking Talons Leadership Center**. The children and youth in our program became major bat lovers just by being introduced to individual bats and their stories. Here I will introduce you to two Big Brown Bats, which may help to soften their image with some readers. In Oregon, we do have Big Brown Bats; we had many at our house near Forest Grove.

One of our 13-year-old students wrote an article, *My Bat Friends*, part of which I quote: "We were shown many animals in Talking Talons, but one of the coolest that was amazing to me was a big brown bat named **Bugbuster**. It was neat to see a bat up close. And, also one of my favorites is **Gremlin**, who loves attention. He sleeps in a blanket and stays awake in the afternoon. I get the feeling he enjoys my presence." Here are those two of our many educational bats, each only about four inches long.

Bugbuster (right): Just his name reminds us of the value of insectivorous bats. They are bug and beetle eaters. He was actually born in captivity to a pregnant injured bat, Big Mama, who gave birth to twins. One twin was still-born; the other was Bugbuster, lucky enough to be nursed and raised by his own mother! But, lacking survival skills, he was nonreleasable. Bats are the world's only flying mammal, and Bugbuster and his friend Gremlin flew to us in NM on a Delta Airlines jet. Several nice bat cages had been built by one of our volunteers to exact specifications sent to us by a zookeeper in Atlanta, who also arranged the transfer of the fruit bats to us.



Gremlin (below): Gremlin was raised by the same zookeeper in Atlanta, at her house, not the zoo. He had medical problems – severe hair loss and dehydration – and needed to be extra warm, so he snuggled in a little soft pocket she had made for him. Actually, he was not brown, but a small pink bat with very little hair. Within a few months he had a new brown fuzzy fur coat. Of course, a new pocket, his security blanket, awaited his arrival at our house. Now look carefully at the two of them, and the length of their muzzles. It was so easy to tell them apart!



The bats mainly ate mealworms as their staple food; I would order mealworms 10 K at a time, raising them myself to feeding size. The bats were accommodating with all their appearances, seen behind wire, or clear plastic. Once adjusted to their environment and caretakers, I do not remember ever being bitten by an educational bat. Bats were only handled by adults in our program who had prophylactic inoculations for rabies. On the side, several of us were wild bat rehabilitators as well and had many other fascinating bat species as patients.

Next month I will write more about bats and also give you a 2025 update on Ozzie and Harriet Osprey, who live right across River Road.

Activity	Day	Time	Location	Contact	Phone
Bike Riding	Mon., Wed., Fri.	TBA		Warren Ford	6325
Book Review	Third Wednesday	10 a.m.	BH Auditorium	Sue Bosshardt	6823
Bridge – Duplicate	Monday	6:15 p.m.	Mt. Hood Sunroom	Ron Gustafson	2715
Mix & Mingle	Wednesday	5 p.m.	Heron Lounge	Jan Campbell	6822
Briefings – current events	Fourth Monday	1 p.m.	Terrace Aud.	Bibi Momsen	6627
Caregivers Support Group	First and third Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Court Family Rm.	Kristen Larsen	6633
Carpet Bowling	Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.		Court Rec. Rm.	Mark Troseth	7220
Catholic Communion Group	Thursday	11:15 a.m.	Heron Lounge	Deanna Sundstrom	6483
Children's Toy Room	Open daily		Court 2nd Floor	Candace Bradley	7201
Cognitive Support Group	Second/fourth Thursday	11 a.m.	Terrace Conf. Rm.	Sylvia Randall	7222
Croquet	Wednesday	12 - 7 p.m.	Manor west lawn	Jerry Burger	6390
Drumming Circle	See Friday Notice		Terrace Aud.	Sherry Johnston	6410
Episcopalians and friends	Fourth Thursday	11 a.m.	Mt. Hood Sunroom	Carol Anne Brown	2706
Garden Committee	Second Tuesday	10 a.m.	Court Family Rm.	Susan Bolton	503-421-7277
Green Team	Second Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Court Family Rm.	Marilyn Feldhaus	7238
Ham Radio Club	Saturday – Bring your own breakfast –	8:30 a.m.	Elk Rock Bistro	Dale Harris	6482
Hooks and Needles	Tuesday	1 p.m.	Plaza Fireplace Lounge		
Hootenany	Third Sunday	3 p.m.	BH Auditorium	Dale Harris	6482
Language — French Conversation	Tuesday	12 noon	Elk Rock Bistro	Gail Durham	6815
German Conversation	Wednesday	12 noon	Elk Rock Bistro	Klaus Jaeger	6293
Spanish Conversation	Wednesday	11 a.m.	Manor 3rd Floor Lounge	David Heath	7240
Language of the Heart	Thursday	10 a.m.	Heron Lounge	Joe Johnson	6309
Legacy Writers	Fourth Thursday	3 – 5 p.m.	Heron Lounge	Peter Gibb	6591
Line Dancing	Thursday	3:30 p.m.	Fitness Studio	Elaine French	6502
Low Vision Support Group	Second Wednesday	1:30 p.m.	Court Family Rm.	Jim Sawyer	2760
Mahjong	Monday	2 p.m.	Multipurpose Rm.	Donna Kling	7229
Mindfulness Meditation	Sunday	4 p.m.	Terrace Aud.	Frankie Borison	7215
Movies — International Film	Second Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	BH Auditorium	Deanna Sundstrom	6483
Saturday Night Movie	Saturday	6:30 p.m.	BH Auditorium	Ellen Leff	6597
Outdoor Campus Committee	First Monday	1 p.m.	Mt. Hood Sunroom	Ron Ture	7028
Pen Pal Program				Teri Bennett	6656
Pickleball	Sun., Tues., Thurs., Sat.	8:30 a.m.	Sport Court	Gary Smith	925-872-0969
Ping Pong	Monday, Wed., Friday	1:30 p.m.	Court 1st floor	Robin Bolton	6430
Pinochle – all levels welcome	Thursday	6 p.m.	Heron Lounge	Robert Donaldson	6743
Plant-based Nutrition Group	Second Saturday	3 p.m.	Terrace Aud.	Jerry Smith	6502
Pool Volleyball	Monday, Wed., Friday	10 a.m.	Pool	Candace Bradley	7201
Q&A by Craig	TBA	3 p.m.	BH Auditorium	Susan Di Piazza	7351
Recorder Class/Consort	Tuesday	11:30 a.m./12:35 p.m.	Multipurpose Rm.	Lois King	6345
Resident Council Meeting	Second Friday	10:30 a.m.	BH Aud., Zoom	Donna Moores	7097
Retired Clergy Group	Fourth Tuesday	4 p.m.	Court Family Rm.	Dale Harris	6482
Sew Be It	Fourth Friday	11 a.m.	Court Family Rm.	Eliz. Knecht	503-200-9250
Tai Chi	Friday	9 a.m.	Fitness Studio	David Kohnstamm	6727
Team Trivia	Second & fourth Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Terrace Aud.	Sherman Bucher	7214
Unitarian-Universalists and friends	Third Tuesday	3 p.m.	Terrace Aud.	Jane Cadwallader	6455
Willing Weeders	Various days/times		WV Outdoor Campus	Donna Kling	7229
Wine Tasting	Second & fourth Tuesday	3:45 p.m.	Heron Lounge	Bob Kahl	6279
Yoga	Tuesday & Thursday	8 a.m.	Fitness Studio	Ann Rutz	6504
Yoga, Chair	Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Multipurpose Rm.	Ann Rutz	6504

See wvresident.org/activities/activities-calendar for complete list.