



The Atchison Riveter

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AV Garden Club

Happy July Atchison, gardeners! Our tomatoes and garlic are finally getting ready to harvest and we're soaking up these extra-long days. We had the pleasure of getting together at Mina's yard last month and it's hard not to feel inspired after seeing her gorgeous fruit trees and flowers.

One of our upcoming projects is to create a "Gleaning Map" to identify fruit trees in common spaces that are available for anyone to harvest. Last year Connie and other neighbors were inundated with plums from the trees near our front office and tried to alert people they could be picked. Our goal is less food spoilage! No private trees will be listed on the map unless the owner requests it, and we'll be reaching out for permission before including those in public spaces as well. Urban Tilth has also said they are happy to help folks harvest fruit trees so the fruit can be shared with people in need. If you have questions about the gleaning map, or would like to be added to the garden club email list, email teddyberghausen@gmail.com.

Our July meeting will be at Jane Maxwell's yard on **Sunday, July 20, at 1PM**. Please bring a chair if you are able. Hope to see you there!

Teddy Berghausen



Be Careful and Kind this Holiday



Things get really noisy around here before and during the **July 4** holiday weekend. Please be kind to your neighbors and any animals within your vicinity: **DO NOT** set off or explode rockets and bombs. It sounds like a war zone. The dry grasses and trash can catch fire from a spark or match. Just skip it this year. And keep your pets in and safe with you.

Elizabeth Whipple

WCC Free Summer Meal Program

Enjoy a fresh lunch courtesy of the county Food Services (510.307.4580) on weekdays through **Friday, Aug 8, 11-11:45 AM**. The van parks on the south side of the park on W. Bissell at Follett. Be sure to collect your litter.



Get Ready for Atchison Village Community Day 2025!

Mark your calendars! **Atchison Village Community Day** is just around the corner, promising a day of fun, connection, and community spirit on **Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 11 AM to 4 PM.**

We're pulling out all the stops to make this year's event the best ever! We are floating the idea of a friendly competition at a **Bake-Off Competition**. The day will also be a fantastic opportunity to connect with the heart of our community. Local nonprofits that benefit our area will be on hand, alongside various Atchison Village clubs, showcasing the incredible work being done right here at home. We will invite **local dignitaries** to join us for the festivities.

Get ready to tap your feet and move to the rhythm with exciting performances throughout the day! We'll be treated to a vibrant **Son de la Tierra dance performance** and the festive sounds of **mariachis**, adding a lively soundtrack to our celebration.

Community Day isn't just for adults – we are brainstorming activities for our younger residents too, such as interactions with **animals**, kids' games, classic fun with **piñatas**, and creative designs from **face painting**. This promises to be a memorable day for everyone in Atchison Village, and we can't wait to celebrate with you.

Want to Help Make it Happen?

We're still in the planning stages and would love your help to make this the **best Community Day ever!** If you're interested in volunteering your time and ideas, please reach out! You can email us at atchisonvillageron@gmail.com or join us at our next planning meeting on **Thursday, July 24th** at 4:00 pm in the Hall. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to connect with your neighbors and celebrate our wonderful community!

Ron Kane



(CERT) Event Turnout

About 40 people attended the **Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N)** Neighborhood Council-sponsored **CERT** event on June 23, in the Hall, where three firefighters engaged members in a lively exchange on how to be prepared for an emergency. Vicki Sawicki, who organized the event with Geri Veith, said that a city grant to CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) provided waterproof prep kits and refreshments.

Vicki Sawicki

Photo John Monks



Summer Fruit Grab

Summer fruit has arrived. Perhaps you've noticed the plums, cherries, and baby apples. The yellow-plum tree in our common space is laden with ripening fruit, which is delicious. Come by the first week of July and help yourself. It's on W. Bissell close to the sound wall. Go left along the walkway behind 357 W. Bissell. Plum tree is on the left.



June Board Meeting Motions

MOTION RE05142025.01 to accept Committee assignment process as policy
Moved by Ron, seconded by David. Ayes: unanimous

MOTION RE05142025.02 to accept updated and revised Board Policy Document
Moved by Ron, seconded by Milly. Ayes: unanimous

MOTION RE05142025.03 to amend Motion RE07102024.10 to read: that after a single courtesy notice about an overgrown yard or lawn, and 2 weeks has elapsed, that the fine schedule of \$50, \$100, then \$150 for each occurrence thereafter in a one-year period will be assessed. And the Corporation will perform the yard maintenance and bill the Member and additional \$55 for the work. If the Member brings the yard into compliance before the 2nd letter, then no fines will be assessed immediately. It is the Member's duty to maintain their yard/lawn.
Moved by David, seconded by Ron. Ayes: 9 Nays: 1

Chris Baetge

Report from Ukraine, Barbara Postel

Since June 3, I have the amazing opportunity in the mornings to join volunteers from Ukraine, France, Czech Republic, Netherlands, Germany, Norway, Switzerland, England, Ireland, Canada, US, Chile, and Australia at Lviv Volunteer Kitchen processing rhubarb, peaches, walnuts, mint, chamomile, potatoes, zucchini, onions, garlic, beets, and more for soldier's provisions. And in the afternoon I join others weaving the nets at Lviv's New Acropolis Cultural Center.

I'm not going to lie, war fatigue is palpable here. Three and a half years fighting back Russia's brutal, terrorist, aggression. Each morning at 9:00, on signal, everything stops for a minute of silence to honor the dead. On Sunday in the Field of Mars I walked among the hundreds of fallen soldiers from Lviv. Families grieved and tended graves of soldiers lost 2022 through 2025, some as recently as last month. The sacrifice Ukrainians are enduring is unthinkable.

Ukraine cannot give up. There are good days like June 1st's genius Operation Spiderweb and bad nights like June 17th's massive bombing of Kyiv - 30 civilians lost, 172 wounded, and fires and major destruction. But I'm a witness to the unflinching resolve, through it all, of Ukrainian volunteers who will not give up.

For some current views from here, [Gabriellius Landsbergis](#), as usual, tells it like it is. And the [Kyiv Independent](#) analyzes the effects if US support is lost.

To contribute to the camouflage netting work while I'm here, PayPal me at bpostel@alumnae.mills.edu.

Thank you for following along with me again this summer,

Barbara
Slava Ukraini!



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with the Richmond city code.**



July 2025

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
31	1	2	3	4 Office CLOSED	5	6
7 Social Club mtg 7 pm	8	9 Regular Board Mtg 7:30 pm	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Garden Club mtg 1 pm
21	22	23	24 Community Day mtg. 4 pm Crime Watch 7 pm	25	26	27
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Notes

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