



VIRTUAL VILLAGE VISION

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MESSAGE FROM MARILYN



We are transitioning back to a monthly newsletter. Life is opening back up, it's summertime and VillagesOKC is moving forward with positivity and enthusiasm. Since March, we continued meeting, converting our meetings to virtual, and staying connected over Zoom. From March to June, we held 142 zooms! We are optimistically looking towards the future and hope to see you at an event in the near future. We understand that some might not be ready to have in person meetings, and we understand that concern. Please check the schedule below as some events have moved back to a monthly basis. Zoom links will be posted on our VillagesOKC website under the event and you can call the office if you need the link emailed or texted to you.

VillagesOKC continues as THE trusted connection for mature adults -- for friendships, for information, for services and for referrals.

In the midst of a crazy world, experienced VillagesOKC members know that living life with POSITIVITY and ENTHUSIASM gives meaning and hope to each day. VillagesOKC is *changing the conversation about aging* because the words we use predict what we will become. This is a great day to be a mature adult because of VillagesOKC and its many friendships and opportunities to serve and be served.

VillagesOKC members are living active, productive lives helping others while living in the home of their choosing. VillagesOKC offers four key benefits: 1) Education 2) Life Planning 3) Home Services; handyman, buddy check, transportation and 4) Trusted Businesses. For three months we held a vigorous program of Zoom Coffees, Brain Classes, Buddy Checks, Money Matters Classes, and compiled a Words Are Important Resource to Change the Conversation about Aging. Who would think we would be compiling a dictionary!

Today VillagesOKC membership is strong with over 100 members. Keri Sapcut, Office Coordinator, offers phone, internet and zoom tutorials. Members Mary Yarber, Caroline Baze and Patty Rhodes provide efficiency for your VillagesOKC operations. Recently, Gaylene Stiles began working in the office coordinating VOKC grant applications.

Beginning July 1, VillagesOKC offices will be open 9-3, Monday – Thursday as before. Members are welcome to come by the office; we are taking precautions with daily cleaning. Masks and hand sanitizer are available. Stop by to visit, get a one-on-one tutorial in Instagram, Facebook or Zoom and a cold drink. All July meetings will be via Zoom except for two - July 18 Gathering 12:30pm at Johnnies on Northwest Expressway and Beverly Langley's Art Exhibit July 21 5:30-8:00pm. Her *Finding Joy in Quarantine* will be on exhibit and available for a donation benefiting VillagesOKC and Concordia Foundation.

We anticipate increased VillagesOKC face-to-face meetings in August but as always VOKC remains wise. Exciting opportunities are in the works for the fall including The Second Annual Village-Versary party planned for Friday, September 25. Member/Volunteers are needed to send birthday greetings, write short news articles, support grant applications. Also, make buddy calls, meet up at the He Shed, provide transportation for members, monitor the Trusted Business List, install lightbulbs for members and other handy services, as well as, generally expand VillagesOKC friendships. Don't miss this opportunity to be of service. Volunteering is one great way stay healthy and active. Here's the plan as we know it today:

All of July:

- Office open Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 3:00pm – feel free to stop by in groups of less than ten – Cold water and ice tea are available for your enjoyment.
- First Tuesday July 7, 10:00am – 11:00am – Women’s Coffee – Combo – Coffee discussion in the office and also via Zoom. You choose how you want to connect.
- First Tuesday, July 7, 1:00pm – 2:00pm – Money Update with Scott and Preston Schaefer and Friends – Combo – in the office and also via Zoom. You choose how you want to connect.
- Wednesday July 15 1:00pm – 2:00pm MindRAMP Brain Class “Getting Rid of Stinkin’ Thinkin’” – Combo – in the office and also via Zoom. You choose how you want to connect.
- Saturday July 18 12:30pm – 2:30pm – GATHERING – Johnnie’s Charcoal Broiler 6629 NW Expressway Oklahoma City. In person for those comfortable meeting together.
- Tuesday, July 21, 5:30pm – 8:00pm – *Finding Joy in Quarantine* – Be Inspired with the 60+ paintings created during the pandemic by artist/member Beverly Langley. Originals are matted, displayed, and available to take home for a donation benefitting Concordia Foundation and VillagesOKC.
- Fridays 10:00am – 11:30am – He Shed – the Men’s Meet-Up and Fix It. Call the office for location or if you have a small item you need repaired.

More Suggestions and Opportunities:

Speakers Bureau, Intergenerational Classes, Tech Classes for Windows, iPads and iPhones, Pickleball classes, and member recruitment efforts in Edmond, Yukon, Midwest City, and Northwest Oklahoma City.

September Special Event – Village Garden Party – Second annual anniversary event – Friday September 25
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Friends, for those of us who are at least 50, VillagesOKC is the place to connect and be connected. Share the VillagesOKC opportunities with your best friends. Don’t let anyone miss this chance to create their own future!

Make Every Day Count,

Marilyn Olson, Executive Director
VillagesOKC

VILLAGESOKC JULY SCHEDULE

Please contact the office with any questions or concerns.

- Fridays in July 2020 – He Shed at Fred Wettengel’s House. See event description below.
- Tuesday July 7, 2020 – Women’s Virtual Coffee – 10:00-11:00am
<https://zoom.us/j/897302221?pwd=TWF4SVE0SkVTYytxUnFmWXdZL2l0Zz09>
Password: 710280
- Tuesday July 7, 2020 – Tuesday with Thrivent – 1:00-2:00pm
<https://zoom.us/j/99489579365?pwd=VG9lVm5yM0pEbFdDMmJOelhaSEo4UT09>
Password: 984143
- Wednesday, July 15, 2020 – MindRamp to Better Brain Health – 1:00-2:00pm
<https://zoom.us/j/960001108?pwd=bjVRVjdya0JNeTV1UVdtaytrL3VwQT09>
Password: 161820
- Saturday, July 18, 2020 – July Gathering @ Johnnie’s Charcoal Broiler, 6629 NW Expressway 12:30-2:30pm
- July 21 – July 23 – Beverly Langley’s Art Show. See event description below.

****Check the VillagesOKC website for the most up to date information****

LET KERI KNOW

VillagesOKC wants to keep up with you this summer and see all the fun and exciting things you are doing. Please let Keri know what you're up to by sending pictures of your summer adventures. Pictures can be sent to info@villagesokc.org or text 405.990.6637.

MEN'S HE SHED



Fridays in July – from 10:00-11:30am
(Not meeting July 3)

Fred Wettengel has opened his garage for a "He Shed". If you have a project you've been working on or you want to start repairing a broken item, we have the spot for you! Due to the pandemic, this is a limited number event. It is open to the first 7 VillagesOKC men that contact the office.

Please call to reserve your spot and get the address!
Please remember to grab a mask before you head to the He Shed!

Pictured: Fred, Jim & Dan working on a continuous watering system for plants.

UPCOMING EVENT FEATURING MARY FLEMING

The Christian Women's Luncheon will feature our very own Mary Fleming as the inspirational speaker.

Divorced at age 29 with two small children, no college degree, and no knowledge of Jesus, she completed a Bachelor of Science degree, two Master of Science degrees and a Ph.D. in Biostatistics, with no understanding of God's hand in her life.

She's had four careers: medical research, oil and gas research, Chair and Professor of Math and Statistics at a university, and nonprofit management.

Let's hear the rest of the story of how God revealed to Mary Fleming how He was there for her through all the twists and turns of her life and where she is today in her journey with Jesus ... This is truly an inspirational story!



Please RSVP by Saturday, July 11, to Peggy Bass at (405) 343-0079.

The luncheon will be July 15, 2020 12:00pm at the Quail Creek Country Club

Cost for lunch is \$22.50 and now can accept credit or debit cards. Without a reservation the cost is \$26.50 at the door.

UPCOMING EVENT FEATURING BEVERLY LANGLEY



An event center owned by Brittany Hubble and Shannon Hull, sisters, businesswomen and entrepreneurs, who also own 36th Street West Hair Salon and several other business properties have offered the event center to show Beverly's art for an art exhibit.

VillagesOKC member, Beverly Langley, decided to not let the virus stop her passion. She used every day of the quarantine to paint. She has painted over 63 beautiful paintings. They will be showcased in downtown Bethany in July. When we have more information, we will pass that along so we can all go see Beverly's beautiful paintings at the new event center in Bethany.

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