

# Park View Village

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“The Gospel 7” at our June 13 picnic: from left, Gerald Brunk and Susan Heatwole on harmonica; Ken Brunk and Ed Bontrager on guitar; Allen Berkshire on fiddle, Leroy Kiser on bass, Paul Brunk on guitar. Details and more pictures, page 3. *Photos by Greg Versen.*

## CALENDAR

**Tues., July 29 (new date)** – Tour the Rodes family's award-winning Riverhill Farms, 5535 Lawyer Road, Port Republic. Join other PVV members at the Bowl of Good Restaurant on Port Republic Road East at 11:45 for lunch and “caravan” from there to the farm, or go directly to the farm, arriving by 1:30 p.m. Questions? Email Peggy Landis ([landisjp@comcast.net](mailto:landisjp@comcast.net)) or Ed Bontrager ([eebontrager@comcast.net](mailto:eebontrager@comcast.net)). No fee or RSVP needed.

**Thursday, Sept. 11: Park View Village Annual Meeting and Potluck**, 6pm at Park View Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. Keynote speaker will be **Harrisonburg Mayor Ted Byrd**. Bring your questions and suggestions for him! Also, learn about PVV's new “Area Coordinators,” guest “Events Coupon” and Club Express online system.

**Sept. 29-Oct. 1: Village to Village Annual Gathering** in Arlington, Va. – featuring “Village Hill Day” (“Hill” meaning “Capitol Hill”) a day of spreading the word about the Village movement's work. Interested? Ask a PVV board member and/or check out <http://www.vtvnetwork.org/>.

## BOARD PRESIDENT UPDATE

The board approved an Event and Program Coupon for use by members to invite friends and neighbors to attend Park View Village events. Each member household will get 3 coupons. Please use the coupons to encourage others to join the village as members. (We currently have 78 members, from 45 households.)

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### Member Services Updates:

- Arlene Wiens and other PVV members will launch the Area Coordinator program at the September Annual Meeting. Arlene will serve as Director of Area Coordinators. They are also creating a Resource Committee to develop protocols for illness, inclement weather emergencies, and home maintenance emergencies.
- John Spicher serves as Facilitator of Vendors. He works with vendors to promote their services and publicize discounts offered PVI members. Watch for future announcements about new vendors.
- Cliff Lind serves as Promoter of Volunteers. He is developing a new volunteer application which will be released at the September meeting.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 11. This is our annual meeting, with a potluck. We are pleased that Ted Byrd, the city's mayor, will join us to provide an update on Harrisonburg projects. Please read details of this meeting on page 1.

Thanks for your investment in the Park View Village.

*Keith Gnagey, PVV Board President*

## ..... ANNOUNCEMENTS .....

Have you used any **house cleaning services** that you'd recommend to your fellow-PVV members? We'd like to add those services to our recommended "Vendors' List." If the service you'd recommend was provided by a PVV member, please let Arlene Wiens know at 746-4569 or 433-3875 or [arlene.wiens8@gmail.com](mailto:arlene.wiens8@gmail.com). If the service was provided by a non-PVV member, please notify John Spicher at 442-8252; [vjspicher@comcast.net](mailto:vjspicher@comcast.net).

PVV **film nights** are on break for the summer. Anyone who might like to provide future leadership – assist in film selection, inform members of events, and/or host film showing(s) -- please notify Program Committee chair Ed Bontrager, [eebontrager@comcast.net](mailto:eebontrager@comcast.net).

**JMU Lifelong Learning Institute's** Fall catalog is out, offering a smorgasbord of course topics including Christian Mysticism, iPad workshop training, nature walks, Bridge, the Valley's early African-American communities, meteorology, Islamic

Mysticism, 21<sup>st</sup> Century China . . . and such titles as "Jewish Whys" and "Everything You Need to Know About the Economy (but were afraid to ask)." PVV members have been discovering LLI, which provided a program for us recently. LLI membership costs \$20/year and most courses (with no credit, grades or required homework), \$35 each. LLI also offers "Brown Bag Lunches," free to the public (you can bring your lunch), beginning Tuesday, Sept. 16 with "The Appalachian Mountain Dulcimer and Old Time Music," at LLI's new digs, the Ice House (former Casco Ice building), 127 W. Bruce Street, Harrisonburg. Meanwhile, LLI's special events lineup includes local performances by Rosanne Cash, Garrison Keillor and The Orquesta Sinfónica del Estado de México, plus various trips. See <http://www.jmu.edu/outreach/programs/all/lli/index.shtml> or call (540) 568-2923.

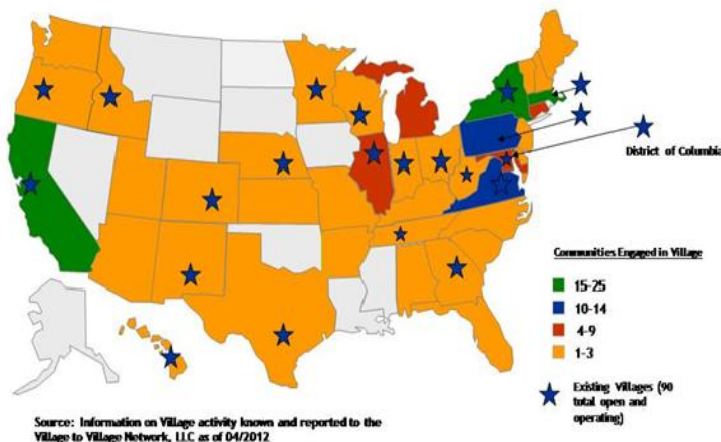
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**Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.**

*Mark Twain*



**PVV'S 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL PICNIC**, at Morrison Park in Harrisonburg June 13, brought good weather, excellent company, potluck casseroles, lemonade, homemade ice cream (thanks to Greg Versen, who also provided the photos), and "The Gospel 7's" premier public performance. Many among us sang along with the group's repertoire of songs remembered from Sunday-school and camp days. The Gospel 7 has practiced together for about two years and hopes for more gigs, says guitarist and PVV program director Ed Bontrager.



**"Is There a Village Near Me?"** is the caption for this graphic on the Village to Village network website (<http://www.vtvnetwork.org/>) – which shows Virginia fairly high for growth of "Villages." In its May issue, *Consumer Reports* recommended Village membership as a key to "a long, healthful life": <http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/magazine/2014/06/healthy-aging-into-your-80s-and-beyond/index.htm>.



## ***Service Provider Spotlight:***

### **BruCrew**

BruCrew is a university student-run, odd jobs service. Several of our PVV members have used them and are pleased with their service.

The crew offers to do general handyman work, yard and garden maintenance, pet sitting and walking, snow removal, and (when staff is available) housecleaning.

Their quoted fee is \$20 for the first hour and \$15 per hour for two or more hours.

They anticipate using their customers' tools and supplies, and advise that they do not now carry insurance.

Additional information is available at [www.vabrucrew.com](http://www.vabrucrew.com).

Phone number: 540-435-9596.



### ***Happy birthday, PVV members!*** **Upcoming birthdays --**

**August** Julia Alleman, Myron Augsberger, Ray Gingerich, Peggy Landis, Hope Lind, LaVerne Schirch

**September** Henry Brunk, Jay Landis, Chris Edwards, John Spicher, Lois Wenger

(Note: The newsletter issue is "July-August," but we're printing birthdays ahead of the publication date so they can all appear in timely fashion.)

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**Deadline is Sept. 15 for submissions to the September-October, 2014 PVV newsletter. Send items to Chris Edwards, editor, 434-0457; [chrisedwardshburg@gmail.com](mailto:chrisedwardshburg@gmail.com).**

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