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Potomac Community Village News

What is PCV? We're "neighbor helping neighbor!"

Potomac Community Village is a network of neighbors with the goal of enhancing the quality of life for all members of our community, offering assistance with practical needs to enable people to remain in our Potomac homes and neighborhoods as we age.

While transportation help is one of the most significant needs in most Villages, asking for help to fix a computer problem is one of the more popular requests our Help Desk gets. And Don Moldover, one of our computer assistance volunteers, likes to get those calls. "I enjoy helping people and solving problems using the knowledge I've gained over the years," he says, "and I like meeting people I didn't know before."

If you think some volunteer help might make your life a bit easier, whether transportation, computer help or even some help with shopping or meals if you're busy taking care of someone else, please don't be shy about asking. Our volunteers would not have volunteered if they did not want to be called on. Please call our Help Desk - 240-221-1370 - to talk about the possibilities, or email us at info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org.

Please Pay Your Membership Dues Now!

PCV Member Benefits = Volunteer help, fun, fellowship, and it's tax deductible!

PCV's membership year started on July 1 and runs through June 30, 2016. Individual membership is \$100; while household membership is \$150. And membership is tax deductible! What do you get as a member? The opportunity to get needed volunteer help. Discounts at local businesses. Access to our Suggested Contractor list. Participation in our small group social programs. The knowledge that you're helping PCV to grow. Please see www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org for a copy of the membership form, or call our Membership Chair, Marie Kramer, at 301-983-1389 and we'll get you signed up!



Man our PCV table at Walgreens on August 4 and September 8

Once a month, on Walgreen's 20% off Senior Discount Days, PCV volunteers sit at our PCV table inside the Walgreens on Fortune Terrace telling people about PCV, with shifts from 2 - 5 p.m. The table and chairs are provided by Walgreens, and you'll have all the printed hand-outs needed. Shifts (2-3, 3-4, 4-5) for August 4 and September 8 are currently open. If you'd like to know more, or want to volunteer, please contact our Walgreens Table Coordinator, Honey Rosen, at 301-983-1083 or hhsrosen@msn.com. Thanks!

> Next Meeting – Thursday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. Free, and open to all Steve Lorberbaum from Assisting Hands will talk on "Is Aging in Place Right for You?" Bolger Center (Osgood Bldg.), 9600 New Bridge Dr., Potomac

Use parking lot #3. Enter the Osgood Building's side door directly from the parking lot.

Coffee Klatch will meet on Sept. 8, Book Group Returns in October

PCV's monthly Coffee Klatch and monthly Book Group were on hiatus for the summer, with so many of our members and friends taking vacations and traveling. The Coffee Klatch meets next on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 10-11:30 a.m. at the Corner Bakery on Westlake Drive, near Montgomery Mall. All are welcome; RSVPs not needed, just come. PCV's Book Group has scheduled a series of thought-provoking reads through January 2016. The group, which meets the third Tuesday monthly from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the home of Linda and Barry Perlis, resumes October 20 with "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. New and current members are welcome and requested to call 301-299-6181 for information, directions, and to RSVP.

Fire Safety Inspections and Smoke Detector Installations are "a Wonderful Benefit of Being a PCV Member"



That was the reaction of one of our members to having new smoke and carbon monoxide detectors installed at her home, including one on the ceiling of a two-story tall room. "It was wonderful," she said, to not need to worry about finding a reliable handyman to do the job or someone else to climb a high ladder. And, she added, "There was a lot more I learned about being safe at home," from the very charming and knowledgeable Jim Resnick, the county fireman who performed the home inspections and installed smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at the homes of the members who had signed up for it. The

inspections and installations took place on June 15 and 17. Added this member, "This was really a member benefit I could use, even though I don't need any other services."

It was all part of PCV's fire and safety home inspection program, an outgrowth of the March meeting when Mr. Resnick, our speaker for the evening, told everyone that smoke detectors have useful lives of about ten years, after which they must be replaced. Many thanks to Elisabeth Schouten, who organized this program for PCV members. If you are interested in participating in a similar program in the fall, or would just like to know more, please call the Help Desk at 240-221-1370 or email us at info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org. While the inspection and installation are free, you will need to purchase and have on hand all needed smoke and CO detectors in advance of the inspection day.

Normandie Farm Free Dessert Offer Ends Aug. 31; Other Discounts Continue

Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road, is offering PCV members a complementary dessert when they order an entrée, but this special offer ends August 31. Please show your membership card when you order. To see the menu, please go to www.popovers.com.

PCV member discounts continue from: **Carpet and Vacuum Expo**, on Tuckerman Lane in the Cabin John Shopping Center, which offers PCV members a 10% discount. See www.carpetandvacuumexpo.com, or call 301-299-2900; **Artistic Gardens**, which offers PCV members a 10% discount on new hardscaping, 15% off on new plantings, with a minimum contract of \$1200. For details, please contact owner Peter Baily at 301-762-1366. For more about the company, www.artisticgardens.net.; **Tally Ho Restaurant**, located behind Walgreens in Potomac Village, offers members a 15% discount. Reach them at 301-299-6825. To see their menu and hours, www.TallyHoRestaurant.com; **Potomac Yoga**, with teacher Kathleen Hogan, for fall classes beginning September I. Discount of \$25 applies only if you sign up for a 13 or 15 week session, and only for new students. Classes meet at Potomac United Methodist Church on Falls Road at Democracy Boulevard. Details at www.PotomacYoga.com or 301-738-3384.



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