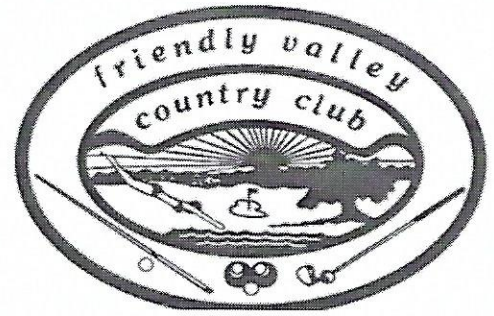


# Villager Newsletter

May 19th, 2019 – June 1st, 2019

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**Friendly Valley Voice**

**By: Ruth Gauthier, President**

**Friendly Valley Recreational Association, Inc.**

In honor of the Memorial Day Holiday, I thought I would share an article I found:



In September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a History teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock did something not to be forgotten. With permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks in her classroom.

The first-period kids entered the room and discovered that there were no desks. "Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?" She replied, "You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk." They thought, "Well maybe it's our grades," "No," she said. "Maybe it's our behavior." She told them, "No, it's not even your behavior."

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom. Kids called their parents to tell them what was happening and by early after-

noon, television news crews had started gathering at the school to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the deskless room, Martha Cothren said, "Throughout the day, no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you."

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it. Twenty-seven U.S. Veterans, all in uniform, walked into the classroom, each carrying a desk. The Vets began placing the desks in rows, and then they walked over and stood alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place, the kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, "You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. They went halfway around the world, giving up their education and interrupting their careers and families so you could have the freedom you have. Not it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it."

**Let us always remember the men and women of our military and the rights they have fought and won for us.**

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## Reminders:

- The Business Office will be CLOSED on Monday, May 27th in observation of Memorial Day
- Memorial Day Service: Monday, May 27th at 12:00pm in the Auditorium
  - All who would like the name of a deceased veteran read at the Memorial Day Service—Please put the name in the Veterans Box in the Office by May 22nd. Thank you.

## Children Pool Hours:

At the May 13th Rec Board Meeting, the Rec Board voted to amend the FVRA General Policies of Operations and Management Pool Rules and Regulations section to read as follows:

The swimming pool area is open to children from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. each day. The swimming pool area is also open to children from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. The therapeutic hot pool is for adults 18 years of age and older.

This change will take effect immediately.



### F.V. SENIOR TRAVEL CLUB

Laughlin Getaway! June 3—5 2019. Riverside Hotel & Casino. \$165.00 per person double occupancy, \$190.00 single occupancy. Contact Bert for more info 661-252-5082

### 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 Sharlene Wicks at 252-0959.

#### **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 May 20 & 28 in the home of Janet Dunn 26353-A N. Oak Plain Dr. (661-298-4831). All are welcome. Any Questions call Eileen Kearns (661-298-2481).

#### **CITY OF HOPE**

-Board Mtg Tues., June 4 @ 5pm in the Ladies' Card Room

-General Mtg Sat., June 8 @ 11:45am in the Auditorium; potluck @ 11am. Ye all come and enjoy!

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).

#### **FRIDAY BRIDGE**

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

#### **FRIDAYS WITH THE PROFESSORS**

1pm at the Friendly Valley Church. May 17: "Andrew Jackson and the Rise of American Democracy." May 24: "The Path to Genocide" May 31: "Life in an (Asian) Indian Boarding School"

#### **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**

Join us May 16 @ FV Church from 1:00—3:00pm to sew, knit, and crochet for Vets, hospitals, nursing homes, homeless, & children. We will have a potluck on June 6 which will be our last meeting before we start again 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°. Beginning May 1st, 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**

The Exit side of the Whispering Leaves Gate will be **CLOSED** for 1 week beginning **Tues., May 21st**. The entire spike strip and its mechanism will be replaced. The Entrance side will still be open.

### **Driving Range CLOSED**

The Driving Range is CLOSED for repair until further notice.

### **Business Office Closed**

The Office will open at 10:00am on Tues., May 21st due to a Staff Meeting.

### **Bingo Cancelled**

No Bingo on Wednesday, May 22nd.

### **"Meet the Contractors"**

A special informational meeting regarding the Roofing / HVAC / Solar Project will take place on Thursday, **May 23rd at 1pm in the Auditorium**.

Ask questions and listen to presentations from the contractors involved in the project that you will be voting on this June. If you cannot make the 1:00pm meeting, we will have a second "showing" of the recorded meeting later that night at 7:00pm in the Auditorium.

## **BOARD MEETINGS**

Are you involved with your Association?

Assn. 6	May 16th	6:00 pm <i>Annex</i>
Assn. 9	May 20th	6:00 pm <i>Pierce's Home</i>
Assn. 8	May 21st	2:00 pm <i>Conference Room</i>
Assn. 10	May 21st	5:00 pm <i>Ladies' Card Room</i>
Assn. 6A	May 21st	6:00 pm <i>Annex</i>
Assn. 7	May 22nd	2:00 pm <i>Conference Room</i>
Assn. 2	June 4th	10:00 am <i>Ladies' Card Room</i>
Assn. 1	June 4th	7:00 pm <i>Annex</i>
Assn. 5	June 11th	2:00 pm <i>Annex</i>
Assn. 4	June 11th	6:00 pm <i>Conference Room</i>
Assn. 6BC	June 12th	4:30 pm <i>Conference Room</i>
Assn. 3	June 14th	9:30 am <i>Conference Room</i>
Assn. 11	July 11th	6:30 pm <i>Annex</i>

### **Community Council Meeting**

Wednesday, *June 5th, 2019*  
@ 10 am in the Auditorium

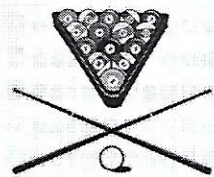
### **Rec Board Meeting**

Monday, *June 10th, 2019*  
@ 10 am in the Auditorium

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

Is now available in the Business Office. Please remember to bring your old Directory so it can be properly disposed of and shredded. The privacy & security of our residents (and their personal info) is of utmost importance. Thank you.



**Sunday May 19**10:00 am **Service**—FV Community Church**Monday May 20**8:30 am **Aerobics**—Annex10:00 am **Exercise 1**—Annex11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church6:30 pm **Jazzercise** —Annex**Tuesday May 21**9:00 am **Strengthen & Tone**—Annex10:00 am **Bible Study**—Conference Room12:00 pm **No Pass Pinochle**—Men's Card Room6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**6:30 pm **Pickleball**— Auditorium**Wednesday May 22***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**—Annex11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church5:30 pm **Friendly 8**—Golf Lounge6:30 pm **Jazzercise** —Annex6:30 pm **Dominoes**—Men's Card Room**Thursday May 23***Women's Golf Play am*9:00 am **Strengthen & Tone**—Annex11:30am **Nip & Tuck Pinochle**—Men's Card Room11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church1:00 pm **Meet the Contractors** —Auditorium6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**2:00 pm **Writers Social**—Ladies' Card Room6:00 pm **Ceramics Evening**6:00 pm **Debtors Anonymous** —Conference Room**Friday May 24**8:30 am **Aerobics**—Annex10:00 am **Party Bridge**—Both Card Rooms10:00 am **Exercise 1**—Annex12:00 pm **Friday Bridge**—Annex12:30 pm **Acrylic Painting Class**—Conference Room6:00 pm **Zumba Gold Dance Class** —Annex**Saturday May 25**6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**6:30 pm **Dominoes**—Men's Card Room**Sunday May 26**10:00 am **Service**—FV Community Church**Monday May 27***Memorial Day*11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church12:00 pm **Memorial Day Service** —Auditorium**Tuesday May 28**9:00 am **Strengthen & Tone**—Annex10:00 am **Bible Study**—Conference Room12:00 pm **No Pass Pinochle**—Men's Card Room6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**6:30 pm **Pickleball**— Auditorium**Wednesday May 29***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**—Annex11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church1:30 pm **Bingo**—Auditorium5:30 pm **Friendly 8**—Golf Lounge6:30 pm **Jazzercise** —Annex6:30 pm **Dominoes**—Men's Card Room**Thursday May 30***Women's Golf Play am*9:00 am **Strengthen & Tone**—Annex11:00am **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 Room**Friday May 31**8:30 am **Aerobics**—Annex10:00 am **Party Bridge**—Both Card Rooms10:00 am **Exercise 1**—Annex12:00 pm **Friday Bridge**—Annex6:00 pm **Zumba Gold Dance Class** —Annex**Saturday June 1**6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**6:30 pm **Dominoes**—Men's Card Room**NEXT VILLAGER DEADLINE:****Tuesday May 28th****GAME ROOM:**

We are happy to announce that our new Game Room will be available beginning May 20th. Join us on Friday, May 17th from 6-8pm where the room will be open for viewing. The remodeled facility will feature a billiards table, a dart board, and a bumper pool table that can be converted to a card table. Though it will be available to use from 9am-10pm daily, it will be locked and residents will need to contact Security for entry. For *at least* the first month of operation, a schedule will be posted specifying days and times where only certain games can be played. Please **NO** food or drink other than water is permitted inside the room. Please enjoy the latest addition to your community and cooperate by keeping it friendly and clean. Thank you.





***Friendly Valley Voice Addendum***  
***By: Michael Fennick, Board Member***  
***Friendly Valley Recreational Association, Inc.***

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, the monthly Rec Board meeting was held in our Auditorium. It was disclosed that we have been compiling information over the past six months to address the serious issues; the direct result of years of neglect to our buildings. Prior to this meeting, a mailing notified each household that we were entertaining a proposal to replace/repair the roofs and upgrade all HVAC systems to the common area buildings. In addition, it included a package to incorporate solar energy in an effort to reduce the cost of future power bills. Maybe even more importantly, available incentive programs could be used to finance the entire project without using our reserves, raising HOA fees or levying an assessment. Sunworks, the primary contractor, claims that the payment now budgeted for power could transfer to a loan payment used to upgrade our buildings. At conclusion of the financing, we would own all equipment and that payment could be returned monthly to our reserves. At this meeting, for those residents who made the time to attend, a general overview was disclosed in order to feel the pulse of this community in regards to proceeding in this venture together. This board does not pretend to be experts in this endeavor and urged any residents who have accumulated expertise and knowledge during their careers to join forces with us on this extremely important and necessary effort. I am proud to say that I share my environment with several of my neighbors who have stepped up to the plate.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm in the Auditorium, we have scheduled an informational "Meet the Contractors" meeting addressing this subject. An assembled team representing this project will be present to answer questions. With your best interests in mind, we urge residents to either attend or submit their questions to be forwarded to the contractors so they can give specific answers. If you cannot make the 1:00pm meeting, we will be putting on a second "showing" of the recorded meeting later that night at 7:00pm in the Auditorium. You are also asked to think about *NOT* voting until this meeting has concluded.

We are researching reasons to either accept, reject or modify this proposal. We will not be swayed by "backyard conversations" or entries on social media sites. It will only happen if you take the time and intelligently address the concerns through participation. If you have input, please do this community that service. If not, please attend this gathering. It will possibly help you to make the right decision.

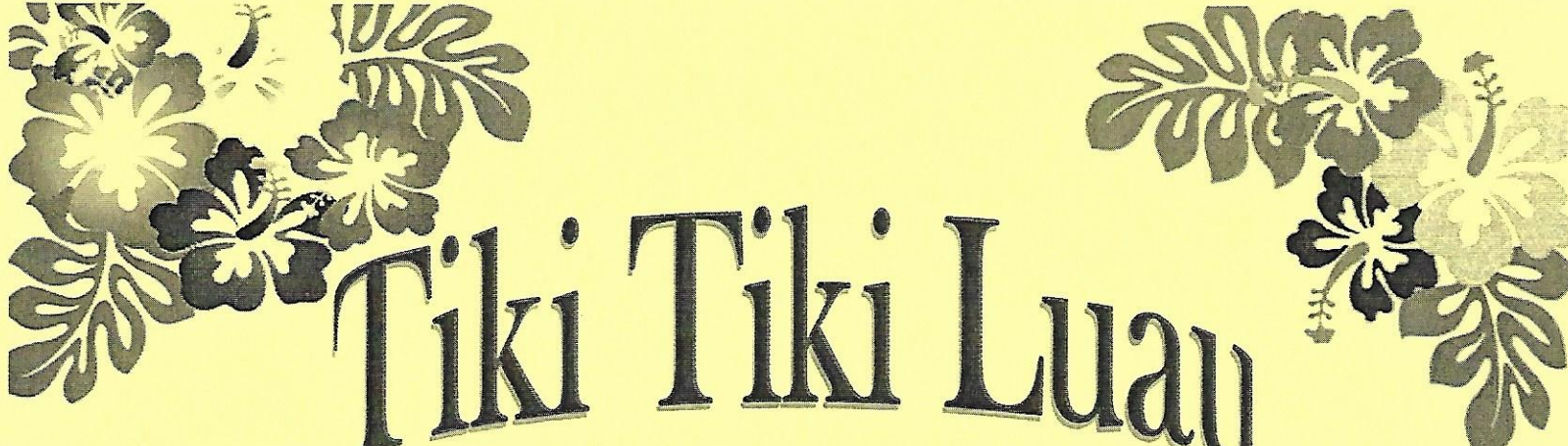
I can only assure you that this board has everyone's best interests in mind moving toward the future. An individual's agenda can never become our focus. In the still relevant words of Abraham Lincoln, "You can please some of the people some of the time, all of the people some of the time, but you cannot please all of the people all of the time". A truer statement may never have been uttered.

In my estimation, this community has not gotten the treatment they have deserved in past years. We all relinquish a portion of our monthly HOA dues to keep our common areas both modern and functional. This has not been accomplished. We all watch the constant deterioration of the buildings that comprise it. One way or another, renovation must commence soon. Whether the belief in the benefits of solar energy will be a part of these upgrades will be determined by community vote. It is up to all of you to participate and convince this board on how to proceed. That is the true sense of communal living which you all chose to engage in when you moved here. Remember?

To the members of this community who choose to live your life as a cohesive, supportive congregation whose collective energy is dedicated to its prosperity and future, you are applauded.

Presently, there have been no contracts signed, no agreements finalized or handshakes made. We are waiting for your input to make our decision. Even if the vote is in favor of moving forward, there will still be negotiations to be addressed and approvals to be realized. Please help us make the right choice. Thank you.





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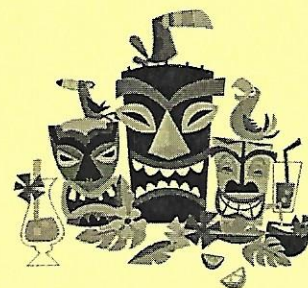
## Social

Presented by the Rec Board & Business Office Staff



Friday, June 7th @ 5:30p.m.

BBQ Picnic Area / Near Pool



Say "Aloha!" to your neighbors and the Office Staff!



Water provided, BYO beverage. Please bring an entrée, appetizer, salad, or dessert to share. Sign up sheet in the Business Office.



Water Balloon Toss  Photo Booth  Hula Hoop Contest

**Dunk Tank:** Featuring Rec Board Members and Security.

Tickets must be purchased in the Business Office *prior to the event*. 3 throws for \$5 or 7 for \$10.

We hope to see you there!

