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Sunday 11/4 Daylight Saving Time -

Time to change your smoke detector batteries! (call if you need assistance)

TRACI'S MESSAGE

November, the start of the busy holiday season, and a time to give thanks for all we have; family, friends and for me personally, all the new friends I have met through Tender Care Village. We have wonderful, kind, interesting members and remarkable, thoughtful, caring volunteers. Together we have been changing the image of aging. In October we provided about 50 services to our members. We attempted our first social outing, a trip to the Country Mercantile. Although, it was just a couple of us in attendance we enjoyed a beautiful day, tasty lunch and great conversation. Tender Care Village hosted a booth at the

Senior Fair, we shared the village concept to hundreds of folks, in hopes of growing our community village by welcoming both members and volunteers. Thanks to all of you who stopped by and said hello. Special thanks to Bob, Cheryl, Renee and Susan H. for all your help.

Upcoming events for November will include some group exercise choices, a social gathering and a new volunteer training class.

We currently have 3 members enrolled in an exercise class at the Kadlec HealthPlex in Richland. The class is offered Tuesdays and

Thursdays from 9am-10am. I attended the class, which accommodates all levels of fitness from seated exercise to a moderate level of exercise. The instructor is easy to follow and very welcoming to new folks. The cost is \$3.00 a class, a person buys a punch card for \$25.00, no expiration date and attends class when available.

Our strolls with Susan will become monthly and move indoors through the winter. The next stroll will be held at 9:30am, Monday November 19th at the Columbia Center Mall. Stroll through the festive mall, enjoy the decorations, grab a hot drink and a treat while visiting with fellow members and volunteers.

Tender Care Village will be holding a community social gathering Thursday November 15th from 12:30pm-3:30pm at the Mid-Columbia Library in Kennewick on Union St. This will be a great time to meet other members and volunteers, express your ideas as we continue to grow our village; what works, what isn't working and what you see in our future. Please join us for a snack, beverage, a game of bingo and a chance to get to know our Tender Care Village community.

Our November orientation/training class will be held Friday November 30th from 10am-12pm at the Mid-Columbia Library on Union St. Please share with your friends and neighbors. Volunteers are the heart of our organization.

We are planning a group social outing to the "Senske Christmas Light Show". Tentative date is Tuesday December 11th at 6pm. We would, as a group, attend the light show then gather together for a hot beverage and dessert. I would welcome some feedback from our members and volunteers, if we have enough interest we may rent a van, and all go together. The more the merrier!!!

If any of the above activities are of interest, please contact Traci with your transportation requests. Please reach out to me if you have any suggestions for certain requests, social gatherings, or anything relating to our goal; successful aging in our own homes and neighborhoods.

Happy Thanksgiving!!!
Traci

Baby
by
Patricia Ransier Wells

Sometimes, on an ordinary day, something occurs that brings an adventure into your life. And, so it was that day in early Spring, when our

youngest grandson, Tyler, and his friend, Chris, came bursting through the front door in great excitement. "Grandma! We found something. We don't know what it is and we've never seen anything like it! Come and see!" Eyes wide, breathing hard from the running and excitement, they couldn't stand still. Well, since curiosity is my second name, I didn't tarry. "OK," I said, calling to Tyler's little sister, Nikki. Let's go see."

As we approached a neighbors' yard I saw that normally someone could pass by and never see anything. Both boys leaned over and pointed to the ground. About that time, Chris said, "We think it's something from outer space!"

I stifled my urge to laugh out loud. "Oh, I said. It's a baby squirrel, Tyler, run home and get one of Grandpa's hankies from his drawer." He was gone and back in a flash. I touched the tiny body and assessed it was getting cold. Its eyes weren't opened yet and my mind was swirling because I didn't know anything about taking care of a baby squirrel. I picked him up with the handkerchief and that tiny little thing let out a piercing sound of help that could be heard from a mile away. We took him back to our house and after we found a tiny little basket and lined it with soft cloths and covered him with a hankie, I pulled out the computer to see what we needed to do.

I learned that the smallest puncture from a cat would kill it. I checked him over and he didn't have any bites or scratches on him. That morning we had a strange westerly wind blowing hard for a short period of time and I thought that was what deposited the baby so far from the tree.

First thing was to try to get it back with his mommy and that entailed asking my neighbor if I could lurk around her house after I put the baby at the base of the tree nearest to where he landed. Permission granted I lurked. The information I had read, said if the baby was on the cold side, the mother wouldn't retrieve him. By this time, the boys had lost interest and were not lurking with me and I just hoped none of the neighbors would call the police. Nikki entertained herself by collecting pretty rocks.

After a period of time had passed, I retrieved him before he got any colder. He had no fur on his body and was blue/grey in color and about 5 inches long including his tail.

Back to the computer: Feed dogs milk, against the law to keep a wild animal, instructions for potty was the same as kittens and puppies and a list of things that I would need. Chris couldn't come with us, so Tyler, Nicole and I went to the pet shop where they had everything we needed.

He was very easy to care for and probably the best baby in the world. He slept a lot and only woke to eat. He stayed in his basket for quite a long time and when we saw moves that indicated that he was going to be up and at em, Mac built him a cage. We knew that we were going to release him when he was ready to be on his own, so though we handled him a little, we tried to be careful about codling him too much. We named him Baby

The kids loved him, too and we would let him out to climb and play. It amazed us how he could go up the metal leg of the card table like it was a tree. It was kind of amazing too, that when we took him outside he would try to go back to exactly where he came from. When fall came, we decided he was still too young to let go, so we held him through the winter.

Spring came and we begin to take him outside, cage and all to see all that he could see and smell. After a week or so, we opened the cage a little for him to go through but not wide enough for a cat or dog to get to him. That was the last we saw of him. Maybe he came back to visit, but I couldn't tell for sure. I only regret that I didn't put some color on him to differentiate him from the others. But the whole experience was pure pleasure even though I broke the law.

Now, I will tell you that there were no squirrels in the Tri-Cities until the late 50's when my cousin Cal Bickle approached the City Council and asked and got permission to put a few red tail squirrels in Keewaydin Park. That's where our squirrels came from and

they're now in every town that surrounds us.
That my friends, is how history is made!



Housekeeping Services

(repeat information)

Although TCV does *not* offer housekeeping services, we understand there is a great need for it. Sharon and Traci have researched and interviewed potential housekeeping services and below are some providers that will offer a discount to our members. We hope this information helps our members, however these services are *not* a part of the Tender Care Village services.

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The Hunny-Do Crew (Dale and Lori Jones) - (509) 948-0490, 20% off cleaning or handyman services for Tender Care Village Members

The Magical Touch (Cindy Mendoza) – (509) 572-5113, willing to give Tender Care Village Members a reasonable rate on all services

(New Service Provider) CleanWorks Window Cleaning (Mike Moore) – (509) 737-1971, willing to give Tender Care Village Members a discount on services.

Volunteers – If you are interested in being listed to do housekeeping and or deliver restaurant meals to one of our members (for a fee), please contact Traci. This would be outside of the TCV, but could offer reasonable services to our members, while supplementing your income.



Come join in at exercise class

Maintain your strength and flexibility

November Calendar

If members want to participate in an activity, *please call to reserve a ride*

Exercise Class (can be done sitting or standing)

11/6, 11/8 Tuesday/Thursday

11/13, 11/15 Tuesday/Thursday

11/20 Tuesday

11/27, 11/29 Tuesday/Thursday

9 am-10 am, HealthPlex, 1268 Lee Blvd. Richland

11/15 Thursday – Tender Care Village/Community Gathering, 12:30 pm -3:30 pm at Kennewick Library, 1620 S. Union Street

11/19 Monday -Stroll with Susan, 9:30 am, Meet at the Sears entrance (inside the mall).

11/30 Friday – Orientation/Training, 10:00 am – 12 pm, Kennewick Library, 1620 S. Union St.

12/11 Tuesday - Senske Christmas Light Show, TCV Member/Volunteer Event, 6 pm

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