VILLAGE GREEN NEWS

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"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."

- Audrey Hepburn

Throughout the world there are many different gardens that people have designed. In a Japanese garden, every tree is perfectly pruned, without a leaf out of place. Nothing is planted without forethought as to the exact place appropriate to it.

There are English gardens that are famous for their roses and perfect lines of shrubbery. The number of garden types are too numerous to mention. One thing is true of all gardens. It is a joint creation between man's intention to create a space of tranquility and nature's ability to comply.

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Butchart Gardens

Brentwood Bay, British Columbia, Canada



Word Sgarch





Just living is not enough...
one must have sunshine, freedom,
and a little flower.

- Hans Christian Andersen

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Word Sgarch



The arrival of spring heralds the return of warm weather and beautiful, fragrant flowers. Celebrate the change in seasons by growing some fresh color flowers and plants on your patio or balcony. They'll lift your spirits and remind you that spring has arrived.

Bellflower Deutzia Mountain Laurel

Bluestar Dogwood Muscari

Calla Lily Forget Me Not Pansy

Camellia Forsythia Peony

Cherry Blossom Freesia Pink Tulip

Daffodil Garden Rose Primrose

Daylily Geranium Scilla

Delphinium Hydrangea Sweet Pea

It helps to know what you can expect from the flowers you already have. The first step is having a clear understanding of the difference between annual and perennial plants — and how they'll behave next spring.

An annual is a plant that lives for just one season. Whether you plant from seed or purchase seedlings to plant, an annual will sprout, flower, seed, and then die – all in the same year.

Perennials live for three or more growing seasons. They can be planted from bulb or seed bulbs and must be planted in the fall to produce springblooming plants. Young plants are planted in Spring.

Flower Power





Flowers Generate Happiness.

Bringing spring indoors adds a fresh sense of liveliness and color to your home. Flowers and ornamental plants increase levels of positive energy and help people feel secure and relaxed.

Weightless and airy, like the expanse of the blue sky above,
Serenity comforts with a calming effect, bringing a feeling of respite even in turbulent times.

A transcendent blue, Serenity provides us with a naturally connected sense of space.





While the majority of Spring palettes trends toward calmness, a few diversions from the theme emerge that offer a contrast. With Buttercup, designers reveal a shining beacon transporting its admirer to a happier, sunnier place."

Flower Power





Green Flash calls on its host to explore, push the envelope and escape the mundane, radiating an openness that combines with the rest of the palette in unexpected but serendipitous ways

Rose Quartz, a persuasive yet gentle tone...conveys compassion and a sense of composure. Like a serene sunset or budding flower, Rose Quartz reminds us to reflect on our surroundings during the busy but lighthearted spring months.





As in most any season, the need for neutrals arises. Essentially a basic, the subtlety of the lilac undertone in Lilac Gray adds a distinctive edge to this classy gray shade.

Châtgau de Versailles



Probably the world's most famous garden, it was built for Louis XIV and designed by Andre Le Notre. The laying out of the gardens required enormous work. Vast amounts of earth had to be shifted to lay out the flower beds, the Orangerie, the fountains and the Canal, where previously only woods, grasslands and marshes were. The earth was transported in wheelbarrows, the trees were conveyed by cart from all the provinces of France and thousands of men, sometimes whole regiments, took part in this vast enterprise.













News & Notes



Located in the cul-de-sac at the end of Corabel Lane, our community garden exists to promote a positive environment for residents with a passion for working outdoors, to share information, gardening techniques and build camaraderie. It's a wonderful way to develop a hobby, or practice some outdoor creativity! If you are interested in having your own plot please come see us in the office.





Pay on or Before the 1st to Win a Trader Joe's Gift Card

Next Month:
April Book Club
"Sing, Unburied, Sing"
Jesmyn Ward
April 25th @7pm

Clubhouse





Hunter was my 11 1/2 year old miniature Schnauzer and was a resident of Village Green his entire life. We spent many hours playing and making friends at the dog park. In January Hunter became ill and passed over the rainbow bridge to run and play in lush meadows with other faithful companions. He is missed dearly and holds a special place in my heart. Thank you Village Green and staff for giving him a peaceful place to live.

- Carol Minard



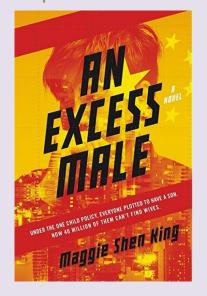




Book Club



Wednesday March 28th 7pm Clubhouse



Join Us at Book Club

From debut author Maggie Shen King,

An Excess Male is the chilling dystopian tale of politics,
inequality, marriage, love, and rebellion, set in a
near-future China, that further explores the themes
of the classic The Handmaid's Tale and When She Woke.

Under the One Child Policy, everyone plotted to have a son.

Now 40 million of them can't find wives.

China's One Child Policy and its cultural preference for male heirs have created a society overrun by 40 million unmarriageable men. By the year 2030, more than twenty-five percent of men in their late thirties will not have a family of their own. An Excess Male is one such leftover man's quest for love and family under a State that seeks to glorify its past mistakes and impose order through authoritarian measures, reinvigorated Communist ideals, and social engineering.

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader."

- Margaret Fuller

April Book Club

"Sing, Unburied, Sing" Jesmyn Ward





NYT BESTSELLERS











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My little dog - a heartbeat at my feet. Edith Wharton

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The Miniature Schnauzer is a small dog with a whole lot of heart.

Stocky, robust little dogs standing 12 to 14 inches at the shoulder, Miniature Schnauzers were bred down from their larger cousins, Standard Schnauzers.

Aside from the size difference, the two breeds look much alike. The bushy beard and eyebrows give Minis a charming, human-like expression. The coat comes in three color patterns: salt and pepper, black and silver, and solid black.

Created to be all-around farm dogs and ratters, they're rugged and muscular—fearless, but not aggressive.

He's a dog breed who's got it all in one small package: intelligence, affection, an extroverted temperament, humor, and a personality that's twice as big as he is. Throw in that walrus moustache and quivering enthusiasm, and he'll make you laugh every day. With a Miniature Schnauzer in the house, you'll never be alone, not even when you go to the bathroom. He's got personality-plus, and whether he's bounding around ahead of you or curled up snoozing on your lap, you'll never be bored with him around.



Cooking Club





March Cooking Club

Wednesday, March 14th - 6pm Clubhouse

Please Pay \$8.00 by Monday, March 12th CLASSIC CORNED BEEF DINNER
WITH ALL THE SIDES





In every Irish establishment, and many others, especially around
St. Patrick's Day, corned beef and cabbage will make its way onto the menu, marking a
"tip of the cap" to the Irish around March 17. Another annual occurrence is Irish people
complaining that this is not, in fact, an Irish dish at all, but is this true?

Beef was not readily available in Ireland and was considered a luxury and that's why the traditional Irish meal centered around ham, the bacon. But when these Irish got off the boats in America it was quite the opposite. Corned beef was the meat that they could easily and more cheaply get their hands on and, so, this became the meal of choice for generations of Irish Americans to come. The bars of early 20th century New York would offer a free dinner of corned beef and cabbage to the Irish workers who would crowd in after working all day on the building sites. The Irish builders would still have to buy a few drinks in order to get their supposedly free dinner, but the main reason that the corned beef and cabbage dinner is thought to be of Irish origin is not because they were enticed by a traditional meal so much as a cheap meal.

Whichever you prefer to treat yourself to - whether it's the corned beef and cabbage or the bacon and cabbage - enjoy!

Movie Night

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Friday, March 9th 7pm Clubhouse





GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN

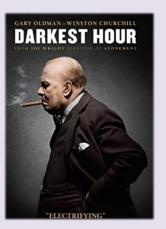
This enchanting historical drama details the relationship between children's author A.A. Milne and his son Christopher Robin, which was changed forever when Milne used his child and his stuffed animals as inspirations for the Winnie the Pooh stories.

As the fanciful tales bring hope to England in the wake of World War I, the family deals with fame and unwanted attention.

"Promise me you'll always remember:
You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem,
and smarter than you think."

-A.A.Milne

Friday, March 23rd 7pm Clubhouse



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DARKEST HOUR

While the German Nazi regime bombarded Britain during the Second World War and continued its attack on Europe, the British were faced after Neville Chamberlain's resignation with choosing a new Prime Minister. Their only hope was a man few wanted in the job because of his push politically for less colonialism: Winston Churchill. After becoming Prime Minister, Churchill had to face a difficult choice for a man who had stood in fierce opposition to the Nazi's even before the war. He had to decide to continue to focus on British military resistance or negotiate a peace treaty with Adolf Hitler.

"COURAGE IS WHAT IT TAKES TO STAND UP AND SPEAK; COURAGE IS ALSO WHAT IT TAKES TO SIT DOWN AND LISTEN."

-WINSTON CHURCHILL

Important Pates



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