



## Potomac Community Village News

### Roadside Assistance on the Journey of Life

What is Potomac Community Village?

We like to think of ourselves as *your roadside assistance on the journey of life*. We offer independence, by providing help when needed, along with fun, community and connection right now.

We all buy homeowner insurance and auto insurance, and frankly, hope we never need them. But unlike insurance, which is only for the future, PCV membership brings immediate benefits! Member-only programs, such as our fire safety home inspections, discounts from local retailers (i.e. 10% off at Carpet and Vacuum Expo, 15% off Tally Ho), access to our Suggested Contractor program, computer and other electronic device help, exercise classes, museum and theater trips...

And, if it happens, due to an accident or other unexpected event, that you suddenly find yourself needing more help than before to remain independent, PCV is there – with transportation, errand running, meals, friendly phone calls, simple home repairs and other chores that formerly were so easy for you to do.

Belonging to PCV gives you the security of knowing that one phone call is all you need to bring help. To learn more, email us at [info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org](mailto:info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org) or call our Help Line at 240-221-1370.

### A Chinese New Year Banquet Luncheon, Monday, Feb. 8, 1 – 3 pm



Year of the Monkey

At this festive event, two of our members of Chinese ancestry, Nancy Huang and Mable Lam, will share their knowledge about the Chinese New Year. Join us for a cultural, educational and culinary fun time with a multi-course banquet that welcomes the Year of the Monkey. We'll be at the China Gourmet Bistro at Cabin John shopping center with a menu of authentic Chinese-style dishes served "family style." Open to PCV members only, with an expected price, including tax and tip, of approximately \$20 per person. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Luncheon Coordinator Shirley Dominitz at [sgdomini@verizon.net](mailto:sgdomini@verizon.net). Please RSVP no later than Monday, Feb. 1.

### Give the Gift of a Lift! Be a PCV Volunteer Driver

Our volunteer driver corps is growing, but to meet the needs of our members, and not call on the same people too often, we'd love to have a few more volunteer drivers on our list. It's simple to be a driver, and just an hour of your time can make a real difference in the life of someone who cannot drive. Volunteer drivers can choose which driving opportunity fits their schedule and can always say no. Drivers will attend a training session, will undergo a background check and also will be covered with additional insurance through the Village Rides program. For more information, please contact PCV VP Jill Phillips at 703-424-0494 or [jill.phillips@ymail.com](mailto:jill.phillips@ymail.com).



**Next Meeting – Thursday, February 11, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**“Caring for the Caregiver and Building a Community of Support”**

**with Anne Baker, Director of Community Education and Training at Hospice Caring**

**Bolger Center, Franklin Bldg., room F-1, 9600 Newbridge Dr., Potomac**

**Parking Lot 1. All welcome. Bring your friends and neighbors.**

## Upcoming Events: There's a Lot Going On!

- **Fire Safety Home Inspections – January 27 – 30.** For members only. Includes inspection of home smoke detectors to determine if replacement is needed and an evaluation of home safety, exits, and emergency plans. County firemen will install new 10 year sealed battery powered smoke detectors and carbon monoxide monitors which you already have purchased. To make an appointment, please contact PCV's coordinator Elizabeth Schouten at 301-299-299-7923. If she's not in, please provide your name, address, phone number, email and preferred time and date in your phone message.
- **PCV's Table at the Fortune Terrace Walgreens on Tuesday, Feb. 2,** (Senior Discount Day) 2 – 4 p.m., when we hand out fliers and newsletters and publicize the PCV mission! To volunteer to sit at the table and talk about PCV, please contact Honey Rosen, [hhrosen@msn.com](mailto:hhrosen@msn.com), or 301-983-1083.
- **Morning coffee – Thursday, Feb. 4, 10 – 11:30 a.m.** at the Corner Bakery, Westlake Drive near Montgomery Mall. Open to all to meet neighbors and enjoy conversation. Details at the "Coffee" sign up tab on [www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org](http://www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org) or phone us at 240-221-1370.
- **Book Group – Tuesday, Feb. 16,** 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Perlis home to discuss the novel "The Nazi Officer's Wife" by Beer with Dworkin. Book group is for PCV **members only** but new book group members are always welcome. For details, directions, and to RSVP, Linda Perlis at 301-299-7181 or [LJPerlis@gmail.com](mailto:LJPerlis@gmail.com).
- **Theater Party – Tuesday, February 16, 7:30 p.m.** to see "Father Comes Home from the Wars" at Round House Theater in Bethesda, members \$10, non-members \$15. For details, to order tickets, please go to the "Theater" Sign up tab on [www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org](http://www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org).



## Do You Have a Great Seamstress? A Wonderful Plumber?

We're always looking to add names to our Neighbor-Suggested Contractors List, to further enhance one of PCV's member benefits. If you've used a contractor or other service provider recently whose work you liked and would recommend to a neighbor, please tell us all about it by contacting our List Coordinator, Dita Smith, at [smithdita@mac.com](mailto:smithdita@mac.com) or 301 – 983 – 9354.

## Members-Only Tour of the Museum of American History Set for Thurs., March 10

Our PCV members-only tour of the museum, led by PCV member and museum docent Alice Goodman, will start with a highlights tour at 11 a.m. and then continue with tours of current exhibits and lunch, with options to buy or brown-bag. We'll meet at Cabin John shopping center for carpooling, park at Metro and travel as a group. Those who want to go on their own can meet us at the Constitution Avenue information desk at 10:45 a.m. If this interests you and you'd like more details, please contact Alice at [AliceGoodman@verizon.net](mailto:AliceGoodman@verizon.net) or 301-299-3963, to let us know of your interest. We'll then be back in touch.

## Celebrate with PCV!



Sponsor the refreshments at a PCV meeting with a donation of \$25 or more and we'll celebrate with you, whether a birthday, anniversary, new grandchild, or maybe your grandchild is graduating, or celebrating a Bar Mitzvah or becoming an Eagle Scout. We'll list your name and the event on our refreshments table, and in our newsletters. Just send your donation, along with a note telling us what it is for, to: Potomac Community Village, 11701 Ambleside Drive, Potomac, MD 20854. OR, if you want to supply the refreshments directly, that's fine too! Just let us know what you want to do, by emailing us at

[info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org](mailto:info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org). All donations are tax deductible. Happy celebrating and thanks!

**Thank you for their support of PCV** to: **Carol Nerenberg**, of **Berkshire Hathaway PenFed Realty's** Bethesda office, for printing our newsletters each month. Contact her at [carol@carolnerenberg.com](mailto:carol@carolnerenberg.com) or at 301-961-6000; to the **Bolger Center** for providing meeting room space; and to **John Stanton**, VP at **Charles Schwab** at Park Potomac, for his financial support. Reach him at 301-795-2809. To see a complete list of PCV's Community Supporters, view our "Supporters" page on [www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org](http://www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org).