

# Park View Village

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## *Board president update:*

### **POTLUCK AND ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27**

The Park View Village Potluck Supper and Annual Meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 27, 5:30 at PVMC Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish (or two) to share. The event is known for delicious food, good fellowship, and this year we will include a town hall meeting to provide information and feedback to the Park View Village “2.0 Project” Team. This group met regularly over the summer and now thinks it is important to hear from members as we identify priorities for the next phase of development.

I hope you can make it a priority to attend. If you would like a ride to the event, please call my cellphone, 540-383-9771. See you at the potluck!

*Keith Gnagey, PVV board president*

## **PVV MOVIE NIGHTS: in new venue, Park Place Cinema Room**

Our monthly movie nights are back, now housed at VMRC in the Park Place Cinema Room. (Thank John and Mary Ann Heatwole for their generous hospitality the past 3 ½ years!) At our September movie in Park Place, “Shenandoah,” we welcomed some VMRC guests as well as PVV folks.

**Park Place at VMRC** is located at **1285 Shank Drive**. Go in the main entrance to Park Place, south side of Shank Drive. Park in the lot near the entrance, or on the road. Go in, through the lobby, then right into the hall where a sign overhead says “Wings 3 and 4.” The theater is at the end of that hall.

**Note: Movies start at 6 p.m.** now and the Park Place entrance is locked at 5:30. We will try to always post

someone at the front door to let you in. If needed, call Chris or Robin’s cell, 540-578-5467. Another option is to go in VMRC’s Park Gables or Wellness Center entrances, which stay open until at least 7, then turn right and follow the line of hallways to Park Place.

### *The Fall movies:*

**Friday, Oct. 20, 6 p.m. -- Young Frankenstein.** A comedy that spoofs the old story of that mad scientist who creates a monster. 1974.

**Friday, Nov. 17, 6 p.m. -- The Bicycle Thief.** A landmark Italian film about ordinary people in the aftermath of World War II. 1949.

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**Friday, Dec. 15, 6 p.m. -- Holiday Inn.** A classic romantic comedy starring Bing Crosby. It introduced a new song, "White Christmas." 1942.



### **NOTES**

Seven members of Park View Village attended the **Healthy Community Council** meeting on Sept. 13 to participate in the discussion hosted by **Valley Program for Aging Services**. The presentation was titled "**Aging: The Grey Wave**." Themes included living at home, food and nutrition, social interaction, transportation, and keeping mentally and physically active. VPAS is sponsoring an "Aging Mastery: Age with Confidence" series to help people age well. – *Keith Gnagey*

Who'd like to represent PVV at the **Village-to-Village National Gathering in Baltimore, Md., Nov. 6-8?** For details see: <http://www.vtvnetwork.org/> or ask a PVV board member.



### **VENDOR SPOTLIGHT**

Need to get rid of crawling insects or rodents?  
**Absolute Termite and Pest Control**

is my suggestion, based on recent experience. They're thorough, ready to discuss the pros and cons of different approaches, and willing to give helpful advice on controlling other crawling insects and rodents unrelated to the problem at hand.

Proprietor Chris Cass presents his control plan, and related cost, for approval prior to proceeding. The price is reasonable. I will contact him the next time I have a problem with unwanted pests trying to enter our residence.

Contact information: **540-442-9988**,  
**[www.absolutepestcontrolva.com/](http://www.absolutepestcontrolva.com/)**  
Email: **[info@absolutepestcontrolva.com](mailto:info@absolutepestcontrolva.com)**

*John Spicher*  
*PVI Vendor Coordinator*

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As imperceptibly as Grief  
The Summer lapsed away --  
Too imperceptible at last  
To seem like Perfidy --  
A Quietness distilled  
As Twilight long begun,  
Or Nature spending with herself  
Sequestered Afternoon --  
The Dusk drew earlier in --  
The Morning foreign shone --  
A courteous, yet harrowing Grace,  
As Guest, that would be gone --  
And thus, without a Wing  
Or service of a Keel  
Our Summer made her light escape  
Into the Beautiful.

*By Emily Dickinson*

## **CELEBRATING A PIECE OF NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY**



**Park School, 1918-1967.** Source: <http://www.parkschoolreunion1967.com/about.html>

In our neighborhood in 1964, Park School quietly became the first racially integrated school in Rockingham County or Harrisonburg. A Sept. 4, 2017 article in The Daily News-Record tells of Samuel and Lucille Ewell, an African American couple, moving to the Valley so their five children could attend school after Prince Edward County, Va., their former home, closed all schools in 1959 to prevent integration. Park School, a.k.a. Park Elementary School, then a three-room Rockingham County public school, was located "just southwest of Park Woods" and near the present site of Eastern Mennonite School, says the website that announced a Sept. 3 alumni reunion. (The Park View neighborhood was then part of Rockingham County.) At the reunion, approaching the school's, and EMU's, centennial, several of the Ewell children, present and/or in a video recently recorded by Broadway High School students, shared memories of the warm welcome given them by classmates and by the local, mostly Mennonite community. For more information, see:

- The website listed above, announcing the reunion and featuring a school history.
- The Daily News-Record, 9/4/2017, p. A3.
- [The Ewell Family and the Integration of Park School - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bp-l05SYD0) -- a 16-minute video made by Broadway High School students who interviewed several members of the Ewell family. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bp-l05SYD0>

Who among our members, or their families, attended Park School? Did some PVV members attend the reunion? Is it true the school stayed open in snowy weather, like in the picture here? It would be lovely for Park View Villagers to hear more about Park School, and meet some of the Ewell family. – C.E.

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***Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.***

***-- Martin Luther King, Jr.***

## **THE PARK VIEW VILLAGE BOARD**

Evelyn Driver – Vice President  
Keith Gnagey – President  
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**TO CONTACT PARK VIEW VILLAGE:**  
540-705-0432; website, <http://parkviewvillageva.org/>

Deadline is **Nov. 20** for submissions to the November-December issue of **PVV's bimonthly newsletter**. Send items to **Chris Edwards, editor, 434-0457; [chrisedwardshburg@gmail.com](mailto:chrisedwardshburg@gmail.com)**.

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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**October** Ramona Stahl, Evelyn J. Driver, Wilma Gingerich, Loretta Helmuth, Mildred Hostetter, Hannah Mack Lapp, Pauline Myers, LeVon Smoker, Steve Shenk, Lorrie (Eleanor) Merrow

**November** Esther Augsburger, Pearl Lantz, Anna S. Leakey, Yvonne Stutzman, J Lowell Wenger

**Did we miss your birthday??** We apologize, and wish you a happy one! There are 3 ways birthdays may fall through the PVV cracks: 1) because your birthday was not entered on your membership form, or 2) you joined since our last birthday-list update, or 3) we goofed. If it's happened, please add your birthday by sending the date to our webmaster, Denise Sauder ([saudcdb@aol.com](mailto:saudcdb@aol.com)) and newsletter editor Chris Edwards ([chrisedwardshburg@gmail.com](mailto:chrisedwardshburg@gmail.com)), or if you're not online, calling Chris at 434-0457.

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**NOTE:** Retirees continue to enjoy inexpensive courses on nearly countless themes through the JMU-sponsored Lifelong Learning Institute. This Fall, celebrating EMU's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, LLI is offering the course, "EMU: Serving, Learning, Transforming," which meets at Eastern Mennonite School, featuring numerous presenters who explore many aspects of the university and local Mennonite community. Its 2<sup>nd</sup> session will begin Oct. 19 and you may register until then. For details on that and all other LLI offerings, call 568-4253 or see <http://www.jmu.edu/outreach/programs/all/lli/index.shtml>.