

The Village Voice

VTL NEWSLETTER

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HOA BOARD & COMMITTEE NEWS

From Our HOA Board

By Glen Feagins, President

Please cast your vote for the proposed amendments to the DCCRs! The ballots will be available starting Monday, September 25 and must be returned by October 25. There are three different proposed amendments and each amendment is voted and counted separately. For an amendment to pass it must receive a vote from 55% (197 votes) of the lot owners, only one vote per amendment per lot. It is very important for all eligible lot owners to vote in order to attain a passing percentage. Watch for an email from management on Monday, September 25 with detailed voting instructions, please follow their instructions completely to ensure the voting process runs smoothly.



From Our Architectural Control Committee

By Mike McDaniel



Fall has finally arrived and many of you may be planting trees. Please submit a request for this and follow the Guidelines on the minimum size of plantings. "Trees must be a minimum of 1" caliper diameter as measured 1' above tree base." Replacement plantings in an existing bed do not require an approval.

Now is a good time to clean and freshen up the wood fencing. By removing mold and adding a fresh coat of stain owners can extend the life of the fencing dramatically. Additionally, adding a rot board will extend the life of the fence. See revision to the guidelines for specifics on rot boards.

VTL Calendar of Events

("VTL Calendar of Events" include special events open to all Residents. These events are sponsored by SEC, Roadrunners, Theater Guild, Veterans Group and Resident Hosts.)

September

Fall Play – Friday & Saturday September 29 & 30
Event Chair: Theater Guild

October

Cardio Drumming Returns – Tuesday October 3
Event Chair: Marcia Graves

National Night Out – Tuesday October 3
Event Chair: Office Staff

Halloween Clubhouse Decorating – Saturday October 7
Event Chair: Marcia Graves

Poker Tournament – Saturday October 14
Event Chair: Tom McLean

Progressive Dinner – Saturday October 14
Event Chair: Carol-Ann Hallam

Halloween Music Mixer – Friday October 27
Event Chair: Jay & Marianne Citraro

Halloween Golf Cart Parade – Saturday October 28
Event Chair: Roadrunners

November

Backyard Garden Tour – Sunday November 5
Event Chair: Tina Copenhagen

Turkey Trot – Friday November 17
Event Chair: MaryAnn Crowder

December

Poker Run – Saturday December 2
Event Chairs: John & Chris Boswell

Golf Cart Santa Parade – Sunday December 17
Event Chair: Roadrunners

Golf Cart Christmas Caroling -Thursday December 21
Event Chair: Roadrunners

New Year's Eve Party – Sunday December 31
Event Chair: Marcia Graves

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the VTL Theater Guild presents

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A situation comedy written by Ian McWethy.

September 29 & 30 7:00 PM

Doors open 6:30

Tickets \$10

Go on Sale September 1



SAVE THE DATE!!!

**National Night Out is Neighbor Night
Out at VTL
Tuesday, October 3rd @ 5:30pm**

National Night Out 2023 is celebrated at VTL with 14 neighborhood parties in our community. We are continuing a tradition that folks enjoyed last year. We also hope to have some "first responder" guests visiting during the evening.



VTL PROGRESSIVE DINNER
SATURDAY OCTOBER 14 6PM

All interested in participating:
Sign up at the Clubhouse by October 4
Questions: Contact the Event Coordinator
Carol-Ann Hallam
challam@comcast.net

Discount Poker Tournament NEW FORMAT

**\$10 Buy In Winner Take All
\$10,000 in Chips with 1 Re-Buy**

Saturday October 14 12 Noon

RSVP or Walkins Welcome
Tom McLean
281-467-7966





HALLOWEEN MUSIC MIXER

Open Mic, Karaoke and Dance to Halloween Music

The Monster Mash, Thriller, Don't Fear the Reaper, Witchy Women
Zombie, I Put a Spell on You, In the Midnight Hour, Ghost Busters
Highway to Hell, Purple People Eater, Spooky, Werewolves of London

Friday, October 27 @ 6:30 pm

Dress in your Spookiest Halloween Costume
BYOB & a Halloween Appetizer or Dessert to share



ANNUAL VILLAGE HALLOWEEN GOLF CART PARADE



Saturday October 28 – 4 pm

Line up at 3:30 at Clubhouse Parking Lot

Decorate your cart

Wear your Halloween Party Costumes

Bring some treats to throw to the kiddos and
your neighbors!





2nd ANNUAL
BACKYARD GARDEN TOUR

Sunday, November 5th
3:00pm - 5:00pm



New Year's Eve
2024 PARTY



Sunday, December 31st

Party begins at 6:30 PM until midnight.
Dinner will begin at 7:00pm to 8:00pm
and will be catered by Arthur Thomas,
Dinner for Two Catering.

**Special Performance by
Jerry Atwood and Bill Samson**

TICKETS \$70 PER PERSON

Only 21 tickets left for New Years Eve, so hurry to the clubhouse to get your tickets before they are gone.

Paul Vandenberg and Diane Boatright have graciously volunteered to donate the champagne for toasting in the New Year! Thank you, Paul and Diane!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is Neighbor Night Out at the VTL
Tuesday, October 3rd @ 5:30pm



National Night Out 2023 will be celebrated at the VTL with 14 neighborhood block parties in our community. We are continuing a tradition that folks enjoyed last year. We also hope to have some “first responder” guests visiting during the evening.

**National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

By Carol-Ann Hallam

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14 at 6 p.m



In the past at VTL we've had three Progressive Dinners, the last one was in June. This is an excellent way to meet people and have a four-course dinner party at four different houses, with you only doing one of the courses at your home. This is the format in the past that worked out well.

Groups are divided into 8 people going to four different homes. The coordinator assigns people to groups. The idea is to meet VTL residents you might not know or meet.

Single residents are most welcome, but we ask that they please partner up with another single person and decide whose house they will use.

The menu is typically as follows:

Appetizer and cocktail	Entrée and wine
Salad and rolls	Dessert and coffee

It can be helpful if you decide on a theme amongst yourselves e.g., Italian American etc. although this is not necessary.

This will be for residents only. I would like to get the names of people who are interested now, so please sign up at the club house. Those first on the initial list will be given preference to late comers with the deadline to sign up being October 4th. We do need blocks of eight people. Courses like appetizers and desserts do not require a table that seats eight. The Office will send you a reminder nearer the time.

Once you have been assigned to a group you need to contact your group and decide amongst yourselves who will prepare which course. Some houses may be some distance apart so be prepared to drive from one location to the next. The host of the next house, should leave a little earlier to get prepared to receive the next guests.

This does make for a very fun evening.

Event Coordinator: Carol-Ann Hallam – challam@comcast.net. For any questions or concerns.

HALLOWEEN DECORATING

By Marcia Graves

PLEASE join me in setting up the decorations for “Halloween in the Clubhouse” on **Saturday October 7 at 9:00 a.m.** We have some new décor that will require lots of help, so come...have some fun, and join us for a light lunch following the set up.

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE FRONT DESK SO I KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO PREPARE!



HALLOWEEN WEEKEND

By Marianne Citraro

Get your Halloween Costumes ready and warm up your voices. We are planning a Great Halloween Weekend in the Village. (Note: this is a change of plans from the previously announced Halloween party)

Our **Friday Night Music Mixer on October 27** will be Halloween Themed. So, we'll be playing all your spooky favorites such as “The Monster Mash”, “Thriller”, “Witchy Woman”, “Spooky”, “Love Potion Number 9”, “Werewolves of London” and many more. You might want to prepare an Open Mic or Karaoke Song or two to go with the theme. Wear a costume! BYOB and a Halloween themed treat, appetizer or dessert to share. The music starts at 6:30.

Try not to spill any wine on your costumes because you'll need them for the **Roadrunner's Halloween Golf Cart Parade on Saturday October 28**. Dress up and decorate your cart. Bring along some candy to throw to your neighbors. Neighbors, dress up your grandkids and get them out front to catch the treats as golf carts parade by. Line up for golf carts is at 3:30 at the Club House parking lot. Parade starts at 4pm.



WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Joe & Colleen Lippert 1602 Lansing Lane



We are excited about meeting and socializing with everyone here at VTL. Joe is working in the oil and gas industry, and Colleen is working in the aerospace industry. They both love the outdoors and traveling.

Al & Kay Waghorne 1615 Pelago

My husband, Al and I are happy to be in this beautiful community. We have a little 14yr.old Shi-Tzu, named Lexi who runs our household. We have a daughter, son-in-love and two precious grandchildren who live in Seabrook. We moved into the area from NW Houston to be close to our daughter and her family. My husband retired about 10 years ago from the steel industry after worked in it for 55 years. We lived on our boat for 5 years, bought and now have sold a condo and are now looking forward to our new home here in the VTL. We have several friends who live out here and love it. We are members of Living Word Church of Bay Area. We are also members at Southshore Harbor Golf Course. My husband plays regularly but I am only a fair-weather golfer. We enjoy traveling and getting together with friends. Al likes to play cards and I like bunco. We both look forward to seeing what all the community holds and making new friends.



Joe & Kim Myers 1662 Cecina



We are Joe and Kim Myers. We met here in League City almost 50 years ago. (9-1974) We have worked and played in many cities and states since. Joe is a retired property adjuster with USAA. I am a retired systems analyst with The Employees Retirement System of Texas.

We have 2 doodles, Khloe and Dobby. We moved here to spend more time with friends and family. We love it here in the Village already.

Fur Baby of the Month **ROCKY MATRANGA**

By Paula Matranga



Rocky is our furry little lion! We adopted him when he was 9 months old. He's been a part of our lives for 13 years now! He loves watching birds from the patio and really enjoys a good nap! His favorite food is chicken with gravy and an occasional taste of BlueBell ice cream!



THEATER GUILD

By Holly Cooper

For your entertainment, the VTL Theater Guild presents



Bad Auditions by Bad Actors

A situation comedy written by Ian McWethy.

A casting director has one day to find the leads for a community theater production of Romeo and Juliet. But what seems like a simple task proves impossible when the pool of actors includes extreme method actors, performers who just don't know what to do with their hands, and one particular woman who may or may not think she's a cat. This hilarious comedy will bring you to the last place you'd ever want to be...behind the doors of a casting session.

Come see our new expanded cast of characters. Some you've never seen on stage before. Others are prior stars who have reemerged to bask in the spotlight.

September 29 & 30 7:00 PM

Doors open 6:30

Tickets \$10

Bob Wehnert (98) meets Jim McKenna

By Clive Hallam

Bob Wehnert turned 98 on the 23rd of September this year and got to meet Jim McKenna who has just bought the property over the road on Perugia. They are both Vets although Bob is a WWII Vet while Jim started out as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam.

Jim's eyes lit up as Bob recounted his many escapades and they both began to compare notes on the aircraft they'd flown in. Naturally Bob's B-24 bomber is very different from Jim's helicopter but that didn't stop them from questioning each other.

After the war, Jim became a flight instructor on American Airlines based in Dallas, while Bob continued recruiting through various charitable organizations. Both of them deserve our praise and recognition for their devoted service.

Welcome to our community Jim and may you and your wife Annalene enjoy many years of retirement here.



TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER

By Tom McLean

VTL No Limit Texas Hold'em Tournament Results

Saturday September 2nd, 2023 saw tournament number 13 of the VTL No – Limit Texas Hold'em Poker. This tournament began with just 6 players, very VERY small, with new chip totals and blind lengths. Play begins and continues with stakes increasing every 20 minutes until there is a Champion crowned. This month:

6th Place Bill Dudley
5th Jay Citraro
4th Lee Orsag
3rd Tom McLean
2nd Jim Bartimus
And once again!!!

Tim Brown took top honors, collecting top prize for his
Sixth Tournament Championship!!

Tim's Winning hand was a simple 6-6 pair to Jims High Card.

The Tournament occurs Bi-Monthly on the same Saturday as the Monthly Meet -n- Greet Brunch for new residents. Play begins at 12 PM and is open to all neighbors and friends. Look for EBLAST flyers and calendar recognition for future events. Pre-Registration is optional and WALK INS are always welcome!!



CONGRATULATIONS !!!

DEBBIE COUTORIE

On her Royal Flush at Texas Hold'em Poker
on August 31.

4TH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

By MaryAnn Crowder

**HOPE YOU ARE GETTING YOUR 4 PERSON TEAM READY
FOURTH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT and THANKSGIVING “FAMILY” STYLE DINNER
(BRING AND SHARE WITH VTL FAMILY) WITH AWARD CEREMONY
FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 17, 2023 - STARTING AT 3:30 PM**

TAG TEAM TURKEY TROT is NOT a running race, just an afternoon of outside fun and activities to celebrate the Thanksgiving Season and to honor an American Tradition, THANKSGIVING.

THANKSGIVING DINNER: FAMILY STYLE (BRING AND SHARE FOOD) THANKSGIVING DINNER AND AWARD CEREMONY TO FOLLOW IN CLUBHOUSE BALLROOM

DOOR PRIZES AND TROPHIES!

TEAM TROPHIES, TROPHY BEST DECORATED GOLF CART

TAG TEAM RELAY PORTION: Teams of four persons, a golf cart, a bicyclist, and a walker (a person walking, not an ambulator!) and a golf putting challenge. Relay starting and ending near the clubhouse.

- IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A COMPLETE TEAM, LET US KNOW AND WE WILL HELP ASSIGN OTHERS TO YOUR TEAM.
- IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE AND DO NOT KNOW OTHERS, WE CAN HELP YOU FIND THE IDEAL TEAMMATES!

ROUTE: will be clearly marked with arrows indicating path selected. Route will travel through portions of Section 2 and 4 of VTL.

DO NOT WANT TO RELAY RACE, THEN SUPPORT:

All neighbors and race participants are encouraged to cheer their team to victory, along the designated marked route.

Volunteers are needed to help relay teams navigate course. And CHEER THE TEAMS TO VICTORY, at the clubhouse and along the course route.

THANKSGIVING “FAMILY” DINNER AND AWARD CEREMONY

At the conclusion of the TAG TEAM TURKEY TROT, there will be a lovely family THANKSGIVING dinner. Residents will be offered the opportunity to vote for the BEST DECORATE GOLF CART.

CUSTOM MADE AWARDS/TROPHIES WILL BE PRESENTED!

LOVELY DOOR PRIZES FOR EACH TABLE ARE A NEW ADDITION!

LOOK FOR FURTHER DETAILS –4TH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT



BACKYARD GARDEN TOUR

By Tina Copenhagen



Please join us for the 2nd Annual Backyard Garden Tour
Sunday, November 5, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

We have 9 beautiful backyards this year! Lots of plants and flowers along with fountains, fancy patios, artwork, design elements, and even a pool! This event was fun and well attended last year and we hope to have a repeat.

Please sign up to attend the tour in the clubhouse. This is to help us know about how many golf carts and drivers we will need.

We will meet at the clubhouse at 2:45 PM to handout a list of the homes in the tour and get together with a golfcart driver. You can always drive your own car if you prefer.

2023 GIVING TREE

By Holly Cooper

The Forgotten Ones

There are a lot of teenagers who no longer believe in the magic of Christmas. Some worry about having clean clothes to wear, enough food, or even a place to sleep. These teens are in the midst of the years where they make decisions that will shape the rest of their lives.

We in the VTL will sponsor our 2nd annual Giving Tree for teenagers in League City and Galveston County. Once again, we will be working with three organizations.

- **Devereux Texas** programs includes residential treatment for behavioral health and autism/intellectual and developmental disabilities. Teens in residence face a Christmas without family or friends around.
- **CASA** advocates for the best interest of children in the foster care system.
- **The Salvation Army** has expanded its program to include teens. Many of these teens live in single parent homes at or below the poverty line.



Original artwork by Jill McCadden

Our Giving Tree will have 125 tags representing 125 teenagers in our community who could use encouragement that there are strangers who support them, and a glimmer of hope for their future.

Our Giving Tree will be available in the Clubhouse Lobby in November. Please look for our tree decorated with the teens' tags. Choose a tag and buy a \$50 gift for a teen in need. You never know how much your gift may affect the future of one of these teenagers. Please plan now to sponsor to a teen in need of hope and encouragement

VTL BOWLING LEAGUE

By Iain Hutchinson

2023 Fall Season September Update

Please note no bowling on National Night Out (10-3) or Thanksgiving week (11-21)

We are now into the 3rd week of the fall season of the VTL Handicap Bowling League. This year's 7 teams are playing for the honor of having their team and members names (should they be the winning team) inscribed on the VTL bowling shield for posterity alongside the illustrious previous season winners.

As well as the Team awards, individual prizes are given to both male and female bowlers for the highest average scores for individual high game and high series for scratch and handicap scores.

A couple of years ago we introduced the award of fireball shots for any player lucky or skillful enough to pick up a split. This season we have also introduced another spot award of a wild turkey shot for any player who achieves 3 consecutive strikes in bowling parlance a "turkey". After 2 weeks we have already awarded 11 fireballs and 10 turkeys to various players.

The weekly lottery draw means that we will have most of the funds required for the individual trophies, spot prizes and for the end of season prize giving banquet. So please remember to buy your ticket. 50% goes to the winner and 50% goes to the bowling team funds. Any additional donations are gratefully accepted.

We are a handicap league which means all players contribute to their teams score. This means that less experienced players can and do play a significant role in their team's scoring performance. In other words, no previous bowling experience is necessary. If you are interested in participating in our weekly fun, please contact our Bowling Czar Mr. Tom McLean.



DINNER NIGHT OUT

By Caryn Erdberg

August Dinner night about was at the Opus Ocean Grille. It was a good evening with lots of good conversations and cheer. The service was good as was the food. Restaurants for the next 6 months were chosen by the 17 people at dinner to include Tommy's Seafood & Oyster Bar, South Shore Grille, Red River Cantina, and a couple of others. Watch for the restaurant of the month on the calendar and come join us.

September's restaurant is The Yardhouse at Baybrook Mall. If you would like to come but don't want to drive yourself, please let the clubhouse know. The more, the merrier time!



WATER AEROBICS

By Marcia Graves

Water Aerobics will continue in October or until the water is too cold for those of us over 55. There will be a change in days from five days a week to three days a week. Water Aerobics will be Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays only and will continue to be at 9:00 a.m.



CARDIO DRUMMING

By Marcia Graves



Please join us for the return of Cardio Drumming on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting **October 3rd** in the ball room at 9:00 am. The balls and sticks are provided, so come, bring a friend and join in the fun.

Hope to see you there!



CRO-KNITTERS

By Matilde Geren

We are delighted to report that we had a spectacular Art & Crafts Show! The community participation and interest were outstanding and everyone was very complimentary about the items that we had for the Silent Auction, for display and for sale. We had quilts, blankets, hats, scarves, fidget blankets, even a collection of miniature animals (an elephant, a squirrel, a couple of birds, a baby chick, a monkey). Everyone was also intrigued by our Silent Auction and participation was very good for this first-time event. We had 2 quilts (one with the shape of Texas in it, and one with alphabet letters and lots of dinosaurs), a scarf in the shape of a "hot dog", the miniature animals and a couple of antique doilies. We took this opportunity to raise funds for the supplies necessary for our Christmas project of providing scarves and hats to donate to active-duty service men and women who will be traveling through Hobby airport during the holidays. The distribution of the gifts will be made at the USO lounge at the airport. We consider the show was a great success!

I want to report that "Miss Sunshine", Jane Marie Tumelty, continues to be fully engaged with her assignment of providing get well cards signed by multiple people, to our Village friends who find themselves in need of some kind words and cheering up due to illness. Remember to get in touch with "Miss Sunshine" if you know of a friend in need.

For those of you, who are new residents of our community, reading this message for the first time and are not familiar with our group, Cro-Knitters meets every Wednesday from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the club house. We welcome anybody who would like to join us. Although we do a lot of work for a variety of charities, it is NOT a requirement to work on group projects, in order to join our group, as a matter of fact many of our members are regularly involved in making personal items for themselves, their children and grandchildren. We crochet and knit, some of our members also work on looms, they work on needlepoint and other crafts. You can come show us your own skills or if you want to learn something new, we will be very glad to walk you thru any of the processes. Everyone is invited, please feel free to come visit, we would be delighted to see you.



LEAGUE CITY PAINTED POWER BOXES

By Margaret Lovett





The Newest Painted Boxes
On League City Pkwy



The City of League City and The Keep League City Beautiful Committee are requesting design submissions for their Traffic Signal Box Wrap Contest. Amateur and professional artists of all ages are encouraged to create and submit a design to be digitally printed on vinyl and wrapped on traffic boxes.

“**League City’s Natural Assets**” is the theme for the contest and is purposely very broad to allow for open interpretation and creativity to make a lasting impression on residents and visitors to League City. Successful submissions will do one of the following:

Depict the natural environment of our city including but not limited to animals, insects, butterflies, wildflowers, landscapes, waterways, oak trees, etc.

Depict an activity or activities that can be enjoyed in League City’s parks, trails, waterways, and open spaces including but not limited to kayaking, fishing, sailing, birdwatching, etc.

Celebrate the history of League City and the role the landscape and environment played in bringing settlers and residents to our community: Ex: cattle ranching, railroad, NASA, etc.

For more information on how to submit a design, visit www.leaguecity.com/artcontest

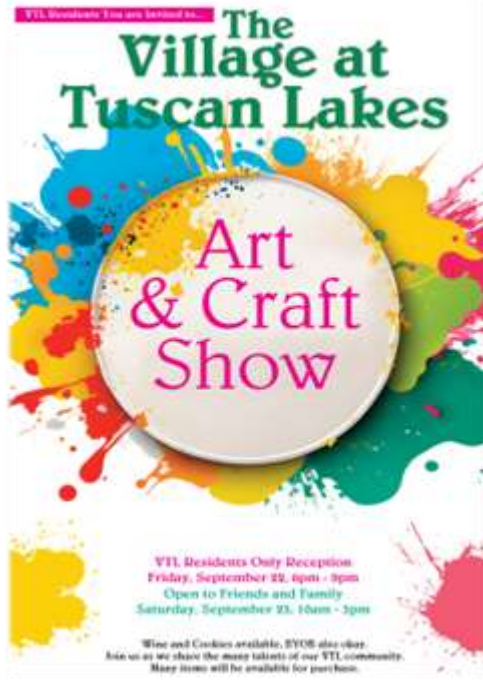
Submissions are due by November 3, 2023.

LATE AUGUST & SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS IN THE VILLAGE

Bill & Wilma Shinpaugh's 70th Anniversary Celebration – August 29



Art & Craft Show – September 22 & 23





THE FINE PRINT

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(We recommend that you program this into your phone so you know when your visitor is trying to come in) Press 9 to open gate remotely

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