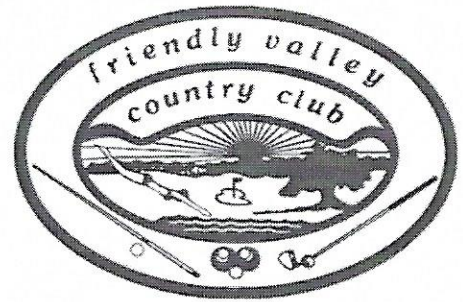


# *Villager Newsletter*

*June 30th, 2019 – July 13th, 2019*

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*Friendly Valley Voice*

*By: Michael Fennick, Board Member*

*Friendly Valley Recreational Association, Inc.*

Greetings fellow Villagers. I truly believe that our community is very special. It's comprised of residents who have traveled different paths that for some reason have led all of us to this special place in Santa Clarita. By now, I would bet that most of us have felt the stiffness, aches, and pains that are part of the daily reality from that journey. But personally, I am always rewarded when I see one of us smile and appreciate the day for what it is...another chance at embracing life on earth. Sometimes in this life, a chance to make someone else's day a little brighter is given to us. And sometimes, you never know when it may arrive. Well, for a few of the residents inhabiting this valley, it may be today.

Steve Garey doesn't reside here with us. You do not know him, but you may wish you did. Mr. Garey was a very accomplished pianist. He has been honored with two gold records and has entertained five U.S. Presidents. Quite the resume, I'm sure you would agree. One of those that you hear about, read about, see once in person or maybe even may be a tad bit jealous of the gift they possess.

But, in 2010, Mr. Garey became a victim of an unprovoked and vicious random assault on a street outside of his gated community in Palm Desert; a community much like our own. The gift he possessed was snatched from him by the callousness of that act. After years of hospital stays, surgeries, and rehabilitation, he was left wheelchair bound. The savings from his life's work was exhausted in order to render him only daily existence. He was relegated to a small apartment; imprisoned and cursed by the music that still courses through his veins, scratching and clawing in its attempt to escape. The attack left him powerless to release that passion; maybe a fate worse than never having it. His days of being the top-rated "Liberace Protégé" became just a memory for him. And, if he still even had one, his cherished piano keyboard would now lie unplayed.

But, sometimes in life, for unknown reasons, the stars still align for all of us!

Years ago, a Hammond Elegante organ was donated to our community. It has slept in hibernation for years, virtually unnoticed in a lonely corner of our auditorium. It is the same model that Mr. Garey once played when he began his musical journey many years ago as a travelling representative for the Hammond Company. And, although he can no longer compose melodies on the piano, he *is* able to release some of his genius by means of an organ!

I am going to deliver that instrument to where it belongs. With help from my neighbor, Linda Davies, who works for the SCV Senior Center, Mr. Billy Kornfield, the owner of Camelot Movers, was contacted and has graciously arranged to transport and deliver the piece to Cathedral City.

But, before transportation, it will be necessary to have the organ inspected, serviced, and repaired in order to ensure that Steve smiles when his fingers once again press the keys to create music. If I have to pay the technician to inspect and tune what was found to be a workable instrument, I will. The smile on Mr. Garey's face will be more than worth it to me. But what about all of you? Should I be so selfish? Shouldn't I share this chance to allow all of you to become a part of this with me? I decided that I will.

From tomorrow morning until **Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a donation box in the Business Office that will transform your gifts into smiles of your own. That box will hold a collection that betters this man's life. You will get no accolades or recognition for your generosity, but what you will get is the self-satisfaction that you helped someone who has drawn a bad hand in life and that you gave him an Ace card to play. Any affordable contribution will bond you in a one-time chance to a very special and giving community. Opportunities like these don't come often. I'm not letting this chance go by...will you?

Thank you for reading. I hope that many of you will share in this rare opportunity. If you'd like to learn more about Steve Garey, please visit <http://www.stevegarey.com>.



## GOLF CLUBS

### **MEN'S**

Every 3rd Wednesday @ 11:00 am in the Golf Lounge.

### **WOMEN'S**

Meeting every 4th Thursday at 12:30 pm in the Annex. If you know the basic rules and etiquette of golf, all are welcome. Call Greeter Mary Antonucci (661-714-8949).

### **GOLDEN TEES**

Come one, come all to the 1st Golden Tee's Summer Bash Potluck Dinner & Dance July 19th @ 5 PM. D.J. & guest singer. \$10 single, \$15 couple.

## CLUBS, CLASSES, AND GROUPS

*(Please call groups before attending to ensure space)*

### ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASS

Fridays from 12:30pm—2:30pm in the Conference Room. Teacher is Gina Leonard (661-977-1202).

### BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study Tuesdays at 10 am in the Conference Room. (Carol Bennett 250-4590)

### CATHOLIC ROSARY GROUP

Rosary Recitation July 1 & 8 in the home of Julio & Mayra Arevalo 19149 Avenue of the Oaks, Unit A (661-298-8905). All are welcome. Any Questions call Eileen Kearns (661-298-2481).

### CITY OF HOPE

No Meeting July or August—see you in September!

### CERAMICS

Try your hand at being creative with clay. The Ceramics Club is open for new members Wednesdays from 9-11:30am and Thursdays from 6-8pm. Come explore your artistic side! For more info call Judy (661-360-9386).

### DEBTORS ANONYMOUS

We offer hope for people whose use of unsecured debt causes problems & suffering. Compulsive debting is a problem and we find recovery using the D.A. program. Thursdays @ 6pm in the Conference Room. Adela (310-430-0336)

### FRIDAY BRIDGE

Duplicate Bridge Players wanted. Fridays @ 12:30pm in the Annex. Call Harriet (661-299-6944).

### FRIDAYS WITH THE PROFESSORS

Will be taking a summer break. Future dates to be announced.

### F.V. COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service @ 10 am, all denominations welcome!

### F.V. LAWN BOWLS CLUB

Afternoon Lawn Bowling Fun! Come join us! Tues., Thurs., & Sat. meet 6:15pm, start 6:30pm. Free lawn bowls to use & instruction. For more info call Judy (559-250-2217).

### HELPING HEARTS AND HANDS

Our last meeting was on June 6th. Join us again when we resume in September!

### H-O-R-S-E

Join us on the Basketball Court, Wednesdays at 5:30pm. Relive your youth with some friendly competition or simply come out and socialize with your neighbors. All skill levels welcome! C-Ya on the court!

### PARTY BRIDGE

Interested in playing bridge? We have Mon., Wed., and Fri. groups. Call Judy @ 559-250-2217 for more info.

### PICKLEBALL

Every Tuesday evening at 6:30pm in the Auditorium. Felicity (661-803-8397).

### NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

No cost ongoing support groups. Various location, day, and times. Info on FREE education programs. Call Zee @ 818-371-9381.

### NIP & TUCK PINOCHLE

1st, 3rd, 4th (& 5th) Thurs. from 11am-4pm in the Men's Card Room. 2nd Thurs. 11:30am in the Annex. (Al Lerch 661-644-2423)

### NO PASS PINOCHLE

1st Tues. 12pm in the Ladies' Card Room. 2nd, 3rd, 4th (& 5th) Tues. 12pm in the Men's Card Room. (Al Lerch 661-244-2423).

### SENIOR CENTER LUNCHESES

Santa Clarita Senior Center Lunches on Mon., Wed., & Thurs. @ 11:30am @ F.V. Church. Call 661-259-9444 for Reservation.

### WATER EXERCISE

Let's get moving! The pool is warming to 80°. We'll meet M-W-F if the outside temp. reaches 70° by 10am. We'll wiggle until our day is fine!

### WRITERS SOCIAL

Come share your thoughts, ideas, memories, or stories in writing or verbally. Thursdays from 2pm-4pm in the Ladies' Card Room. For info call Jane Hills (661-299-9441).

### ZUMBA

No charge—video only. Please arrive @ 5:45pm on Fridays in the Annex. Wear comfortable clothes & non-gripping shoes. Call Rosemarie Sanchez-Fraser for more info.



## **SECURITY NEWS**

Security is no longer able to assist residents with snakes. If you come across a snake in your yard, please call the LA County Fire Department at **661-259-2111**.

### **Business Office Closed**

The Office will be CLOSED on Thursday, July 4th in observation of the Holiday.

### **Bingo Cancelled**

Bingo is cancelled on July 3rd and 10th. Future dates to be announced. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered—we have a few backup managers that are in the process of getting their license.

### **Reminder**

Please **DO NOT** feed the wildlife. Food attracts unwanted pests like racoons and rats that like to snack on car wires and burrow into units. An overabundance of squirrels and bunnies also attracts bigger predators like coyotes, so please think twice before feeding wild animals. Thank you.

### **Reminder**

Whether you reserve one of the Rec rooms for a private event or for a weekly club or class meeting, please remember to clean up after yourselves before leaving. There have been multiple complaints about trash and crumbs being left on the floor and tables.

## **BOARD MEETINGS**

Are you involved with your Association?

Assn. 1	July 2nd	7:00 pm Annex
Assn. 5	July 9th	2:00 pm Annex
Assn. 4	July 9th	6:00 pm Conference Room
Assn. 11	July 11th	6:30 pm Annex
Assn. 3	July 12th	9:30 am Conference Room
Assn. 9	July 15th	6:00 pm Pierce's Home
Assn. 10	July 16th	5:00 pm Ladies' Card Room
Assn. 6A	July 16th	6:00 pm Annex
Assn. 6	July 18th	6:00 pm Annex
Assn. 8	July 23rd	2:00 pm Conference Room
Assn. 7	July 24th	2:00 pm Conference Room
Assn. 2	No July Meeting	
Assn. 6BC	No July Meeting	

### **Community Council Meeting**

Wednesday, July 3rd, 2019  
@ 10 am in the Auditorium

### **Rec Board Meeting**

Monday, July 8th, 2019  
@ 10 am in the Auditorium

### **2019-2020 F.V. Directory:**

If you haven't already done so, please visit the Business Office to pick up your \*New and Improved\* Friendly Valley Directory which features an updated list of contractors and resident phone numbers. Don't miss out!



**Sunday June 30**10:00 am **Service**—FV Community Church**Monday July 1**8:30 am **Aerobics**—Annex10:00 am **Exercise 1**—Annex10:00 am **Water Exercise** —Pool11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church6:30 pm **Jazzercise** —Annex7:00 pm **Billiards**—Game Room**Tuesday July 2**9:00 am **Strengthen & Tone**—Annex12:00 pm **No Pass Pinochle**—Ladies' Card Room6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**6:30 pm **Pickleball**—Auditorium7:00 pm **Darts** —Game Room**Wednesday July 3***Men's Golf Play am*8:30 am **Aerobics**—Annex9:00 am **Ceramics Morning**9:00 am **Party Bridge**—Both Card Rooms10:00 am **Exercise 1**—Annex10:00 am **Water Exercise** —Pool11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church5:30 pm **Friendly 8**—Golf Lounge6:30 pm **Jazzercise** —Annex6:30 pm **Dominoes**—Men's Card Room7:00 pm **Billiards**—Game Room**Thursday July 4**— Happy 4th of July!!*Women's Golf Play am*11:30am **Nip & Tuck Pinochle**—Men's Card Room11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**2:00 pm **Writers Social**—Ladies' Card Room6:00 pm **Ceramics Evening**6:00 pm **Debtors Anonymous** —Conference Room7:00 pm **Darts/Bumper Pool** —Game Room**Friday July 5**8:30 am **Aerobics**—Annex10:00 am **Party Bridge**—Both Card Rooms10:00 am **Exercise 1**—Annex10:00 am **Water Exercise** —Pool12:00 pm **Friday Bridge**—Annex12:30 pm **Acrylic Painting Class**—Conference Room7:00 pm **Billiards**—Game Room**Saturday July 6**6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**6:30 pm **Dominoes**—Men's Card Room**NEXT VILLAGER DEADLINE:****Monday, July 8th****Sunday July 7**10:00 am **Service**—FV Community Church**Monday July 8**8:30 am **Aerobics**—Annex10:00 am **Exercise 1**—Annex10:00 am **Water Exercise** —Pool11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church6:30 pm **Jazzercise** —Annex7:00 pm **Billiards**—Game Room**Tuesday July 9**9:00 am **Strengthen & Tone**—Annex12:00 pm **No Pass Pinochle**—Men's Card Room6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**6:30 pm **Pickleball**—Auditorium7:00 pm **Darts** —Game Room**Wednesday July 10***Men's Golf Play am*8:30 am **Aerobics**—Annex9:00 am **Ceramics Morning**9:00 am **Party Bridge**—Both Card Rooms10:00 am **Exercise 1**—Annex10:00 am **Water Exercise** —Pool11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church5:30 pm **Friendly 8**—Golf Lounge6:30 pm **Jazzercise** —Annex6:30 pm **Dominoes**—Men's Card Room7:00 pm **Billiards**—Game Room**Thursday July 11***Women's Golf Play am*9:00 am **Strengthen & Tone**—Annex11:30am **2nd Thursday Pinochle**—Annex11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**2:00 pm **Writers Social**—Ladies' Card Room6:00 pm **Ceramics Evening**6:00 pm **Debtors Anonymous** —Conference Room7:00 pm **Darts/Bumper Pool** —Game Room**Friday July 12**8:30 am **Aerobics**—Annex10:00 am **Party Bridge**—Both Card Rooms10:00 am **Exercise 1**—Annex10:00 am **Water Exercise** —Pool12:00 pm **Friday Bridge**—Annex6:00 pm **Zumba Gold Dance Class** —Annex7:00 pm **Billiards**—Game Room**Saturday July 13**6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**6:30 pm **Dominoes**—Men's Card Room**F.V. PARKWAY REPAVING:**

- Reminder: The Repaving Project is set to begin on **Monday, July 15th**. Signs will be posted and F.V. Security will assist with the direction of traffic – please be patient with our Security Guards during this time. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.
- **Week 1:** Beginning **Monday, July 15th**. The Main Entrance side of F.V. Parkway will be **CLOSED**. The Exit side of F.V. Parkway will be split into one lane for entering, and one lane for exiting.
- **Week 2:** Beginning **Monday, July 22nd**. The Exit side of FV Parkway will be **CLOSED**. The Entrance side of F.V. Parkway will be split into one lane for entering, and one lane for exiting.

