

The Atchison Riveter

September 2023

Community Outreach and Bylaws Committee

Marcus Faumui, fire captain with the **Richmond Fire Department**, will attend the **Sept 13** regular board meeting to talk about the fire hazards of hoarding and blight. He will talk at the beginning of the meeting, followed by a short Q & A. The board is exploring city/Corporation partnerships to address fire and other hazards.

Then, on Wednesday, **Sept 20**, the board has invited **Charles Martin**, analyst for *Association Reserves*, to join us by Zoom to explain our reserve study and our funding. An open forum to discuss reserve funding and other issues members will follow. Members attending this meeting will receive a copy of the reserve study. A Spanish/English translator will be available.

Finally, on Wednesday, **Oct 18**, at 7 PM, our attorney, Jeffrey Allen, will return to explain his advice about wills and trusts. The **Bylaws Committee** will unveil a possible amendment to our bylaws to clarify the language about wills and trusts and to align our bylaws with present law. An open forum will follow to discuss wills, trusts, and tax appeal issues.

I will firm up dates and topics and provide an update in the "Board Notes" that will accompany the September agenda.

Ron Kane, board president

Garden Club

During the August Social Club yard sale, we gave away lots of vegetables and raised \$ selling homemade goodies. Thanks to all who baked, bought, brought home plants, or even just came by to chat!

Our next meeting is Wednesday, **Sept 20**, at 1:30 PM in Kaytlyn O'Connor's yard (17 West Chanslor Court). We will focus on fall/winter

gardening. Hope to see you there! For more info, call 510.447.0135 (leave message).

AV Social Club

Don't miss **Happy Hour in the Hall** on Sunday, **Sept 17**, from 5 PM. Mocktails and appetizers! While sampling the fare listen to Steve and Lisa Krepela of the band Site show play guitar and sing ballads in English and Spanish.



Entertainers like an audience so let's show our appreciation. AVSC encourages donations to help pay performers.

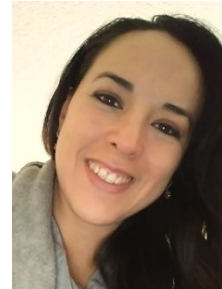
The **monthly planning meeting** will be Monday, **Sept 11**, at 7 PM. We invite all members of the Village to give input. Volunteers, we need YOU to help make the Family **Halloween Bash** on Saturday, **Oct 28**, fun and successful. Contact AV Social Club@yahoo.com

Ballet Classes are here!



Ballet classes for seniors and kids will start Tuesday, **Sept 5**, with teacher

Luisa Garcia Tello (510.500.5344). Check in the office for details.





Ballet Classes for Adults and Seniors

Beginners level
Excellent for developing mobility, flexibility and strength.

Students should wear comfortable workout clothing, and ballet shoes or dance sneakers with split sole.

Classes begin September 5



Reserve your spot 510 500 5344

Maestra Yovana Garcia
270 Curry St. Richmond Ca.
FREE CLASS-Voluntary Donation



Ballet Classes (bilingual Spanish/English)

PRE-BALLET
Ages 4 - 6

Tuesdays 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
They develop active listening, coordination, spatial awareness, and the beginnings of technical training.

BALLET I
Ages 7 - 15

Tuesdays 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Develop body awareness and coordination, explore movement quality and musicality, and discover creative self-expression.

Classes Begin September 5



Reserve your spot now—space is limited

Info 510 500 5344
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Suggested Donation \$55

Other upcoming events

Sunday, Oct 8 speaker **Lester Ellis's** topic is "Richmond's WW2 Housing Built and Demolished";

2nd annual **Arts and Crafts Sale** on Nov 18;
Holiday party on Saturday, Dec 9.

All of our events are held in hall unless otherwise noted.



Second Annual AV Handmade Arts & Crafts Sale & Show

Artists, please sign up and tell your AV family and friends. Glass art, painting, jewelry, dog houses, photography, drawing, ceramics, note cards, knitting or clothing. The work must be original and created by an AV resident or staff member.



Tables are \$10 for an 8-foot table or \$5 for a half table shared with someone else. Table fee can be paid by check (made out to the AV Social Club) or cash (receipts given). Please fill out the form below; there will also be forms at the office.



If you have questions and are ready to drop off your form and cash or check, please call **Liza Allen** (English) at 510.932.1633 or **Mina Lopez** (Spanish) at 510.375.6301.



Holiday Shoppers and Art Lovers! Mark your calendar! See you Saturday, **Nov 18**, 11-3 in the Hall. Sponsored by the Social Club.

Name

Unit #

Email Address

Phone

What art or craft are you bringing?

Full \$10 or Half \$5 table?

Do you have an ant problem?

Many of us in AV are plagued with ants. Chris Baetge, our former office manager, recommended Terro ant bait when I initially moved in. I spent tons of money on it over the year, but it never completely eliminated the ants; it just kept them in one place.

Then another member recommended **Optigard ant gel bait**. This product really works!

The ants swarm it and in a few hours they all disappear. You can

easily wipe up any remaining gel; it doesn't hurt any finish I put it on. You may have to do this several times, but after a few weeks, all my ants were gone. I have only seen it on Amazon (\$28.59). That's four tubes, which will last a long time.

Madeline Marrow, board member



HISTORY CORNER

Bob Buckingham lived in Atchison Village from 1942 to 1956. His father worked for the shipyard and Standard Oil. In July Bob visited our Member Forum and shared some personal photos from the 1940s. In this one from about 1948 we see him with the fire extinguisher that was available on the buildings. He's near his family's home at 130 W. Bissell.

Bob tells of fun times as a teenager with friends from the Village and the broader neighborhood. They often gathered in the Hall, which served as one of the Richmond Housing Authority's Rec (recreation) centers at that time. He even remembers the Atchison Village baseball team uniform when they played against teams from across West County.

Marie Kochaver

Photo courtesy of Bob Buckingham



Hall Update

The old (dropped) ceiling in the hall has been removed by Rafael Vasquez. New lights and electrical work will be installed next. We are now getting bids for the work. Once that is done, we will address the windows, walls, and floor.



Photo Valeria V.



Karen Fitch, from Collins Court, passed on July 31, at age 71. She was raised in Atchison Village and lived here most of her life, becoming a member when her mom left her the unit, in 1983. Karen cared deeply about the Village and considered herself a Legacy member. She regularly participated in AV meetings and events and will be missed.

Got Something to Say?

The **Riveter** is produced by **Valeria Valera**, AV staff member who has been translating the *Riveter* since she was hired and now adds layout to her tasks; **Ron Kane**, who as board president is committed to member communications on top of his many other duties; and **Elizabeth Whipple**, an editor who has worked on most articles in the *Riveter* over the last 2.5 years.

Clearly the group needs your input! Writing or editing—either occasionally or regularly; ideas on topics to cover; or simply coordinating meetings and keeping track of articles in the pipeline.

Please consider joining us. Your reward will be a stronger, better-informed Village membership and a chance to know each month's news in advance! Contact office staff or Elizabeth (ewhipple.wordfixer@gmail.com).

Member Contact Info Needs Updating

AVMHC is installing the HappyFox work order management computer application. This application will:

- enable easy work-order tracking
- help the Board monitor both the types and location of problems
- monitor staff productivity
- and improve member satisfaction by helping staff contact members by voice, text, or email.

A big part of the application set-up process is adding member information to the application. This includes the following contact info for the member, the additional member (if any), and an emergency contact person for the members:

- best phone number for each,
- can we send a text to the phone number?
- and an email address for each

Susan O'Sullivan has been hired to sift through several sources of this information. Once the contact info has been gathered, a letter will be sent to each member asking them to verify their contact information. Members should mark any corrections on the letter and return it to the AV office.

NOTES

At the August board meeting, the board passed a motion to create a list of people who will mow lawns and do gardening for members at reasonable rates. If you or someone you know would like their name and contact information on the list, contact the office at Member.support@avmhc.org

The AV office keeps a list of **units available** for sale. Just stop by to pick up a copy.

Lost your keys, check at the office.

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.

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

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



Riveter Rules / July 2023

The Atchison Village *Riveter* is published monthly by a member committee with board oversight. Its purpose is to satisfy Motion I-26 (1969) to provide Village information to members. To fulfill that motion, the newsletter committee will edit articles for accuracy, clarity, and length.

Per the board, we do not print opinion pieces, classifieds involving money, or fictional writing. Please limit your article to 200 or less. Translations in language other than English are for your convenience only. In the event of a legal dispute, the English version will prevail. You may submit articles to the office or email them to riveter@avmhc.org by the 21st of the month. Photos are welcome.



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

September 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4 Federal Holiday Labor Day Office Closed	5 Ballet Classes Begin	6	7	8 Agenda Delivered	9
10	11 Social Club Meeting 7 PM	12	13 Board Meeting 7:30 PM	14	15	16
17 Happy Hour Sep. 17 at 5 PM	18	19	20 Outreach Comm. Meeting 7 PM	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Crime Watch 7 PM	29	30

Board Meetings every
2nd Wednesday of the
month at 7:30 PM

Love your Block!
Trash Pick-up every
Monday at 3 PM

Happy Hour
Sep. 17 at 5 PM

Halloween Bash
October 28 2023

Annual Arts & Crafts
Sale & Show
November 18 2023

Holiday Party Saturday
Dec. 9, 2023