



The View

from Vantage Point East

To Inform, Engage and Entertain our VPE neighbors



President's Message

By Henry Jordan



As the holiday season approaches, beginning with Thanksgiving and extending through the New Year, many of us look forward to observing various traditions and spending time with family and friends. While it is our hope that everyone can enjoy the company of loved ones during this festive period, we recognize that some individuals may be unable to do so. We encourage residents to consider inviting neighbors to join in the seasonal spirit and ensure no one feels isolated. Please also be reminded that the Board determined several years ago that religious displays are not permitted in any common areas.

We extend our best wishes for a safe journey to our "Snowbirds" travelling south and to those embarking on extended vacations in other climates during the winter. We look forward to welcoming you back safely in the spring. Kindly ensure that vehicles are not parked near the building or in designated snow dump areas when on vacation.

The budget for 2026 has been prepared and distributed to all unit owners for their review and feedback. Budget meetings were held to gather input from unit owners regarding the proposed 2026 budget before final approval was granted. Appreciation is extended to the Budget and Finance Committee, Cris Juarez, and the Treasurer for their thorough evaluation of our projected income and obligations in maintaining the building's welfare during the development of next year's budget.

Another Mutual published an informative article regarding condominium living, which I have adapted for VPE. Whether you are a long-term resident or new to our building, it is beneficial to review these points.

Condominium rules are established to promote a cohesive living environment, maintain quality of life, and protect property values. By delineating clear standards for conduct and property use, these regulations support an atmosphere where all residents can fully enjoy their homes. The requirement to obtain approval before deviating from established guidelines is integral to the governance framework. These rules

are documented within the condominium's official governing documents and are administered by the management. This structure facilitates effective oversight of shared areas, reduces potential disputes, and defines the responsibilities of all parties, thereby fostering stability and order within the community. Certain circumstances may warrant exceptions to established rules. The Board has the authority to waive regulations when deemed necessary in the community's best interest.

Condominium living differs significantly from residing in an apartment or rented house, where a property owner is responsible for maintenance and repairs. In a condominium, the responsibility for managing and maintaining the property rests collectively with all residents. There is no external party with unlimited resources to address every concern or request. With 190 apartment units, each unit represents one out of 190 shares in the Mutual. The condominium fees contributed by residents finance the annual operating budget and reserve funds, which are designated for covering the building's common expenses, both presently and in the future.

As a unit owner, you have accepted responsibility for maintaining both the interior and exterior of your property. While individual owners are accountable for the upkeep of their unit interiors, the Mutual is responsible for maintenance of common areas and exteriors. Upon entering into an agreement to reside at VPE, you committed to adhere to all established rules and bylaws of the Mutual. Please note that lack of familiarity with these documents does not exempt any owner from compliance. Last month, the updated Residents Manual - September 2025 was distributed. This manual has undergone comprehensive review and revision to deliver precise and practical guidance for all unit owners and residents.

Residing in a condominium necessitates responsible and considerate behavior, as individual actions can impact on the quality of life of neighbors and influence overall property values. Residents are part of a broader community where mutual support and cooperation contribute to a positive living environment.

Condominium living necessitates active resident engagement on committees to effectively oversee and understand the operations of condominiums. Unit

owners elect volunteers to serve as the board of directors, responsible for managing and maintaining the Mutual. Our community offers shared amenities, enabling residents to undertake projects collectively that may be unattainable individually. Through participation in the VPE community, we can ensure that VPE remains a desirable and well-maintained place to live for years to come.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, office staff, and maintenance staff, we extend our best wishes for a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year. The Board of Directors would also like to sincerely thank the residents who serve on the Activities, Budget, Building and Grounds, Governance, and Communication Committees for their outstanding contributions, which greatly enhance the success and quality of life within our community.

Our Committee Chairs provided their report at the Annual Meeting. Speakers in the pictures below are: Ruth Kurlandsky, Ann Ferren, Henry Jordan, Bruce Hulman, Doug Carlson and Ellyn Kaufman.

Elected Candidates

At the Annual Meeting on October 16th the following candidates were elected for a three year term:

- **Ann Ferren**
- **Bruce Hulman**
- **Jim Lieberman**

Residents and staff of VPE would like to express our deepest appreciation for Earl Reba's tireless work, commitment and support to VPE during his 21 years of service!



Council Passes Bicycle Safety Legislation

Published by Montgomery County Council
Submitted by Ruth Gutstein

ROCKVILLE, Md., Nov. 4, 2025— The Montgomery County Council unanimously passed legislation today that enhances safety for cyclists by prohibiting vehicles from standing, stopping, or parking in designated bikeways across the county. The bicycle safety legislation ([Bill 28-25](#)) was introduced by Councilmember Evan Glass and co-sponsored by Councilmembers Natali Fani-González, Andrew Friedson, and Dawn Luedtke.

“Dedicated bike lanes are critical safety infrastructure, but only if people can actually use them safely,” said **Councilmember Evan Glass, Chair of the Transportation & Environment Committee**. “This new law builds on the Safe Streets Act and advances our efforts to ensure cyclists no longer have to veer into traffic to avoid parked cars — making our roads safer for everyone. Its passage marks an important step toward our Vision Zero goals and a safer Montgomery County.”

In the first nine months of this year, there have been [115 cyclist-involved crashes](#), 6 with serious injuries and one fatality in Montgomery County. The legislation brings local law into alignment with other regional jurisdictions that already prohibit parking in bikeways, including Rockville, Washington, D.C., and Howard County. Additionally, 310 pedestrians have been injured, and 12 killed while walking on our roads.

“As a County, we have put significant resources into creating separate and safe spaces for bicyclists on many roads, making those roads safer for all who bike, walk and access transit,” said **Peter Gray, Maryland organizer with the Washington Area Bicyclist Association**. “It makes perfect sense to prohibit cars and trucks from blocking the use of those bike lanes, even for short periods of time. Blocked bike lanes force cyclists to move into car traffic lanes, thus negating the very purpose of those bike lanes, which is to make it safer for all non-car users to travel on those roads.”

“The Action Committee for Transit strongly supports this bill,” said **Shanika Whitehurst, President of Action Committee for Transit**. “Parked cars in bikeways endanger the safety of people who are using them. One life lost is one too many, and this bill will provide a necessary layer of added safety.”

“Protected bike lanes also means that students have safer routes when cycling to and from school,” said **Melissa Regan, Co-chair of MCCPTA Safe Routes to Schools**. “Biking to school has many benefits but safety must have priority. This bill directly addresses keeping protected bike lanes cleared so that even our youth have the open path needed for safe school travel.”

With the passage of Bill 28-25, Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Parking in Bikeways – Prohibited, Montgomery County continues advancing its Vision Zero goals of eliminating serious and fatal traffic collisions by 2030.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Budget & Finance Committee

By Doug Carlson



The Budget & Finance Committee finished the development of a draft 2026 budget which was presented to the Board for their consideration. As always, this was a collaboration involving many in the VPE community. This includes Property Manager, Cris Juarez, who did a huge amount of work in pulling together information from varied sources that was then reviewed by the Committee. VPE’s treasurer, Sid Sussan, who worked very closely with the Committee in many areas including managing VPE’s investments. The Committee also got input from other VPE committees and the Board. Many, many thanks to the Budget & Finance Committee members and everyone involved in this process!

The 2026 Draft Budget was distributed by the Board to unit owners for their review and comment. Two Budget Forum sessions were held where unit owners had the chance to hear about and discuss the 2026 Draft Budget as well as learn about activities and projects that will impact our finances that will be taking place in 2026, 2027 and beyond. This includes the planned creation in 2026 of a new multi-year budget plan that will provide estimates of future assessments. In support of this latter effort, the Board established a new committee that will provide essential information to the Budget & Finance Committee on building project priorities and the amounts and timing of needed funds.

Happy Holidays!!!

Property Manager's Corner

By Cris Juarez

Smoke Detector Installation: Thank you to the more than 50 unit owners who participated in the recent smoke detector replacement effort. Jeremy and Sam installed over 100 new units, checked for potential leaks, and ensured that water alarms were in place. Your cooperation helps keep both your home and our building safe!

Did You Get Our Email? The VPE Office is now using BuildingLink to send communications to all residents who have opted to receive information electronically. Please check your spam folder for messages from "*Vantage Point East at Leisure World.*"

If you have a family member with Power of Attorney, they can receive these emails as well! Just have them contact our office so we can set them up.

Going Away for the Winter? If you'll be enjoying warmer weather this season, please remember to let us know! For longer absences, be sure to close your water valves, set your thermostat to 65°F, and arrange for someone to check your unit periodically. Don't have someone nearby? Contact our office for information about Manny's Residential Solutions.

If you plan to leave your car on the parking lot, please park in the area farthest from the front entrance, but avoid the designated snow-pile zone. Signs are posted for your guidance.

Holiday Wishes

As the holidays approach, the entire VPE team joins me in thanking you for a wonderful year. We are truly fortunate to have such caring, friendly residents. May your holidays be filled with joy, laughter, and love!

SAVE THE DATE!

Our VPE Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. in our Community Room. Get your tickets on December 2nd between 4:00p.m. and 5:00p.m in the Community Room. Come early, seats will be limited!



That's Our Boy

By Sally Dunford

Mike and I have four sons. When they were young, every summer we would take the long trip from our home in the Bronx to Mike's family's cottage on the shores of Lake Erie, west of Buffalo.



The boys were 4, 6, 8 and 10 that year, and after a couple of weeks of swimming and free play, they were getting restless. So, we were thrilled to get a call from Uncle Jimmy, a local high school football coach. The Buffalo Bills were having their summer training camp nearby; would we like to come? Would we?

The Bills had not been doing well for some years, but they had just hired a new quarterback, and they were hopeful. When we got to the college, Uncle Jimmy took the boys out to the field. There was a small viewing stand.

The boys were entranced – for a while. They wanted to meet the players. Uncle Jimmy gave the older guys each, a copy of the program and a pen and a warning to stay off the gridiron. They began to run around getting autographs. Ben, the 6-year-old, wanted in on the action. So, we found a pen, and he and his dad went off. Ben ran right up to first player he saw, the new quarterback – Jim Kelly, who was walking with coach Marv Levy. Ben stopped directly in front of him and thrust the paper up at Kelly.

"Autogwaf," he lisped. It was not a question. It was a demand. His dad, a bit embarrassed, reminded him to say please, which he did. But it was still a demand. Kelly looked down and laughed. He scribbled his name and gave the paper to Ben. Then he held Ben's pen over the kid's head.

"What will you do if I keep your pen?" he joked.

Ben didn't hesitate. He dropped into a three-point stance, with his head right at the level of Kelly's delicate knees.

"I tackle you!" says the kid. Marv Levy audibly gasped. His dad grabbed him, while Kelly hastily gave him the pen. Kelly patted the kid on the head. Crisis averted. We returned to the training camp every day for the remainder of the vacation. Kelly waved to Ben every day after that, but notably, didn't go near him.

We remain Bills fans to this day.

Fairy Webs

By Larry Kurlandsky

With the arrival of autumn, you may notice bushes and hedges adorned with gossamer webs enhanced by morning dew or raindrops. No, these are not Halloween decorations. Often called fairy webs, these are webs made by orb-weaver spiders at night, mainly in autumn. These spiders are not poisonous to people or pets—they are more afraid of us than we are of them—but they do eat other insects and pests. They should be respected and left alone. We all know that spiders make this almost magical silk, stronger than steel by weight and flexible enough to withstand wind and the thrashing of prey. Some spiders can make up to seven types of silk with different strengths, forms, and tackiness to meet the particular spider's needs. Like many people, I have an innate fear (okay maybe abhorrence) of spiders in general. Perhaps we should learn more about them and appreciate their role in our world. This may help take our minds off of the spotted lantern fly with which we have been obsessed all summer.



NOT A SUMMER TRIP!

By Ruth Kurlandsky

In early December last year, we got a phone call from our son.

Would we like to have visitors over winter break? Duh—of course! But, but, a 28 foot camper in the VPE parking lot?

Turns out, he had actually called and talked to the Leisure World Security office before he called us. Turns out, this being Leisure World, of course there is a process. We were to write a letter to our Property Manager, requesting to park this thing, days only, in a space here. The Property Manager takes the request to the Board, and the Board must grant permission. It did, and one of the members was thrilled to learn about the process because some family was coming in a truck!

Why didn't they need to park at night? Some people talk about making memories; this family goes on adventures. So our son had found Little Bennett campground, about 40 minutes northwest of here, that was open all winter: propane heat for the camper, full facilities functioning. All his information searching was done online, from Toronto, Ontario! Turns out they left home, heading to Hershey Pennsylvania, where they explored the chocolate factory (with samples, of course). Next stop: Grammagrampa, a name their oldest had used early on.

So, on the appointed day, we were ready to go out to North Leisure World Blvd., to see them coming and direct them to the correct parking space.. But just then a text message: we're at your front door. So for two days of fun, this camper was sideways over three spaces in the easternmost parking lot of VPE—the one closest to Overlook. Nighttimes at the campground. On the way north back home, they had arranged snowtubing.

We all had a blast, doing things together, including all the kids quietly building Lego kits one afternoon (apparently discovered at a Wal-Mart with a Lego sale they found on the way), looking at photographs, talking up a storm, a Chinese dinner, delivered. It was wonderful; can't wait for another visit.



Yoga at VPE

By Beth Belsito

Yoga at VPE is not just a fitness program, it is a journey open to all, regardless of your abilities. Yoga includes concepts beyond the physical movements or poses associated with it. It includes mindful breathing and relaxation techniques to calm the mind and body.



Yoga is a personal experience and your practice is what you make it. Yoga is not a religion. It is a way to replenish yourself and feel more centered in the middle of everything life throws at you. When we care for ourselves physically, mentally and emotionally, we become stronger and healthier and better able to cope and even thrive.

At VPE we meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9AM. You are welcome one, two or three times a week, as fits your schedule. We follow a guided class, (no teacher) for about an hour. The last 15 minutes is the guided relaxation portion. You can stay for the whole class or leave after the physical part if meditation isn't your thing. We hope you will try it.

Namaste.

Omelette Chef Event a Huge Success!

By Cynthia Halper

On Saturday morning, September 6th, thirty-two residents gathered in the Community room for coffee, conversation, and the pièce de résistance.

The Omelette Chef
Oh so many choices to put in our delicious omelets along with fruit, danish, and juices.

It was wonderful to see so many faces both new and old. We started Fall off with lots of conversations throughout the room. In fact, one group stayed on at the end to just enjoy being together.

A tip of the hat to Lois Schmeidler and Pat Christianson for all their help in making the event so successful!

Cynthia Halper
Activities Committee



Seniors Saving Seniors Event

By Beth Belsito

Thank you to Ljuca Belsito for setting up and hosting our first-class Seniors Saving Seniors on Sat. Oct 11, 2025.

The class was led by instructor Rev. Dan Linger who is a member of the Leisure World Emergency Preparedness Committee in association with Never 2 Late 2 Learn, LLC.

Topics covered were Basic CPR, use of an AED, and Stop the Bleed. Those in attendance were very engaged, participating in CPR on mannequins, and learning how to use AEDs and how to apply tourniquets to stop an arterial bleed.

This was the first of many classes which are being offered for FREE to all who live and work on Leisure World Campus.

VPE will be hosting more of these classes in coming months.

We would like to encourage more residents, board members, staff and caregivers to attend.

The information is important.

We are a community in this building and should any one of us need help, would you know what to do?

Knowledge is Power.

Ljuca Belsito, RN, MSN, BC-CCM,
Pt. Advocate, CAPT (ret) USPHS
Chief Nurse Disaster Response Team PHS 2. 2006-2022.



Holidays and Calendars

By Ruth Kurlandsky and Sue Wu

The months of November and December bring us several holidays. I have read that during this season, there are 29 holidays that are recognized in one place or another. Some are on calendars other than our own Gregorian. So what are these?

The Gregorian calendar is a solar one: It takes 365 $\frac{1}{4}$ days for the earth to go around the sun. Four quarter days get caught up on the Leap Year day. More details are available if you want to do a search.

The question I just love is, “Why are the Jewish holidays so late (or so early) this year?” Actually, Hanukkah, for instance, is never late or early; it always starts on the 25th of Kislev. Kislev is the third month of the Hebrew calendar, which is a lunar calendar: based on the moon. There are approximately 12 *lunations* (new word I just learned, meaning approximately “months”) of 29-30 days, for a total of 354 days, leaving it 11 or 12 days shorter than the solar calendar.

Another new word for me: the Hebrew calendar is officially *lunisolar*, meaning based on the sun and the moon. Following calculations established by Hillel II in the 4th century CE (Common Era), an extra month is added according to a 19-year cycle. This keeps the spring holidays in the spring, and fall holidays in the fall. Hanukkah is usually in early winter—in the Northern Hemisphere! In Australia, it’s a summer holiday. Just to top this paragraph off, let me tell you that Hebrew days start at sunset (often called “the night before”). This comes from the first paragraph of Genesis: *And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.*

The Muslim calendar, also called Hijri, is a lunar calendar without seasonal modifications. That is why the holidays, such as Ramadan, seem to move around the year.

Also the Chinese calendar, is a lunar calendar. There are 29 or 30 days in a month. Since the months are shorter than solar calendar, every few years the Chinese calendar will intercalate an additional month (repeat a month). For example, this year (2025) on the Chinese calendar, there were two June months. After June 30th, the next day was June 1st.

What is Advent?

By Beth Belsito

The season of Advent in the Christian calendar, celebrates the coming of Christ, or Christmas. Instead of the holiday season beginning on Black Friday and focusing on gifts and what will Santa bring, it is a time to reflect on the Reason for the Season. Advent is celebrated the four Sundays before Christmas using an Advent Wreath and the lighting of the candles along with selected scripture and music. It is celebrated at home and at church, though home practice is simpler.

Wreaths are traditionally made of evergreen, though they come in many other styles. They have three purple candles and one pink as well as a large white candle in the center.

The first Sunday is for Faith, with scripture telling of the coming of the Christ. The second Sunday is Hope with scripture about John the Baptist. The third Sunday is Love, with the lighting of the pink candle and the story of Mary. The fourth Sunday is Joy as we read the story of Mary and Joseph. On Christmas we light the white candle and read the Christmas story in the Gospel of Luke.

On the Saturday before the first Sunday we participate in the Hanging of the Greens both at church and at home to decorate for the coming events. We often had an Advent Calendar for the children, with 24 little doors, one to open each night to count down until the birth of Christ.

These Advent traditions vary slightly among Catholic and Protestant families, but the meaning is the same. Please feel free to share your family's' holiday customs with your neighbors especially if you are not Christian, since many faiths celebrate the winter solstice time in different ways.



Happy 100th Birthday “Mr. Bernard!”

By Phyllis Pratt

Truth be told, ALL VPE residents are “very special” tenants; however, today we get to briefly experience a small portion of the colorful life of a VPE centenarian resident, Mr. Bernard Patlen, who throughout this interview, is respectfully referred to as “Mr. Bernard.”

Somewhat of a Renaissance man, Mr. Bernard is a skilled artist/craftsman and a great lover of nature! Born in the District of Columbia near Georgia Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue, Mr. Bernard traveled with his parents throughout North America. The war years placed him in the UK and in Europe. He was an only child, yet he still volunteered for military service in WWII, enlisting in 1943. Mr. Bernard served as a Medic, 106th Infantry Division, 331st Medical Battalion, in the Battle of the Bulge. He returned home in August 1945.

On January 25, 1948, he married the love of his life, Betty Segal, from London, England. Their son Laurence was born in 1951, and their daughter Pamela was born in 1953. The young family eventually moved to London in 1966 and returned to the US in June 1969 where they resided in Kensington, MD for 33 ½ years before moving to Vantage Point East.

I found it amazing how Mr. Bernard masterfully recalled, in precise detail, his past life covering nearly 100 years. His daughter, Pamela, immediately chuckled from across the room: “Yes, my father has always been well known by family members and others regarding his strong “memory recall” of experiences and readings that formed his character and how he lived his life.

It was getting close to the time that I had planned to end the interview and had not asked “Mr. Bernard” the Ultimate Question yet! What is the secret to your longevity? Mr. Bernard seemed to drift into a deep, silent thought and then finally said, “Take everyday as it comes and to always be kind to everyone no matter their race, religion or gender . . . why not?” he softly asserted. And with those “words of wisdom” profoundly said, the interview came to an end.

VPE residents, you know what to do! Please take a few moments of your time this week to call or drop by to wish “Mr. Bernard” a Happy Birthday! It was on Sunday, October 19, 2025. After all, this centenarian will be 100 years young!!

Ellyn Kaufman presents personalized reward to centenarian, Mr. Bernard Patlen



RESTAURANT REVIEW

By Ellyn Kaufman

On Monday, October 27, a few friends and I decided to go to Fogo de Chao for lunch. The buffet is enormous with something for everyone, even the vegetarian at our table.

For \$18, you have a huge selection of cheeses, charcuterie meats, soup, and salads as far as you can imagine! The chicken salad, IMHO, was the best! I also enjoyed the grilled eggplants, variety of vegetables, smoked salmon and beet salad. Someone at our table was celebrating a birthday, so we indulged in complimentary chocolate lava cake with ice cream.

In addition to the excellent salad bar, extras were brought to the table - such as cheese popovers, mashed potatoes, plantains and more.

Service was EXCELLENT!

FOGO de CHAO is located in Pike and Rose, where parking is free for under 2 hours. Their address is 11600 Old Georgetown Rd, North Bethesda. This is a Brazilian Steakhouse, but none of us ordered the unlimited meats. The salad bar was more than filling!



**A View
from VPE!**

Are you ready for some football?

By Beth Belsito

Autumn brings football season and many of us at VPE are all in. Some follow an NFL team and some prefer College sports. Whomever you follow, wear your team colors, shirt or hoodie proudly.

You may find a fellow fan to hang out with.

Football food is a special part of watching the game. I tailgate at home now cooking chili, brisket, pulled pork or ribs with slaw and cornbread. Some people order in the classics like pizza, wings or subs.

The season ends with a Super Bowl Party at VPE. Come enjoy, even if it's just for pizza and the first half since the game runs late.

Even if you don't watch football, come for the commercials!.

For Anyone Comforted by Prayers

By Ruth Kurlandsky

We seem to be living in tumultuous times. No politics here, just maybe some calming. To see two modern prayers, written in early 2016, check out the website of Rabbi Irwin Keller: <https://www.irwinkeller.com/itzikswell/2022/4/11/prayer-for-reading-the-news>. [You can stop at the “.com” if you want to see the entire website.] One of these prayers is for before reading the news, and the other is for after reading the news. There are some Hebrew words in transliteration—don't worry, the English meaning is directly following.

Wishing you all peace.

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.

VPE Fondly Remembers



Current Events Meeting – 10/8/2025

By Sybil Oster

The newly enlarged group of habitual attendees started with a shoutout of the answers to The New York Times weekly news quiz. In spite of the competition to establish the correct answers, most of the group did get the answers right. Only one was a challenge to most of the group, but there were a few who got it right. Maybe next time we'll have to come up with harder questions.

The second part of the program covered the current government shutdown with an analysis of the impact of cuts to health care subsidies and tax breaks as well as work requirements for eligibility.

Lastly, there was a brief update on the ways that people and companies are using AI technology to enhance life and work tasks.

Shirley's Bench

On behalf of Ms. Phyllis A. Pratt and all who contributed, we're pleased to share that Shirley's Bench was lovingly installed at Edmondson Park.

This beautiful addition to our community honors Shirley's memory and offers a peaceful spot for all to sit, reflect, and enjoy the surroundings.



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.

Activities Committee Events November December 2025

By Activities Committee

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Yoga - Free senior classes are offered. All residents, including beginners, are welcome.

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Chair Exercises – Seated low impact exercises for seniors.

1st & 2nd Tuesdays of the Month from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Outdoor Walking – The program is good for the heart and gets you moving with no bouncing or jumping.

**First Saturday: Coffee and Conversation
December 6th at 10:30 a.m.**

**Third Tuesday: Book Club
Nov 18th & Dec 16th at 3:00 p.m.**

**Third Wednesday: Current Events
Nov 19th & Dec 17th at 7:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, November 18th at 12:30 p.m.
Brown Bag Lunch & Rick Steves Travel Video**

**Monday, November 24th at 7:30 p.m.
Evening Bingo**

**Friday, Dec 12th, at 6:00 p.m.
Bring Your Own Dinner**

**Holiday Party!
December 13th
In the Community Room**

**Wednesday, Dec 24th at 1:30 p.m.
Daytime Bingo**

**Monday, Dec 29th at 7:30 p.m.
Trivia Night**



We brought our own dinners !

Mark These Dates

COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS

EVENT	DATE	TIME
Activities	Dec. 3rd	1:00 p.m.
Communication	Dec. 10th	1:30 p.m.
Building & Grounds	Nov. 19th	1:30 p.m.
Budget & Finance	TBD	1:30 p.m.
Board of Directors	Dec. 3rd	7:00 p.m.



Thoughts On Large Print Communications Committee

VPE's View has grown from 8 pages to 12, and gone bimonthly.

Anyone here is welcome to write—just send in a piece (before the deadline) of anything that you think might be interesting to others (no politics or ranting). It goes to [VPEtheView@google groups.com](mailto:VPEtheView@googlegroups.com).

Recently, the committee received a request to accommodate those with low vision. We've some ideas: get it electronically, and use the Accessibility commands to enlarge it, for instance. Perhaps printing the articles in large type and stapling them together without the pictures—for anyone who would ask for that.

On the other hand, this idea struck: what you're looking at is the one size smaller than standard large print size, (because I wanted it to fit on one page!) and a font that is easier to read. We could do the whole paper like this, perhaps. Not sure if it would make more than 12 pages, but if it's the whole thing, then the pictures would also be right there.

What we need now is your feedback!! Would you like it? Do you have other suggestions? Would you find it easier to read The View this way?

Easiest feedbacking: send me an email:

ruth.kurlandsky@gmail.com

Thank you!



NEW Address!

All electronic submissions for *The View* should be sent to:

VpeTheView@googlegroups.com

**Submission deadline is
December 15, 2025**

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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, stories, photography.

No experience needed—we'll help with editing. Send your article to VpeTheView@googlegroups.com by December 15, 2025. Let's make this newsletter a reflection of our amazing community!

