

The Atchison Riveter

June 2023

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023

Rank	Candidate	Votes
1	RON KANE	136
2	MIKE PARKER	129
3	MARGARITO CHACON	122
4	KEVIN CRONIN	120
5	MADELINE MARROW	119
6	MARCIE ZELLNER	118
7	TARA AYRES	116
8t	LUZ ALVAREZ MARTINEZ	115
8t	DANIEL LEONARD	115
10	CONNIE HIBBARD	114
11	SANDRA DUGAN	103
12t	MARTIN PAEZ	89
12t	VICTORIA "VICKI" SAWICKI	89
14	LIBRADO "LALO" HERNANDEZ	77
15t	JUDY ANDREAS	76
15t	LINDA ARDAKANI	76
17	LUCIA CASIAS	75
18	CRISPIN CASIAS	70
19	IGNACIO RUIZ	66
20	LIAM CAFFERY	55
21	JAVIER VARGAS GARCIA	42
22	CYPORETTE NEVETTE Q.	37
23	MEGAN TIMBERLAKE	20
24	ORMOND OTVOS	1

Good Ballots = 209 including 19
absentee ballots

Voided = 3 (2 damaged, 1 with 12 votes)

AB not returned = 2 not returned

Dear Atchison Village Members,

As you know, we are dedicated to doing everything we can to best serve our membership, including preserving the status of our unique community. Atchison Village is the last Mutual Housing Corporation on the West Coast. The decision of the Contra Costa County Tax Assessor changed their view from a Mutual Housing Corporation to that of a Stock Cooperative, which carries different financial implications to the membership when buying and selling units.

While preserving the mutual housing corporation status is very important, we must take into account all implications of preserving our unique community. Since the County has taken action against Atchison, the next step will be to essentially sue Contra Costa County to preserve our Mutual Housing Corporation status with the assessor's office.

Do note that although in the eyes of the County Assessor's Office, we are, and have been for years, been assessed similar to a Stock Cooperative. Classification does not change how the corporation operates internally or how other outside entities may view Atchison.

The Board is balancing many factors to determine whether to move forward with a suit or not. The two major factors include the cost to pursue this action and likelihood of success. To get where we are so far incurred significant costs to Atchison. Pursuing this action further will incur significantly more costs.

The second factor we must overcome is the likelihood of success. No case is ever a "slam dunk," this case included. We could incur additional fees, all to end up in the same position we were in when we started. Overall, these are just two of the factors to decide whether to pursue the tax appeal further. In the meantime, we are also working with the County concerning transfers of units during the appeal period.

As our appeal navigated through the Tax Assessor's office, previous counsel recommended that we pause reporting transfers. Under the current status quo, we will have to report those transfers. By working with the County, we hope this matter will be

resolved smoothly so that if the board either elects not to pursue further appeal or if the appeal is not successful, we will be in the best position possible. More details concerning this are to come.

Thank you in advance for your patience in this matter. After waiting for more than a year for the County's decision, we are finally able to make these large strides for Atchison.

Submitted to the president by Andrew Gabriel

**MOTIONS
UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

MOTION RE05102023.01 to select ERI to remove asbestos in the maintenance area and for possible hvac repair.

Moved by Dan, seconded by?
Ayes: unanimous

MOTION RE05102023.02 to approve Ad Hoc Responsibility Committee's recommendations with amendments.

Moved by Kevin, seconded by Margarito
Ayes: unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION RE05102023.03 to suspend use agreement with GVF until their insurance company authorizes the estimates provided for refinishing damaged floor.

Moved by Dan, seconded by Mike
Ayes: unanimous

MOTION RE05102023.04 to amend the GVF use agreement to require approval of activities to allow continued use.

Moved by Dan, seconded by Madeline
Ayes: unanimous

MOTION RE05102023.05 to create a new full-time tech 1 Maintenance/Gardening position and begin posting and interviewing for the position.

Moved by Connie, seconded by Luz
Ayes: unanimous

MOTION RE05102023.06 to post a job opening for substitute Office Clerk

Moved by Connie, seconded by Madeline
Ayes: unanimous

MOTION RE05102023.07 to purchase uniform shirts for the Maintenance staff
Moved by Connie, seconded by Margarito
Ayes: unanimous

**LOVE YOUR BLOCK: AV Community
Trash Pickup Day***

Did you know that studies show a link between trash and crime rates? Cleaning up neighborhoods with garbage on the streets correlates with a direct reduction in crime.

Our Love Your Block grant from the City of Richmond has provided rolling garbage cans, trash bags, and grabbers for picking up trash around the Village. There are two ways to participate:

Every Monday at 3 PM, meet at the turnaround at Bissell and Garrard, inside the sound wall. We'll move out from there to pick up trash wherever it is needed most.

Tara Ayres and Barb Postel

***Saturday, June 10, from 11 AM to 1 PM:
AV Community Trash Pickup Day!** Meet us in the courtyard of the AV Hall to get your supplies, and then we'll spread out across the Village to pick up trash.
Questions? TaraAtchisonVillage@gmail.com

Veg Out with Urban Tilth's CSA

There's a simple way to get super-fresh, delicious, organic vegetables and fruit delivered to you, every week or twice monthly—and support a local nonprofit as well. North Richmond's **Urban Tilth** has openings in its **Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program**.



The \$35 Pay It Forward membership donates \$5 of each payment to supporting Urban Tilth's other programs (tax credit at year's end). Low-income households can qualify for the \$15 per delivery membership. EBT/SNAP are also accepted.

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Veg/fruit are different each time; the May 10 bag included Batavia lettuce, spring onions, snap peas, radishes, oranges and strawberries, among other items. Cheerful Wednesday deliveries are made by local Richmond youth.

For more information, or to sign up, visit <https://urbantilth.csaware.com/store/>

Janis Hashe

Save Rainwater with Easy Catchment

All the rain this winter got us thinking about how we could store some of it for our garden once the dry months arrive. A search on Facebook marketplace led to a family in San Pablo that sells food-grade 55-gallon wide-mouth plastic barrels for around \$30.

We knew another storm was coming so we drove over and picked one up. We placed our barrel under our front porch gutter with the lid off and within a few days it was full.

We now have 55 gallons of water to use when we need it—we simply unscrew the top and scoop it out with a watering can. The barrel mouth is wide enough that as the water lowers it will still be easy to reach in.



This is an easy way to catch and store water. If you want to get a barrel of your own, call Kate in San Pablo at 510 672 3537. If you need assistance installing the rain barrel or transporting it back from San Pablo call Kaytlyn in AV at 510 717 8649.

Kaytlyn Ellida



Garden Club

We have a club email list where we share gardening events and resources as well as club announcements. If you like to garden, compost, harvest rainwater, share food, and more but haven't been able to make the meetings, please join our email list. We plan to offer more weekend events in the future. Email kaytlyn27@gmail.com and ask to be added to the email group.



This month the club will meet in Robert Martinez's yard, 164 Collins Ave., on Wednesday, **June 21**, at 1:30 p.m. The May Garden Club met at Carol Gould's unit and took cuttings from her incredible rose bush.



Photo by Jean Whittlesey
(Carol Gould, Maggie Leigh, Mena Lopez, and Robert Martinez).

Mother's Day Game Night.

Milly Frederick, Sierra Gillespie, and George-Russell Gillespie on May 13, 2023.



Photo by Lisa Gillespie

AVSC June 2023

The Social Club has no events planned for the immediate future. Enjoy your summer!

Obituaries

We note the passing of: Michael Tharpe, who passed on May 10, rode a bicycle and a motorcycle, and owned an unassuming Ford pickup with a tailgate full of satirical fish.

Mike was in his early 70s and athletic; he walked every day. He took good care of the front and back yards—the big tree out front went down in a storm a couple years ago, missing Mike's roof by a couple feet. He soon had the mess cleared up and new plantings in.

His entire courtyard will miss him.

Judy DeCroupet, a long-term member of the Village, passed away 4-28-2023. She is the daughter of Clarence and Mildred Fredrickson, both charter members of AV. In 2014 Judy was recognized on Community Day as an Atchison Village star for service above and beyond. A memorial will be held in the Hall Friday, **June 9**, 1 to 5 PM. Contact her grandson Matthew for details (415 410 8802).



Happy trails



We note the passing of Chris Dunaway's mighty Jacki passed last month due to respiratory problems. Small but determined, he lived across from our park. Jacki was a rescue from Wonder Dog.

Pet Alert! Warm weather and longer days mean our dogs and cats need lots of fresh water and shade. Please make sure they have both!

Fireworks Already? Yes, the fearful noises have begun. Just ask my pup, who will not venture out if he hears the pops, bangs, and bombs. Please consider your neighbors and their pets' peace and quiet. Find another way to celebrate your independence and defy peer pressure to blow up something. Call 833-885-2021.

Community Summit pm Public Safety Saturday, June 3, 9 AM — 2 PM
King Elementary School
4022 Florida Ave.

Review traffic safety • RPD policies • youth employment • poverty reduction
Lunch is provided.

tiny.cc/rcsummit for information/RSVP.

Richmond After School Programs

Spend your out-of-school time with your recreation friends and staff from the Richmond Rec Complex, May Valley, Nevin, Parchester and Shields Reid Community Center in a fun and engaging program setting.

[Register online](#) or visit us at 3230 Macdonald Avenue to submit an application.

Achieve After-School Program
2022-2023
ACHIEVE
AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM
PROGRAMA DESPUES DE ESCUELA
\$80 PER SESSION CADA SESION
GRADES 4-5TH GRADES INICIA EN 4TO
RICHMOND RECREATION COMPLEX
3230 MACDONALD AVE
SHIELDS-REID COMMUNITY CENTER
1403 KELSEY ST
NEVIN COMMUNITY CENTER
598 NEVIN AVE
PARCHESTER COMMUNITY CENTER
900 WILLIAMS DRIVE
Afterschool - 4:00 pm
Session 1 - Jun 14 - Jun 19, 22
Session 2 - Jun 3 - June 9, 23
Despues de escuela - 4:00 pm
Sesion 1 - Junio 14 - Junio 19, 22
Sesion 2 - Junio 3 - Junio 9, 23
530-620-0793 register online: rcsummit.com/richmondrecreation

Elevate After-School Program
2023
ELEVATE
AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM
PROGRAMA DESPUES DE ESCUELA
\$100 PER MONTH CADA MES
GRADES 6-7TH GRADES INICIA EN 6TO
MAY VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
3530 MORNINGSIDE DR
RICHMOND RECREATION COMPLEX
3230 MACDONALD AVE
Afterschool - 4:00 pm
Monday - 7:00 pm
Jun 3 - June 9, 23
Despues de escuela - 4:00 pm
Lunes - 7:00 pm
Jun 3 - Junio 9, 23
530-620-0793 register online: rcsummit.com/richmondrecreation



Don't forget to check out the Richmond Art Center page for summer programs.
<https://richmondartcenter.org/>



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In an emergency, call **911**.
Richmond Police Non-Emergency:
510-233-1214
Animal Control: **925-335-8300**
Air quality complaints (BAAQMD):
800-334-6367

*Mental Health Crisis
Hotline: 888-678-7277
SAMHSA
(Substance Abuse
and Mental Health
Services
Administration):
988*



Maintenance contact information

Everyone who requests a work order should get an initial call-back from a maintenance employee, giving them an estimate to start the job. After that, further information and appointments should continue to be made with that employee until the job is done. New work orders should be called into the office and cannot be originated by maintenance staff. If something goes wrong, or you wish to leave a compliment, you can contact the office. We have provided all maintenance staff with a company phone (see their numbers, below).

Name	Phone #
Enrique Vazquez	510.880.8298
Chimino Casillas	510.613.5896
Rafael Vasquez	510.613.3126

Atchison Village Board

To contact the Board send an email to member.support@avmhc.org
With the title "**Attention Board**"

Atchison Village Office

510-234-9054

member.support@avmhc.org

Hours: Monday to Friday
10AM-4:30PM

Staff: Alicia Becerra and Valeria V.

Work Order requests may be sent by phone, voicemail, or email.

Maintenance staff hours:

Monday to Friday 8AM – 5PM
Closed for lunch hour 12- 1PM and some holidays.

Love your Life!

For **after office** hours or
weekend emergencies
call President Ron Kane
510.220.6434
Alicia Becerra at
510.806.8945

For more information check out the link:
<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2340>



Reminder: AV is a non-smoking area, mandated by City of Richmond Code

Board Contact Information

<i>NAME</i>	<i>EMAIL</i> *	<i>PHONE</i>	<i>NOTE</i>
Ron Kane, President	atchisonvillageron@gmail.com	510.220.6434	Prefer texts; leave a message and I will return calls
Marcie Zellner, Vice President	Leave messages at the office	510-882-9672	Prefer only emergency phone calls Leave message at the office
Connie Hibbard, Secretary-Treasurer	conniehibbard@gmail.com	415-430-7684	
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For legal reasons, it is best if you have a separate email account for board emails