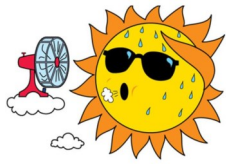


The View

from Vantage Point East

To Inform, Engage and Entertain our VPE neighbors



**VPE RESIDENTS KNOW
HOW TO STAY ACTIVE!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN US!

**MAY
22ND**

BIRTHDAY PARTY!

CELEBRATE APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE
BIRTHDAYS!

**MAY
30TH**

**SING-ALONG WITH THE LW
MUSICAL JAMMERS!**

**JUNE
7TH**

**ANNUAL OUTDOOR BASH!
MUSIC WITH DJ AMY, DANCING, ICE
CREAM AND FUN!**

**BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATE AND KEEP AN
EYE OUT FOR UPCOMING FLYERS WITH
FULL DETAILS!**

President's Message

By Henry Jordan



Spring has arrived, accompanied by rainfall and the melting of snow. We anticipate consistent warmth and sunlight in the coming days. Our seasonal residents are returning, which will result in full occupancy once again. Please take advantage of the pleasant spring atmosphere before the beginning of summer.

We recognize that certain residents require handicapped parking due to mobility concerns and possess valid permits. Designated handicapped spaces are located near the building entrance to support those with accessibility needs; however, these spaces are limited in number. With the initiation of the roof project, parking spaces near the main entrance will be temporarily limited. To maintain access for individuals who require it most, please only utilize these spaces if you have a legitimate mobility concern. Furthermore, permit holders who will not use their vehicles for an extended duration are kindly asked to relocate their vehicles from the handicapped parking area, enabling other residents with mobility needs to benefit from closer access.

The automatic payment procedure for condominium fees will undergo an update in the coming months. Information outlining the transition to the new system will be communicated, and office staff will be available to provide support during the process.

Leisure World Management has established a partnership with Signal Financial, the on-property bank, enabling residents to access special financing rates for significant purchases such as new HVAC

systems.

Our residence comprises 190 units, as well as common areas and garage spaces. The maintenance staff is primarily responsible for the mechanical upkeep of the building. A recurring inquiry concerns whether maintenance personnel may address issues within individual units. Please remember, the maintenance team's main duty is to maintain common property, rather than servicing individual residences. Furthermore, the Leisure World of Maryland Corporation's HR policies prohibits staff from deviating from their job description. Should you require assistance within your unit, the Property Manager can refer you to appropriate external service providers.

Should you require information regarding the policies and procedures within our building, the Vantage Point East Resident's Manual serves as a comprehensive resource detailing the guidelines and practices of the VPE community. Copies are provided to each unit owner and may be obtained from the Association Office.

Property Manager's Corner

By Cris Juarez

ROOF WORK- Culbertson continues to make steady progress and remains on schedule to move into Phase 2 of the project shortly. Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation, especially during periods when noise levels can be disruptive.

Within the next few weeks, the rooftop HVAC unit servicing the west-side hallways will be replaced. Please be on the lookout for an upcoming notice with details on the crane arrival, as portions of the parking lot will be temporarily impacted.

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Budget and Finance

By Doug Carlson



Currently there are two main focus areas for the Budget & Finance Committee. These are monitoring project cash flows and the development of the 2027 budget. This is in addition to the more routine activities of monitoring the general overall health of VPE's financial position.

The Main Roof replacement project is now underway. The Committee had developed a model of cash flows for this project based on information from VPE's outside consultant. It appears that the bills are not coming in as fast as initially projected. This is not a bad thing as we should make a little more interest on our investments due to this delay. Now that the project has started, we are going to ask our outside consultant for new projections on costs and the timings of payments. This will allow the creation of an updated cash flow model that can be used by VPE's Treasurer (Sid Sussan) to optimally manage our investment portfolio dedicated to projects like the roof work (Replacement Reserve).

The second focus area of the Committee is the development of the 2027 budget. Budgets over the past several years were very much centered around accumulating the funding for the roof work. With this work expected to be mostly done in 2026, we will now look forward towards other major and minor projects that will help keep VPE's facilities in good shape. The VPE Board is actively working to create a prioritized list of these projects with input from the Ad Hoc Capital Projects Planning Committee.

Our property manager (Cris Juarez) is starting the very significant activity she performs each year of assembling updated numbers for the operating budget (i.e., non-project expenses such as water,

insurance, electricity, etc.) and select project expenses. Information from the Board and Cris will be analyzed by the Committee and budget options will be developed and passed to the Board for review. Just a reminder that all unit owners are welcome to attend Budget & Finance Committee meetings. Meeting times can be found on the monthly VPE calendar and/or you can call the VPE office.

Property Manager's Corner Continued

RESIDENT HOURS- Beginning May 4, Resident Hours will be suspended, and the VPE Office will return to regular business hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please note that the office door may occasionally be closed due to meetings or administrative tasks. If you need assistance, you may always call us at 301-598-1075 or email us at vpe@lwmc.com. We actively monitor emails and strive to respond promptly.

STAY CONNECTED- If you are signed up for electronic communications, please confirm that you are receiving emails from "Vantage Point East at Leisure World." If not, or if you would like to enroll, please contact the office. Email remains the fastest way to stay informed, even when you are away.

If you have designated a Power of Attorney, that individual may also receive building communications. Please provide the office with a copy of the agreement along with their contact information.

Don't forget to connect with your neighbors. You are what make Vantage Point East a true community. Attending events is a great way to build friendships, stay engaged, and enjoy all that VPE has to offer. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event!

What I Did in My Other Life

By Sally Dunford

Before we came to live at VPE, I was the director at a small nonprofit agency with six employees in the Bronx. We were contracted to provide housing information and services to about 200 tenants and homeowners each year. Instead, we provided a wide variety of services to closer to 500 households a year. I wrote this after a particularly busy day.

9 AM. Open office. First client is a Russian woman who speaks no English. Call another office nearby and ask their Russian speaking staff member to explain to client why our Russian speaker is late. Client sits down to wait.

9:15 AM Explain to elderly Latina that the paperwork she received in the mail is only her apartment registration from the city. She is speaking Spanish and I am speaking English. She is very unhappy. She walked four blocks in the rain with her walker. Explain she should be upset, but there is no way for us to know if we don't see the actual paper.

9:30 AM Talk by phone with a distraught woman with three kids. Her landlord has locked her out. She called police but they refused to act. Call local precinct, reach Captain, and remind him that evicting someone without a court order is punishable by up to three years in jail. He agrees to send officer to help tenant secure apartment, but only after I agree to provide training on issue for his folks at roll call one morning next week. Review case with the paralegal intern who started last week. He will follow up and leaves for tenant's apartment.

10 AM Deal with elderly woman screaming at worker who is close to tears. Landlord promised to send painters and didn't. Ask her to turn on hearing aid. She was yelling because she could not hear herself. Her appointment with painter was at 10AM. Call landlord who is angry because painter is now at apartment and can't get in. Landlord agrees to reschedule if staff person agrees

to be there to help with access.

10:45 AM Look up to find a long-term client in office. Realize that man has dementia and went to live with his son in New Jersey three months ago. Slipped out of office to get staff person to call son, who has been frantically looking for him. Son is on his way. Social Worker takes client into her office to wait. Son arrives to take him home.

11:30 AM City worker calls wanting to know where a missing report is. She needs it hand-delivered within the hour. I have a receipt showing that she signed for it a month ago. I promise to fax her a copy by close of day because she can't process our payment, already three weeks late, without it. I need to make payroll.

We were always underfunded and often over capacity, but we knew our work changed lives and we thrived on it. And yes, I did love it. Crazy, huh?

Time to Celebrate

By Paula Kasper

We're all familiar with Federal holidays and Presidential Proclamations which designate heritage months. Other holidays are designated by governors and mayors and there are International days designated by the UN General Assembly. May and June will see Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Mother's and Father's Days, Cinco de Mayo and Flag Day.

Then there are unofficial National Days created by businesses, marketers, or websites to promote awareness online or via other media.

Some of the upcoming National Days for May and June which struck my fancy are: No Pants, Batman, Free Comic Book, Herb, Beverage, National School Nurse, Lost Sock, Eat What You Want, Limerick, Buy a Musical Instrument, Sun Screen, Say Something Nice, Hug Your Cat, Swim a Lap, Eat Your Vegetables, World Juggling and Meteor Watch Day on June 30th.

I'm planning to observe Lost Sock Day on May 9th which encourages all celebrants to get rid of their unpaired socks and Chocolate Chip Day on May 15.

Rumor has it that chocolate chips were invented by Ruth Wakefield at the Toll House Inn in Whitman, MA. According to the legend, the creation of the chips was an accident – out of chocolate powder while making cookies for guests, Ruth chopped up some chocolate and added it to the cookie dough. She found that the chocolate didn't melt and the chocolate chip and the chocolate chip cookie was born. After chocolate chip cookies became popular and successful, Nestlé made an agreement with Ruth to add her chocolate chip cookie recipe to the packaging of their chocolate bars. Nestlé's brand, Toll House Cookies, is named after Toll House Inn.

Hope you find a National Day or two to celebrate.

Goodbye

By Sally Dunford

When we moved to VPE, we had decided to be open about Mike's dementia. We both felt strongly that it was important that mental health problems should be destigmatized. But soon the dementia made it impossible for him to drive (I never learned how) and so we settled into what became our new normal. Mostly it's looked like this:

6:30 AM ish – Wake up to sunrise which I can watch from our bed. Enjoy it for a few minutes. Turn over and go back to sleep.

7:30 AM – Alarm goes off. Mentally review what needs to happen that day. Get up. Mike is still sleeping, so I head for my studio/office to do pending paperwork and work on an art project. Mostly play computer games.

8:15 AM Make breakfast. Get dressed.

9:00 – 10:15 AM Play more computer games or read.

10:15 AM Wake Mike. Make coffee, breakfast. Take morning meds. Go with Mike for cigarette

10:15 to 12:30 PM Clean apartment, maybe do laundry. Check email (you know, the same things you do every day.) Possibly take shuttle bus to Giant. Go with Mike for another cigarette or two.

12:30 PM to 4:30 Fix lunch. Go back to computer. Maybe, another cigarette break or two or three. Watch TV with Mike, maybe. - Lately he's been watching Columbo or Law & Order. Or I read, write, work on a drawing or a collage, maybe take a nap. You know the routine.

Thankfully, the Activities Committee provides a full calendar of activities, and I joined as many as possible. I stayed very busy.

And I made friends, friends who had dealt with dementia in a partner or parent, friends who were currently dealing with it, and friends who simply cared. It's been a wonderful experience. I wouldn't change it for the world.

Except, Mike's dementia has been deepening. So, we've made the difficult decision to move in with our oldest son and his family.

This way, we hope, we'll be able to avoid institutional care for a while longer, and I will have loving support, and the fact that they live in Hawaii doesn't hurt

By the time you read this we'll be gone, beginning the next chapter of what has been a wonderful adventure. So, thank you, all of you, for your support, and friendship, and for just being you. Please stay in touch, as I will. My phone number will not change, nor will my email. And if you get to Oahu, look us up, PLEASE.



Mother's Day

By Ruth Kurlandsky

Many of us have heard different things about Mother's Day over the years. As I was starting to try to write for *The View*, I found this piece that organizes it all for us. It is from the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum website. Pretty nice, since the museum isn't even built yet! It's operating as an "initiative", but might be 10 years out.

Origins: The holiday grew from efforts to improve maternal health. Ann Reeves Jarvis (1832–1905) established "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to combat high infant mortality rates and offer help during the Civil War era.

Founder's Intent: Anna Jarvis, her daughter, envisioned a day for personal, sentimental tributes—characterized by wearing a white carnation—and writing heartfelt letters to mothers, not buying generic gifts.

Official Recognition: In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day, largely due to Anna's lobbying.

Commercialization Battle: Anna Jarvis grew to despise the holiday's commercialization, arguing that pre-printed cards and florists exploited the intended sentimental purpose. She even organized boycotts and was arrested for disrupting events.

Earlier Roots: The concept was partly influenced by Julia Ward Howe, who wrote a "Mother's Day Proclamation" in 1870, urging women to unite for peace, which you can read more about on the Smithsonian American Women's His-

tory Museum website: <https://womenshistory.si.edu/> [a mother's moment: our daughter is working on it]

What's your Birth Flower?

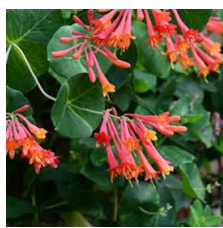
By Lawrence Kurlandsky

After a rather colorful blooming of flowering trees in March/April, my wife asked me if there was a May flower. While there is no flower specifically named so, there are two birth May flowers. Just like a birth gemstone for each month, there is a birth flower, usually two. Over differing cultures, regions, and time periods—think Roman and Victorian—the idea of a primary and secondary flower arose to provide for personal choices, regional availability, and symbolism. So, what about May, my birth month? The primary birth flower is the **Lily of the Valley** symbolizing sweetness, humility, and purity. The secondary birth flower is the **Hawthorn** symbolizing hope, new beginnings, and protection, my mother's favorite tree.



What about June? The primary birth flower is the **Rose**, the most beloved of all flowers, symbolizing love, passion, and beauty. The secondary birth flower is **Honeysuckle** symbolizing happiness, affection, and bonds of love. Both reflect the warmth and joy of early summer.

During May and June enjoy your favorite flowers in addition to looking for these flowers around Leisure World. And now you know, whatever your birth month, there is a flower or two to acknowledge it.



Hot Weather Coming

By Paula Kasper

With high temperatures forecast, it's important to prevent heat buildup on the enclosed balcony, an attractive part of our condos. If the temperature on the balcony exceeds 150 degrees, the sprinkler system will engage. When we moved to VPE in August, we were told to leave the sliding glass doors ajar to prevent heat build-up on the balcony. This seemed somewhat counter-intuitive and we were recently told to leave a window or two on the balcony slightly open but keep the glass doors closed. Whichever method you use, please be aware of heat build in this enclosed space.

Movie Night

By Beth Belsito

I have accepted the responsibility of Sunday Movie Night from Sonny Gerber after her many years of leadership. She has shared her extensive DVD collection and brought many years of movie fun to VPE. When you see Sonny share your favorite movie memory with her. Our movie in May will be *Miracle*, the story of the 1980 USA Olympic Hockey Team that won the Gold. I chose it because both our Women's and Men's Hockey Teams recently competed in the Olympics and because we are in the midst of the Stanley Cup Playoffs. The June

movie will be *Song Sung Blue*, the story of Neil Diamond with some great music.

I am taking suggestions for future films. They can be recent or classics. See you at the Movies!

Vintage Recipes: Comfort Food

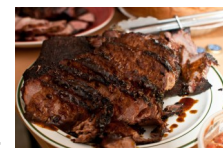
By Beth Belsito

I Love Brisket! I grew up eating Southern brisket. It was cooked outdoors in a smoker or slow cooker by men who had secret ingredients added to the dry rub of salt, pepper, onion and chilis. After cooking for hours until it had a deep crust, it was finished off with a tangy bbq sauce and served with beans, slaw and cornbread.

When I moved to Long Island, I was introduced to a different preparation for brisket. Women cooked the meat inside using the oven. This brisket was braised, cooked in liquid for hours and served with potatoes, carrots and onions. Unlike Southern brisket secrets, women were happy to share their recipes with me. Most seasoned the brisket with salt and pepper, garlic and onion. Some added thyme or bay leaf. Most were braised in stock, with crushed tomatoes but some added red wine. I was gently advised that a slow cooker, Instant Pot or pressure cooker would not caramelize the meat and vegetables properly. A variation that several women used to simplify the process was to use tomato sauce and onion soup mix. Did your family have a special recipe for brisket? Was it served for special occasions or family dinners?



This was the topic at one of our Coffee and Conversations last month. Come down and share your thoughts. The dates are on the VPE calendar and in the elevators. Next month, Let's Talk Meatloaf.



Low Vision: Macular Degeneration

By Beth Beaston Belsito

Getting a diagnosis of Macular Degeneration, Retinopathy, Glaucoma or any condition with progressive loss of vision, can feel like your life has turned upside down. Fear of the unknown, how long will I be able to be independent, and what will my future be, all tumble around in your mind.

There are so many emotions connected to a diagnosis of vision loss. Being unable to see the face of a loved one, or the grief of a future without vision that we all take for granted are often the first thoughts. Losing independence is a huge concern for all of us. How long can I drive and will I have to move to a place that will take care of me. I don't want to be a burden to my friends and family. I don't WANT to need help. Grief is experienced as disbelief, anger and sadness. Most of us try to deal with things ourselves. Some of us Google for hours trying to understand how this happened, why this happened, maybe they are wrong, and what do I do now. This can lead us to questionable websites that offer expensive supplements and ancient herbal cures that at best don't work, and at worst are dangerous. A better choice is to make an appointment with your ophthalmologist after you have had time to think and make a plan going forward. If you are considering using a supplement, be honest with them so that you are aware of the risks and benefits and it can be included in the plan. There may be resources available and covered under Medicare that you are unaware of. A social worker or medical research websites, e.g., Mayo Clinic, can provide reliable links and contact information. When to tell friends and family is another question. Many of us feel embar-

rassed or ashamed of admitting a "weakness". I know, it doesn't make sense, but it's true. We don't want to be seen as different or handicapped. This can make a Low Vision diagnosis isolating. Others don't understand your reality and experience of vision loss. They often over-help. They may not feel comfortable discussing all the feelings that you are going through, and you may not want to share or try to explain, especially as a parent to their own (grown) child. It really does help to join a Low Vision group, and we have one here in Leisure World, the Lions Vision Support Group. This is a community that understands all that goes with a diagnosis of low vision. You can learn about the latest vision technology for computers, smartphones and tablets and new information about wearable AI vision enhancers. People will share what supplements may help and tips and tricks for things like using eye drops, which is a huge problem when you can't see! As you learn about your diagnosis you learn to speak about it with less emotion. This makes it easier to discuss with friends and family, and you can find ways to ask for help you need and decline help you don't in a matter of fact way. Low Vision doesn't get better. It progresses, sometimes very slowly. You may not notice how much until you have a close call while driving or something else happens that you missed because you couldn't see it. The best way to live with a diagnosis of Low Vision is to sit and think about its effects, real and emotional, seek information about your diagnosis, find support from a group (in person or online) and make modifications that will make living with Low Vision, truly living for you now, and in the future. **Next month, Staying Safe with Low Vision.**

“You Didn’t?” “Yeah, Mom. We Kinda Did”

By Sally Dunford

As a parent you think you know what your kids are doing, or at least you hope you do.

At the time of this incident, Nick was about two, and Ben was three and a half. I went to put them to bed as usual, but suddenly both boys were scared. Strangely though, they had different fears. Ben was convinced there was a monster in the closet. Nick was convinced that there was an alligator under his bed. I went and got a flashlight, and we looked under the bed. Then I opened the closet; no monster. This became a bedtime ritual for almost a month. Ben agreed there was no monster, and Nick reluctantly made do with telling the alligator to “go home” each night

Fast forward a few years, Nick was in kindergarten, Ben was in second grade, Dan was in fourth, and Mike in sixth. We went to a performance of the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Baily Circus at Madison Square Garden.

During the performance we were chosen to go down into the ring. The two older boys didn’t want to. So, Mike and I took the two youngest. We had a grand time dancing with the clowns. Then we were told to climb up on this stage. Again, we were fine—until they brought out the alligators. Ben pretended to be brave, but poor Nick was terrified. He clung to my leg and began to cry until his dad set him up on his shoulders where he felt safe. All this was shown on Diamond vision. At dinner, the oldest kids began to tease Nick, until their dad and I put a stop to it, but they were gleeful for days and Nick took the brunt. So again, fast forward an

additional 20 years. The two older boys admitted that they had thrown Ben in the closet and told Nick he was an alligator, and we, parents, had never suspected. The older boys, by then parents themselves, were repentant by then, and Ben and Nick thought it was funny. I was aghast at first. They had been so mean, and I had been so clueless. Brothers can be like this, I’m told, and thankfully, they do remain close.



BINGO Passing the Torch

By Beth Beaston Belsito

As you know, Mike and Sally Dunford have moved to Hawaii. In addition, Sandy Margulies is also stepping down from chairing the Evening Bingo at VPE. Sandy ran Evening Bingo for 17 years! We all thank her for her time and for making the Evening Bingo possible. We now have members of the Activities Committee stepping up to fill some pretty big shoes. Come on out to Evening Bingo. Check your activities calendar for the date each month to welcome our new Bingo Team. Marilyn Jordan remains with the team to keep us honest. Thank you Marilyn, and thank you Sally and especially Sandy for keeping Bingo fun.



Ms. Lynn Kakesa: VPE Administrative Assistant

By Phyllis Pratt

Not only did the month of April bring Vantage Point East a much desired change of lovely warm weather, it also brought VPE a new addition to its astute administrative staff, Ms. Lynn Kakesa. Though Lynn is a full-time VPE employee, she also attends Montgomery College where she is pursuing her credentials in Paralegal Studies and enjoys talking about politics.

Lynn also shared, “I really like my new job because there are always new challenges; the office is fast paced, always something different to do—never a dull moment and I like that very much,” she exclaimed! Her philosophy about life: “Don’t be afraid of change.”

Lynn has two older brothers and one older sister who live in various parts of the country. Her parents are originally from Africa where she aspires to visit later in the future. The energetic Virgo has a strong interest in astrology and is very knowledgeable about the twelve signs.

Throughout my interview with Lynn, I personally observed that she is a very focused young woman and “goal oriented” (and also has an infectious great smile!). VPE residents, in your daily comings and goings in the building, please take out a few moments and drop by the VPE administrative office to say “hello” to Lynn and welcome her to the Vantage Point East family!



SPRING CLEANING EVENT: VPE CLOTHING DRIVE

VPE COMMUNITY ROOM

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

BETWEEN 11:00 A.M. AND 1:00 P.M

AS YOU LOOK THROUGH YOUR WINTER AND SPRING CLOTHES, DID YOU FIND GOOD CLOTHES YOU HARDLY WEAR AND NO LONGER NEED?

THE VPE OUTREACH TEAM WILL COLLECT BOTH MEN’S AND WOMEN’S CLOTHING.

CLOTHING WILL BE GIVEN TO INTERFAITH WORKS CLOTHING CENTER FOR FAMILIES IN NEED, FREE OF CHARGE. HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



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What’s in a Name?

By Paula Kasper

What do you call the glass-enclosed space of your apartment? Is it a patio? Balcony? Terrace? Lanai? Porch? Veranda? Sunroom? Or just “outside”?

Help us decide how the majority of VPE residents refer to this space. There’s an envelope on the bulletin board labeled “What’s In a Name?” Simply insert a paper with the notation of how you refer to this space. Answers will be tabulated by May 15. What name do you think will have the majority of our votes?



Activities Committee Events May– June 2026

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays- Guided Audio Yoga

from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

All residents, including beginners, are welcome.

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays- Chair Exercise Class

10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Seated, low impact exercises for seniors.

Coffee and Conversation

May 16 at 10:30 a.m.

June TBD

1st & 2nd Tuesdays– Outdoor Walking

May 5th & 12th at 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

June TBD

Good for the heart, gets you moving with no bouncing or jumping.

Once a Month: Brown Bag Lunch & Rick Steves Travel Video

May 26th at 12:30 p.m.

June TBD

Second Wednesday: Current Events

May 13th and June 10th at 7:30 p.m.

Third Tuesday: Book Club

May 19th & June 16th at 3:00 p.m.

One Friday a Month: Bring Your Own Dinner

May 8th at 6:00 p.m.

June TBD

Last Sunday: Movie Night

May 31st & June 30th at 7:30 p.m.



**Save the
Date:**

**Celebrate
April, May,
and June
birthdays on
May 22nd!**

Keeping up with Events – Watch for flyers in the elevators, on the tables on each floor, on the bulletin boards, and under your doors for further details about events.

Mark These Dates

COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS

EVENT	DATE	TIME
Activities	May. 6th June. 3rd	1:00 p.m.
Communication	May. 13th June. 10th	1:30 p.m.
Building & Grounds	May. 20th June. 17th	1:30 p.m.
Budget & Finance	May. 26th June. 23rd	1:30 p.m.
Board of Directors	May. 14th June. 25th	2:30 p.m.

VPE Fondly Remembers

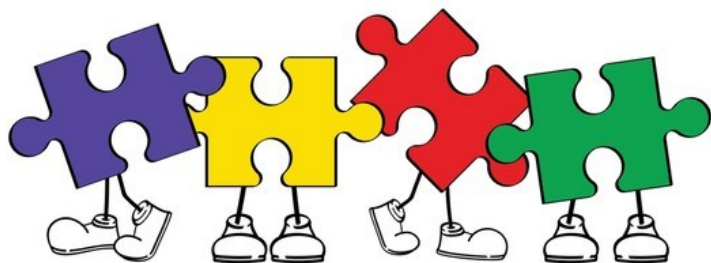


The Puzzle Corner



Catherine Kambanis and Janet Schiff have been working diligently on the puzzle shown above and the completed product is a work of art!

Everyone is invited to the community room if you want to join the fun. We have lots of puzzles to play with!



Please let the **VPE Sunshine Committee** know of any ill, bereaved or new residents who should be acknowledged.
Call Marilyn Jordan (301) 598-0174 or Barbara Halperin (240) 242-3451.



NEW Address!

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The View is created by residents, for residents! It exists because neighbors like you pitch in to share stories, tips, and updates.

Want to contribute? We welcome:

- **Resident recommendations** – Books, movies, restaurants—tell us what you love!
- **Events & Activities** – Recap past gatherings or highlight upcoming ones.
- **Creative Corner** – Poetry, original stories, or photography.

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