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BINGO, August 8

VVHA Board Meeting, August 20

Newcomers' Social, Saturday, August 23 (replaces Friday Night Social)

Save the Date: September 1, Labor Day Breakfast



The Annual Newcomers' Social

Date: Saturday, August 23rd

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: VV Clubhouse

Welcome To Our New Neighbors!

Join us for a fun evening of food, conversation, and community as we celebrate the newest members of Vineyard Valley.

Bring a potluck dish to share and a beverage of your choice.

Newcomers, you are our guests, just bring yourselves.

A sign up sheet will be coming in August.



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August Birthdays

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- 7 Roger Collins
- 10 Mark Siobal
- 13 Gina Papale-White
- 14 **Bonnie Schoch**
- Fred Camacho 16
- 17 Janeen di Rienzo
- 19 Francine Freeman, Jennifer Montgomery
- 23 Phipps Moran, John Pitts
- 25 Luci Urias
- 26 Pat Dell
- 29 Michael Merriman

VIVA!

VIVA Mission Statement: To provide a periodic newsletter concerning current and upcoming events, VVHA news, activities, neighborly news, and other non-political and local items of interest to all Vineyard Valley residents.

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The Prez Sez . . . by Janet Schmidt

Hello friends and neighbors. The 4th of July co-chairs, Henk Brok and Rick Wood did an outstanding job with the bocce tournament, bingo and the yummy dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs. Next year's chair has some big shoes to fill.

The July monthly bingo crowd of 55 gave Rick Wood a big round of applause for his delicious taco salad. Come join the fun every second Friday of the month. For just \$15.00 you can have fun, win money, (not guaranteed) eat a great meal and visit with some of the most interesting people. See you on Friday, August 8th.

The Home Garden Tour held on Tuesday, July 22, co-chaired by Eve Breckenridge and Chris Killion, showed the gardens of 10 homes to several groups of enthusiastic Vineyard Valley residents who had signed up for the tour. The tour visitors were greeted and offered a variety of goodies and drinks from the garden hosts. Everyone enjoyed the visits.

Hospitality Chair, Robin McGuire, is going full speed ahead to make the Newcomer's Potluck on Saturday, August 23 a huge success. Mark your calendars. If you have a new neighbor, please ask them if they have been in contact with Robin and if not, please let Robin or me know so they will be included on the list of new residents and receive a special invitation to the potluck. More information is posted on the VVHA bulletin board.

If you haven't attended any of the Friday Night Socials on the 4th Friday of every month, you are missing out on a good time. Bring an appetizer to share, your favorite wine or cocktail, and join a fun bunch of people in the clubhouse lanai (because of the Newcomers' Potluck this month, the next Social will be held on September 26th).

And finally, save the date for our Men in the Kitchen breakfast on September 1st at 9:00am. Watch the VVHA bulletin board for more information.

Until the next event, Janet



VINEYARD VALLEY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING JULY 16, 2025 MINUTES

The meeting was called to Order by President Janet Schmidt at 3:05pm.

Minutes of June, 2025 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report by Henk Brok – As of June 30, 2025: Checking \$11,023.18; Savings \$9,013.72; VIVA \$3,797.54; Bocce \$1,804.30; Total \$25,638.74

July Bingo Report – 55 guests enjoyed Rick's Taco Salad on July 11 – join us next month for a good time and a chance to win cash prizes.

4th of July festivities brought big crowds for each event, beginning with Flag Raising (along with coffee, donuts and mimosas) and the popular Pet Parade, followed by Bocce, Bingo and Dinner. Fun was had by all.

Robin McGuire/Hospitality Chairperson is working hard on getting together the annual Newcomer's Potluck on Saturday August 23rd – keep the date open, details to follow.

Please be sure to make a full stop at the sign by the clubhouse and watch your speed on Paseo Grande!

Mike Snowden asked the board to approve \$800 for a new compound miter saw (placement to be approved by Park Mgmt), and approximately \$300 to purchase 200 US Flags to place around the park on the relevant holidays – e.g., 4th of July, Flag Day, Veteran's Day. The board will review

Noreen Aldredge asked that the print version of the VIVA be in color. The board will review the additional costs. Please note that the on-line version is already in full color.

President Janet Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 3:35pm

PARK MANAGEMENT REPORT

August 2025

Preparedness is the theme as we move into the hotter and drier part of the summer, especially after several small fires in the area. Older adults may have specific needs during and after a disaster. Plan ahead: Plan how you will communicate if you have a communications need. Plan for food, water, and essentials for you and pets or service animals. Plan for your transportation if you need help evacuating. Include items that meet your individual needs, such as medicines, medical supplies, batteries, and chargers, in your emergency supply kit. Plan how you will have your assistive devices with you during an evacuation. Make copies of Medicaid, Medicare, and other insurance cards.

CREATING DEFENSIBLE SPACE

The St Helena Fire Department will be onsite during August reviewing weeds and other potential fire hazards on resident lots and in the Park. Keep your property lean and green to help protect your family and home as well as others in the Vineyard Valley community. Proper defensible space also provides firefighters a safe area to work in to defend your home. Please join your

neighbors in doing your part to protect our community by:

- Removing all dead and dying weeds, grass, plants, shrubs, and vegetative debris (leaves, needles, cones, bark, etc.); contact the office with any tree concerns. Check your roofs, gutters, decks, porches, stairways, etc.
- Contacting the office to review any tree branches within 6 feet of any chimney or stovepipe outlet.
- Remove accumulated vegetative debris from the roofs and gutters.
- Limit combustible items (outdoor furniture, planters, etc.) on top of decks and patios. Carports are for parking resident cars and should be kept clear.

WATER CONSERVATION

Here are some tips to help conserve our valuable water resources and keep water bills manageable:

Around the House

- Install aerators
- Fill the bathtub halfway or less
- Recycle indoor water and irrigate your garden
- Turn off water when brushing teeth and shaving
- Fix leaks
- Install high-efficiency toilets
- Take 5-minute (or less) showers
- Wash full loads of clothes and dishes.

Around the Yard

- Use water-wise plants
- Reimagine your yard
- Use drought-resistant trees and plants
- Adjust sprinkler heads and fix leaks
- Install drip irrigation and add a smart controller
- Use a broom to clean outdoor areas
- Use mulch

AUGUST RULES REMINDER: Lot Maintenance

Residents shall maintain their homesites in a clean, well-kept and attractive fashion, including the front, sides and back. If a homesite is neglected after reasonable written notice, Management reserves the right, but is not obligated to, take over its care and bill the Resident for this service, pursuant to Civil Code Section 798.36. All trash, debris, boxes, barrels, brooms, ladders, etc., must be kept out of sight. Carports must be kept clean at all times, weeds and other vegetation should be removed from the carport.

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Balance and Fall Prevention | Robert Leavitt

Saturday, August 2, 9:00-9:45am | Rianda House

Research tells us that approximately 30% of individuals over age 65, and almost 50% of those over 80 will fall during the next year. This lecture will address where falls most occur, the factors that increase your fall risk, how to minimize those risk factors, effective interventions for you to reduce your fall risk, and effective exercises to decrease your fall risk. **RSVP**

Osteoporosis and Bone Health | Robert Leavitt

Saturday, August 2, 10:00-10:45AM | Rianda House

In the U.S., the prevalence of osteoporosis among adults aged 50 and older is at or above 12%. This disease leads to a high number of fractures, negatively impacting quality of life, and potentially leading to complications, disability, and death. This lecture will help you identify key aspects and risk factors of Osteopenia/Osteoporosis, as well as identify key elements of Osteopenia/Osteoporosis exercises to help you alter your risk and increase your quality of life. RSVP

Body Mind Nutrition | Susan Arthur

Thursdays, starting August 7 | 9:15-10:30AM | Rianda House

Susan Arthur has been coaching and teaching in the field of holistic and therapeutic nutrition for over 30 years. Join her class on discovering your personal path to better health and a higher quality of daily life through sustainable diet and lifestyle changes. Whether you are dealing with a health issue or just want more vitality, join us to learn how food and lifestyle choices make significant differences in your overall well-being. Topics include digestive health, heart and immune health, weight and blood sugar management, improved energy, mood, cognition and so much more. RSVP

Genealogy | Kelly Wheaton | Fridays, August 1 and August 15 | 10:00 -11:00AM | Rianda House Explore topics from DNA to Genealogical Research to Family History writing. Newcomers and dropins welcome. Kelly Wheaton was a founding member of the Napa Valley Genealogical Society in 1973 and is the author of the Beginner's Guide to Genetic Genealogy, see her blog at WheatonWood. com. RSVP

Age Well, Drive Smart | Emmy Baba | Wed, August 6 | 10:30AM-12PM | Rianda House

The CHP offers the Age Well, Drive Smart program statewide. Discussion topics in the Age Well, Drive Smart program include:

- -How to tune-up driving skillv
- -Refreshing knowledge of the rules of the road.
- -Learning about normal, age-related physical changes and how to adjust to them.
- -When it may be time to limit or stop driving.
- -Understanding the alternatives to driving.

The Age Well, Drive Smart program is conducted in conjunction with the Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Aging, Safety Center, Occupational Therapy Association of California, and Paratransit, Inc. RSVP

This is a partial listing of offerings from the Rianda House monthly calendar. The full schedule can be found on the website page: https://riandahouse.org/calendar-newsletter/



Grgich Hills Estate

On a lovely Saturday morning, we stopped at Grgich Hills to join some friends in a tasting. Grgich Hills was founded by two iconic souls of Napa, Miljenko "Mike" Grgich and Austin Hills in 1977. Miljenko Girgich immigrated from Croatia where he was escaping the oppression of that age by Russian Communism. One of his first winery jobs was with Chateau Souverain with winemaker Lee Stewart. He soaked up all the information and style he could. From there to Christian Brothers and then to BV here in Napa with the legendary Andre Tchelistcheff. After Andre retired he went to Robert Mondavi. And then he was enlisted as the winemaker/partner at Chateau Montelena. It was here that Mike really shined and produced the 1973 Montelena Chardonnay that was rated the best at the 1976 Paris Tasting. Austin Hills approached Miljenko suggesting they create a winery of their own using his vineyards. And in 1977 they founded Grgich

Hills Winery.



Currently the Estate has five vineyards that they source their grapes from. In 2023 they were certified as Regenerative-Organic. Chardonnay is sourced from their American Canyon and Caneros plots. Cabernet from Yountville and Rutherford. Their Yountville vineyard has a 25 acre section of Cabernet that was planted in 1959, the second oldest planting of Cabernet in the Valley. Calistoga has a plot of Zinfandel that dates back to 1889!

Overall they have 360 acres and produce approximately 65,000 cases a year.

Our tasting started with a glass of Sauvignon Blanc that was handed to us as we were greeted. We were shown to our table and proceeded to the tasting. Grgich Hills has a covered patio in front of the winery where we sat. After introductions to our server Milo, our tasting commenced with two of their Chardonnays. The first was the Miljenko Selection 2022 that was aged in 1500gal neutral oak barrels. This gave the wine a nice roundness ice citrus notes complimented by some tropical fruit and vanilla. Next was their Paris Tasting Commemorative Chard. Produced in the style that won the tasting back in 1976, with hand selected fruit and aged 10 months in 60gal oak barrels. This was richer with peach and citrus notes, and had a nice long finish.

Cabernets were next, starting with Miljenko's Selection 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon. 100% Cabernet, from Rutherford, aged 20 months. This is a big Cabernet with peppery, dark

cherry berry flavors. Fairly tannic and rich but quite drinkable. The 2020 Yountville Old Vine followed. This is from their plot with vines that were planted in 1959. Showing

complex berry flavors with softer tannins. This was a beautiful wine that could be drunk now but will continue to age for years. We were treated to a tasting of their Old Vine Zinfandel as well. Big and rich with bright raspberry and plum notes, and not too peppery.

There are multiple tastings available from Grgich Hills. Our tasting, Miljenko's Selection, was \$60 per person, a fairly good value in these days of elevated pricing. They also offer a weekday



tasting of three wines for just \$30 called the Du jour. You can also come in and order a glass or a bottle, a rare availability in the wineries these days. Fear not, those that want to spend more, there is an AVA tasting for \$125 and a Library Tasting for \$250. This is an iconic winery with a lot of history and some amazing wines from amazing vineyards that is well worth the time to stop in and enjoy.





FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM GAMES BEGIN 6:30PM SHARP!

- Entry pack \$15.00
- Includes 3 x 6 games
- Packs, dauber, and dinner
- BYO beverage
- Those with specific food requirements, or allergies, are welcome to provide their own
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Know Thy Neighbor

by Suzanne James

I magine if you will the Financial Crisis of 2008 destroying in quick succession two businesses you were involved with and somehow surviving and then thriving. That was the daunting task facing our neighbor in the spotlight this month. It is a fascinating story of resilience, fortitude, and personal success.

He was born in Grayling, Michigan in 1942, the middle of three boys. His father was a farmer and local politician, assuming the roles of County Commissioner and Justice of the Peace in their small community. "He was a wannabe lawyer but he was squeezed out by the Depression. Nevertheless, he put his cousin through medical school . . . and acting in community politics helped!"

Our neighbor was sent, along with his older brother, to a Catholic Military Boarding School in Monroe, Michigan at age seven for six years. "It was a good experience, and I made a lot of friends!" From ages 13–18 he attended a Catholic Seminary in Holy Trinity, Alabama. After 5 years, he was ultimately disillusioned that he would ever be Pope! Plus, the world of girls called.

He returned home to Grayling in 1961 at age 19 where he took a job at the local hospital for a year and half as an orderly. He then graduated from a top-notch Junior College, NorthWestern Michigan, in Traverse City, MI in 1964. Following that he transferred to a four-year college, eventually completing his degree in chemistry at Eastern Michigan University in 1970.

In the meantime, he had married in 1965 and over the years he and his wife parented three children, Laurie, Stephen, and Karin.

In 1970 he was employed by Climax Molybdenum as a lubrication engineer working with oil and greases. In time he moved on to another chemical company, Federal Mogul, as Chief Analytical Chemist. Then, from 1973–1978 he went to work at Lubrizol as a salesman for industrial chemicals to the automotive market.

"In 2008 I was in negotiations with a Las Vegas business group to provide a carbonated flavored water, but then the financial crisis hit."

In 1978 he started his own company in Detroit, Maurer Shumaker, manufacturing industrial chemicals for steel cleaning, including zinc phosphate, corrosion resistant oils, and industrial paint, mostly for smaller parts of cars to prevent rust. "We established sales offices all over the United States plus Britain and Europe for distribution of our chemicals. We sold our business in 1995 to Molson Beer which in turn sold the expanded business to Henkel in Germany."

He then started a bottled water business which he named AVITA, taking water from artesian wells on the family farm. "We sold 500 truckloads of that water; soon it was determined that the Pistons, Golden State Warriors, and the LA Dodgers could only use and sell our water!

"In 2008 I was in negotiations with a Las Vegas business group to provide a carbonated flavored water, but then the financial crisis hit. I had doubled the production and the

size of the plant in anticipation of closing the deal. But the LV group went bankrupt and took me with them!

"While that was going on, a German company wanted me to be the exclusive representative to market their chemicals in the US which I did under the name 'Maurer Coatings,' which was successful for eight years. Then the company got into financial problems and went bankrupt, also affected by the 2008 financial crisis in the US."

In 1995 he came to California to meet their daughter's fiancé, attending their wedding two years later. (Sadly, the husband passed away ten years later of glioblastoma, a rare cancer of the brain.) Our neighbor and his wife started spending more time in California

to be with their daughter and grandchildren. They bought a home in Vineyard Valley, splitting their time between their home in Michigan and their home here. They eventually moved to Vineyard Valley full time in 2017.

Asked what he likes to do currently with his free time, he says, "I started writing (autobiographical) books to stay busy once I was here full time. I've written four books. I've also written three additional books with assistance from Artificial Intelligence (AI). My first book, Dirt Farmer's Son, was published in 2023 and is available on Amazon." Other retirement activities include playing Bocce twice a week and playing golf with his daughters "maybe once a month."

Our neighbor highlighted this month is Terry Maurer who lives with his wife of sixty years, Mary Ann (introduced two months ago in in this column), and their dog, Annie, at 19 Redondo Court.

Referrals and volunteers for this column are welcome and appreciated!



Dr. Edward Bale & His Mill

By Dee T. Davis

Edited by Mariam Hansen, St. Helena Historical Society

Before the invention of water powered mills, the grinding of grain was a daily time consuming task. The tools ranged from mortars and pestles to rotary querns (two stones turned by hand). The product sometimes contained enough ground stone to eventually wear out the consumer's teeth or enough wheat germ oil to spoil the flour. Even after the development of water powered mills, the milling process was hard work. The miller had to sharpen the millstones every few weeks. The top stone had to be exactly balanced over the bottom stone. If the millstones became too hot the flour turned sticky. It would not pass through the bolters which separated the fine flour from the hard outer shells of the wheat berry. However, the water powered mills like Dr. Bale's mill remained in use for about 2,000 years.

Dr. Edward Turner Bale came to our state just after it declared independence from Mexico. He married Maria Soberanes, a niece of General Mariano Vallejo, the local leader. With influence from Vallejo, Bale and his wife obtained a large Mexican land

grant of over 17,000 acres, extending from Whitehall Lane to Calistoga. Dr. Bale was intelligent, but hot tempered and impetuous. He had scrapes with the Mexican authorities and Maria's family before settling down as a rancher and mill owner.

During the early 1800s Bale and other settlers built flour mills in various parts of the Napa Valley. As usual, communities grew near these essential buildings. After gold was discovered (1848) and California joined the US (1850), our population expanded enormously in many



Dr. Bale on his horse



parts of the state. Due to influence from American settlers, Napa Valley's cattle raising economy changed to one based on agriculture——especially wheat. By 1879 many valley farmers had shifted to other crops, such as wine grapes.

Along with other settlers, Dr. Bale realized the urgent need for saw and flour mills, which generated cash that he needed. Witnesses said he worked long hours to make both his mills productive. Sadly, he died in 1849, leaving his wife to raise six children and manage the ranch and mills.

Maria Bale was a prudent business owner. She

made a contract with Leonard Lillie, another early settler, to automate the Bale Mill to a "good custom mill". Lillie installed the large 36 foot diameter waterwheel that we see (restored) today. He also installed belt conveyors, chutes and a threshing machine. After leaving her employ, Lillie became a well-known doctor in Napa Valley.

Her daughter Isadora Bale married Louis Bruck and she inherited the mill. In 1859 they hired James Warner to build a stone dam and reservoir on Mill Creek. The Brucks sold the mill in 1860 to Ralph Ellis and Edward Irwin, who are thought to have installed a steam engine to run the mill when there was not enough water. The granary became a social center and meeting place for groups.

The next owner was William Sayward, who made several improvements in 1870, before selling to Rev. Theodore Lyman the next year. Rev. Lyman retained a miller until 1885 but the market had changed. There were now large commercial mills in Vallejo and San Francisco, which doomed small mills.

Bale Grist Mill State Park offers milling demonstrations on weekends and is open 10-4pm.

ST. HELENA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS: Mare Island Naval Hospital, A History, 1864-1957

Thomas Snyder, M.D. | August 7 | 4pm

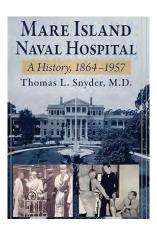
Mare Island Naval Hospital was the Navy's first west coast hospital. It grew from a palatial but primitive facility in the 1860s to the Navy's premier amputee center for Marines and sailors returning from the brutal war in the Pacific during WWII.



Thomas Snyder, MD

Dr. Snyder provides a complete history of the hospital and draws heavily on primary sources to provide a detailed history.







4th of July Festivities: Flags, Friends, and Fun! PET PARADE BINGO FLAG RAISING BOCCE BOCCE

SUNSET IN PASO ROBLES

A huge ball of fire eases its way toward the earth.

Scattered clouds move slowly across the late afternoon sky

The landscape seems to diminish with the fading light.

Hills and trees grow smaller and less distinct.

Silhouetted trees appear to burst into flames

Against the fading sun, sending smoky threads across the mountains

Slowly, slowly the giant disc melts into the endless horizon

Then, one last golden flicker before it disappears completely.

In a moment, day has become night and the light has faded

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The black night sky is sparkling with thousands of diamonds

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2025 St. Helena Summer Concert Series



August 6: Band 707 6:00 - 8:00 pm

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2025 Calistoga Summer Concerts in the Park



August 7: Boys of Summer 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Get ready for a night of classic rock nostalgia with Boys of Summer, the ultimate Eagles tribute band! Featuring top-tier musicians, including the rock-solid drumming of Jimmy Williamson, who has worked with legends like Toto, REO Speedwagon, and Stevie Nicks, this band delivers a spot-on performance of the Eagles' greatest hits.



August 14: Maya 6:30 - 8:30 pm

End the summer on a high note with Maya Latin Tribute Band, a high-energy group that brings the best of Latin music legends to the stage! From Selena and Santana to Shakira and Celia Cruz, Maya delivers an electrifying mix of tributes and danceable hits that will keep you moving all night long.

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St. Helena Farmers' Market

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Farmers' Market in Yountville

Thursdays, 8AM to 12PM and Sundays, 8AM to 12PM 6498 Washington Street, Yountville

Calistoga Farmers' Market

Saturdays - 9AM to 1PM, Sharpsteen Museum Plaza, 1399 Washington Street

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Friends Have Been Dying

as they do, she said

As they do, this time of life, these days

But I've been reading about floods in Texas, children missing

Latinos pulled from Southern Californian fields by masked gestapo, children missing

Alligators, cages, crypto, wildfires raging Epstein and oh hell the children

Let's order lobster, she said perhaps champagne

Let's celebrate our lucky lives and escape to somewhere new

But I've been reading about children waiting for water during war

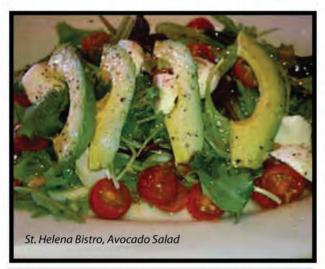
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- Adrienne Asher

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