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Your February 28, 2021 Issue

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Activities to Look Forward to in March

We have a number of things going on this month. Our **recycling efforts** will continue with a focus on household items for the Community Warehouse. We know people have been de-cluttering their houses as they stay home. On **Tuesday, March 9**, we will be picking up linens, towels, kitchenware, small appliances, etc. If you have something that you want to donate, please call the office at 503 308 8223 or send us an email to info@wllovillage.org.

Going forward, we are planning on doing a pick-up every second Tuesday of every month. In April, we are going to be focused on electronics. Computers, monitors, printers, cellphones, TVs, etc.... if it got a cord, it most likely will qualify.

Another effort that is ongoing is our **puzzle exchange**. Whether you are looking for a new puzzle or want to get rid of an old one, please get in touch with us.

The **Food as Medicine** online classes got started with a bit of a delay - we had to wait for power to return. They are six sessions and there are all full already. Let us know if you're interested in a repeat event. Email suannej@wllovillage.org to let her know or call the office.

Whether you got only recently interested in Russia through our book club's focus on the country, or if you have been curious about the country for a long time, mark your calendar for March 12 when Sherl Roberts will share stories and picture of her **experiences traveling in Russia**.

Surviving the Great 2021 Winter Event



We hope you all managed through whatever mother nature threw at us over the last couple of weeks. WLLO reached out to many of you and was able to help in some ways big and small to make the winter storm more bearable. For example, Laura M., our co-chair, a member and volunteer, managed to drive

some phone chargers to members in need. Laura is one of our many volunteers we are so very grateful to have. In her case, she also took it upon herself to represent WLLO at Villages NW meetings, calling eligible members, helping them set up appointments and driving them to scheduled appointments (as needed), all to insure we get our COVID-19 vaccinations if we want them. She's also helping other community members set up vaccination appointments. This is what the Villages are about, and we can't thank Laura enough!

Pictures don't lie. You can look forward to Spring. It's just around the corner.



Saying Goodbye to Bill Peck

We are very sorry to announce that Bill Peck passed on January 29th. Bill was one of our members from West Linn where he lived with his wife. He stood out as being always so very polite and appreciative of any help from WLLO volunteers to the point that he would write a gracious thank you email after every service received. The volunteers who conducted the initial membership interview recall him having a lot of questions that were very well thought out, as would be appropriate for a retired Reed College Professor of Philosophy and Humanities. Bill will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with his wife and daughter.



The NO-GUILT Book Club meets once a month on Zoom. In our March meeting, we will be discussing the book *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. That is the book chosen by ["Lake Oswego Reads"](#) for 2021.

As always, you can read whatever you want about the theme of the month, or nothing at all. If you enjoy books and like talking and hearing about them, feel free to participate even if you haven't read anything recently.

For the month of April, we have chosen Africa as our theme. It is "your choice" again. Read a book about Africa, or that is tied to Africa by author or plot and tell us all about it. Everyone is welcome!



Welcome to Our New WLLO Volunteers!

Darcy P. and Diane H. joined WLLO as volunteers in January. Over the next few weeks, Kathy L., Paula L. and Richard B. will be coming on-board. Thank you so much to all of you for joining our Village and for your help in making it even better.



Make Time For Art!

Our own Dorie R. who is spearheading our art group wants you to know about a few things art related.

While the **Portland Art Museum** is still closed due to the ongoing pandemic, the museum store is open online. You can browse the [Museum's website](#) and shop in the [store](#). If you are looking for a change of scenery on your walls, consider the [Rental Sales Gallery](#) that is associated with the Portland Art Museum and has more than 1,000 works of art by regional artists available for rent and sale. It is open by appointment only.

The Hallie Ford Museum of Art in Salem is offering timed entry tickets for the general public again since February 25. Be mindful that they cannot accommodate walk-ins for now. Find out the details on their [website](#) or by calling 503 370 6855. If you prefer to enjoy art from the safety of your own home, consider the Museum's lecture series. The current theme is art, social history, literature and the science of the 1930s. You can find the program [here](#).



March Birthdays

Sheri R., Sandra K. and Becky C. will be celebrating their birthdays in March. We wish you all health and happiness and that you'll find much joy in the year to come.



Don't forget to check out our new WLO video channel on YouTube. We have four videos posted so far. Here is [the link](#).

Events in the Month of March

If you know of any event that would be a great addition to our activities, or if you have comments or suggestions about an event you attended, we want to hear from you. Please email us at info@wlovillage.org or leave us a message at (503) 308 8223.

**Every Monday. March
1, 8, 15, 22, 29
TED Talk &
Discussion**

1:00 pm

Online

Each week we will choose a brief TED Talk to watch together then have a short discussion. Call or email the office for sign-in or call-in information!

RSVP required to get the dial-in information.

**Thursday, March 4
Online Happy Hour**

5:00 pm

Online

Join us for our fun online gathering. Be prepared with your own beverage and snack and let's enjoy each other's company. Contact the office (503-308-8223) or email info@wllovillage.org to get log-in details and the password.

RSVP required to get the dial-in information.

**Every Friday. March
5, 12, 19, 26
Friday Coffee**

9:00 am

Online

WLLO is hosting a virtual gathering every Friday at 9 am. Contact the office (503-308-8223) or email info@wllovillage.org to get log-in details and the password.

RSVP required to get the dial-in information.

**Tuesday, March 9
The No-Guilt Book
Club**

10:00 am

Online

Join us for our no-guilt book club meeting where you can read whatever you want following a general theme. This time around, we are discussing *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson.

Come prepared to talk about your favorite piece of literature. If you haven't read for a while, maybe you'll be inspired after our discussion! We will send out an email with the Zoom link to all members and volunteers a day or two before the gathering. Or call the office! 503-308-8223.

RSVP required to get the dial-in information.

**Tuesday, March 9
Recycling Day**

Pick up at your home

Our volunteers gladly drop by your home to pick up household items for the Community Warehouse. We know people have been de-cluttering their houses as they stay home. We will pick up linens, towels, kitchenware, small appliances, etc.

To schedule a pickup, call our office at 503-308-8223 and leave a message. A volunteer will return your call and will

help set it all up.

**Thursday,
March 11, 25
DEI Affinity Group**

2:00 pm

Online

The DEI Affinity Group meets via ZOOM on the second and fourth Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00 pm. All village volunteers and members are invited to join the Zoom video call and listen to speakers, get DEI resources, hear what is happening in the Village Movement California and more. Join the group and share your personal experiences with ageism, sexism, ableism, racism and more. Learn more about diversity, equity and inclusion and how these social issues affect villages. To get the ZOOM link or for more information contact Jurie Lewis, DEI Affinity Group facilitator, at realestatebyjury@msn.com. Or call the office and we will facilitate the connection.

**Friday,
March 12
Russia Travelodge**

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Online

Sherl Roberts shares her experiences when traveling in Russia. She will have pictures to show and many interesting stories to tell. Call the office for more information.

**Thursday, March 18
Online Happy Hour
And Games**

5:00 pm

Online

Join us for our fun online gathering. Be prepared with your own beverage and snack and let's enjoy each other's company. Contact the office (503-308-8223) or email info@wllovillage.org to get log-in details and the password.

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Last but not least: If you're stuck at home and bored, check out [our tips for PlayTime on our website](#). We're sure you'll find a distraction that will brighten your day.



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