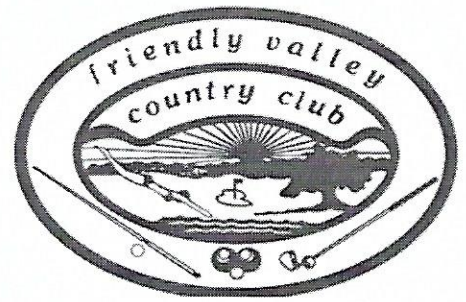


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Friendly Valley Voice

By: Michael Fennick, Board Member

Friendly Valley Recreational Association, Inc.

“...and he lived happily ever after...”

Or at least, that was the intention of the many Friendly Valley residents who generously donated to help better the life of Mr. Steve Garey, someone that they had never met before.

Most of you now know about Mr. Garey's story and our chance to help write a happier chapter – so I thought I would provide an update to you all. A few months ago, the community of Friendly Valley decided to become “organ donors”. On August 28th at about 11 AM, Mr. Steve Garey became the thrilled recipient of a Hammond organ that had rested silently for years gathering mothballs in a quiet corner of our auditorium.

Mr. Billy Cornfield, the owner of Camelot Moving and Storage, generously donated his truck and crew to professionally deliver the piece to Cathedral City, where Mr. Garey had been patiently waiting for its arrival. Accompanying it on the journey was a Yamaha piano that was donated by Phillip Cooke, musician and resident of Association #5. As it turns out, it was fortunate that he did – that piano is being played!



Unfortunately, when Mr. Garey went to play a melody on the organ, there was nothing but silence. I'm sure you can imagine the reaction of a man who has endured years of pain and suffering and waited so patiently for a glimmer of happiness, to have it taken away and end up right back where he started. Even though we contracted with an organ specialist to ensure us that the unit was operational prior to shipment, sometimes, even the best of intentions become stymied by the fates. So, much to Mr. Garey's dismay, the instrument once again lies dormant.

BUT help is on the way! The generous donations of the good people of Friendly Valley were collected for a purpose. That purpose was to better a life. It still is. And even a fiendish, unsympathetic setback won't be able to deter that intention. This morning, the excess funds collected for the inspection, repair, and transportation of the Hammond Organ to Palm Desert were mailed in the form of a Cashier's Check to Mr. Garey. The funds will pay for him to have the organ repaired and finally allow his fingers make their long-anticipated acquaintance with its keys. And I hope they stay the best of friends for the rest of their days together!



Thank you to everyone that generously donated, and I'm sure you will all join me in wishing the very best for Mr. Steve Garey from this moment on.

F.V. SENIOR CLUB

Craft Fair & Swap Meet Saturday, Nov. 2nd from 9am—1pm in the Auditorium. Enjoy looking and seeking treasures of yore. Hats, scarves and other items available also. See you there!

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 are interested in joining the club and you know the basic rules and etiquette of golf, all are welcome. Call Greeter Terry Dodge (818-741-5649).

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 September 16 & 23 @ 7:00pm in the home of Angie Sanchez 19201 Ave. of the Oaks Unit C (248-701-7268). All are welcome. Any Questions call Eileen Kearns (661-298-2481).

CITY OF HOPE

-Board Mtg Tues., Sept. 10 @ 5pm in the Ladies' Card Room
-General Mtg Sat., Sept. 14 in the Auditorium. Lunch at 11am, \$5.00. Installation of Officers. Dues \$15.00 or \$25.00 per couple. Must be paid in Sept. to get free lunch in Oct.

CERAMICS

Try your hand at being creative with clay. The Ceramics Club is open for new members Mondays & 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

1pm at the F.V. Church. Sept. 6: "Self-Advocacy in Healthcare." Sept. 13: "Hyperreality in Literature and Art." Sept. 20: "Who's Who in Hospital Care and the Importance of Patient Satisfaction."

F.V. COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service @ 10 am, all denominations welcome!

F.V. LAWN BOWLS CLUB

Evening Lawn Bowling Fun! Come join us! Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat. & Sun. meet 6:15pm, start 6:30pm. Free lawn bowls to use & instruction. For more info call Roy M. (323-850-6569).

F.V. VETERANS CLUB

Meeting Tues., Sept. 10th @ 7PM in the Annex. All invited, member or not. Guest speaker Mike Garcia. Refreshments will be served.

HELPING HEARTS AND HANDS

Join us Sept. 19 from 1—3pm @ FV Church to sew, knit, and crotchet for veterans, nursing homes, hospitals, and homeless. Collecting new & used items to sell @ Swap Meet in Nov. All money received is donated to charities. Call 360-9252 or 360-8936 for pick up.

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 661-644-2423).

SENIOR CENTER LUNCHES

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

WATER EXERCISE

Let's get moving! 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. 5:45pm on Fridays in the Annex. Wear comfortable clothes & non-gripping shoes. Call Rosemarie Sanchez-Fraser for more info.

SECURITY NEWS

Please remember to put any guests and/or vendors on your Guest List *before* they reach the Front Gate. This allows the Gate Attendants to work more efficiently and prevents the line from backing up.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Business Office Closed

The Office will open at 10:00am on Tuesday, September 17th due to a Staff Meeting.

Lawn Bowls Open House

Saturday, September 7th @ 5PM.

Interested in Lawn Bowls? There'll be food, information, sign ups for free coaching and bowls to use, a raffle for non-member residents for free 2019 membership, and a free easy Octopus game for all (money prize)! Call Judy for more info (559-250-2217).

Mosquito Prevention

Prevent the spread of mosquitoes! Mosquitoes can lay eggs in many places, but water is necessary for them to hatch. Check around your home for standing water in containers, bird baths, pet water dishes, etc. Dispose of any old containers not in use, or clean containers you wish to keep with Clorox to kill any eggs. Thank you.

BOARD MEETINGS

Are you involved with your Association?

Assn. 5	September 10th	2:00 pm Annex
Assn. 4	September 10th	6:00 pm Conference Room
Assn. 6BC	September 11th	4:30 pm Conference Room
Assn. 11	September 12th	6:30 pm Annex
Assn. 3	September 13th	9:30 am Annex
Assn. 9	September 16th	6:00 pm Pierce's Home
Assn. 10	September 17th	5:00 pm Ladies Card Room
Assn. 6A	September 17th	6:00 pm Annex
Assn. 6	September 19th	6:00 pm Annex
Assn. 8	September 24th	2:00 pm Conference Room
Assn. 7	September 25th	2:00 pm Conference Room
Assn. 2	October 1st	10:00 am Ladies' Card Room
Assn. 1	October 1st	7:00 pm Annex

Community Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 4th, 2019
@ 10 am in the Auditorium

Rec Board Meeting

Monday, September 9th, 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 September 8

10:00 am **Service**—FV Community Church
 6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**

Monday September 9

8:30 am **Aerobics**—Annex
 9:00 am **Ceramics Morning**
 10:00 am **Exercise 1**—Annex
 10:00 am **Water Exercise** —Pool
 11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church
 6:30 pm **Jazzercise** —Annex
 7:00 pm **Little Theater Meeting** —Auditorium
 7:00 pm **Billiards**—Game Room

Tuesday September 10

9:00 am **Strengthen & Tone**—Annex
 10:00 am **Bible Study**—Conference Room
 12:00 pm **No Pass Pinochle**—Men's Card Room
 6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**
 6:30 pm **Pickleball**—Auditorium
 7:00 pm **Darts** —Game Room

Wednesday September 11

Men's Golf Play am
 8:30 am **Aerobics**—Annex
 9:00 am **Ceramics Morning**
 9:00 am **Party Bridge**—Both Card Rooms
 10:00 am **Exercise 1**—Annex
 10:00 am **Water Exercise** —Pool
 11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church
 1:30 pm **Bingo**—Auditorium
 5:30 pm **Friendly 8**—Golf Lounge
 6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**
 6:30 pm **Jazzercise** —Annex
 6:30 pm **Dominoes**—Men's Card Room
 7:00 pm **Billiards**—Game Room

Thursday September 12

Women's Golf Play am
 9:00 am **Strengthen & Tone**—Annex
 11:30am **2nd Thursday Pinochle**—Annex
 11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church
 6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**
 2:00 pm **Writers Social**—Ladies' Card Room
 6:00 pm **Ceramics Evening**
 6:00 pm **Debtors Anonymous** —Conference Room
 7:00 pm **Darts/Bumper Pool** —Game Room

Friday September 13

10:00 am **Party Bridge**—Both Card Rooms
 10:00 am **Water Exercise** —Pool
 12:00 pm **Friday Bridge**—Annex
 12:30 pm **Acrylic Painting Class**—Conference Room
 6:00 pm **Zumba Gold Dance Class** —Annex
 7:00 pm **Billiards**—Game Room

Saturday September 14

6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**
 6:30 pm **Dominoes**—Men's Card Room

NEXT VILLAGER DEADLINE:

Monday, September 16th

Sunday September 15

10:00 am **Service**—FV Community Church
 6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**

Monday September 16

8:30 am **Aerobics**—Annex
 9:00 am **Ceramics Morning**
 10:00 am **Exercise 1**—Annex
 10:00 am **Water Exercise** —Pool
 11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church
 7:00 pm **Billiards**—Game Room

Tuesday September 17

9:00 am **Strengthen & Tone**—Annex
 10:00 am **Bible Study**—Conference Room
 12:00 pm **No Pass Pinochle**—Men's Card Room
 6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**
 6:30 pm **Pickleball**—Auditorium
 7:00 pm **Darts** —Game Room

Wednesday September 18

Men's Golf Play am
 8:30 am **Aerobics**—Annex
 9:00 am **Ceramics Morning**
 9:00 am **Party Bridge**—Both Card Rooms
 10:00 am **Exercise 1**—Annex
 10:00 am **Water Exercise** —Pool
 11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church
 1:30 pm **Bingo**—Auditorium
 5:30 pm **Friendly 8**—Golf Lounge
 6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**
 6:30 pm **Jazzercise** —Annex
 6:30 pm **Mah Jongg** —Ladies' Card Room
 6:30 pm **Dominoes**—Men's Card Room
 7:00 pm **Billiards**—Game Room

Thursday September 19

Women's Golf Play am
 9:00 am **Strengthen & Tone**—Annex
 11:30am **Nip & Tuck Pinochle**—Men's Card Room
 11:30 am **Senior Center Lunch**—FV Church
 1:00 pm **Helping Hearts & Hands**—FV Church
 6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**
 2:00 pm **Writers Social**—Ladies' Card Room
 6:00 pm **Ceramics Evening**
 6:00 pm **Debtors Anonymous** —Conference Room
 7:00 pm **Darts/Bumper Pool** —Game Room

Friday September 20

8:30 am **Aerobics**—Annex
 10:00 am **Party Bridge**—Both Card Rooms
 10:00 am **Exercise 1**—Annex
 10:00 am **Water Exercise** —Pool
 12:00 pm **Friday Bridge**—Annex
 6:00 pm **Zumba Gold Dance Class** —Annex
 7:00 pm **Billiards**—Game Room

Saturday September 21

6:15 pm **Lawn Bowls**
 6:30 pm **Dominoes**—Men's Card Room

Thank You:

We wanted to give a little shout out to some very generous Friendly Valley residents who donated some equipment to our Woodshop! Thank you to Jim Windle, for donating a desktop computer, Penni Hughes, who donated a printer, and Peggy Rizzo, for donating a laptop. If you have an item that you think may benefit the Rec Facilities, please fill out a Request Form in the Business Office.