

Village of Long Creek

Neighborhood Newsletter

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***“Halloween was yesterday!
Thus starts the beginning of the holiday
shopping season...” Anonymous***



VOLC Drone Photo by Tom Sutor—See more inside.

***Special events: November
9th—Christmas Collection
18th—CPR/AED Class***



***Special Events: December
7th—Food drive
9th—Annual Holiday Party***

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www.myvolc.org

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Special message— Please read.

Dear Neighbors,

It appears that a large number of residents (17 of you) did not receive the Monday Update sent earlier this week. Looking into it further, we found that these residents' email servers rejected the incoming Monday Update, something that has not happened in the past. To help prevent this from happening, please be sure that volcde@gmail.com is listed in your email as a "SAFE SENDER." Usually, you can find this by clicking on your Junk email settings. We will continue to monitor the situation and will make corrections as best we can. In the meantime, please let me know if you do not receive the Monday Update. Your feedback is most helpful.

- [Sharon Dickol](#), VOLC Communications Chair

November

<i>Ginny Pelachick</i>	<i>1st</i>
<i>Wanda Search</i>	<i>3rd</i>
<i>Brenda Simmons</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>Nancy Weldin</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>Matthew Jenkins</i>	<i>18th</i>
<i>Clara Zawistowski</i>	<i>19th</i>
<i>Jean Pokropski</i>	<i>26th</i>

December

<i>Odette Haight</i>	<i>3rd</i>
<i>Janet Sanders</i>	<i>3rd</i>
<i>Karl Markiewicz</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>Nick Inglis</i>	<i>8th</i>
<i>Mike Ostroski</i>	<i>8th</i>
<i>Sam Cosby</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Martianne Grabusky</i>	<i>17th</i>
<i>Debora Johnson</i>	<i>18th</i>
<i>Joan Dreibelbis</i>	<i>21st</i>
<i>Linda Watson</i>	<i>23rd</i>
<i>Hank Bole</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>Melanie Cosby</i>	<i>29th</i>



Neighbors

Sharon and Bob Dickol

happily hosted the wedding of their daughter, Laura, to Jesse Simmons, at the Mendenhall Inn on September 1. The joyous ceremony was conducted by Sharon's brother, Cantor Steven Friedrich, and the Honorable Gregory Sleet, a former Federal judge and long-time friend of the groom.

In a nod to the Jewish tradition, the couple was held aloft on chairs, while guests danced the Hora, encircling them in a wish for endless love and joy.



Wedding Wishes



Tyler, Julia, JJ, and Cory

Judy Pannucci and Lee Morris found the perfect way to keep their grandchildren happy and cool on a recent hot day.



Kotor, Montenegro



Just a few days after daughter Laura's wedding,

Sharon and Bob Dickol traveled with Overseas Adventure Travel to Croatia, with stops in Dubrovnik, Karanac, Zagreb, Plitvice Lakes and Opatija; Kotor in Montenegro; Mostar and Sarajevo in Bosnia & Herzegovina; and Ljubljana and Lake Bled in Slovenia.

The adventurous couple then rented a car and drove to Venice. The whole trip was beyond their expectations.



Bled, Slovenia

Right—Plivice Lakes National Park in Lika, Croatia, known for its many waterfalls.



(Dickol trip cont.)

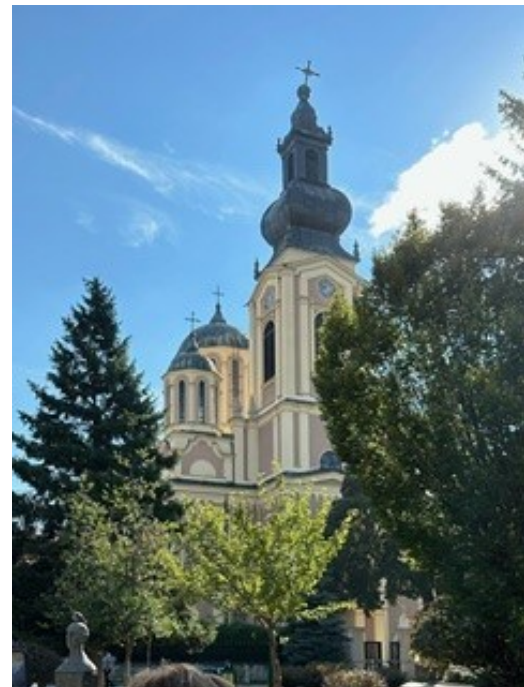


Above—Typical street in Zagreb, capital of Croatia. The necktie originated in Croatia! During the 30 Years War in the 17th century, soldiers would tie red scarves around their necks so that they could better identify their fellow combatants. The French word for tie, cravat, originates from “Croatia”. World Necktie Day is celebrated every October 18th. Zagreb ties red neckties around all the statues in the city!

Below—A highlight of the tour was the home-hosted visit to a Klapic Farmstead in Karanak, Croatia, where Sharon and Bob learned about farming and how to make cheese.



Below from left—Town square in Kotor, Montenegro, Mosque in Sarajevo, Christian Orthodox Cathedral in Sarajevo



Drone!

Tom Sutor is perfecting his drone technique right from his deck! The still photos shown here and on the cover are clipped from video he's taken of his subjects. Tom shared photos of the VOLC, progress on the new Hodgson Vo Tech HS, and another familiar neighborhood venue—Peoples Plaza, shown on the next page.

The orange pad on Tom's deck is the drone take-off and return pad.





Cross brace being installed on the roof of the new school.





Look Up!

September's Harvest Moon.

Right, photo by Ken Francis. Left, by Cheryl Werner

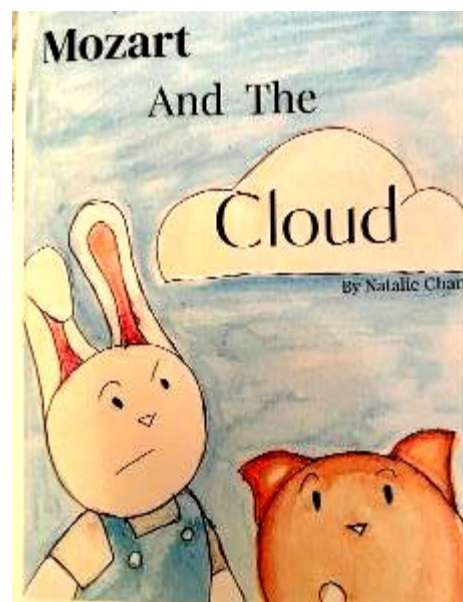
Below—The Northern Lights

Photos by Janet Sanders





Monica Chan's 15 year old granddaughter, Natalie, who lives in California, has become a published author! Her book, Mozart and the Cloud combines Natalie's interests in art, literature, and even classical music, expressed with the names she chose for her characters. With its emphasis on empathy, the book is useful in classrooms and religious classes.



Monica is one proud Grandma!

Jean and Bear Skelly passed out Halloween candy from Heart and Home during the annual Trunk or Treat event at Peoples Plaza.



Jean Skelly and Mary Ohara had a spooky good time at a showing of "Beetlejuice Beetlejuice" at Regal Cinema in Peoples Plaza.

Bear Skelly, left, voted in the Delaware primary and greeted congregants at church on Sunday. Bear really gets around!

FAMILY

*Right—**Cheryl Ford**'s grandson, Gabe, on his first full day of full-time work as an HVAC apprentice.*

Gabe is a 2024 graduate of Perryville HS in MD and the Cecil County School of Technology.



*Left—**JoanMarie Powers** made a Fall trip to Millburn Orchards with sons, Jeffrey and John, and daughter, Janice.*



***Jean Skelly**'s granddaughter, Natalie, is shown with her date, Josh, on the evening of Archmere Academy's Homecoming.*

The two played a married couple in The Drama Club's fall production, "It Happened One Night." Guests were invited for dinner and a classic murder mystery. The play was completely written by the cast and crew of the show.





From **Chandrika Thankappan**
- more photos of nature...



The picture on the right shows the handiwork of the **Green Thumbs**, a volunteer neighbor group, who offer to put together a planting for those who cannot do it themselves.

Contact [Chandrika Thankappan](#) or [Debbie Happold](#).



Ken Francis offered a neighborhood diversion with the ongoing saga of **THE PIGEON**. It seems the little guy flew off course and took up temporary residence in Ken and Paulette's garage (occasionally, in that of a few other folks as well.)

After finally identifying the info on the leg band using his camera's zoom lens, Ken found that the pigeon was a racer from Canada. After communicating with the organization identified on the band, he continued trying to catch the bird. Cage, net, hands—No luck!

Then, one morning, after hearing *The Pigeon* squawking sorrowfully on their driveway for days, Ken and Paulette woke to silence. They found nothing but feathers on the driveway. What happened? The fate of *The Pigeon* will likely never be known, although there are lots of theories.



Could these feathers found at JoanMarie Powers' house be from **THE PIGEON**??



*Stan and Janet Sanders
with their grandchildren,
David, Caleb, Anna, and
Haven.*



*Dorene and Dick
Grant took an end-of-
summer vacation to
Maine and Canada.*

*Highlights included
Dick's one-room
schoolhouse in Cana-
da, showing his first
grade seat in the first
row, Campobello Is-
land, Acadia National
Park, and the
Bush Family Com-
pound.*





A VOLC Halloween

To celebrate the spooky holiday, dragons and skeletons were on display around the neighborhood.

The inflatable dragons, enjoyed by Lee Morris' grandchildren, J.J. and Cory, decorated the front of the DeVoe house.

"Slim" stood guard over the Dickols' mailbox.



Next



Around the



The End of Summer Party

was held on September 8th at the clubhouse. Folks were offered an All-American cookout menu.



Happy September Birthday to Mim Krout, Grace Hobson, Phil Pannucci, Nancy Halbedl, and Christine Killian!



***Bob Leaming worked hard
as Grill Master.***



Eric Dean, Marilyn Abrams, and Chandrika Thankappan



Judy and Phil Pannucci





The Clubhouse Committee welcomed speakers in the Fall months.

***Left—Donna Paulhamas**, director of the Nutrition Clinic at the University of Delaware, spoke about the special nutritional needs we experience as we age.*

She also described programs available at UD, including nutrition assessments and classes.

<https://www.udel.edu/academics/colleges/chs/departments/hbns/clinics/nutrition-clinic>

Some key points from Donna:

- *We need more protein, calcium and fiber as we age*
- *More water, Vitamin D, B-12, less salt*
- *Stay active, both physically and socially.*

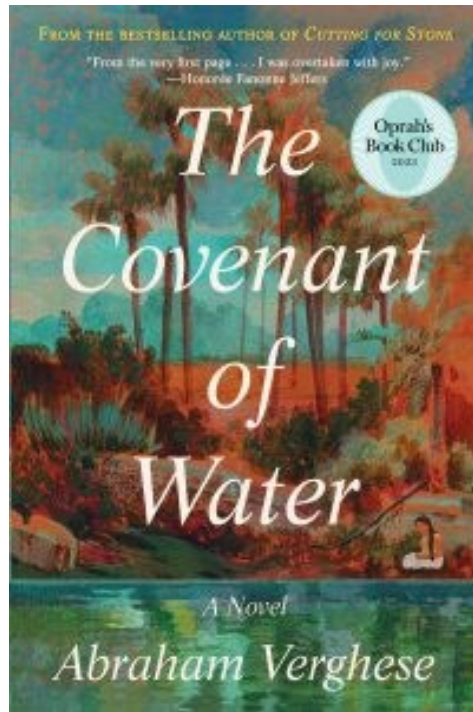
Speakers at the VOLC

*Certified Senior Adviser, **Anne Eidschun**, spoke in October about the many challenges we face as we age and may require care. As the former owner of Griswold Home Healthcare, Anne spoke with authority about what to expect from this service.*

Anne also suggests that we visit assisted living facilities before we actually need one, so that the decision about choosing one is ours.

Nancy Weldin has done exactly that, and has generously placed some brochures in the clubhouse. She also noted that there are special programs at the closest facility to the VOLC—[Harmony at Glasgow](#) - which is scheduled to open in Spring 2025.





***Chandrikamma Thankappan**, at right, showed the secrets of sari wrapping at the International Happy Hour, held in August.*

She expanded her presentation at the September book club meeting, where discussion centered on the club's latest reading choice, The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese.



The novel is set in the Indian state of Kerala, on the coast of southern India, where Chandrika was born and raised. In addition to the sari, Chandrika showed items used for cooking and ritual, and brought home-cooked traditional fare for sampling.

All members of the community were invited to the meeting and several non-members took advantage.

***Debbie Happold**, above left, served as a model.*

***Susie White** is below left.*

If you'd like more information about the book club, contact

[Janet Sanders](#).





Activities' Committee member, **Christine Killian**, provided the guidance for the VOLC's annual Oktoberfest. German sausages, sides like sauerkraut and German potato salad, along with pretzels and Black Forest cake were enjoyed by attendees along with more traditional American choices. German beer and candies and accompanying music added to the fun.



Above—Pam Smith, Paul Wellborn, Christine Killian, Chandrika Thankappan, and Janet Sanders.



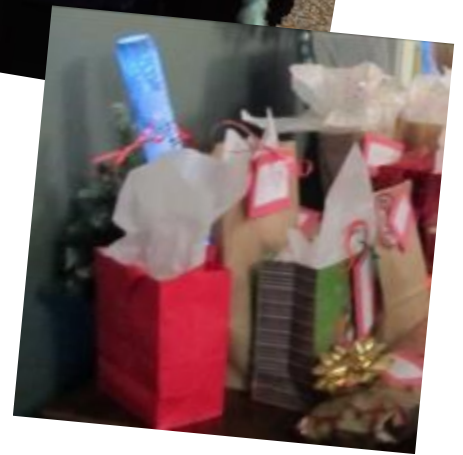
Above left—Mim and Ray Krout.

At right—Grill Master, Bob Leaming.

Below left—Christine with Joe Lemanski



THE VOLC WAYBACK MACHINE





"The more intelligent a person is, the more he discovers kindness in others," Tolstoy once wrote. "For nothing enriches the world more than kindness. It makes mysterious things clear, difficult things easy, and dull things cheerful."

