

# The Atchison Riveter

April 2024

**Unit to be Auctioned:** Unit 304, a one-bedroom unit next to the liquor store on West Bissell, has been listed for auction since March 25. Minimum bid is \$100,000. Members will receive a flyer with the April agenda. Closing date is May 8 at 4:30 PM before the board meeting.

**Health and Safety Inspections:** As we resolve our three crises—plumbing, financial and insurance—we can address buildings and units that have rat and pest problems that got out of control during covid. We are initiating health and safety inspections in the units that harbor these conditions. We will require members to correct those conditions. AV is replacing windows, smoke alarms, and repairing plumbing and electrical problems at the same time. Then, we will contract with a business that specializes in “rat proofing” buildings by performing specialized rodent inspection, sealing any holes in unit walls and areas where pipes come into the unit, closing any openings to the exterior of the buildings, and setting traps for any rats that remain. As we improve procedures, encourage member cooperation, and perform inspections, we can expand inspections in the future into routine operations as required by our bylaws.

*Madeline Marrow*

Notice to members who pay their AV dues through the AV Credit Union

The Credit Union does not automatically adjust your dues payment when our unit fees increase. If you do not notify the Credit Union, your unit payment will be too small, and you will get behind in your dues payments. Please tell the Credit Union to adjust your fee payment before May 1.

## Hall Report

All renovations to the Hall were paid entirely by rental fees. If you did not rent the space, you did not pay for the renovation.

Hall rental fees can only be used to maintain the Hall. The fees are deposited into the Hall account, which is in the AV credit union. All vendors and materials used for the renovation were paid from that account.

Before the renovation the dropped ceiling was disintegrating. According to Ardie Smith, a charter member, the ceiling was installed shortly after the corporation was formed, more than 60 years ago. Several of the florescent bulbs were burned out and no longer being manufactured. The floor was in dire need of refinishing and the walls were full of cracks and holes.

The members who rent the Hall celebrate important family events—weddings, *quinceañeras*, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations. They deserve a classy venue.



*Madeline Marrow*

## PARKING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR LOT 11

Now that the **Parking Lot Roster** is complete, members who park in Lot 11 will be the first to try it out. The roster should tell us which parking spaces are permanently assigned to each unit.

Lot 11 (on Macdonald between the laundromat and the end of AV units) has long been neglected. And now the gate is broken! Marcie Zellner and David Korman, a new PC member, are working it out. The PC recommends the following:

**1. Repaint** all the space numbers, parking lines, and fire lines; **2.** Mount a **No Parking** sign on the telephone pole; and **3.** Paint the raised bumper near the pole with yellow neon paint, so members can avoid it when driving in the dark.

*Submitted by Luz Alvarez Martinez, PC Chairperson/PC, and Michael Parker, Margarito Chacon, and David Korman*



*David Korman photo*

### AV History Corner

At the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of March 3, 1969, the Date of Directors Regular Meeting Changed. Mrs. Owensby said that we should have our regular meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. She moved that this be done and Mr. Lord seconded. Motion carried. Motion No. H-107.

*Submitted by Marie Kochaver*



*Photo 1 Janis Hashe of her garden*

### AV SOCIAL CLUB

On Saturday, **April 6**, the ballet classes will celebrate **Spring** in a performance in the Hall at 4 PM. Afterward there will be games and a potluck at 5:30 PM for all members. Bring a dish to share for 6 to 8. Help decorate Friday eve at 6:30 PM. **Support our kids!**



On Tuesday, **April 9**, at 7:30 PM. **AV Social Club Nominations** and affirmations of Chair, Co-chair and Secretary/treasurer will be held in the Hall. Any members are welcome to attend and become involved.

*Milly Fredrick*







## AV Garden Club News

We had a great turnout for our March meeting! Newer and younger members are adding a lot of energy, and we decided to meet next month: Sunday, **April 14**, at 1 PM in the common area behind 267 W. Chanslor Ave.

(Follow path around right side of fourplex; look for signs.

On Saturday April 27, at 10 AM, an AV member, a master gardener from the Japanese tradition, will help with exfoliating a pear tree in the common area just north of 25 W Bissell Ave, accessible through gate next to 30 Collins Ct or gate near 25 W Bissell Ave.

We are planning a BAKE SALE in May   and a harvest meal (with AV produce!) in late summer.

Our focus is growing food and pollinator plants. All are welcome to join us to share garden ideas, ask questions, or just sit and listen. And, of course, help plan upcoming events!

**For questions/info, call Paula at 510-447-0135**



March AV Garden Club Meeting L to R: Sacha Maxwell, Jane Maxwell, Carol Gould, Robert Martinez, Kaytlyn O'Connor, Betty Marvin, Martha Gruelle, Jean Whittlesey, Kara O'Malley, Connie Hibbard, Christina Bohn Silva, Scott Wolland, Liam Caffrey, Jenna Cohn, Mina Lopez, Lisa Jako, Paula Kristovich Photo Marc Silva

## CalFresh Benefits go Further at Mobile Farm Trucks



If you receive CalFresh benefits (formerly EBT), you can

**double your benefits** at the *Fresh Approach* mobile farm trucks. In addition to CalFresh, *Fresh Approach* also offers a 50% discount on produce every week for participants in WIC, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Supplemental Security Disability Income (SSDI), Medi-Cal, and Medicaid. You are also eligible if you are low income, unemployed or have a membership at a food pantry.

Locally, the Fresh Approach Mobile Farm Truck comes to **Richmond** and **San Pablo** on **Wednesdays**. Find the truck in front of the Richmond Public Library (Nevin Ave. and Civic Center Plaza) from 10 AM–11:30 AM, and at the San Pablo Senior Center (1943 Church Lane), 12 PM–1:30 PM.

Local farmers' markets also participate in the CalFresh Market Match program; most offer between \$5 and \$10 in free produce per day. The Richmond Farmers' Market is open every Friday from 7 AM-5 PM at 24th St and Barrett Ave across from the Richmond Art Center.

For Farmers Markets and CalFresh contact information see page 4.

In addition, Richmond's own **Urban Tilth** has four free farm stands and offers a \$15 a week produce box. For more information on Urban Tilth programs, go to [www.UrbanTilth.org](http://www.UrbanTilth.org) or call 510 232 0911.

*Kaytlyn O'Connor*

## Groundwork Groundbreaking Party



Tree-Fense (CNRA) We invite you all to the launch of our tree-fense project,

on Monday, **April 15**, at 11 AM on the corner of Macdonald and Richmond Parkway. We will provide light refreshments.

**Tree-fense** is a mixture of trees and shrubs planted in dense patterns to buffer pedestrians, cyclists, and residents from nearby road air pollution and traffic noise. The Richmond Parkway Tree-Fense project aims to reduce the effects of pollution from adjacent industries and vehicles in nearby neighborhoods like Atchison Village and the Iron Triangle.

## Green Team

Groundwork Richmond's Green team is a summer youth program that offers outdoor activities and opportunities to Richmond youth ages 13 to 18. The program takes kids on camping, hiking, kayaking, canvassing, tree planting, even educational training and trips. This is also a paid opportunity.

## Workforce Development

Groundwork Richmond's workforce development program is a paid program that aids transitional-aged youth ages 18 to 25 with entry-level green-collar jobs. In this program participants will gain certification and training to better assist them on the job. Contact Destiny Ndeke at 510-253-9283 or [Destiny@groundworkrichmond.org](mailto:Destiny@groundworkrichmond.org).



Paula Kristovich, Treena Hancock, Susan O'Sullivan, and Milly Frederick, who handled the polls for the March 5 primary vote.

Free biodegradable packing peanuts available. Email Madeline at [madelinemarrow@gmail.com](mailto:madelinemarrow@gmail.com) to set up a time to meet in the office. Bring your own bag.

## Contra Costa Farmers' Markets

<https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/7549/Contra-Costa-Certified-Farmers-Markets>.

Keep an eye out for a new famers' market coming soon to Marina Bay. To learn more about the Market Match program, go to [www.MarketMatch.org](http://www.MarketMatch.org).

To learn more about CalFresh benefits and eligibility, go to <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/food-nutrition/calfresh>

or call the CalFresh Benefits Helpline 1-877-847-3663. And to learn more about the *Fresh Approach* mobile farm truck go to

<https://www.freshapproach.org/mobile-farmers-market> or call 925 771 2990.



## Atchison Village Board

To contact the board send an email to [member.support@avmhc.org](mailto:member.support@avmhc.org) with "Attention Board" in the subject line.

## AV Office

510.234.9054

## Hours

Monday to Friday | 10 AM–4:30 PM

**Staff** Alicia Becerra and Valeria V

**Maintenance staff** Monday to Friday | 8 AM–5 PM (closed 12-1 PM)

**Work orders** may be sent by phone/voicemail or email

For after-hours and weekend emergencies call

**Ron Kane** 510.220.6434

**Alicia Becerra** 510.806.8945

**Mental Health Crisis Hotline** 888.678.7277

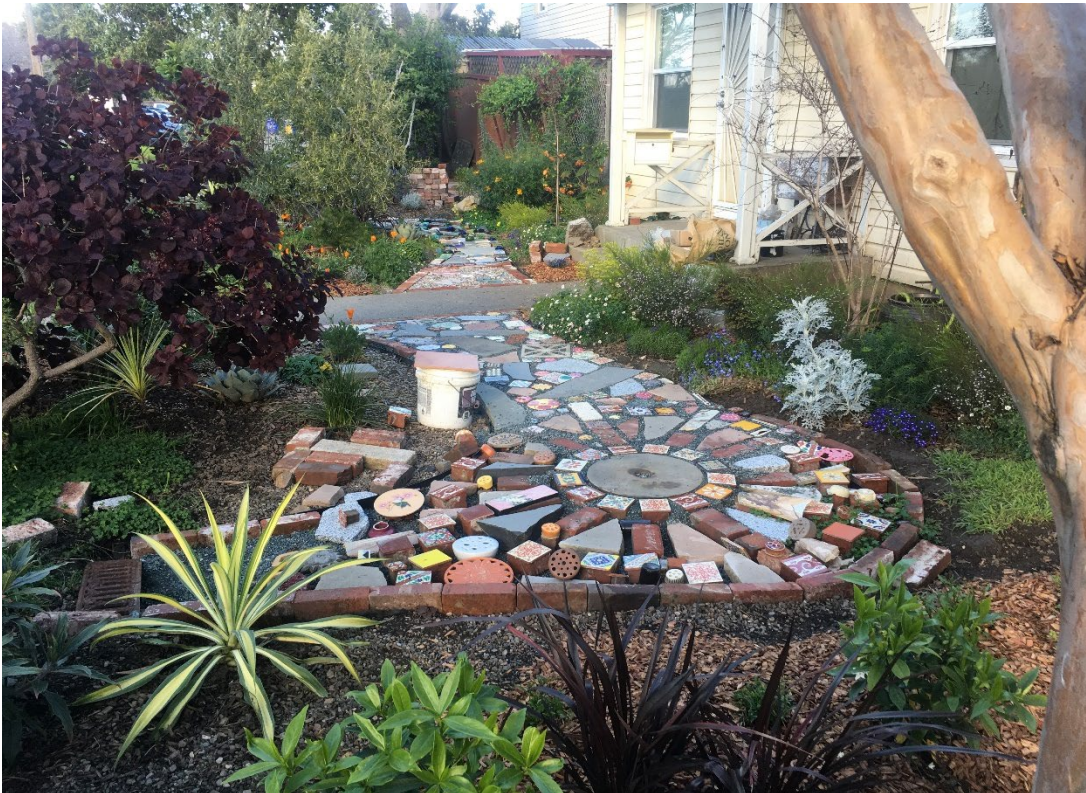
**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services** 988

In an emergency, call 911

**Richmond Police non-emergency** 510.233.1214

**Animal Control** 1.925.646.2441

**Air quality complaints (BAAQMD)** 800.334.6367



*Decorative garden path on Garrard Blvd. (a work in progress), designed by*

*Deborah Dethier.*

*Photo Liam Caffrey*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6 Ballet Recital 4PM
7	8	9	10 Board meeting 7:30PM	11	12	13
14 Garden Club mtg. 1 PM	15 Tree-fence 11 AM	16	17 Crime Watch 7PM	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

### Notes:

- Ballet classes are now on Thursday 4:30 to 6:30PM
- Recital on April 6 at 4PM
- launch of our tree-fence project on April 15
- Due date for the auction May 8 at 4:30 PM