



# The Village In Howard Newsletter

May 2022

## Editor's Note

The office will be closed on Monday, May 30th, due to the Memorial Day Holiday. Any phone or email messages left on that day will be answered on Tuesday, May 31st.

## Communicaton/Outreach News

By Sheryl Amster

On April 7th, we made a presentation at the Florence Bain Center to tell The Village In Howard story. Twelve people attended the meeting in person and one left contact information. It was wonderful that so many of them ventured out on a chilly, rainy day. They were a very engaging group and asked some great questions. One of them joined and several others expressed interest as well. Thank you to my committee because without their help, it would not have been such a success. Thank you to the Villagers who attended to help with the slide presentation, answer questions, give testimonials about what they do for our organization and their experiences as members.

### Meet Up With Free Lunch Provided

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 4 at 11:30 AM.

**WHERE:** River Hill Village Center on the back patio of Claret Hall

**WHAT:** PIZZA and snacks

**HOW:** Must RSVP by May 3 – email [events@villageofriverhill.org](mailto:events@villageofriverhill.org)

After this, on every other Wednesday, at 11:30, bring your own lunch and drink to the River Hill Village Center for a meet up on the back patio.

### Tell Your Family, Friends And Neighbors!

Join us for another presentation about The Village in Howard.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 18 at 11:30 AM.

**WHERE:** River Hill Village Center

**WHAT:** Bring your own lunch. Most likely, this event will be outdoors.

SEE YOU THERE!

If you live in a 55 and older housing community and would like The Village In Howard to make a presentation where you live, please contact us by calling 443-367-9043

or email us at [4info@thevillageinhoward.org](mailto:4info@thevillageinhoward.org). We look forward to hearing from you.

## 50+ Senior Centers Lunch Events

The 50+ Senior Centers in the county are offering lunch programs in the coming months. You must register ahead of time and check in at the front desk of these centers. In some cases a donation is requested as payment for the lunch. Contact the individual center for details.

### Bain Center

*The cost is by donation for these lunches.*

May 6 at 11:30 AM Mother's Day lunch by La Madeleine

June 15 at 12:00 PM Father's Day lunch by Mission BBQ

For more information, call 410-313-7213 or email them at [bain50@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:bain50@howardcountymd.gov)

### Elkridge Center

*There was no cost information in their newsletter.*

June 16 at 12:00 PM Hot Dog Lunch

Sign up at the front desk.

For more information call 410-313-5192 or email them at [elkridge50@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:elkridge50@howardcountymd.gov)

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT ON

### Michelle Laudadio

Michelle has been a TVIH member and volunteer since 2016. Michelle has provided rides to many members over the past 5 years, only stopping as her family commitments increased. Additionally, she is part of the Circle of Care team, where, when the need arose, she quickly volunteered to do laundry for members recovering from surgery or injury. Michelle continues to participate in our virtual Mah Jongg programs—winning silently and stealthily. Thank you, Michelle, for all the hours of service so appreciated by our members!



## March Survey Results 2022

Thanks to all the many members of TVIH (about 50%) who responded to our March Survey exploring your feelings about In-Person Events, our Motto and Logo.

Members wanted to be able to resume several in-person activities such as clubs, committee meetings, and Happy Hours but wanted others to be on Zoom, such as the music lectures, meditation, and Good Morning Howard, even if COVID restrictions are lifted.



Half the members wanted to change our motto which is "Aging in Howard just got better" to a shorter one of "Aging Better Together" or "Thriving Together" (a distant 2nd ). Also, half the members wanted to change our logo because some say it looks like the coronavirus icon. Nancy Freeman, a TVIH member and artist, created an updated logo: "Embracing a growing, thriving, diverse community." We then asked the graphic design students at the Howard County Public School Applied Research Laboratory (ARL) to work on refining the logo to print. Fran Dummett and Sheryl Amster were presented with the 27 submissions which have been narrowed down to 4 possible logos for updating our image. In addition, we hosted a Good Morning Howard Show on April 13th in which these logos were presented and discussed. Here are the choices. Send feedback to [frandummett@gmail.com](mailto:frandummett@gmail.com). Again, thank you to everyone who has given us input.

Once all of the feedback is received and tabulated, this information will help the Board narrow the choice of our new motto and logo designs.

— Submitted by Fran Dummett

## ON BOARDING

### TVIH Board Meeting Wednesday, April 27th, 2022

*Sarah Spence presiding*

#### Finances: Peter Brunner

TVIH received money from the U.S. Treasury Department as part of government support in the Covid crisis as well as a small grant from Oakland Mills. The 50/50 Raffle closes later this week with approximately 110 paid tickets. Among the other fundraising opportunities is Tino's donations of a percentage of their proceeds on a given day. The rent for our Steven's Forest office has been raised slightly.

#### Changes in TVIH's presentation: Marie Grunwell, Fran Dummett

The Board examined and approved initial proposals to change our vision and mission statements, logo and motto to make them more appealing and more reflective of our intention and aspirations. They are still working on making the statements more concise.

**Proposed Mission statement:** The mission of The Village In Howard is to enrich the lives of Howard County's aging population to address the challenges of life by providing social and educational activities, support services and opportunities to serve the community that are designed to help live independently, age in place and remain active, if possible.

**Proposed Vision statement:** The Village In Howard will be known for providing strong support for its aging population, for encouraging appropriate decisions by government agencies about senior needs and inclusiveness, and for encouraging those seniors to employ their resources for betterment of our community.

In a recent survey of TVIH members about half of the respondents supported a change in our motto. The Board as well as the respondents chose "Aging better together." Our logo is also undergoing modification with the help of a Howard County high school class. One of the designs submitted was selected by the Board for further modification. It will replace depiction of houses with depiction of human interaction. The artist will receive an award certificate and a \$50 gift card and runners up in the design competition will receive \$25 gift cards with an award certificate.

### Dates to remember:

**Friday, June 11** is summer move out day for TVIH. Our return date in late August has yet to be set. We are in great need of people to help us pack up and move as well as to offer us summer storage space for some items of furniture. Please call TVIH if you can volunteer.

**Tuesday June 14 from 4-7PM** is set for the annual TVIH picnic. TVIH will supply barbecued meat with attendees expected to supply salads, side dishes and desserts.

### Policy – Non-Endorsement of Businesses:

The Board recognizes that there is a delicate balance. Often we invite representatives from organizations and businesses in order to benefit from their expertise. Their motivation is in part to increase their visibility to prospective clients. However we need to be careful that TVIH is not endorsing them.

## Village Pods Corner



This month the Pods Committee wants to introduce the TVIH Photo Pod. Guest writer, Dick Voelker, a pod member and prolific nature photographer, gives you a taste of what you might be able to shoot on photography pod outings. These pictures were taken in Howard County at silt ponds. Let's see what he has seen through his lens.

### Dragonflies and Damselflies of Howard County



Do not fear dragonflies as they will not bite you. They can be seen around freshwater ponds (many covered with algae), swamps, marshes, and the edges of slow-moving streams. Their bodies and wings have a wide

range of beautiful colors and are delightful to see.

Of great interest is the fact that dragonflies can move all four wings independently and, therefore, can move up, down, forward, backward, go right, left, rotate on their axes, and can fly over 35 mph.

While most small damselflies (male and female) live a surprisingly short lifetime, no more than a few weeks, the giant dragonflies (male and female) live a month, maybe two.

They populate our area from May until the fall season and are most active on sunny days.

They are carnivores, meaning they feed on other creatures. Adult dragonflies eat mosquitoes, flies, butterflies, insects; they can catch these in mid-flight.

The species falls under the name Odonata, and within North America, there are approximately 462 species and over 5000 worldwide.

Photos and text by Dick Voelker  
(member of TVIH Photo Pod)



*If you have enjoyed this article, consider joining the photography pod or another pod. Send an email to [pods@thevillageinhoward.org](mailto:pods@thevillageinhoward.org), and we'll get you connected with other interested members.*

## PLEASE NOTE: All Events Now Require Registration!

Register for an event on the online calendar.

When you register for a Zoom TVIH event, you receive the Zoom link two times. The first time is right after you register. You receive the second notice on the day before the event. If you cannot find the zoom link in your emails, go to the website and cancel your registration, then register again. The email link will be emailed to you within 2 minutes.

Reminder: Please remember to use the 'Cancel' button or phone the office, if you are unable to attend an event for which you've registered. This courtesy not only helps the event coordinator, but opens a space for others who may wish to attend.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Sharon Neville, Program Chair*

## Weekly Programs

- **Monday Morning Meanderings** – Every Monday, May 2, 9, 16, 23 at 10:00 AM at Lake Elkhorn. Contact: Jane Sherman
- **Virtual Coffee with Friends** – Every Monday, May 2, 9, 16, 23 at 10:00 AM. Contact: Jane Sherman
- **Lunch Bunch** – Every Wednesday, May 4, 11, 18, 25 at 11:30 AM at Leelyns Dining Room and Lounge. Contact: Mary McGraw.
- **In Person Bridge Group** – Every Tuesday, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 1:00 PM. Contact: Sarah Spence.
- **Good Morning Howard** – Every Wednesday, 4, 11, 18, 25 at 9:00 AM. Contact: Fran Lorenzi.
- **Virtual Mah Jongg** – Every Friday, May 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:00 AM. Contact: Susan Hailman.
- **Sneakers & Coffee** – Every Saturday, May 7, 14, 21, 28 at 9:00 AM. Contact: John Salkeld.

## Monthly Programs

### Remarkable Reads

**Thursday, May 5 at 10:00 AM. Zoom/Virtual**

**Contact: Sharon Neville**

Do you have a favorite book? A book you consider remarkable that you want to share with others.

### Outdoor Happy Hour at Konstantine's Greek Taverna

**Tuesday, May 8 at 4:00 PM**

**Hosts: Karen Ray and Howard Turk**

**Contact: Cheryl Neely**

### Japanese with Martha Chaiklin

**Wednesday, May 11 at 1:00 PM**

**Contact: Joy Cheung**

### My 3 Cents

**Tuesday, May 17 at 1:00 PM**

How do you talk about gender identity: From pronouns to policies. Contact: Ellin Scholnick.

### The Village Readers (Book Discussion Group)

**Thursday, May 19 at 10:00 AM**

**Contact: Mary Pat Donelan**

The book is "Anxious People" by Fredrik Backman.

### Outdoor Happy Hour at the home of Fran Lorenzi and Bob Coburn -

**Tuesday, May 24 at 4:00 PM**

**Contact: Fran Lorenzi**

### Travel Talks: Hong Kong

**Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 PM**

**Tour Guide: Joy Cheung**

**Contact: Marsha Birnbaum**

### Listen! – Friday, May 27 at 10:00 AM. Virtual

**Presenter: Tom Benjamin**

**Contact: Joy Cheung**

## Good Morning Howard

### Wednesdays at 9:00 AM

In May, Good Morning Howard will wind up its Senior Housing Options Series with the following three sessions:



### (May 4) Innovative Approaches Part 1: Cohousing

Cohousing is an intentional community of private homes clustered around shared space. Our guest host, Ann Zabaldo, is the Executive Director of Mid-Atlantic

Cohousing whose motto is “Everyone Living Next to Someone Who Cares About Them.” Ms. Zabaldo has worked in the cohousing field for 30 years and has also lived in Takoma Village Cohousing in Washington, DC, for 20 years.

### **(May 11) Innovative Approaches Part 2: House Sharing**

Tune in to find out about the useful services available to people interested in sharing a home. Our guest host, Jennifer Hammer, is from Silvernest, a home sharing service that helps people find roommates with whom they are compatible.

**\*(May 18) Topic to be determined**

### **(May 25) Livin’ the Dream: The Expat Life!**

On May 25 we will bring the housing series to a lighthearted close with a conversation with two people who decided to live their golden years abroad as expatriates. Fred Nelson is a former Columbia resident who decided to move to Paris. Ramona Cosme now lives with her husband in Mexico’s San Miguel de Allende, a haven for American expats and retirees, known for its thriving arts scene and cultural festivals.

## **World Languages 101: Japanese**

*Date: May 11, 2022 (Wednesday)*

*Time: 1:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Speaker: Martha Chaiklin*

This is the last one of the world language classes. Hebrew, French, Spanish, Norwegian, Hindi, and Chinese classes were offered. This class is open to the public on Zoom. Register on the TVIH website to receive the Zoom link.

The video recordings of the previous classes were uploaded to Youtube. The links can be found under the tab “resources” on the TVIH website after you log in as a member.

Martha Chaiklin, daughter of TVIH member Sharon Chaiklin, will teach the basic Japanese language. She spent over 15 years in Japan. This presentation will examine Japanese language from its origins to modern forms. It will cover pronunciation, writing systems, writing styles and historical changes with a brief discussion of some of the literature available in translation that represents these aspects of Japanese language.



## **Spring is Here!**

### **Happy Hours Move Outside**

We have two great outdoor socials celebrating spring this month.



**May 10 at 4:00 PM:** Join us on the beautiful covered patio at Konstantine’s Greek Taverna located at 12857 Highland Road in Highland. This restaurant features Mediterranean, Greek and Vegetarian small plates/dinners. Karen Ray and Howard Turk will be our hosts at this lovely location.



**May 24 at 4:00 PM:** Fran Lorenzi and Bob Coburn have graciously offered to host another of the season’s backyard happy hours. Bring your chair, finger food or dessert and beverage to share and enjoy a festive evening with friends.

Registration is required for both events. We ask that you be fully vaccinated. See our online calendar for details.

## **TVIH Table Talk:**

### **Celebrating Our Mothers with Food and Stories**

*Date: May 20, Friday*

*Time: 5:30 - 8:00 PM*

*Host: Duane St.Clair*

Registration: Required. Please register on the TVIH website and provide the name of the dish you will bring at the time of registration.

On April 22, 18 members happily celebrated the

traditions of Easter and Passover and the arrival of Spring and Earth Day. We enjoyed delicious food, charades with a theme, and a lively conversation about our topic: How are we different from our parents and how our kids differ from us?



### Programs:

- 5:30 - 6:00 pm: Set up and Social Hour
- 6:00 - 7:00 pm: Potluck dinner
- 7:00 - 8:00 pm: D & D (Desserts and Discussion)



Each participant brings a dish (favorite Mom-cooked food) to share. Dish size should be enough to serve at least 6 people.

Paper plates, cups,

plastic forks, napkins, iced tea and bottled water will be supplied. Bring your favorite beverage if you prefer.

Try to find a photo of you as a young child and your Mother. Email it to Joy Cheung at jihcheung@gmail.com. See if we can guess correctly who the young boy or girl in the photo was.



## Travel Talks: Hong Kong

*Date: 5/26 at 7:00 PM*

*Virtual event on Zoom*

Hong Kong (the Fragrant Harbor), originally a

sparsely populated area of farming and fishing villages, is one of the world's most significant financial centers and commercial ports.

Hong Kong was transferred to China on 1 July 1997, after 156 years of British rule.

TVIH members, Joy Cheung and her husband, Frank, traveled to Hong Kong in 2011 and 2019. Joy will show travel photos of the shops and skyscrapers in the city, and the fish market and Buddhist temples in Cheung Chau, an offshore island where Frank grew up.



## Listen! The Shock of the New

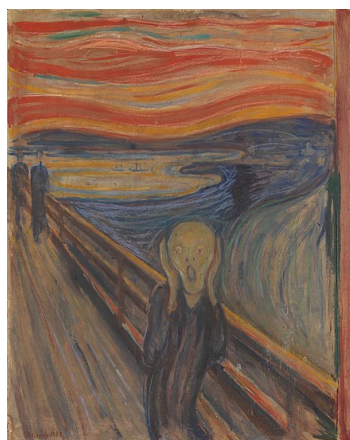
*Date: May 27, 2022 (Friday)*

*Time: 10 AM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Speaker: Tom Benjamin*

Why are so many folks resistant to unfamiliar styles in the arts, fashion, literature and more? We'll explore this big set of issues, using examples from cultures, eras and genres around the world- good fun, and maybe a little mind-blowing.



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