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Committee & Club News

Committee missions can be found on the VOLC website.

<http://volcde.wix.com/volc>

Click the Documents button on the upper bar.

Activities Committee

Upcoming events:

July Happy Hour/Birthday Celebration - 7/15 - 5 PM

Our annual Pajama/Pizza Party - 8/10 - 6 PM - Admission is a pair of new children's pajamas and book. The new books and pjs will go to the DE chapter of the Pajama Program, which seeks to provide these items to children in traumatic situations, such as being removed from their home.

End of Summer Party - 9/2 - 5 PM - Mark your calendars for an All-American cook-out, complete with a summer surprise!

Don't forget that Activities Calendars are always online. Click on the Activities button. The calendars are shown in a slideshow. If you place your cursor to the center right or left, an arrow will appear. Click there and the calendars will shift forward and back. Three calendars are shown at any one time.

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Communications Committee

Emergency Phone Chain Lists were updated and distributed. Please keep them close to the phone. ☺

A new subcommittee was formed and will be headed by Barb Doto. The group will visit new residents to answer questions and offer information about the community and/or area. They will also work on updating the VOLC Residents Resource Guide.

Work has begun on evaluating the material on the website. What should stay? What can go? What needs to be password-protected? What can be public? And what would be better stored on a storage and sharing platform?

The Communications Committee welcomes your input on clubhouse speakers or other communications issues. Please contact any member with ideas or offers of help. Committee members are listed on page 2 of this publication and on the community website.



Turnover Committee

The Turnover Committee has been kept informed of whatever comes from the Department of Land Use (DLU) regarding basin #5, planting of trees, etc. There is still work to be done by the team once it is determined what will be the final total of trees and shrubs planted by the developer. We have no date for obtaining that information and although we have asked to work with Eastern States Development Corporation (ESDC), the developer, to help "negotiate," (just discuss options where they would plant trees/shrubs and which kind based on the specifications of DLU), we have learned there is no obligation for any developer to negotiate with a community. We have asked repeatedly; but we will have to wait to finish our work when they are done and DLU does its own count.

For the basins, in particular, we will have to look at all the plants that are missing, and if not required by DLU to be replaced by the developer, then we will have to get the landscape plans redone, hire an architect for that, and vote approvals of them and file in NCCo so that we do not receive "non-compliance" when we are inspected annually. To date we have been able to respond that the replacement plants are what the developer has to provide, not us. If NCCo approves the plans in the end with plants missing from the basins, either we pay for and put in the thousands of plants that are missing or it will be on us to clearly change the landscape plans to match what we actually have and then we will be in compliance with what is growing in the basins. Complicated? You bet!

As one simple example: The VOLC MC has counted 23 trees as missing; the landscape architect of the developer has counted 6 trees as missing (and just put in 6 trees). We have sent that disparity on to DLU to let them know that their figures and ours do not match.

We are not done yet, until it is really DONE!

See the pictures of Basin 5 work on the next page.



Basin #5 - On the bend between Linda Trach's and Tom Novak's houses.



From Linda Trach, who took the photos -

First pic is why this 'redo' of the basin is being done; lakefront property wasn't advertised. (LOL)

Equipment operators are great, as is the job foreman.

Last pic is from June 23rd, showing that the new biosoil is percolating perfectly!



VOLC - GRASS CLASS -Summer 2018

Please Retain for Future Reference

The following information describes VOLC Lawn Care Program for the 2018 season. Altra Inc. is providing these services. This notice may be updated during the season with new information.

Services for lots are listed here. A sign will be posted at the entrance for pruning and treatments.

Mowing	Weekly (with exceptions for heat, rain)	25x /year(3 additional, as needed)
Edging walkway/sidewalk	Monthly	6x / year
Weeding of Builder Beds	Monthly	6x / year
Treatments - Fertilizer and/or weed control Grub control	Seasonal Part of one summer application	5x / year
Spring Cleanup & Mulching	March	1x / year
Shrub/Ornamental Tree pruning	Summer/Late November	2x / year

Flagging - Residents may choose to decline the following services for a given event as follows:

If you **DO NOT WANT a specific area (wet or other) mowed**, place multiple RED/ORANGE flags around this area.

If you **DO NOT WANT your LAWN MOWED in a given week**, multiple RED/ORANGE flags should be placed along both side boundaries (front to rear) of your property on the day of service. This shows Altra where your side lines are.

If you **DO NOT WANT your LAWN FERTILIZED/TREATED for a specific application**, multiple RED/ORANGE flags should be placed along both side boundaries (front to rear) of your property on the day of service.

If you **DO NOT WANT the PLANTS/SHRUBS TRIMMED/PRUNED or MULCHED in a given builder bed**, multiple (4) RED/ ORANGE flags should be placed in the mulched area throughout each bed on the day of service.

Red/orange flags are in a bucket in the Club House exercise room. Leave message on 302-455-8428 if empty.

Questions/Concerns regarding lawn care can be addressed to Steve Brubaker or Eric Dean.

Damage from Altra's services should be reported in writing (with pictures) within 24 hours of the event to IPS. **Complaints about specific lawn care for your lot or common areas** should be addressed in writing (with pictures) to IPS. **IPS Contact information for damage and complaints is:** Kim at IPS phone 302-994-3907, kim@ipsde.com

Help Wanted

Any Committee in the VOLC is open to all residents of the community. Take a look at the Committees page and see if there is one that just might fit your talent or interest. But, truly, no experience is needed; any help would be greatly appreciated!

In particular:

Grounds -

This important committee is currently in need of someone willing to lead the effort along with Steve Brubaker who will act as Transitional Chair. Steve has been working with Eric Dean, the Board Liaison and concerned residents. Help is always needed.

Clubhouse Garden Club -

Don Doto has done a great job with the landscaping at the clubhouse. He could use a hand. Please let him know if you're willing to help.

ARC, Architectural Review Committee -

Thanks to Tom Skelly for stepping up and volunteering to chair this committee. More members are needed.

Finance -

Got a head for numbers or just a willingness to help? This committee could use you!

Clubhouse -

We're in need of someone to oversee the maintenance of the AED. Thanks to Rossana Palermo for taking care of this equipment since it was acquired.

The Missions of these committees can be found on the community website at

<http://volcde.wixsite.com/volc> under Governance.

Each group has also identified standard procedures. Give one a try!



Friends, Families and Travels...



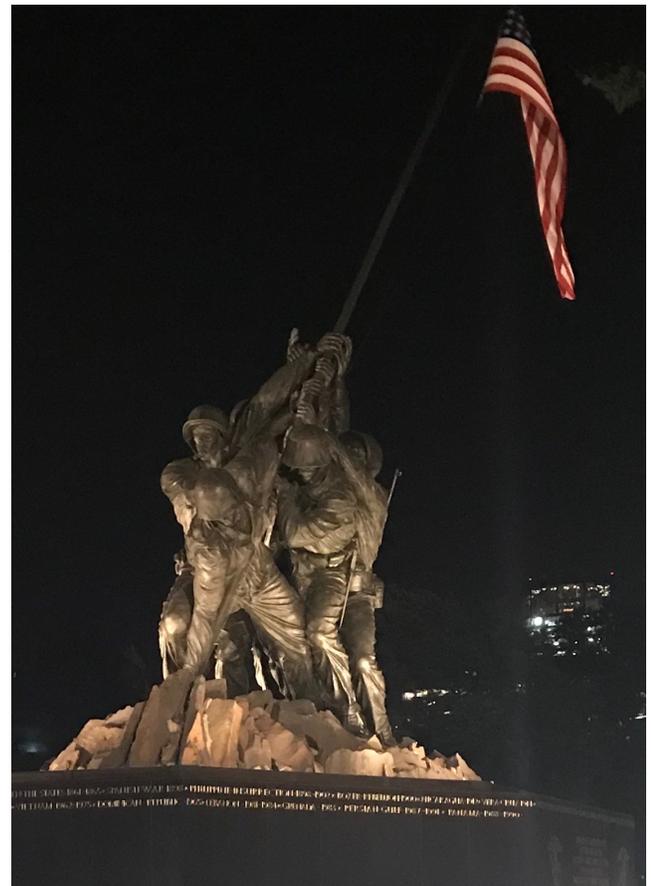
George and Linda Middleton recently made several trips south and to California.

At right, George and Linda enjoy dinner at the famed Hotel Del Coronado while touring San Diego.

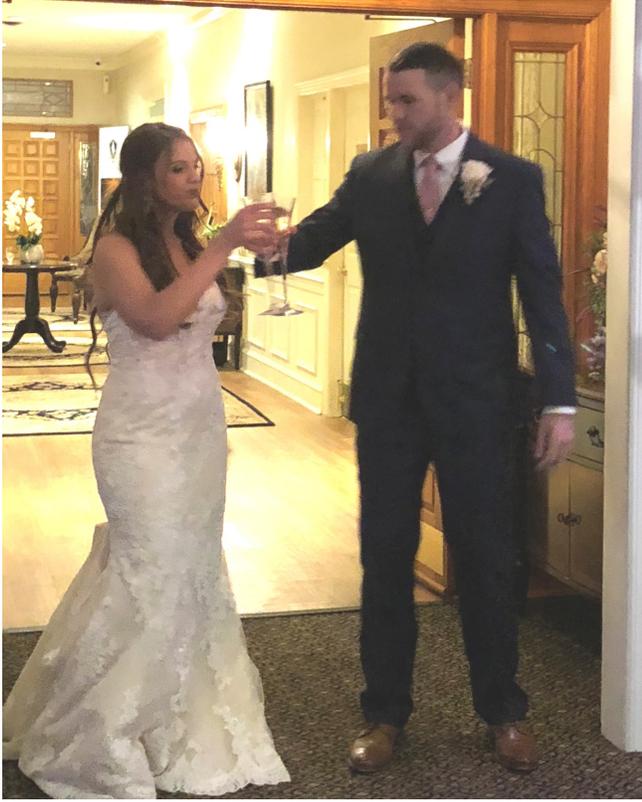


Above- While in CA wine country, George and Linda met with George's cousins.

At right, Linda and George's June trip to Washington DC was made less stressful by trains and Uber. Linda reports it all worked out great!



Friends, Families, and Travels (cont.)



Lenny and Maria Tricarico's daughter, Maria, married her long-time beau, Kevin Cifala, in a beautiful outdoor ceremony in West Chester, PA., getting it in before the big storm. Mama Maria was able to walk on the arm of husband, Lenny, after a long recovery from hip surgery, making the event even more emotional

Above left, Kevin and Maria enter the reception, toasting their love as Mr. and Mrs. Above right, the happy parents, and below, the wedding party.



Tis, the season... for baby birds. At right, there were three chickadee eggs in Kay Bennett's welcoming bird box.

Eleven days later, voila! - three newly-hatched, pink, baby chickadees.



At left, five bluebird eggs that hatched into five little bluebirds ten days later.

Kay offers these tiny creatures a home and they reward her with peeper shots like this. Thanks for sharing, Kay!



Sue Bifano's family gathered at her Mom's senior living community in PA to celebrate her 95th birthday the day before Mother's Day. In the foreground is the photo album prepared for the event.

Sue is center right, with the light green top, and husband, Fran, is in the back row, fourth from left.



At left - Happy Mother's Day!

Cathy Brindle with her three daughters at La Casa Pasta.

Cathy says she enjoys spending quality time with them!



At right - Brook and Bob Kortvelesy's newest great grandchild, Finn Joseph Kortvelesy, born May 11.

Brook and Bob now have two great grandsons and one great granddaughter



June's Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year, ended with this spectacular sunset.

Around the



Clubhouse renovations

The clubhouse was closed for most of April while acoustic panels were installed and walls were painted, along with other minor repairs. The end result is both pleasing to the eye and ear. Residents have been taking the test to hear the difference in sound by walking from the main room to the pool room or hallway while talking. The echo in the pool room is significant! Happy Hour-Goers report being able to hear others speak at tables, even when the room is noisy. Success!



Panels were installed on both the ceiling and upper wall in the main room and kitchen. Bookcases were added to the fireplace wall and a new coat of paint freshened up the entire space.

If you haven't yet, check it out!

(Around the Clubhouse cont.)



Due to the clubhouse renovations, April and May birthdays were celebrated together at the May 4 Cinco de Mayo Happy Hour. There was lots of good cheer as the birthday babies were serenaded and sang for each other.

From left: Barbara Strasser, Paul Wellborn, (barely visible behind Pam Smith,) Fran Bifano, Don Doto, Sonja Lemanski, Patti Abernethy, Carolyn Aresu, Joni Holstein, Linda Trach, Don Hobson (behind Richard Cutone,) Mary Legreid, and Ray Search. Crouching in front is Jean Skelly, who coordinates the birthday cupcakes and candles, and who managed to get in for her May birthday pic at the very last minute. Marilyn Abrams is shown in the inset.

Best wishes to all!



Memorial Day



Above - JoanMarie Powers and Christine Killian hold the American flag, while Patti Abernethy checks her program notes. Veterans were honored at the annual VOLC event.

At right is Linda Trach, who enjoyed the festivities.

Monthly Happy Hours

For those who attend VOLC Happy Hours, our monthly get-togethers in the clubhouse, you know that there are times when a new item has everyone asking for the recipe. June's HH was no exception. Following is the recipe for California Salad that people wanted from Sue Bifano. We're happy to publish it here and look forward to sharing more recipes in the future. We know that not all of our best stuff is in the Village Vittles Cookbook! We're still trying new dishes!

If you haven't come to HH, you don't know what you're missing! Most people just make it dinner!

California Salad

Serves 12

Submitted by Sue Bifano - from her sister

Ingredients:

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| 1 Head Lettuce | 1 bunch scallions |
| 2 tomatoes | 1 can Kidney Beans |
| 1 lb ground beef | 1 Large Thousand Island Dressing |
| 8 oz. sharp cheddar | Big bag Doritos |

Brown the beef and white ends of scallions. Chop the lettuce and tomatoes. Grate the cheese and drain and rinse kidney beans. Crush Doritos.

Combine all in large bowl and mix well, adding the Doritos last.



June's birthday babies include: Norm Petterson, Cheryl Dean, Joe Doto, Sharon Dickol, Mindy Steele, Sue Bifano and Judy Anderson. If you're not on the list, contact Jean Skelly at 302-365-6681.

JULY

Susan Anderson	6th
Cathy Brindle	7th
George Lulli	11th
Nancy Ferrara	18th
Mindy Steele	18th
Jackie Dean	30th
Cheryl Ford	31st

AUGUST

Katie Whiteoak	1st
Tom Novak	3rd
Ron Dreibelbis	4th
Loretta Dougherty	9th
Linda Middleton	10th
Gary Legreid	14th
Bob Anderson	22nd
Roger Getty	22nd
Mary Ohara	28th
Mabel Chadwick	29th
Tom Skelly	31st

September

Joe Strasser	3rd
Cheryl Werner	6th
Nancy Halbedl	12th
Mim Krout	12th
Christine Killian	18th
Brook Kortvelesy	21st
John Johnson	23rd
Grace Hobson	25th



The Sound of Music Cancer Research Fundraiser



Grand Total = \$1,533
And community spirit and fun...

More pictures on the website... <http://volcde.wix.com/volc>



The art of the insult...

"He had delusions of adequacy ." -Walter Kerr

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." -Clarence Darrow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary.."
-William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." -Moses Hadas

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." -Mark Twain

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." -Oscar Wilde

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one."
-George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one." - Winston Churchill, in response

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." -Stephen Bishop

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator." -John Bright

"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." -Irvin S. Cobb

"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." -Samuel Johnson

"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up." - Paul Keating

"In order to avoid being called a flirt, she always yielded easily." -Charles, Count Talleyrand

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." -Forrest Tucker

"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" - Mark Twain

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." -Mae West

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." - Oscar Wilde

"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination." -Andrew Lang

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music." -Billy Wilder

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But I'm afraid this wasn't it.." - Groucho Marx

Did you know?

...that the Shingles shot is now recommended for everyone over 50?

[Shingles](#) is caused by the same virus as chickenpox. If you had chickenpox, the virus is still in your body. It could become active again and cause shingles.

Shingles affects the nerves. Common symptoms include [burning, shooting pain, tingling, and/or itching](#), as well as a rash and fluid-filled blisters. Even when the rash disappears, the [pain](#) can stay.

The good news is that a new shingles vaccine, called **Shingrix®**, was licensed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 2017. It is more than 90% effective at preventing shingles than the Zostavax vaccine that has been in use since 2006. Shingrix is given in two shots, 2- 6 months apart. Check with your doctor or pharmacist.

The bad news is that there is currently spot shortages of the vaccine, probably due to word of mouth generated by those who've had the painful rash! These minor shortages are expected to be temporary.

Info from the Centers for Disease Control



Happy 4th of July!