

This Month's Lifelong Learning Classes:

Lessons From Historical Figures

The Fall and Harvest seasons have always been times of beauty, abundance, and tradition. Cultures worldwide celebrate the harvest with festivals, foods, and music, and writers have shared fascinating stories about autumn's changing leaves and glowing harvest moon. Artists and musicians have captured the season's richness and reflect on the foods and family traditions that make this time of year so special.



Harvest Stars

Who are the harvest stars? This annual cycle of planting, nurturing, and gathering crops fundamentally shifted human civilization from nomadic hunter-gatherer societies to settled communities. Besides nature, we have artists, musicians, and writers! voices.

Nature's Impact on Your Well-Being

From Monet's gardens to Thoreau, and Beethoven's symphonies, creative people remind us that nature isn't just a backdrop — it's a healer, a teacher, and a source of happiness. When we connect with nature, we connect more deeply with ourselves.


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The Village Voice



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Message From the President

As we enter October, I hear the voice of Nat "King" Cole singing, "The falling leaves drift by my window, The autumn leaves of red and gold...". What could be more pleasant than low humidity, daytime temps in the 70s and low 80s, and overnight temps dropping into the upper 50s?

Yes, Actual Fall is finally here. Take advantage of it while you can! At its September meeting, the Board approved a 2025/2026 Snow Removal & Salting contract proposal from ZGreen Landscaping, reminding us that winter is just around the corner.

Speaking of seasons... it is Budget Season here at Village Green. Christian presented Draft 1 of the 2026 Operating Budget to the Board in September. We discussed the increasing costs of wages and employee benefits, including health insurance, property, liability, umbrella, D&O, and workers' compensation insurance, as well as building & equipment maintenance, sprinkler system maintenance, utilities, contributions to the reserve fund, and legal and bad debt expenses. On the revenue side, we discussed expected investment interest income and modest increases in fees for meals, garages, and extra storage units.

We'll review Draft 1 of the Capital Budget in October. At the November meeting, we'll approve tentative versions of both the Operating and Capital Budgets for distribution to Owners. Final budgets will be adopted in December and also distributed to the Owners.

In addition to the three dry sprinkler systems in the attic above the third floor, there is a fourth dry system that covers the first-floor offices, common areas, and the canopy out front. Until recently, the fourth system was trouble-free. It has now begun having problems, so it has been added to the planning process for sprinkler system replacement. We'll be reviewing bid specifications and a timeline for bidding out the project at the October Board Meeting.

Did you know... Illinois will lose approximately one hour and 17 minutes of daylight between October 1 and October 31, 2025. The day length decreases by an average of about 2 minutes and 33 seconds per day. Thank goodness for our new and brighter LED lighting at building entrances and behind the garage!

Cheers, Roxane

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Resident's Birthdays 222 PATTIE EBERT 06 252 BOB PARCHER 11 338 CAROL FORSTER 12 302 JOE MILLER 14 238 WALTER HUELLEN 29	Employee's Birthdays Bryan Hernandez 3rd 		1 ♦ 1:00 Owner / Resident Meeting  ♦ 1:30 Giant Crossword	2 ♦ 9:00 Manicurist ♦ 1:30 Chair Exercise ♦ 1:00 Wii Bowling	3 ♦ 9:00 Beauty Shop ♦ 3:00 Village Singers ♦ 4:00 Happy Hour	4
5 ♦ 11:00 St. Margaret Mary Communion Service ♦ 11:30 Coffee & Pastries	6  ♦ 1:30 Let's Celebrate This Month's Birthdays!	7 ♦ 10:30 Tai Chi ♦ 1:30 Bean Bag Baseball ♦ 3:00 Rosary & Prayers	8 ♦ 10:00 Board Meeting	9 ♦ 9:00 Manicurist ♦ 1:30 Chair Exercise ♦ 1:00 Wii Bowling	10 ♦ 10:00 1st American Bank ♦ 3:00 Village Singers ♦ 4:00 Happy Hour	11 ♦ 4:00 POTLUCK BBQ Hot Dogs & Hamburgers 
12 ♦ 11:00 St. Margaret Mary Communion Service ♦ 11:30 Coffee & Pastries	13  ♦ 1:30 Lifelong Learning Harvest Stars	14 ♦ 10:30 Tai Chi ♦ 1:30 Bean Bag Baseball ♦ 3:00 Rosary & Prayers	15 ♦ 11:30 Oak St. Health Lunch and Learn  ♦ 1:30 Wheel of Fortune	16 ♦ 9:00 Manicurist ♦ 1:30 Chair Exercise ♦ 1:00 Wii Bowling	17 ♦ 9:00 Beauty Shop ♦ 3:00 Village Singers ♦ 4:00 Happy Hour	18
19 ♦ 11:00 St. Margaret Mary Communion Service ♦ 11:30 Coffee & Pastries	20 ♦ 11:30 Lady's Lunch	21 ♦ 10:30 Tai Chi ♦ 12:00 Book Club ♦ 1:30 Bean Bag Baseball ♦ 3:00 Rosary & Prayers	22  ♦ 1:30 VolleyBalloon	23 ♦ 9:00 Manicurist ♦ 1:30 Chair Exercise ♦ 1:00 Wii Bowling	24  ♦ 1:30 LIVE Music Erik Donner ♦ 3:00 Village Singers ♦ 4:00 Happy Hour	25 ♦ No Dime Bingo this month
26 ♦ 11:00 St. Margaret Mary Communion Service ♦ 11:30 Coffee & Pastries	27  ♦ 1:30 Lifelong Learning Nature's Impact on Your Well-Being	28 ♦ 10:30 Tai Chi ♦ 1:30 Bean Bag Baseball ♦ 3:00 Rosary & Prayers	29  ♦ 1:30 Giant Crossword	30 ♦ 9:00 Manicurist ♦ 1:30 Chair Exercise ♦ 1:00 Wii Bowling	31 	