



# The VillageCrier

Old Town Village, Alexandria, Virginia

## From the OTVOA Board of Directors

Jill Eicher, President

With the official start date of autumn fast approaching we look forward to the **23rd annual OTV Progressive Dinner** on **Saturday, September 27**. For those new to OTV, the Progressive Dinner brings together neighbors from the townhouses and the condominiums starting with a happy hour progressing to dinner with a final gathering for desserts in the Roundhouse.

OTVOA's **Safety and Security Chair Jay Zanone** is hosting a **Cyber Safety Seminar** for townhouse and condominium residents on **September 24** starting at **7:00 pm** at the Roundhouse.

Autumn also signals the end of pool season for OTV. The pool will remain open through **Sunday, September 14**. We hope everyone who wanted to got a chance to enjoy this OTV amenity.

**Access to the Roundhouse** - The OTVOA Board of Directors shares residents' frustrations when having difficulty accessing the Roundhouse using your fobs or the Kastle app. We have been aware of these issues and appreciate residents notifying us of problems. The Management Committee has tirelessly worked with Kastle Systems to detect and

correct the problem. Although many residents may feel it is a problem with their fobs or the app, the problem is likely one within the system itself. We anticipate resolving this issue soon and appreciate your patience.

**Resident Directory** - The new 2025 OTV resident directory is ready for distribution. This hard copy directory is a collaborative effort by both associations that includes the names and contact information for townhouse and condominium neighbors. The directory is available for distribution at the Roundhouse on **Wednesday, September 3** from **5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. The Board wishes to thank **Jillian Asseff, Yun-Ho Sikora, and Rose McHenry** for preparing the townhouse section of the directory.

**OTVOA Mailboxes** - After 28 years, the OTVOA mailboxes got a makeover including cleaning, repainting, and new box numbers and signage. Many thanks to **Graham Ruggie** and **Mike Vitale** of the **Hardscape Committee** for their efforts.

**Treasurer's Update** - Happy to see everyone around the village as the temps cool down. In terms of finances, OTVOA is doing great. We are under budget slightly for the year to date. We are continuing to invest our reserve funds across the 4 accounts in a rolling combination of

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CDs and Treasury bills in order to earn the maximum interest possible. The process of formulating the budget for 2026 is also underway. Thanks to the Management Committee for working to get their draft budget submitted as one of the major inputs in this process. The Treasurer and Finance Committee will be assembling a draft budget by collaborating with all the committee chairs prior to the next board meeting in September to share.

### Account Levels as of Mid August

Account	Total (Investments + Liquid Funds)
OTVOA Reserves	427k
Shared Reserves (contributions ended as Jan '24)	288k
Split Reserves (contributions started Jan'24)	32k
Transportation Mgmt Program (TMP)	47k

Townhouse community members with questions or comments may address the Board at [otvboard@gmail.com](mailto:otvboard@gmail.com).

### Next Meeting

OTVOA Board Meeting  
Thursday, September 18

7:00 pm - Roundhouse

All Townhouse members are  
welcome to attend.



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# Safety and Security

Jay Zanone, Chair

**Cyber Safety Community Meeting** - Our Cyber Safety Seminar will be held in the Roundhouse on Wed, Sept 24 at 7:00 pm. This is open to both the Townhomes and Condos. We will cover phishing, fraud calls, texts

**Cyber Crime Seminar**  
**September 24**  
Condos and Townhomes  
Welcome to Attend

and emails and other issues relating to AI technology. This seminar was well attended a couple of years ago so get there on time if you would like to ensure you get a seat. Sean Kanuck of the Condos and hopefully, a detective from Alexandria Police will be on the panel. Either way we hope to see you there. We will send an email to the community in a few weeks with details.

**Lock Your Vehicles and Use your Garage** - While cybercrime is probably more of a monetary threat, we are still having vehicles broken into in OTV. One neighbor admittedly did not lock their vehicle, and the car was rummaged through overnight. Assume your car is "cased" by nighttime "entrepreneurs" if it is parked outside your garage. Never leave anything of value visible in the car. Please watch out for your neighbors and let them know if they have left their garage or other doors open.

**Back to School** - Please remember as the days get shorter heading into Fall, we have children and families walking to and from school when the lighting is not great. Our speed limit is 17 MPH throughout OTV and please drive slowly to look for kids and other folks crossing the streets and while backing out of your garage.

**Parking** - As more folks are back in town, visitor spots are at a premium, please use your garage as a first option, park under your deck if you must do so and do not impede the fire lanes. We will have increased enforcement for cars not showing an OTV sticker or hang tag as well as being in the same visitor spots for more than 2 weeks at a time. If you have a large vehicle that you cannot fit in your garage, you might want to consider getting a city parking permit to park on S. Henry, Wilkes, or the 200 block of S. Payne Street near Duke St. Remember, if you buy a new vehicle and/or sell an old one, email CFM to get your registration updated with the HOA, so we can contact you if needed and have your parking sticker visible. If your rear window is tinted, put the sticker on the front left side of the windshield to avoid confusion.

# Grounds and Services

Ralph Resch, Co-Chair

As we transition out of summer and into the fall season, it's a good time to consider fall-to-winter planting. When selecting plants or shrubs, it's important to choose those that can withstand cooler temperatures and potentially frosty conditions. In Northern Virginia, temperatures average around 80°F with lows around 60°F. This is an ideal time to plant perennials and shrubs. Below are some recommendations, but as always, your local garden nursery can be the best source of information for the area.

## Ornamental Plants

### Perennials

- **Hellebores:** Bloom in late winter to early spring, providing early color
- **Sedum:** Hardy and adds texture to winter gardens



Hellebore



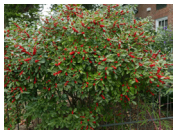
Sedum

### Shrubs

- **Boxwood:** Evergreen and provides structure throughout the winter
- **Winterberry Holly:** Bright red berries add color and attract birds.



Boxwood



Winterberry Holly

**Administrative** - We continue to meet with prospective contractors for the community irrigation upgrade. The current system is over 20 years old, and the last upgrade happened 13 years ago. This upgrade would be a significant capital investment for the community, addressing the aging system and improving water control in sun and shade areas. Additionally, it could provide potential savings of up to 60% in water usage.

The Trash and Recycling contract with Trash Away is due to expire at the end of the year. We are working with the contractor on a new contract.

We extend our gratitude to the OTV residents who have reported issues, as it helps us address them promptly. The G&S Committee greatly appreciates your efforts in looking out for our community.

# WELCOME to OldTownVillage Townhouses

Lisa Groover, Chair

The Welcome Committee is happy to include **Ana Ruggie** as the newest member of our team. She is looking forward to meeting with upcoming new residents in OTVOA!

We have quite a few neighbors to introduce you to this month...

**Rob** and **Clarissa Riffe** are new owners of **1106 Roundhouse Lane**. Rob works as a financial advisor and Clarissa works as a program manager at the Federal Aviation Administration. They are moving from Calvert County, Maryland after 31 years, where they raised two sons. They have two 14 year old West Highland White Terriers—Rocky and Rambo (named by their boys). Rob and Clarissa look forward to the Old Town, Alexandria lifestyle and are excited to be a part of the OTV community. Thank you to **Linda Safran** and **Jillian Asseff** for greeting our new neighbors!

**Steven** and **Linda O'Neill**, the new owners of **1222 Roundhouse Lane**, are excited to become part of the OTV neighborhood after living just around the corner in Old Town Station for the past three years. Originally from Ireland, they both work in finance and met while starting their careers at KPMG in Dublin. Work brought them to the U.S. in 2013, first to San Francisco and then to the DC area in 2014, which they've called home ever since. Steven is the CFO of a DC-based private equity firm, and Linda has built her career as a finance executive in restaurants. She's currently taking some time out as they get ready for their biggest adventure yet: their first baby, due in late August! Thank you to **Linda Safran** and **Aimee Kominiak** for welcoming Linda and Steve to OTV!

**Claudine**, **Gary**, and **Jack Edelblute** are happy to be staying in the OTV community and are now residing at **1224 Roundhouse Lane**. Claudine and Gary have lived in the area for over 20 years. Claudine has put her career on hold while raising their son Jack. She attends painting classes at the Torpedo Factory and plays tennis in Fairfax County. Gary continues to work as an Aeronautical Engineer Consultant. He served our country for many years as a pilot in the Air Force. He is an enthusiastic e-car owner, just ask him! Jack is 11 and is a new student at St. Anselm's Abbey School. His current interests include playing baseball, violin, and

tennis, church choir, watching football and Formula 1 with his dad, and loves to read. As a family they share a love of sailing and vacationing in Maine. Thank you to **Linda Safran**, **Jillian Asseff** and **Aimee Kominiak** for greeting our neighbors!

We have additional new residents at **409 South Henry Street** to add to our OTV neighborhood. **Malcolm Frost** and **Courtney Hoffman** moved in mid-August and are getting settled into their new home and neighborhood. Malcolm is a retired Army officer and now heads a corporate leadership company in McLean where he has lived most recently. He has been a resident of Northern Virginia several times during his Army career. Courtney arrived from Virginia Beach where she grew up. She is a real estate mortgage broker and will continue her work here. Malcolm and Courtney are avid fitness enthusiasts and golfers, and both are experienced and avid travelers for both work and leisure. Welcome Committee member Janie Smith introduced them to OTV and gave them a tour in early August before they moved in and made sure they knew about all of the upcoming social activities and committees including the Book Club which Courtney is interested in.

**Elle** and **Ian Whitson** and 9 month old son **Mac** are just getting settled into their new home in time to enjoy some summer fun at the pool and meet new neighbors as they moved into **414 S Fayette** the third week in August. They formerly lived in Rosemont, so they are familiar with Old Town. Elle is originally from St. Louis and Ian from North Carolina. They met while working in the same office building on Capital Hill and are both now lobbyists for different groups, Ian for business and corporate groups and Elle for medical devices. Ian is looking forward to playing some weekend golf and Elle would like to start an evening mahjong group. Welcome Committee and close neighbor **Janie Smith** introduced them to OTV and the upcoming fall activities.

Stay tuned for information about the **OTVOA New Residents' Reception** coming up this fall!





# Architectural Review Board

Paul LaRuffa, Chair

**Annual Home Inspections** - At the time this article was submitted, the ARB's goal was to complete the 2025 home inspections before Labor Day and issue any violation notices. Notices will be emailed via HOALife. Please check your junk mail to ensure you did not receive a notice.

All emails generated through HOALife will come from "Old Town Village OA". If a property doesn't have an email on file, a first-class letter will be sent.

Homeowners may receive more than one violation notice. This is because there are many different types of violations with different resolutions and cure periods. The HOALife system tracks each of these different violations separately.

Homeowners can respond to violations within the HOALife system. The violation notice will provide the website address, and you can log on by entering your full street address (e.g., XXX South Payne Street) and the violation number on the notice. You can even attach photos to your response.

Unfortunately, there are still a number of 2024 inspection violations that have not been resolved. For the one's that the homeowner has reached out to the ARB, the resolution date has been extended to 9/30/25. Reminder notices will be sent to those who have not contacted the ARB. In a few cases, the nature of the violation will result in a second formal notice being sent.

## **Application to Install SolaTube Tubular Skylights** -

The new owner of 1109 Roundhouse Lane has applied to install two SolaTube tubular skylights on their home. The ARB has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday September 17th to review this application. A formal notice with complete details of the application will be sent prior to the meeting. For more information on these skylights visit [solatube.com/residential/](https://solatube.com/residential/).

The photo is not of 1109 Roundhouse but illustrates what the SolaTube installations would look like on a home with unobstructed views.



The ARB is soliciting community feedback on this application. If you can't attend the meeting, please email me your comments at [plaruffa@hotmail.com](mailto:plaruffa@hotmail.com).

**New ARB Member** - I'm pleased to announce that George Shybut will be joining the ARB team. George and his wife, Rebecca, had rented in OTV since 2003 before purchasing their home in February 2024. George will be a great addition to the ARB team.

**ARB Chair Replacement** - I reported last month that I do not plan to continue as the ARB chair after the end of the year. If you would like to learn more about what's entailed in chairing this important committee, please reach out to me.

The members of the ARB are **Paul LaRuffa** - *Chair*, **Todd Moorman**, **Jim Safran**, **Pam Verick**, and **George Shybut**.

Please reach out to us if you have any questions.



# Hardscape

Graham Ruggie, Chair

As you may have noticed, our mailboxes around the community received a refresh this summer. Our reserves study had funds for replacing the mailboxes after 25+ years of wear and tear. However, after committee discussions it was decided that cleaning, painting, and new number decals could do the trick. We engaged with the painter that did such a good job on the clock in front of the Roundhouse and now these prominent fixtures in our community look much better.

We are now reaching out to companies to get quotes for sealcoating our asphalt streets. When we spoke with pavement companies last year, they all recommended after 1-2 years to get the asphalt sealcoated to preserve the surface as long as possible. You may notice if you look closely enough the original emulsification is beginning to wear away. Sealcoating extends the life of the surface from cracking. It's hard to believe that it's already been a year since the roads were repaved.

We will be out surveying the brick sidewalks this fall. We have probably the most level and safest brick sidewalks in all of Old Town and we want to keep it that way. We could use one more member on the committee. If you are interested in volunteering with our group, please reach out at [glr2.Ota@gmail.com](mailto:glr2.Ota@gmail.com).



## Need something in the OTV?

Here is who to ask

### Website for self service needs

Note: Log in to <https://otvtownhomes.net/>

- Viewing Calendar of events
- Meeting Minutes
- Directory
- Scale Map
- ARB Rules and Regulations
- Policies, Rules, and Regulations
- Governing Documents

### Townhouse or Condo Mgmt Company

**Townhouses** - Donna Newman [dnewman@cfmmanagement.com](mailto:dnewman@cfmmanagement.com)

**Condos** - Christie Beruete [cberuete@sentrymgt.com](mailto:cberuete@sentrymgt.com)

- Parking Stickers / Tags
- Gate Remote
- Request a Roundhouse key fob
- Ask for access
- Setup fee payments
- Request to rent the Roundhouse

### Management Committee Chair

- Pool or spa issues
- Roundhouse issues
- Tot Lot issues
- Gate issues
- Shared facilities policies

### Grounds and Services Chair

- Trash and recycling
- Sprinklers
- Grass
- Landscaping
- Trees

### Hardscape Committee Chair

- Roads
- Brick sidewalks, walls, columns, steps, and curbs
- Ground painting
- Benches
- Gas Lights
- Stormceptor and Sewer Mains
- Fire Hydrants
- Fences

### Architectural Review Board Chair

- Requests approvals for exterior changes
- Inquiries about annual inspection

### Communications Chair

- Getting an OTV Directory





# The VillageCrier Condominiums

Old Town Village, Alexandria, Virginia

## From the OTVCUOA President

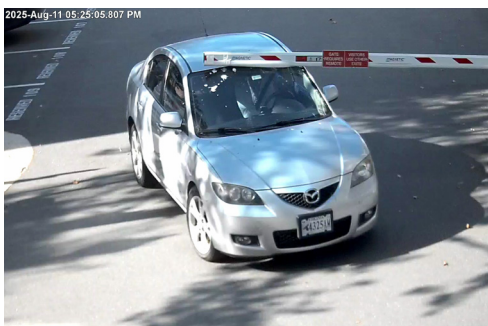
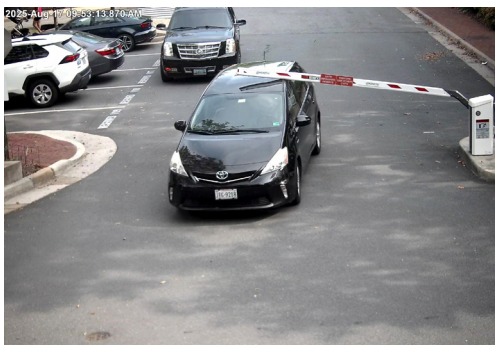
Barbie Frank, President

School has opened and Fall is coming. I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. The pool is still open for a couple more weeks, so be sure to take advantage of the warm weather!

**Gates** - The gates continue to be a challenge, with the east-side gate experiencing all of the damage! We are still in negotiations with the owner of the car that caused the extensive damage back in February. This is now in the hands of the OTVC attorney.

### A few reminders about the gates

1. If you raise both gates, please try to drive through the middle to ensure that both gates come back down at the same time.
2. The last two times the gate hit a car, the drivers were both clearly community resident, since video shows the drivers raising the gate with their remotes after the gate hit their cars. We have pictures and are asking both Sentry and



CFM to identify the drivers via the license plate numbers. If one or both drivers see this and decide to self-identify, please contact your Management Company representative. The gate still operates but is bent

3. The lesson to be learned from this is never assume you can get through if the gate is already raised. You rarely can; that is why we all have remote. Please use it!
4. Also please note: if you cause damage and the gate must be repaired or replaced, you are responsible for the repair/replacement expense.
5. If you see someone who is waiting for the gate to be opened so they can try to piggy-back, I suggest hesitating after you pass through in order to be sure the gate comes down behind you and blocks the waiting car. If you are walking by and see someone waiting, it is helpful if you can point out the sign redirecting the driver to a different entry/exit. Please note, we are not asking anyone to confront another driver.

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**Dryer Vents** - The deadline for completing this task has passed and only about a dozen units are out of compliance as of press time. If you are one of these out-of-compliance owner, please take care of this requirement ASAP. If you are a renter and this task has not been completed, please contact your landlord about it ASAP. This policy is in place because clogged dryer vents are a fire hazard and put your neighbors and yourself at risk. Thank you to everyone who has already taken care of this.

**Glass Recycling** - The Board has received a proposal to start recycling glass in the community. The program will cost about \$4,000 per year. Every resident should have received an email containing a link to a survey to assess community interest in glass recycling. An article and link to the survey is also included in this edition of the Crier. The Board will make a decision at the September 16th meeting.

**Annual Homeowners' Meeting** - Please mark your calendars: OTVC's annual homeowners' meeting will be held in place of our regular meeting on Tuesday, November 18. Further information and a call for nominations will be sent out in early October. Two positions are expiring with the November meeting, President (Barbie Frank) and Member-at-Large (Robin Famighetti). At this point in time, I plan to run again, and Robin has indicated that she will as well. We do, of course, welcome additional nominations!

### Feedback On Community Issues

We want to hear from you! We welcome your attendance and conversation at the monthly **Board of Directors** and **Committee meetings**. There are also other venues for information and your voice to be heard. You can contact the **members** of the **Board of Directors** via their emails, and you can tune into the virtual meetings offered by a link through **Sentry Management**, which appears in your email prior to the monthly meetings. Please refer to the *Crier* calendar for meeting dates and times.

### Next Meeting

OTVCUOA Board Meeting  
Tuesday, September 16  
6:30 pm, in the Roundhouse

All OTVCUOA residents are welcome to attend.

### Next Meeting

OTVCUOA Finance Meeting  
Wednesday, September 10  
6:30 pm, in the Roundhouse

All OTVCUOA residents are welcome to attend.

### Next Meeting

OTVCUOA Grounds Meeting  
Wednesday, September 30  
6:00 pm, in the Roundhouse

All OTVCUOA residents are welcome to attend.

## Survey on Glass Recycling

The OTV Condo Board is investigating options to allow recycling of glass in our community. Please fill in this survey by September 10th. [Click here](#)

INTERESTED IN  
GLASS RECYCLING

FILL IN THIS  
SURVEY



We have been in discussions with a company called **Love4Glass** that comes highly recommended. The Board has gotten a quote from the company, in which it proposes to provide OTVC with three large bins (e.g., 45-gallon bin) for our community with a cost of **\$155** for a **bi-weekly pickup** of all of the bins.

This is estimated to cost approximately **\$3,720 annually**. We hope that residents will be willing to fill in the following survey and allow the Board to gauge community interest in this service.



**WELCOME to  
OldTownVillage  
Condominiums**

Sara Rosenbaum, Chair

### Welcome New Residents!

Old Town Village Condos welcome new arrivals and are filled with longtime residents who value meeting new community friends. If you'd like to introduce yourself to the community, please email **Sara Rosenbaum** ([sarar@gwu.edu](mailto:sarar@gwu.edu)). She will send you a copy of the Welcome Letter and will help you develop a brief introductory squib for the *Crier*.

And, residents, when you meet new neighbors, please encourage them to reach out to me so we can officially welcome them to the community!





# OTVJoint Information

## Management Committee

Old Town Village Owners Association

Old Town Condominium Unit Owners Association

Jim Safran, Chair

Following is an update on the JMC's 2025 Roundhouse/pool related activities:

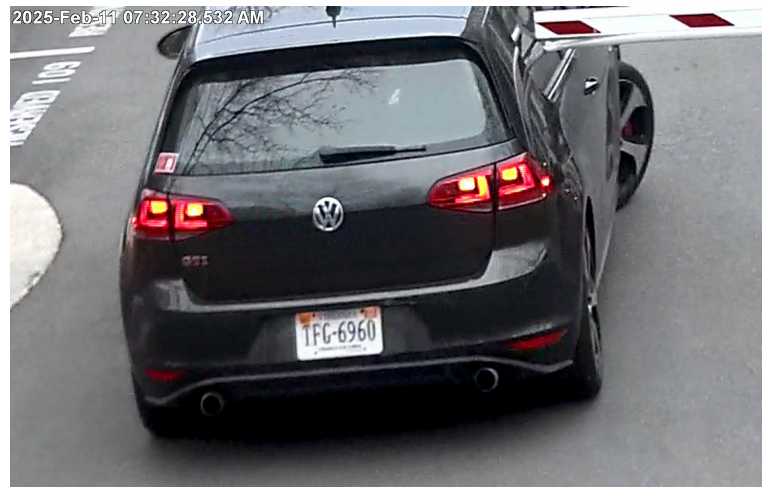
1. **OTV Pool** – We will not be extending the pool season this year. The OTV pool will close at the end of the day on **Sunday, September 14, 2025**. I hope everyone enjoyed the pool this year. A sincere thanks to **Terry Hansen** for managing Premier (Premier provides pool operations and maintenance services) again this year!

### Extended Season: September 2 – 14

Lap Swim	Mon - Fri	11:30 am – 12:00 pm
Open Swim & Spa	Mon - Sun	12:00 pm – 7:00 pm

2. **Roundhouse Front Door – Access System Issues**  
There continues to be problems with the fob/cell phone reader that controls access to the Roundhouse front door. We are pressing Kastle (who provides access system monitoring and maintenance services) to try to resolve these recurring problems ASAP. We have expressed our dissatisfaction with Kastle attempts to make the system reliable again. We are working through Kastle's Director of Customer Service on this problem. In the meantime, we are getting pricing and installation timeframe to replace the Kastle system with a simple key pad system. We will let you know if Management Committee determines if this is a step we need to take.

3. **Gym Users** – Many OTV residents regularly use the Roundhouse gym equipment to work out. We are lucky to have this gym available for our use. We rely on equipment users to leave the equipment they use in good condition for the next user. Please be sure to clean/wipe down the equipment that you use at the end of your work out. Thank you!
4. **Doggie Pool Swim** - the date for the doggie pool swim has been set, **Monday, September 15, 2025**, the time is **TBD**. We will post a sign on the front door of the Roundhouse when the time has been finalized.
5. **Vehicle Alert** - the Management Committee is asking that OTV condominium and OTV townhome residents **"be on the lookout"** for the vehicle in the picture. Please let **Jim Safran (text 248-245-4767)** know when this vehicle is seen at OTV. **Thank you!**



### NextMeeting

Management Committee  
Tuesday, September 9  
6:30 pm, in the Roundhouse

All Old Town Village community members are welcome to attend.



# Activities

Marjorie Cole, Co-Chair

Fall may not be here officially until the end of the month, but the Activities Committee is gearing up for fun fall events! Those who have signed up will participate in the Progressive dinner later this month.

**Oktoberfest** is coming! This is a specialty TGIF with the Activities Committee sponsoring the event and providing the sausages and our Oktoberfest **Chef, Danny McGuan**, once again, preparing them. Come join us in eating them on **Friday, October 17** at **6:30pm** in the Roundhouse. Please contribute to this event by bringing a side dish or appetizer if your address ends in an odd number or a dessert if it ends in an even number. As with any TGIF, bring your own beverage.

*Oops*, I got ahead of myself with Oktoberfest excitement - but don't forget that this is September and the **First Friday TGIF** is **Friday, September 5**. TGIFs are every Friday at 6:30pm at the Roundhouse and an opportunity to informally socialize with other neighborhood residents. It is always **BYOB**, and many choose to bring food to share - not a requirement, but if you do want to partake, be sure to bring something to share. Attendance is variable, so we emphasize First Friday to encourage a larger crowd - does it work? Check it out and let me know!

Finally, many thanks to **Carol Chiasson** for her work getting the Activities committee budget together and submitted to the Board. We couldn't do very much without a budget, and we do a lot with what we get.

## NextMeeting

Activities Committee  
Wednesday, September 10  
5:00 pm, in the Roundhouse

All Old Town Village community members are welcome to attend.

# Young Families

Mina Wu Chair

## OTV Young Families Save-the-Dates!

**Sunday, October 19** - Halloween decorating party at the Roundhouse



**Sunday, October 26** - OTV Halloween Parade - Our annual parade/trick or treat through the neighborhood. All kids, adults, and pets in costume are welcome!



**Sunday, December 7** - Kids' Holiday Party at the Roundhouse



## WiFi at the Roundhouse



Name: OTVRH  
Password: RoundHouse343

## Mah Jong Club!

Even if you've never played before, we'll be happy to teach you the ins and outs. We're very easy-going and enjoy chatting as we play, so don't worry about a high-stress situation.

We play Tuesdays at 1:30 pm in the Roundhouse. You can just show up or if you have questions, email Shannon Collins [shannon.g.collins@gmail.com](mailto:shannon.g.collins@gmail.com)



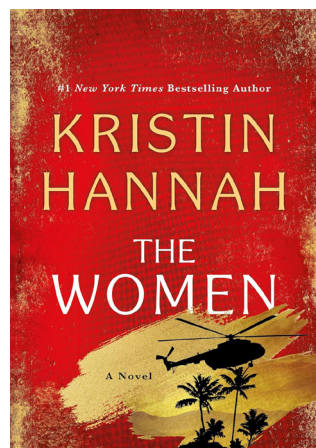
Hope to see you soon!





# BookClub

Heidi Plott, Club Co-Chair



There was no meeting in August. The book for September is *The Women* by Kristin Hannah.

**Reminder:** The Book Club maintains the OTV library. We accept books that have been published in the last 10 years. We do not have room for cookbooks, travel books or self-help books. Books that we do not have room for can be donated to The Alexandria Library, 717 Queen Street, Discover Books which has a bin in the parking lot of Safeway, 500 S Royal St, or any thrift shop.

## BookClub

There is no meeting in August.

The September meeting will be held on Thursday, September 11 at 7:00 pm in the Roundhouse.



The book for September is *The Women* by Kristin Hannah.

## 2025 Reading List



The **full** reading list for 2025 is posted on the community website: [Book Club Reading List for 2025](https://www.otvtownhomes.net/)

# September

1	Monday	16	Tuesday <b>Mah Jong</b> 1:30 pm <b>OTVCUOA</b> Board of Directors 6:30 pm
2	Tuesday <b>Mah Jong</b> 1:30 pm	17	Wednesday <b>ARB</b>
3	Wednesday	18	Thursday <b>OTVOA</b> Board Meeting
4	Thursday	19	Friday <b>TGIF</b> Condo & TH 6:30 pm
5	Friday <b>First Friday</b> TGIF Condo & TH 6:30 pm	20	Saturday
6	Saturday	21	Sunday
7	Sunday	22	Monday
8	Monday	23	Tuesday <b>Mah Jong</b> 1:30 pm
9	Tuesday <b>Mah Jong</b> 1:30 pm <b>Management</b> 6:30 pm	24	Wednesday <b>Cyber Safety</b> Meeting
10	Wednesday <b>Activities</b> 5:00 pm <b>OTVCUOA Finance</b> 6:30 pm	25	Thursday
11	Thursday <b>Book Club</b> - 7:00 pm	26	Friday <b>TGIF</b> Condo & TH 6:30 pm
12	Friday <b>TGIF</b> Condo & TH 6:30 pm	27	Saturday <b>Progressive</b> Dinner Decor 10:00 am- 12:00 pm <b>Progressive</b> Dinner Desserts 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm
13	Saturday	28	Sunday
14	Sunday	29	Monday
15	Monday	30	Tuesday <b>Mah Jong</b> 1:30 pm <b>OTVCUOA</b> Grounds 6:30 pm

All events are at 7 pm in the Roundhouse unless otherwise noted.

## Celebrate Socialize in OTV with First Friday of the Month!

Join your neighbors at the Roundhouse on any Friday night—but especially on the **First Friday** of the Month!

Please bring your own beverage. Bring a dish to share if you'd like to join a potluck and come to the Roundhouse at 6:30 pm.



All OTV Condo & Townhome Residents Are Invited!

This relaxed get-together is the perfect opportunity to become better acquainted with our neighbors!

### Weekly

**First Friday** TGIF Condo & TH  
**TGIF** Condo & TH - every Friday  
**Mah Jong** - every Tuesday

### Future

10/4 - Volunteer Appreciation Event  
10/17 - Oktoberfest  
10/19 - Kids Halloween Decorating Party  
10/26 - OTV Halloween Parade  
11/6 - OTVOA Annual Meeting  
12/5 - OTV Holiday Party  
12/8 - Kids Holiday Party  
12/12 - Santa 4 Seniors

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# END Notes



## CLOTHING & HOUSEWARES DRIVE

*Thank You!*

What an incredible community Alexandria is! I'm so grateful for my neighbors, colleagues, and friends who always step up to GIVE.

This summer, we came together for our clothing and housewares drive—and the response was nothing short of inspiring. From gently used apparel and accessories to everyday items that make a real difference, each donation reflected the generosity and heart of Alexandria.

Thanks to your contributions, we filled 18 SUV carloads of donations! Each item donated not only lightens someone's burden today but also supports the future of our city. Proceeds benefit the new Inova Alexandria Hospital and will continue to strengthen level 3 trauma care, ensuring that lifesaving resources remain available when our community needs them most.

The energy and excitement surrounding this drive showed just how much we can accomplish together. Alexandria truly shines when neighbors, colleagues, and friends come together for a common purpose.

Thank you all for your generosity—you are the reason our community is so special!

For questions or more information, contact your Old Town Village event sponsor  
Lisa Groover at 703.919.4426 or email [lisa.groover@corcoranmce.com](mailto:lisa.groover@corcoranmce.com).



Save the Date

# progressive dinner

**September 27, 2025**

Sign-up by August 15

Menu selections  
from Aldo's!

Dinner Entrée Options

Lasagna with meat

(Gluten free option available)

Chicken Marsala

Eggplant Parmesan

Entrees prepared by







Old Town Village

# Oktoberfest



Friday, October 17, 2025  
6:30 pm

The Activities Committee will provide brats and rolls

Bring a side dish or appetizer if your address  
ends in an **odd number** or a dessert  
if it ends in an **even number**

Dan McGuan will be our chef

*Bring your own beverage*



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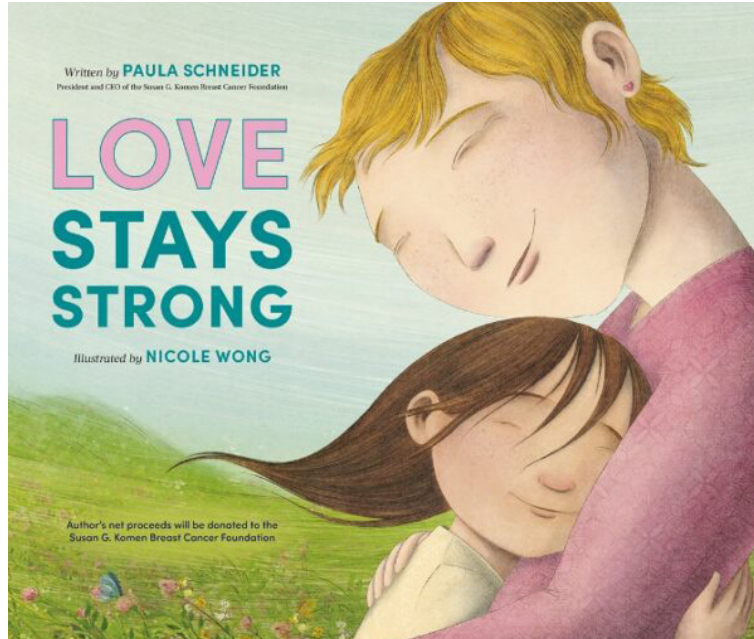


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### Cancer survivor, Komen leader to share children's book at Alexandria event

Ryan Belmore | Published August 26, 2025 at 6:00AM



Author and Komen leader Paul Schneider to share "Love Stays Strong" during in-person event in Alexandria (Contributed image)

Paula Schneider, a breast cancer survivor and leader with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, will discuss her new children's book "Love Stays Strong" during a Sept. 3 event at Old Town Books.

The 7 p.m. presentation will feature Schneider alongside Karin Purugganan, a licensed professional counselor in Alexandria. The event will take place at Old Town Books, 130 S Royal St.

"Love Stays Strong" addresses how families can navigate serious illness together, with a mother explaining her changing body and health condition to her child. The book aims to provide comfort and guidance while reassuring children that family love remains constant despite life's challenges.

Schneider, who serves as CEO of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and is a mother of two daughters, wrote the book drawing from her personal experience as a cancer survivor who also lost her mother to metastatic breast cancer. The book features illustrations by Nicole Wong, whose family was also affected by cancer.

"In a beautiful text that all families facing serious illness can relate to, a mother explains her own illness and changing body to her child," according to promotional materials for the book.

Net proceeds from book sales will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, which has invested more than \$3.6 billion in breast cancer research, advocacy and patient support since 1982. The organization reports these investments have helped reduce the breast cancer mortality rate by 44%.

The Komen Foundation was established in 1982 and continues its work in breast cancer research and support services. More information about the foundation is available at [komen.org](https://www.komen.org).

Review copies of the book are available upon request, and additional event details can be found through Old Town Books.

For more information and updates, [click here](#).

## AUTHOR EVENT

September 3, 7 PM @ Old Town Books



## Navigating Tough Topics with Kids: A Professional Development Event

TICKETED EVENT