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## **Village News**

### **New Leaders Sought**

In late May, three GSV director positions are up for election. We would like to invite members to consider a leadership role. As a Board Member, you will participate in activities, help set the direction for the future of GSV, and get to know some of your neighbors better. If you want more information, please reach out to the Nominations Committee (Amos Matthews [amatt47@verizon.net](mailto:amatt47@verizon.net), Phyllis Romito [phyllisromito@yahoo.com](mailto:phyllisromito@yahoo.com), and Tom Finch [pattytomfinch@yahoo.com](mailto:pattytomfinch@yahoo.com)) by May 21.

### **Do You Want a Phone Buddy?**

The days can get long and a bit lonely lately. Would you like a phone buddy? If you are interested in being paired with a neighbor for a weekly call, please reach out to Sue at [winakurs@gmail.com](mailto:winakurs@gmail.com).

### **Do You Have an Interest You Want to Share?**

Greater Stonegate Village is seeking volunteers to lead small interest groups on gardening, reading, needlepoint, theater, cooking, bridge, current events, or another topic. The interest groups will allow you to connect with your neighbors by Zoom (for now, but hopefully in person later) and share common interests. You pick the topic, date, and time, kick off the discussion, and decide when and how often to meet. The Village will promote the event, set up the Zoom meeting, and take RSVPs for the initial meeting. If you want to learn more about launching a group, please be in touch with Wendy at [wendy@greaterstonegatevillage.org](mailto:wendy@greaterstonegatevillage.org).

### **GSV is Expanding, and We Need You to Help Connect Us!**

The Greater Stonegate Village is grateful for the members and volunteers from the Stonegate, Naples, Stratford Woods, Bonifant Village, and Old Salem Village neighborhoods who launched us. Now, we want to welcome new friends to our Village! Do you know someone who lives within the identified region or surrounding areas, and who would answer YES to one or more of these questions? The Village might be the perfect addition to his/her lives – as a member and/or volunteer. To add that person to the newsletter list, please send his/her name and email address to Wendy at [wendy@greaterstonegatevillage.org](mailto:wendy@greaterstonegatevillage.org).

Is the GSV a fit for you? Are you:

- Over 50 and seeking to engage more with the community?
- Recently retired and open to a flexible volunteer opportunity where you can impact the quality of others' lives?
- Looking to make new friends and participate in (live and online) educational and social events?
- Have an interest (gardening, reading, cooking, or others) you want to share with others locally?
- Recently widowed and in need of a hand with some household tasks and an occasional ride to a doctor's appointment?
- Hoping to stay in your home as you age?

### **Show Support for Our First Responders**

To show support and appreciation for the first responders at Station 24, GSV will be ordering dinner for the three crews that staff Fire and Rescue Station 24 this week. If you want to contribute to the meals, please send a check made payable to Greater Stonegate Village to Richard Cooperman, Treasurer, 15001 Redgate Dr, Silver Spring, MD 20905.

## **This Week's Event**

### **Walking the El Camino (Mostly Solo)**

The Camino de Santiago, known in English as the Way of St. James, is a network of paths leading to the Shrine of the apostle, Saint James the Great. The Shrine is in the Cathedral of Santiago del Compostela in Galicia, in northwestern Spain. Tradition has it that the remains of the Saint are buried there, and many people follow its route as a form of spiritual growth.

Join us for a pictorial travelogue, a journey of fun and hope, on the famous foot pilgrimage, the Santiago Trail, or "The Way" from the French Pyrenees into Spain.

**Speaker:** Kathleen M. McGuinness, a 60 something, 3rd generation Washingtonian decided to make this trip while recuperating from four fractured vertebrae in her back (a rodeo in Montana -- don't ask). A former runner, now told to be a walker, she needed a goal to look forward to. One year after her fall, she started on this journey. Mostly alone for over 300 miles, she regained her footing in life and started a new career in health care on her return.

**When:** Wednesday, May 13, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

**Where:** On Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82790033053>

Meeting ID: 827 9003 3053

One Tap Mobile: +13017158592,,82790033053#

Dial: +1 301 715 8592

## **Upcoming Events - Save the Dates**

### **Monthly Cocktail Hour**

We are combining the event previously scheduled on Thursday, May 28, with the Annual Meeting celebration. We hope you will join us then.

### **Greater Stonegate Village Annual Meeting and Cocktail Celebration**

Join the incoming and outgoing GSV Board of Directors to celebrate their efforts, hear about plans for the future, and share your ideas. Bring your favorite cocktail so we can toast to another successful year.

**When:** Sunday, June 7, 5 pm – 6 pm

### **Klezmer: American Music**

This presentation will trace the history and evolution of Klezmer music from the Old World to the New, up until the present day, and the modern Klezmer revival. Audio, video, and "live" performances from the speaker will make the program as exciting as the music itself.

**When:** Wednesday, June 10, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm