



# The Atchison Riveter

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## COMMUNITY DAY CELEBRATION SATURDAY, OCT 4, 2025 11 AM - 4 PM

Atchison Village (AV) celebrates its many cultures and traditions on **Community Day**. We encourage AV members to share their heritage by preparing a **potluck** dish that represents their culture. Winner of the **CAKE BAKE-OFF**, by Connie Hibbard, will win a prize. So, AV bakers, get ready to shake and bake.

### PROGRAM FOR THE DAY

#### **12 PM:** Opening Ceremony: **Aztec Dancers, Danza Xitlalli**

The dancers will perform in the park. Bring a lawn chair for the 45-minute spectacle. This might be something new for many of you. **Fair warning** for those who live near the park: there may be three very large, very loud drums for the duration of the performance.

- **In the Hall** [Ongoing Art Projects FOR ALL AGES]  
**Potluck Lunch** will follow the Aztec dancers
- **Cake Bake-Off** competition will follow lunch
- **3 PM Son Alegre**, youth dance group from AV that plays music on an 8-string instrument called "Jarana" Jarocha. Traditional music from Veracruz.
- **3:30 PM Blocko**, youth group on steel pan drums
- **4 PM Knife Sharpening** with Liam Cafferty

Throughout the day you can visit the many community groups at tables behind the hall, including Urban Tilth, Richmond Moves, Richmond Rising, Atchison Village Immigrant Support, and more.



## Oct AV Social Club – Announcements & Events

Our annual 🎃 **HALLOWEEN Costume Parade** 🍊 around the Village Park will be on Sunday, **Oct 26, 2025**. The parade will begin at 4:30 PM or later. We may serve dinner after the parade. **Parents – please let us know** at **AV\_Social\_Club@yahoo.com** if you plan to attend and which is best for your family – just a parade, or a parade and dinner. In mid-October we will distribute a flyer with times and more details. Meanwhile, start planning your costumes! 🦋

Please come to our October AV Social Club Meeting on **Tuesday, Oct 7**, at 7 PM in the hall. We need your ideas and energy. You can contact us with any questions, or to volunteer, at **AV\_Social\_Club@yahoo.com** or call Susan at (510) 230-7710 (text is best).

*Susan O'Sullivan*

## Garden Club News



Happy Fall, Atchison gardeners!

We can't wait to see you at **Community Day** this week! We have lots of plants, produce, and seeds to share at our table so stop by and say hi.

We'll also give out fliers to our Sunday, **Nov 9**, event, a **vermicomposting class, 2-4 PM\*** in the Hall! We received a grant from the city to hire an educator to give out free worm bins of various sizes and the worms and supplies to get you started. There will also be a Spanish translator!

\*Vermiculture and vermicomposting refer to raising worms on our kitchen scraps to use their castings (worm poop) to add nutrients to the soil.

Last month we met in Ellis's yard and enjoyed one of the last cool days before our autumn heat wave began. We're stepping up our drip irrigation, our beekeepers are getting their hives ready for fall and winter, and we exchanged notes on how to amend our soil.

Scott described our meetings as rooted in generosity, in knowledge, produce, and care. I personally have been given so much since joining a year ago and am grateful to Connie for curating such a special space. Our next meeting will be at Maggie's house, 15 Collins Ct, on **Sunday, Oct 26, at 1 PM**. Please bring a chair if you can, and make sure to wear sunscreen!

*Teddy Berghausen*

## Final Free Wellness Classes This Fall

Please take advantage of the final six **free wellness classes** in the AV hall on the following October and November **Sunday afternoons from 3-4 PM**:

10/5 Qigong	10/12 Chair Yoga
10/19 Qigong	10/26 Chair Yoga
11/16 Qigong	11/23 Chair Yoga

The classes are low key, gentle, and supportive. Paid for by City of Richmond N2N Grant and hosted by AV Neighborhood Council and Social Club. Please join us!

*Geri Veith*

## Documents Destruction Fall 2025 (Second Notice)

NOTICE. The Board of Directors has identified records of the Corporation suitable for destruction. **This material shall be destroyed on or after Oct 9, 2025.** The list of records to be destroyed is available on the bulletin boards outside the Corporation's Office, and/or by requesting the list from the Corporation's Office.

Any member who wishes to challenge the destruction of any record(s) shall file, by Oct 8, 2025, a written notice with the Board of Directors, identifying the record(s) noted for destruction, and a reason for retention and preservation of the record(s).

*Martha Gruelle*

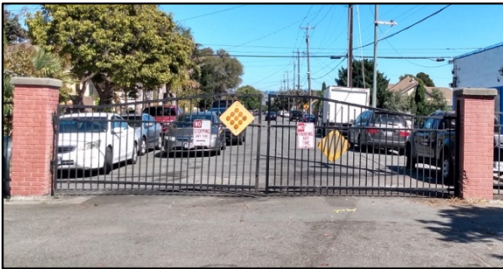
### Barbara Postel Report from Ukraine

More than 40 members and friends assembled to enjoy a hearty dinner (latkes, applesauce, cheesecake!) and presentation by Barbara Postel on Sept 6, not long after her return from Lviv, Ukraine. She spent June and July with her colleagues from 2024 to create camo nets and provisions for the troops. Photo by Chuck Locher.



### Security Gate Fixed

The all-important security gate on W. Bissell @ the corner store was repaired at last. Vicki worked with the City to make it happen. Good work! Photo by John Monks.



### Elizbeth Whipple and Chris Dunaway to Step Down from the Riveter

Attention, readers! This is our last issue of the Riveter. We notified the board of our decision on September 13, offering to assist with the transition. It's a worthy part of the AV community and deserves member and board support. Now is a good time to speak up. Help the Riveter survive and reflect your concerns. We enjoyed working with you.

*Elizbeth Whipple (editor) and Chris Dunaway (designer)*

### SS Red Oak Victory Ship Events

The Richmond Museum's historic WW2 ship will conclude its season of monthly breakfasts on Sunday, **Oct 12**, 2025 during Fleet Week. Live music and an anticipated flyover by the **Blue Angels** flyover are included. Tickets are expected to sell out. Food service is from 9 AM to 12:30 PM. For more information and reservations go to <http://redoakvictory.us>.

The monthly **movie night**, Thursday, **Oct 16**, at 6:30 PM, is "Double Indemnity." Suggested donation is \$15. 1337 Canal Blvd., Berth 5.

*Milly Frederick*

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts and Crafts Sale and Show

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Arts and Crafts Sale and Show team is getting into gear for this year's event, **Saturday, Dec 6**, from 11 AM - 3 PM at the hall.

We have a table at **Community Day** on Oct 4. Please stop by! There will be a fused-glass class led by **Carol Gould**, where you can make Frankenstein, mummy or ghost ornaments for Halloween. [Please sign up in the office, free class limited to 10 participants, materials provided.] We will also have rock painting for the young or young at heart. No sign-up necessary.



The **Arts and Crafts Sale and Show** will offer pottery, fused glass, sculpture, paintings, jewelry, original clothing, dried flowers, dog houses, and original note cards. Light snacks will be provided. No entry fee, no purchase required. Sponsored by the Social Club. If you are an artist, please join us! Interested artists please call or text Liza Allen (510.932.1633) to order a display table for \$10 or half a table for \$5.

*Jean Whittlesey*

## Playground in Richard Boyd Park

Thanks to **Doria Robinson**, District 3 councilperson, the trash container in the fenced park playground has been moved within reach, outside the metal fence. Still no word on why the playground has been closed for months: unsafe equipment? Give the Councilperson a call: 510.620.6568.

## August Board Motions Approved at the September Meeting

**MOTION RE08132025.01** to table Motion 12B to pause the Collins contract.  
Moved by Michael, seconded by Candy. Ayes: unanimous

**MOTION RE08132025.02** the Finance Committee would like to request that the Board of Directors allow us to hire at least two, temporary skill-specific accountants to review, manage and reconcile past accounts, including Member A/R dues. This will allow the issuing of current, and correct accounting reports, including financial statements, also resulting in the alignment of existing Collins' starting figures.

The maximum estimated cost for this process is \$55,000, budgeted for approximately 3 months of (Work) @ 30hrs/wk. This estimate is high because it reflects approximately 600hrs of services.  
Moved by Casey, seconded by Tara. Ayes: unanimous

**MOTION RE08132025.03** that the Board of Directors of Atchison Village Mutual Home Corporation allocate the following funds to retain the legal services of Matthew N. White, Esq.: \$5,000.00 to pay Attorney White's initial retainer fee.

The project-specific legal services to be provided by Attorney White are:

1. Issues pertaining to the Mandel Matter, including resolution of the Court-ordered sanction.
2. Issues pertaining to recouping costs/fees/expenses related to the Mandel Matter.
3. Other issues as determined by the President that require legal services to protect and serve the interests of the Corporations and its Members.

The President, if he or she deems it necessary, is authorized to spend an additional \$5,000.00 for Attorney White's legal services. Moved by Michael, seconded by Kevin. Ayes: unanimous

*Chris Baetge*

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Office Manager Alicia Becerra,  
510-806-8945.**

**Animal Control: 925-335-8300**

**Mental Health Crisis Hotline:**

**888-678-7277**

**Air quality complaints (BAAQMD): 800-334-6367**

**Richmond Police Non-Emergency: 510-233-1214**

**In a life-threatening emergency, call 911**

*The Atchison Riveter* is published monthly with board oversight to provide information to Village members. The Newsletter Committee edits articles for accuracy, clarity, and length (under 300 words is preferred).

We do not print classifieds involving money or fictional writing. In the event of a legal dispute, the English version of this newsletter will prevail. You may submit articles to the corporation office or email to the committee at

RiveterCommentsAV@gmail.com.

**Deadline: 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

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## **Atchison Village Office**

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### **Hours**

Monday-Friday, 10 AM-4:30 PM

### **Staff**

Alicia Becerra and Valeria Valera

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

Maintenance staff is on duty 8 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Friday, except lunch hour (noon - 1 PM) and holidays.

**Atchison Village is a no-smoking community in compliance  
with the Richmond city code.**





# October 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Hall Committee Meeting 7 pm	2	3	4 Community Day Celebration 11 am to 4 pm
5 Qigong 3-4 PM	6	7 Social Club Meeting 7 pm	8 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM	9 Document destruction	10	11
12 Chair Yoga 3-4 pm	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Qigong 3-4 PM	20	21	22	23 Crime Watch meeting 7 PM	24	25
26 Chair Yoga 3-4 pm Halloween parade 4 pm	27	28	29	30	31	

## Notes

- Vermicomposting Class 2-4 PM on Nov 9
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts and Crafts Sale and Show Dec 6