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POSTAL PATRON

Local artist travels overseas for an experience of a lifetime

Armed with a paintbrush and palette, Happy Valley art teacher Gina Locke recently traveled to the Umbria region of Italy to study under notable Russian Impressionist Vladislav Yeliseyev and paint the stunning landscape and golden light.

Locke has always known she was an artist. From her earliest memories in elementary school, she has felt the need to draw, paint, design and create. She comes from an artistic family — her mother is a music teacher and her father is an artist. Throughout her childhood, Locke painted in after-school art classes and

BY **SHELLEY MCFARLAND**

refined her skills. She attended both the University of Oregon and Oregon State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts in 1997.

It was during her college years that Locke had the opportunity to travel to Italy to study at La Romita School of Art, which hosts art and culinary workshops.

"I learned so much because they didn't teach watercolors in college. I already loved watercolors, but that's when I learned about the paints and how they can be layered and the different techniques," Locke said.

Because of her cherished memories,

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Happy Valley art teacher Gina Locke traveled to Italy to study under famed Russian artist Vladislav Yeliseyev. The Umbrian region was a perfect backdrop to learn and try new techniques.

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Gina Locke spent hours in the Umbrian streets painting different scenes and taking photos to compare to her paintings. The artist spent two weeks painting the rich landscape.



Locke studied under notable watercolor Impressionist, Yeliseyev, who is a master of light and shadow. One afternoon, Yeliseyev painted on Locke's painting to show her the technique he wanted her to demonstrate. The art students, eight in all, painted in a different location each day for two weeks.

An artist's dream vacation

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Locke yearned to return to the Italian school as an adult artist.

"I'm a watercolor artist and haven't taken a class in over 10 years, so I wanted to go again. My mom, Nina, went with me, though she's not an artist, and it became a mom-daughter trip. But it was about the workshop," Locke said.

"The teacher was different, but the school was the same, and we visited some of the same towns. I have a picture of me in front of San Gemini 25 years ago and now."

During the two-week intensive workshop, Locke spent about 12 hours a day studying art or painting.

"The school is wonderful. They feed us breakfast and pack a lunch, a lecture in the afternoon and a dinner in the evening. I didn't have to worry about cooking, I just painted," Locke said. "It was intense, and so much



fun, but it was the whole day. I was mentally tired."

The workshop was small, with only eight students from as far away as Jerusalem. The group would travel each day to a specific destination to do plein-air painting — painting on location in the open air. The towns were chosen for their stunning architecture, cobblestone roads, or tranquil water scenery. Art supplies were hauled to each location, where easels were set up and the paints were mixed. The artists had the opportunity to learn from Yeliseyev, who teaches workshops worldwide.

"Vlad had a specific color palette that he wanted us to use. He is a looser painter than I am, and he was very strict because he had studied in Russia his entire art career. He would come over and almost yell at me if I didn't have the colors right. It was intense, and I just tried to learn from him," Locke said.

"He taught us about light and shadows where shadows have a pat-

tern. He is known for his brush strokes, they almost have a calligraphy look to them."

Some of the towns Locke painted in were over 900 years old and residents often would come out to watch the students paint. One memorable afternoon, Locke was kept company by two young girls who she wasn't able to talk to because of the language barrier, but knew they were curious about her painting.

"Once I pulled out my paints, they were right next to me. They were so cute. I was having fun with them. At one point, I threw salt on my painting to change the texture, and they were talking about what I was doing," Locke said. "I loved that moment with the little girls. I couldn't really speak to them, I don't speak Italian and they didn't speak English, but it was special."

Highlights of Locke's trip included watching Yeliseyev paint, having the young girls for company, and eating gelato, sometimes twice a day.

Back home, Locke, an award-winning artist and member of the Watercolor Society of Oregon, will use her experiences with her own students. In 2011, she opened an

SUBMITTED PHOTOS
GINA LOCKE



One notable day, Locke was trailed by two inquisitive girls who watched her paint for hours. Though she couldn't speak Italian, the threesome shared a beautiful afternoon of painting and companionship.

800-square-foot studio in her home she shares with husband Mike Hermens, a sixth-grade teacher in the David Douglas School District and their two children, Anna and Aiden, who both attend Clackamas High School.

In her studio, Locke paints and teaches art classes. She offers three after-school classes to children, one late-start class for middle schoolers, and two adult watercolor classes.

"The light in Italy is different than the light here. It's shocking how beautiful it is all day, and the light never dulls. It's colorful there all day and the shadows are there all day, too. It was perfect for artists who have always been drawn to go there to paint because it's just beautiful. Everything there is beautiful and luminous," Locke said.

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Venvino’s Paint Your Pet class to benefit Clackamas Dogs Foundation

There is always hope in a dog’s eyes. These loyal furballs are happy to see us when we come home — even if we just took a trip to the mailbox — and provide comfort when we are sad. Many of us cannot imagine a life without a dog, or five.

Venvino Art Studios will host a Paint Your Pet night from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, at 13329 S.E. Misty Drive, to benefit Clackamas Dogs Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to advancing the welfare of dogs in the community through shelter and program support. Attendees will get help painting a portrait of their pet, and 50 percent of all profits from the class will go directly to CDF.

Sarah Holcombe, volunteer and outreach coordinator at Clackamas County Dog Services and an employee of Clackamas Dogs Foundation, said events like this help dogs directly since Clackamas Dogs Foundation is the “fundraising arm for the shelter.” Dogs brought to the shelter that are potentially adoptable, yet ill or injured, receive care through the support of CDF.

“The foundation supports the volunteer program and any extra fees. We also have a low-cost spay and neuter program, so anyone on government assistance can receive a spay or neuter for their dog with the purchase of a license. Our emergency vet fund is important to the dogs that come in with a broken leg or other injury,” Holcombe said. “It totally benefits the dogs here and the dogs that are adopted.”

Hundreds of dogs have been helped through CDF, like Puck, a dappled-dachshund mix that suffered a bone injury on his front leg. After immediate medical attention at a 24-hour clinic, Puck was able to recover with the veterinarian who fostered him before he found his permanent home.

Another example is Scott, a German shepherd that arrived at the shelter as a sick stray. An examination revealed a hard mass in his bladder. Once it was removed, Scott got better and was adopted as a healthy, happy dog. Also helped was sweet Elvira, a white pitbull mix in dire straits. Northwest Specialty Vet Clinic, with funding from CDF, was able to stabilize her condition and reveal that Elvira also was deaf. After her recovery, Elvira was transferred to the Deaf Dogs of Oregon Rescue where a family adopted her..

In years past, injured or sick dogs immediately would have been euthanized. Today, with the help and dedication of CDF and its sponsors, dogs are given the medical care they need to recover and be adopted.

Volunteering

Through CDF, citizens can volunteer at Dog Services. Happy Valley resident Lysa Tompkins, an ardent dog lover, started vol-

unteering at Dog Services four years ago.

“I wanted to do something that would make a difference in many dogs’ lives. I had extra time and love animals. I thought maybe I could use some of that love to encourage others to also volunteer,” Tompkins said.

“Plus, it’s important for my kids to see the act of giving your time to others in need. I volunteered at the Humane Society in Bend with my oldest daughter many years ago.”

At Dog Services, Tompkins walks dogs or sits in their kennel with them if they are frightened and need reassurance. She talks to them and gives them treats to gain their trust. Most days, Tompkins takes them outside, explaining that dogs that play outside are completely different

from dogs you see that stay inside the kennel. Their brief amount of freedom makes them happier, joyful dogs.

Tompkins knows she’s making a difference, for both the dogs and the potential adopters.

“Sometimes it’s hard to leave knowing there are dogs waiting to be adopted. It can be hard and physical working with the bigger dogs, but they all just want attention and a gentle hand,” Tompkins said.

“Each is deserving of a home and a comfy bed. I know they are safe at the shelter, and I’m grateful they’re not running loose on the streets. I know I made them happy for the time that I was with them.”

As for the dogs waiting to be adopted, their eyes are still full of hope.

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND



VOLUNTEER
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PAINT YOUR PET CLASS

WHAT: Venvino Art Studios, www.venvinoartstudios.com, hosts event to benefit the Clackamas Dogs Foundation.

WHEN: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9

WHERE: 13329 S.E. Misty Drive, Happy Valley

COST: \$40, register online at www.bit.ly/CDF-PaintYourPet

DETAILS: Paint whatever kind of pet you have, not only dogs. Don’t have a pet to paint? Photo of a shelter dog will be provided and the painting will go home with them when they’re adopted.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR AUGUST 2018

Date	Event	Time	Location
2	Concerts in the Valley - My Happy Pill	6:30 p.m.	Happy Valley Park
3	Concerts in the Park - Big Yellow Taxi	6:30 p.m.	Village Green Park
4	Happy Valley Farmers Market	9 a.m.-2 p.m.	Eastridge Church
7	National Night Out Block Parties	6:00 p.m.	
8-10	City Challenge Blood Drive	See PAGE 13	City Hall
9	Concerts in the Valley - Ants in the Kitchen	6:30 p.m.	Happy Valley Park
10	Concerts in the Park - Free Range Humans	6:30 p.m.	Village Green Park
11	Happy Valley Farmers Market	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Eastridge Church
12	Party in the Park	1 - 4 p.m.	Village Green Park
14	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
16	Public Art Committee	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
16	Concerts in the Valley - Patrick Lamb	6:30 p.m.	Happy Valley Park
17	Concerts in the Park - Rae Gordon Band	6:30 p.m.	Village Green Park
18	Happy Valley Farmers Market	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Eastridge Church
21	City Council Work Session	6:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
21	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
22	HV Business Alliance Meeting	7:30 a.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
23	Concerts in the Valley - The District	6:30 p.m.	Happy Valley Park
24	Concerts in the Park - Rhythm Culture	6:30 p.m.	Village Green Park
25	Happy Valley Farmers Market	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Eastridge Church
29	Design Review Board	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
August 4	City Council Work Session	6:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
4	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber

* Eastridge Church is located at 14100 SE Sunnyside Road
** Concerts in the Valley (Happy Valley Park) — See PAGES 6-7
*** Concerts in the Park (Village Green Park/Library) — See PAGE 8



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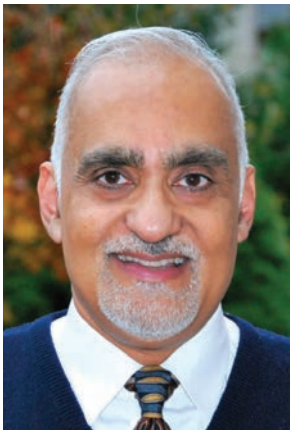
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PARK UPDATE

Where we stand after withdrawing from NCPRD

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



LORI CHAVEZ-DEREMER

As I attended our summer activities this past month, I heard many of you ask for an update on the City's withdrawal from the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) and our plans for providing those services directly.

I've been so proud of our team for developing a forward-looking Parks Master Plan and strategy for new recreation programs open to all. We've had fun envisioning new parks, more recreation programs for kids, adults, and seniors in the community, and ways to continually improve the quality of life in Happy Valley. We were honored this last May to also receive a vote of confidence from you, the voters, by overwhelmingly approving the City's Parks Levy with 72% of the vote! A lot of hard work went into these efforts from our City staff, Parks Advisory Committee members, and City Councilors.

Unfortunately, in late June,

the Oregon Department of Revenue reversed their previous approval of the City's withdrawal from NCPRD. This came as a surprise and will delay many of our efforts to become the parks and recreation provider.

The City worked cooperatively with Clackamas County to identify a process for withdrawing from NCPRD. The City then followed that process and was supported by Clackamas County at every step. The Oregon Department of Revenue had even approved the withdrawal. Separately, the City and County disputed how park assets and funds should be divided; however, each agency supported the withdrawal process on multiple occasions. Once the withdrawal was final, NCPRD even made promises to not tax Happy Valley residents starting July 1, 2018. We were all pointed in the same direction.

Now, with a reversal from the Department of Revenue,



Happy Valley's city council continues to work on the withdrawal from NCPRD. A timeline and frequently asked questions about the withdrawal are available at www.happyvalleyor.gov/ncprd-withdrawfaq.

NCPRD is planning to continue taxing Happy Valley residents and providing their parks services for this next year. The City has delayed any action on taxing residents for parks and recreation until the middle of September. Our goal is to not double-tax Happy Valley residents for the same service.

In the meantime, this issue is now before a court in Salem. Recently, Clackamas County filed motions to intervene against the City and the withdrawal process we mutually agreed to follow.

As one of your elected leaders, I'm committed to resolving this issue in an amicable fashion. I'm hopeful the Board of County Commissioners will also come to the table in good faith to support the City's efforts.

In an effort to keep everyone up to date and answer all the questions we've received, we put together a webpage specific to this issue. Check out the most frequently asked questions and a timeline that will continually be updated as we reach new milestones. www.happyvalleyor.gov/ncprd-withdrawfaq

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This past year has been a big year with many significant projects that will impact Happy Valley for decades to come. Our volunteer committees envisioned parks and recreation opportunities for future generations, considered neighborhood traffic improvements, reviewed zoning changes to manage growth, held commercial developments to a consistent design style, provided oversight of how tax payer funds were spent, identified resource and material needs for our library, expanded public art, promoted youth engagement, and helped juvenile defenders. They did all of this in their spare time, just so that we can live in a better community.

On August 16th, we encourage all of you to come and help us honor our volunteers at the Concert in the Valley. Not only will we thank those who serve on our committees, we will reveal the Volunteer of the Year.

In the meantime, join us in thanking those volunteers who ended their service on a variety of committees.

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- Dave Tash, Traffic & Public Safety
- Andrew Watkins, Design Review Board
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- Diane Morrow, Budget Committee
- Heidi Steen, Budget Committee
- Rosemary Tanzer, Library Board

The City is fortunate to receive guidance and input from our community volunteers. If you're like these individuals and you care about future growth, our design standards, city finances, public safety, parks, art, library, or youth engagement, we're always looking for more volunteers.

To apply for an appointed advisory board position, complete and submit the Public Involvement Application. Currently, all positions are full, but we accept applications year-round. For more information and an application, visit www.happyvalleyor.gov/city-hall/boards-commissions.

COUNCIL CORNER

NEW sculpture at City Hall

The City is pleased to welcome a new sculpture into the Happy Valley Sculpture Garden! Tale of Two Birds was produced by Gregory Fields and will be on exhibit through June 2019. To find out more about this piece, visit Happy Valley City Hall!

Greg Fields: Tale of Two Birds

Last month City Hall welcomed a new sculpture into the rotating Sculpture Garden program. The sculpture, Tale of Two Birds, replaces a sculpture recently sold to a private buyer. Both pieces were produced by Gregory Fields of Bend, Oregon.

Tale of Two Birds is inspired by an old tale from India. The story tells of two birds, inseparable friends, who share a common tree. One bird chases after the sweet and bitter fruits on the lower branches, consumed by its short-lived desires. The second bird nests in the high branches, content to bask in the moonlight and undeterred by its circumstances. Up in the high branches of the tree, the second bird is illuminated by the moonlight, amplifying its beauty and reflecting light back into its surroundings.

Mr. Fields imagines that the bird of the lower branches may have felt envy toward his serene companion, not realizing that they were of equal beauty and worth. Fields concludes that the peaceful state of the higher bird is not produced by striving in pursuit of material things, but through self-acceptance.

Tale of Two Birds will be on exhibit outside of City Hall through June 2019. For questions and purchasing inquiries, please contact Jaimie Huff, 503-783-3828, jaimiel@happyvalleyor.gov.



Artist, Gregory Fields, stands with a Tale of Two Birds, his sculpture that was recently installed outside Happy Valley City Hall.

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AUGUST 2 ★ MY HAPPY PILL

This seven-member party band plays high-energy dance music spanning each decade from the '70s through today's biggest hits with a focus on soul, funk, reggae, R&B and pop.

"This will be My Happy Pill's first performance in Happy Valley, and we couldn't be more excited. As attendees of this event in the past, we have always found it to be a really fun yet relaxing atmosphere, so it will be great to experience the event from the stage side this year," said Valerie O'Keefe, booking agent.

At a My Happy Pill show, music lovers should be prepared to dance from the first song to the last. Wear comfortable shoes, you're going to need them.

"We can't wait to put our style of 'Happy' in Happy Valley," O'Keefe said.



AUGUST 9 ★ ANTS IN THE KITCHEN

Resident Reunion

They're back, but don't call the exterminator. These are the kind of ants you want hanging around. With powerful vocals from Portland's First Lady of Blues, LaRhonda Steele, this eight-person horn band will rock your socks off with danceable classic funk, blues and soul from the '70s. The Ants have played at the Concerts in the Valley in years past and have delighted the dancing crowds.

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Without music, life would B flat: Happy Valley concerts continue



AUGUST 16 ★ PATRICK LAMB Volunteer Appreciation Night

With a new CD due to be released this fall, saxophonist Patrick Lamb, will entertain attendees with a foot-stomping, soul-satisfying performance. The Oregon Music Hall of Fame member will play numerous cover hits from artists like Earth, Wind and Fire, to Flo Rida, along with some of his originals. Three of Lamb’s songs have hit the U.S. Billboard Chart in contemporary jazz.

“We do a wide range of music where there is something for everyone at the family-friendly, fun city event where families are eating and enjoying themselves. It’s a great annual celebration,” Lamb said.

At Volunteer Appreciation Night, committee and board members, along with their families, are invited to eat dinner at the park as an appreciation for volunteering with the city. During the concert intermission, the city will present the Volunteer of the Year award.



AUGUST 23 ★ THE DISTRICT

First Responder Appreciation Night

What do you get with a fire board member, battalion chief, fire inspector and three line firefighters? A band, of course!

The District, a six-member group of Clackamas Fire #1 firefighters, will close out the concert series by playing numerous cover hits from the Rolling Stones to the Black-Eyed Peas and many others.

The District will perform on First Responder Appreciation Night where all attending first responders will receive a meal voucher. A hands-only CPR demonstration also is planned.

Happy Valley is “stayin’ alive” with its Concerts in the Valley at Happy Valley Park on Thursday nights. Have fun listening to all the “good vibrations” at the family concerts. Bring lawn chairs and the kids. The series continues with performances through the end of August.



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AUGUST 2018 Library Events

The Library will be closed Labor Day, September 3.

ADULT PROGRAMS

MAH JONGG: Fridays, 1-4 p.m.
Those who enjoy playing American Mah Jongg are invited to join our fun and friendly group! Be sure to bring your 2018 National Mah Jongg League cards.

HAPPY VALLEY LIBRARY BOOK GROUP: Thursday, August 2, 6:30-8 p.m.
Read the book selection for the month and come to the library to discuss the book with other readers. This month we're reading *Be Frank with Me* by Julia Johnson. Did you like it or not? Did something surprise you or make you think twice? Come share your thoughts!

STRING-ALONG: Sundays, August 12 and 26, 2-5 p.m.
Bring your acoustic guitar, fiddle, ukulele or other stringed instrument to the Happy Valley Library and share some tunes with other musicians. Adults of all skill levels are invited to drop in and play some American traditional Bluegrass or Folk music in a casual, jam-style setting. Bring a song you know to share.

GENEALOGY CLUB: Mondays, August 13 and 27, 2-4 p.m.
Searching for family roots? All are welcome to come and share questions, strategies, and organizing tips. Insights are discovered and pathways revealed as we attempt to solve the mysteries of our ancestors' elusive stories!

BOARD GAME CONNECTION: Thursday, August 23, 6-8 p.m.
Gather around a table and connect with friends new and old over board games. Learn a new game or bring a personal favorite and teach someone else! New games will be featured every month.

Happy Valley Library
2018 CONCERTS IN THE PARK
Bring a picnic, a blanket or chair, and join us for a music-filled evening!

FEATURING:
July 27: No Time 2 Lose
August 3: Big Yellow Taxi
August 10: Free Range Humans
August 17: Rae Gordon Band
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LIBRARY CHILDREN PROGRAMS

We will be on a storytime break August 12 through September 8.

HALF BLOOD CAMP (ENTERING GRADES 6TH-12TH): Thursday, August 2, 7:30-10 p.m.
The ultimate demi-god camp experience...at your library. Check-in from 7:30-8; the Library will be closed and doors locked at 8 pm.

PARTY IN THE PARK: Sunday, Aug. 12, 1-4 p.m.
Live music from Olive & Dingo and the Mo Phillips Band, balloon animals, booths and games!

BOOKS & BITES — TEACHER OPEN HOUSE: Wednesday, August 29, 1:30-3 p.m.
Get ready for school with your library! Sign up for an Educator Card (yes, we have those now!), learn tips and tricks for catalog searching, and hear about fantastic class read-alouds. Plus, compete in the ultimate library trivia contest for free books for your classroom. And we'll have cookies! Please RSVP by August 24 to reserve your space (email youthlibrary@happyvalleyor.gov or call 503-783-3454).

SUMMER READERS!
Keep reading and don't forget to turn in your summer reading records by Aug. 31 to get your prize.

Happy Valley Library
Party in the Park
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1-3:30 Clackamas Diaper Dash
Bring a new pack of diapers to join this fun run/walk/stroll. Presented by the Early Learning Hub of Clackamas County and Clackamas Parenting Together.

1:30-2 Storytime w/Olive & Dingo

2:30-4 Music w/Mo Phillips Band

Support the Wichita Center by bringing donations of non-perishable food items and hygiene supplies for their family pantry.

Damascus Farmers Market
Sadly the Damascus Farmers Market has closed.
We want to thank you for your support of the market.

You will be able to find most of our vendors at the Happy Valley Farmers Market. The market runs thru September every Saturday from 9am - 2pm in the parking lot at 14100 SE Sunnyside Rd.

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A great group of FRIENDS

The Happy Valley Library considers itself very lucky in the “friends” department. With 42 members in the Friends of the Happy Valley Library non-profit group, the organization is always looking for new ways to support the library and surrounding community.

“We don’t have a complicated mission statement, simply to support the public library and literacy efforts in its circulation area. We interpret literacy efforts broadly, including cultural outreach. The library has all sorts of media, books, movies, magazines, music, games of all sorts, and hosts lots of speakers and activities....We want to help the library spread knowledge and be accessible to all residents,” said Diana Colvin, the Friends of the Library’s secretary and membership coordinator.

The “Friends” stay active with a variety of events and undertakings. The one they may be best known for are their book sales. During business hours, a visitor of the library can peruse their book sale shelves, picking up a great find, always in excellent condition, for only \$.50 a book.

They also take their book sales on the road, selling weekly at the farmers market in Damascus. The money raised from these sales, which adds up, is used to sponsor a variety of library programs and needs.

“The events we sponsor or support are often requests from library staff. Most of our budget goes to the summer reading program for kids. Another example is our support of the series of concerts at the nearby Village Green Park,” said Colvin.

The Friends also fill requests for



The Friends of the Library’s primary mission is to support the public library however they can. One way they do this is by sponsoring the 5-week live music concert series, Concerts in the Park.



materials and equipment, such as a recent disc resurfer.

Recently, the Friends teamed up with the Kiwanis of Happy Valley-Damascus on their Little Libraries program, bringing book sharing to more neighborhoods. The Kiwanis build and install the structures and the Friends provides the first installment of used books.

With lots of ideas and motivation behind them, there are plenty of opportunities for community members who want to assist the Friends with their mission and donations to the

organization are tax-deductible. They are also registered in the Community Rewards program through Fred Meyer and with AmazonSmile, where they receive a portion of sale proceeds from participating shoppers.

But most of all, the Friends would like to grow their small, yet mighty group.

“We are always looking for new members and volunteers to keep up with the needs of the community,” said Colvin.

Membership to the Friends of the

Library is always open and being a member comes with a few unexpected perks. Individual membership is \$10 per year and includes 12 free books and other media. Family memberships are also available for \$20 and allow the members to select 24 items per calendar year.

“The support of the Friends of Happy Valley Library really enhances the services we provide. From Cultural Passes to programs for children and adults, the Friends do so much to support our mission. We are fortunate to work with such a great



Diana Colvin, Friend of the Library, labels and hands out free books to children at a local event.

group of dedicated library enthusiasts!” said Doris Grolbert, Library Director.

Friends of the Library host a member meeting the first Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Library’s Community Room. The next meeting will be held Sept. 6.

Want to be a Book Detective?

The Friends of the Library is in search of an individual who is interested in combing the weekly book donations in search of rare books. If you are interested in this fun and important job, contact the Friends of the Library for more details.



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Flags and Fun on the 4th!

From the parade to the picnics, Happy Valley celebrated the nation's Independence Day to the fullest this Fourth of July. The infamous resident bike parade may have been bigger than ever. Businesses, sport organizations, and car enthusiasts rounded out the parade, showing all Happy Valley has to offer. The day passed in a blur of delicious food, fun activities, and interactive business booths. At night, the sky was alive with the flash and sparkle of the Standard TV & Appliance fireworks show. Regardless of where you celebrated, we hope you and your family were able to create special Fourth of July memories this year.

Our thanks!

- Jackson Autry - National Anthem
- "45 Away" 234th Army Band
- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members
- Happy Valley Preschool and Child Care - fireworks discharge site
- National Charity League - Sunnyside, moms and daughters philanthropic group
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This spring, Happy Valley officers completed a bike patrol certification program. Bike patrols are an important enforcement tool during events when stealth and mobility are needed.

Happy Valley Police Bicycle Patrol

Happy Valley Police have a new patrol tool you may have seen around the community. Several deputies from Happy Valley Police Department recently completed the Bike Patrol certification program and had a chance to use their skills on Independence Day.

Bike patrols are an important tool to law enforcement during events and special assignments when stealth and mobility are needed. The bikes will help our deputies get into areas a patrol car can't. They are also easily deployed from a police vehicle when needed.

Not only will these bikes be a great enforcement tool, but they will also further our commitment to community policing ideals. The increased visibility of police at work in a neighborhood can be a deterrent to crime and the nature of the bike patrol program also allows for more personal interactions with the public.

Look for police bicycle patrol in your parks and on trails throughout the city and give us a wave.



Deputies Ferguson and Mazhnikov conducted bike patrols at the Happy Valley 4th of July event.



Thank you for joining us for coffee!

On June 28, HVPD held a Coffee with a Cop event, graciously hosted by Starbucks. Citizens who attended had the opportunity to speak with HVPD's Police Chief, the weekday sergeant, two deputies, as well as the chaplain from the Sheriff's Office. We want to thank the citizens that came to the event and brought a variety of questions, words of encouragement

or simply wanted to meet us. Most of the questions revolved around traffic or neighborhood livability and we were able to discuss and problem-solve these important issues together. This was a great event, but we want residents to know that we will always make time to assist with questions or concerns. Call or stop in at the Police Center to schedule a meeting. We'll provide the coffee.

—Your HVPD



Sergeant Stewart says hello to customers during their morning coffee run on June 28 at Coffee with a Cop.

CFD seeks to set record with hands-only CPR event

Join the City of Happy Valley and Clackamas Fire District #1 at the Concerts in the Valley music series for the First Responder Recognition Night, Aug. 23, 2018. The firefighter band, "The District" will be playing hit music from all ages at this free concert.

During the concert, Clackamas Fire District #1's staff and citizen volunteers will train concert goers in hands-only CPR, reaching a monumental milestone of instructing 50,000 students and community members. For the last five years, Clackamas Fire's Public Educators have worked with area school districts, community groups, and organizations to teach Hands Only CPR and the importance of responding as quickly as possible. We are excited to reach this milestone and thank everyone who has been a part of this lifesaving campaign.



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Hundreds of boards were broken to raise money for Greyson Mbock. Master Seong, far right, organized the event with Happy Valley Station after learning of Mbock’s extensive injuries after he was struck by a speeding motorcyclist.

Kick-a-Thon raises \$1,800 for Greyson Mbock

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

On July 7, Happy Valley residents broke boards, taekwondo style, to raise money to help cover medical expenses for Greyson Mbock, who was severely injured after he was hit by a speeding motorcycle. Over \$1,800 was raised from the kick-a-thon, which was presented by U.S. World-Class Taekwondo-Happy Valley and Happy Valley Station.

“It was great to see the community spirit in Happy Valley. It was also wonderful to do something for Greyson and his family,” said Dan Wilson, an instructor at the Happy Valley studio. “Greyson is really a fine young man. We enjoyed getting to know him a little better.”

Master Seong, owner of US World-Class Taekwondo, who organized the event, donated all of the boards and

100 percent of the proceeds to Mbock. “Taekwondo is more than kicking, punching and self-defense. It’s about respecting people and demonstrating leadership. We heard about Greyson’s accident and wanted to do something to help,” Seong said.

To help with Mbock’s medical expenses, a GoFundMe account has been created at www.gofundme.com/greyson-mbock-recovery.

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BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

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“It’s an overwhelming feeling. I’m proud of my family and my staff for all the hard work it has taken to achieve what we’ve achieved. I’m very excited about the future,” said David Martin, owner of Happy Valley Arts Academy.



Happy Valley resident David Martin, owner of Happy Valley Arts Academy, received the notable distinction on July 23.

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neighborhood camaraderie is often at its highest during the summer months. People are outside more frequently, barbecuing, working in their yard, being active in the neighborhood, or watching their children play. Many neighborhoods participate in National Night Out, a nationwide community and police event held the first Tuesday in August, or attend an annual Homeowners Association barbecue.

These events and activities are great opportunities for neighbors to introduce themselves and get to know one another. This is also a good time to discuss neighborhood safety and gauge interest in a neighborhood watch program.

Many are intimidated by the idea of developing a neighborhood watch program when they shouldn't be. While it can take a bit of legwork to get it off the ground, once a plan and process has been established, your neighborhood will feel like an extension of your home, comfortable and secure.

Each neighborhood watch group is different, but common characteristics are a functioning communication system, established neighborhood priorities, and regularly held meetings.

Technology and social media have made communication a lot easier than it used to be. Many neighborhood groups use websites such as Facebook and Next-



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Steve Campbell

door to communicate with their neighbors. A neighborhood email distribution list is also a great way to include neighbors who may not use social media accounts. However, no matter how advanced technology has become, when time is of the essence, a phone number is often the quickest way to get a message out. For this reason, no matter what communication tool you decide to use, also create a master list of phone numbers.

A clear understanding of the issues your neighborhood faces will help you define a priority list. If car break-ins have been an issue, residents can work together to establish a dog walking routine as a deterrent. When a report of suspicious activity is shared, residents who have been alerted will be more observant and notice abnormal activity.

While regular meetings are recommended, they do not have to be frequent. Groups who communicate well using technology tools may choose to meet as a group only once or twice a year.

If you are interested in learning how the City of Happy Valley can help you with your neighborhood Watch Program, please contact us at 503-783-3800. Our Public Safety team will be happy to assist in the organization of your group, provide crime prevention tips, install neighborhood watch signs, and more.

We hope you maximize the opportunity that these nice summer days bring and get to know the people who live near you. The benefits of establishing neighborhood connections are more than being able to borrow a cup of sugar when it is needed; these interactions will also make your neighborhood more resilient to crime.



National Night Out is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and get started on neighborhood safety priorities. This year block parties will be held on Aug. 7.

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George’s Garden Center owner pulls up stakes

Richard Barhoum is ready to retire after reaping full life as Happy Valley business owner

As the landscape of Happy Valley changes, longtime resident Richard Barhoum looks back on a life at George’s Garden Center.

Originally a fruit stand, George’s was started in 1950, on the corner of Southeast 82nd Avenue and Causey Way, by Barhoum’s uncle, John George, who had immigrated to the United States. A few years later, Barhoum immigrated, too, and began to help at George’s.

“I immigrated to the United States with my mom and four siblings from a small village in Syria. I began immediately working at George’s at just 15 years old, while attending high school. I learned everything from my uncle who was like a father to me as I lost my own dad just a few years before coming to the States,” Barhoum said.

As a child, Barhoum enjoyed singing and playing a Middle Eastern instrument similar to the guitar. “My family came to the United States, much like others do, for a better life. I’ve always been a hard worker and quickly began working at George’s to help pay for our home and take care of my family, including two very young siblings,” Barhoum said.

Barhoum moved the business in 1999 to its current location on Southeast Sunnyside Road and 169th Avenue. Over the years, customers called Barhoum’s uncle “George,” and after he died in 1994, the name was bestowed upon Barhoum.

“I had the honor to become the new ‘George’ and owner of George’s Garden, it was incred-

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND



Long-time resident Richard Barhoum is retiring and closing his nursery, Georges Garden Center. The original George, was Barhoum’s beloved uncle John George. Barhoum and his wife, Norma, raised their family in Happy Valley and continue to live in the community they love.



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ibly touching. At this time, my wife and better half, Norma, began to work with me to help carry on the business,” Barhoum said.

Married in 1975, Barhoum and Norma raised their four kids, Jamie, John, Jennifer and Joe in Happy Valley. They are expecting their 10th grandchild this winter.

“That’s what it’s all about — family,” Barhoum said. “We’re really blessed that all our kids live just minutes from us, and we see

them and our grandchildren all the time. I’ve been fortunate that George’s has provided for my family through the years and have never taken a day for granted, because with owning your own business, nothing is ever a guarantee. Well, just that you’ll work eight days a week.”

The landscape of Happy Valley has changed dramatically since George’s opened in 1950, and Barhoum is now ready to retire. Les Schwab has bought the land and will build a tire center.

“I remember Happy Valley with its gravel roads and before there was a Starbucks on each corner. We look forward to retiring in Happy Valley and seeing what changes are still to come,” Barhoum said. “Les Schwab and other businesses may be on the property, but when I drive by, I’ll still see George’s. I’ll see Norma with a customer, one of my kids pulling into the parking lot just to say ‘hi,’ and my grandkids running around. Those memories are going to be there even when we’re not.”

Barhoum is looking forward to the freedom and flexibility of not having a schedule when

he retires. Together with Norma, they plan to visit Las Vegas more often. He also plans to see his customers at the Happy Valley Farmers Market with his daughter, Jamie, who runs the market.

“I’ll have time now to be at the market on Saturdays to see my customers and even give advice as needed — on their gardening needs, that is. I could give other advice, but nobody probably wants to hear it,” Barhoum said.

The Barhoums plan to continue to live in the community they feel deeply connected to, but will miss seeing their customers at the garden center.

“I’ve really enjoyed being able to meet so many people in the community and establishing decades-long friendships with many. With all the faces we see, Norma and I remember customer names and their own life stories, and we will really miss being a part of that,” Barhoum said. “We’ve really been lucky to be a part of a community that has supported us, and we can’t thank our customers enough for their loyalty and friendship over the years.”



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