

Park View Village

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CALENDAR

SEPT. 8 – Program on local refugees, PVV annual meeting, potluck

Our annual membership meeting and potluck supper is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 8 at 6 pm in Park View Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. Our program, “Immigration and Refugee Resettlement,” will be presented by Jim Hershberger, program coordinator for the Harrisonburg Refugee Resettlement Office, sponsored by Church World Service. The program’s diverse staff “work with newly arrived refugees from day one to smooth their transition,” says the program’s website. We’ll have an opportunity to learn more.

EVENTS TO COME – Please read, and respond to, the PVV program committee’s “Memorandum” on pages 2 and 3 for upcoming, and potential, events over the coming months. The committee is asking for your ideas and interests, and needs feedback!

PICNIC PICS

Turnout was good, food, fellowship and brief readings, excellent, and the deluge held off until it was almost time to scramble to our cars . . . so PVV’s fourth annual picnic, on June 24, was a success despite the rain that, as you’ll see, flooded our shelter. We’ve gathered for a picnic each June since 2013 at Morrison Park, near Chicago Avenue. See page 3 for more pictures.



Photos by Greg Versen (more on p. 3)

BOARD PRESIDENT UPDATE

I hope you have a chance to visit family or travel this summer. Linda and I enjoyed a weekend get-away to the Virginia Capital Trail, a 52 mile paved bike trail between downtown Richmond and Jamestown. The trail follows Route 5 (John Tyler Memorial Highway) and connects numerous plantations along the James River. If you are looking for a place to bike in a scenic setting you want to check it out. One suggestion is to wait until the hottest days of summer have passed. *(continued on page 4)*

MEMORANDUM: UPCOMING AND POTENTIAL EVENTS

To: Park View Villagers
From: Robin McNallie & Greg Versen, Program Committee
Subject: Upcoming & potential events
Date: July 22, 2016

We are pleased to share with you our activity/program plans for the Fall. We have speakers lined up for the Fall, which we will share below. We also plan for several field trips. It is for these events that we really want your feedback.

We have contacted Custom Transportation, which has a 25-passenger van (similar to the one we used going to Montpelier three years ago) that rents for \$85 per hour. They prefer a two-weeks reservation before each event. For us to make our outings affordable (and available), we need to pretty much sell out each trip. That is why your interest, support and feedback on trips are so important.

Programs:

1. **September 8**, 6:00 p.m., PVMC Fellowship Hall, our annual membership meeting and potluck supper. Our program, Immigration and Refugee Resettlement, will be presented by Jim Hershberger
2. **October:** Climate Change. Details being worked out.
3. **November:** The Friendly City Co-Op. Details being worked out.

Excursions:

We need your prompt response to your interest in these, for reasons mentioned above.

1. **Treasure Mountain Festival, Friday, September 16**, Franklin, West Virginia. Tentative, departure 9:00 a.m., return around 4:00 p.m. Cost TBD.
2. **Carter Mountain Apple Orchards** (just south of Charlottesville), **early October**. This will be a great apple picking/buying experience. Departure 9:00 a.m., return early afternoon. Lunch stop along the way before returning, if interested. The setting is beautiful and the various fruits are delicious. We need to know your interest to plan this event.

Future Excursions:

We would like to organize trips to the following venues, if the interest is sufficient. These would be scheduled for 2017. Again, we need to hear from you on these trips and when you would like to see them take place. Also, this is your opportunity to let us know where you would like for us to go.

1. Woodrow Wilson Birthplace & Mary Baldwin College, Staunton.
2. National Arboretum, Washington, DC
3. Fralin Museum Art Gallery, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.
4. Brennerman-Turner Mill, just up the road.
5. Monticello, Charlottesville.

These are our thoughts and plans. Please let us know what your wishes are for Park View Village. We encourage you to contact us via email (or phone) with your interests and feedback.

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More picnic pics . . .





VENDOR SPOTLIGHT:

Absolute Termite and Pest Control

A PVV member has suggested Absolute Termite and Pest Control Inc. as a reliable vendor for “ridding one’s home of all crawling insects and rodents.” The company is Harrisonburg based. Phone number is [540-442-9988](tel:540-442-9988). For more info, see <http://www.absolutepestcontrolva.com/>.



*John Spicher
PVV Vendor Services Chair*

Board president update, continued from page 1

The board is working with Betsy Hay, VP Wellness and Community Based Services, at VMRC to identify opportunities to work together. Over the new few months we will highlight opportunities Park View Village members have to join events planned at VMRC. To keep posted on events, check this website: <http://www.org/events>.

Plan to attend the annual potluck on Thursday, September 8. See the above announcements for details from Events and Program Committee members Robin McNallie and Greg Versen.

Finally, keep cool and drink water as the summer heat can be intense these days.

*Keith Gnagey
President*

. . . But it is of these evenings, I speak. Supper was at six and was over by half past. There was still daylight, shining softly and with a tarnish, like the lining of a shell; and the carbon lamps lifted at the corners were on in the light, and the locusts were started, and the fire flies were out, and a few frogs were flopping in the dewy grass, by the time the fathers and the children came out. The children ran out first hell bent and yelling those names by which they were known . . .

From “Knoxville: Summer of 1915” – a prose poem by James Agee, which Robin McNallie selected for his reading at PVV’s picnic, June 24.

COMING SOON!

Village-to-Village, the national movement to which Park View Village belongs, will hold its 8th annual national gathering on **Oct. 17-19 in Columbus, OH**. Who might be interested in attending on PVV's behalf? Talk with any board member. For details about the Village movement, see <http://www.vtvnetwork.org/>.

By the way, a Village group has been thriving in another community known to many in Park View. Paul Yoder found an article in the May VTV newsletter about the "**Lancaster Downtowners,**" of **Lancaster, PA** – a group which one of his friends from here helped found. Since beginning in 2002, the Downtowners' membership has grown to over 180, the article reported. Their attractions have included "Just One Call" (one telephone number to access all volunteer services), a partnership with a continuing-care nonprofit, fees that remain small, and social gatherings similar to those in PVV.

PVV Movie Nights will start up again in the Fall. Look for announcements soon.

The Lifelong Learning Institute will host a Fall preview (free to the public, with refreshments) Wednesday, Aug. 10, starting at 1 p.m. at JMU's Festival Center. For directions, plus a catalog of inexpensive courses on nearly countless themes, see <http://www.jmu.edu/outreach/programs/all/lli/index.shtml>.

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Deadline is September 19 for
submissions to the **September-October**
issue of **PVV's bimonthly newsletter**.
Send items to **Chris Edwards, editor,**
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***"Time is but the stream I go
a-fishing in."***

Henry David Thoreau, *Walden*

Happy birthday, PVV members!

August Julia Alleman, Myron
Augsberger, Ray Gingerich, Peggy
Landis, Hope Lind, LaVerne Schirch,
Rosemary King, Mary Ann Heatwole

September Henry Brunk, Jay Landis,
Chris Edwards, John Spicher, Lois
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