
Village Apartments



The Newsletter for Village Apartments

Celebrating October

Computer Learning Month

Sarcastic Awareness Month

World Vegetarian Day

October 1

World Space Week

October 4-10

World Teachers' Day

October 5

Columbus Day

October 11

Thanksgiving (Canada)

October 11

Bring Your Teddy Bear to

Work Day

October 13

Mother-In-Law's Day

October 24

Magic Week

October 25-31

Halloween

October 31

Mickey's Mouseketeers

Walt Disney wanted a group of plucky, All-American kids to perform at the opening of his Disneyland theme park in California. He refused to use actors and instead searched in schools across the country for the perfect kids to fit his vision. On October 3, 1955, those lucky kids made their debut, wearing their trademark black mouse ears, on the television variety show *The Mickey Mouse Club* as the very first Mouseketeers.

The Mickey Mouse Club became an instant hit, and the show even unseated *Howdy Doody* as the most popular children's television series. The show featured singing, dancing, guest stars, and classic Disney cartoons that showcased Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, and other Disney characters. But of course, the best part of the show was those talented kids, the Mouseketeers.

Membership in that esteemed club was not easy. Mouseketeers went to school five days a week on the Disney studio lot, and they worked seven days a week! The star of the group? Annette Funicello, born on October 22, 1942. Walt Disney himself picked her to be a Mouseketeer. He must have anticipated her great talent and success. Annette Funicello became a huge child star, singer, and teen idol, famously starring alongside Frankie Avalon in the famous *Beach Party* movies of the sixties.

The Mickey Mouse Club was revived in both the seventies and nineties, producing many talented performers and singers who top the music charts today, including Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, and Justin Timberlake. But no matter how famous they are today, they all began by singing the Mickey Mouse Club's memorable theme song:

"Who's the leader of the club
That's made for you and me?
M-I-C-K-E-Y-M-O-U-S-E!"

A Mysterious Death



The writer Edgar Allan Poe's most famous works were dark and horrifying, often involving macabre and mysterious fantasy. It is fitting that Edgar Allan Poe's death on October 7, 1849, is as mysterious and strange as the stories he wrote throughout his life.

On October 3, 1849, a man named Joseph W. Walker discovered Poe in the streets of Baltimore, Maryland. Poe was lying in the gutter, wearing someone else's shabby clothes, delirious, and incapable of explaining his condition. There are many theories about what happened to him, including suicide, murder, cholera, tuberculosis, alcoholism, or even rabies. Others claim that since Poe was discovered delirious on election day, he was the victim of cooping. This is when a person is held against their will, drugged, and forced to vote, often many times, for a candidate in an election. To this day, no one knows how the famous author died.

And there is one more twist to the mystery of Edgar Allan Poe's death. Every year since 1949, on the anniversary of Poe's birth (January 19, 1809), an unknown person visits Poe's grave. For sixty years this person has laid three roses on Poe's gravestone and left a bottle of cognac. The person wears black clothes, a black fedora, carries a cane, and covers their head in a black scarf. Sometimes the person kisses the gravestone or leaves a note that reads, "Edgar, I haven't forgotten you." People have hidden in a nearby church and observed this unknown person, known as the Poe Toaster, but no one has ever dared to confront them or reveal the person's identity. In January 2010, for the first time, the Poe Toaster was **not** spotted at Poe's grave. Some mysteries, like Poe's death, are perhaps better left unsolved.

The World's Best Cookies

Hope you saved room for dessert because October 1 is Homemade Cookies Day. Is there any better dessert than a tray of warm, fresh-baked cookies? Can't decide which recipe to make? Try this recipe, modestly called the World's Best Cookie:

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3 ½ cups all purpose flour
- 1 cup rolled oats
- ½ cup flaked coconut
- 1 cup crushed cornflakes cereal
- ½ cup chopped pecans

Directions:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Cream together butter and sugars. Stir in egg, oil, vanilla, baking soda, and flour. Mix until blended. Stir in remaining ingredients. Drop on cookie sheets. Dust with sugar and bake for 12-15 minutes.

WORD GAMES AT VILLAGE

During the months of August and September, residents have enjoyed the group participation word games that have been presented in the Dining Room. In this setting, figuring out answers to clues presented is a fun, collaborative effort. Many residents have expressed that in addition to being enjoyable, this group activity really challenges them to stay mentally active.

The next crossword puzzle game activity is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 6th at 11:00 am, in the Dining Room. All are invited to attend.

Japan's Speeding Bullets

In October of 1964, the commuters of Tokyo, Japan, woke up to travel on the world's first high-speed "bullet train." While regular trains completed the trip from Tokyo to Osaka in seven hours, this new train, known as the Shinkansen, could complete the trip in just over three hours. Speeding along at 130 mph, this train changed both the daily life and business of Japan.



The Shinkansen's inaugural run coincided with Tokyo's hosting of the 1964 Olympics. Still recovering from the devastation of World War II, these two events

signaled that Japan was preparing to rejoin the world as a modern and high-tech society.

Japan's bullet trains have carried over seven billion passengers in their forty-five year history. Amazingly enough, there has never been a fatality caused by a derailment and collision. The Shinkansen's safety record is impeccable. Perhaps even more amazing is the Shinkansen's legendary punctuality. The average train delay is only six seconds! For this reason, the Shinkansen is a matter of great pride for Japanese society, and over the years bullet train lines have been added so that they travel up and down the entire length of Japan's island nation.

These days, the bullet trains run even faster. Average speeds top 187 mph. Japan's trains have inspired similar high-speed railways in France, Italy, Germany, and Spain. Not only are the trains fast, but they also have increased Japan's business and economy, and helped better the environment by keeping fewer cars on the road. And engineers are not finished yet. Scientists are busy working on a magnetic levitating high-speed train that can travel up to 300 mph. Someday in the future, passengers will truly be riding on a bullet!

Talking Points

No need to keep your mouth shut on October 21. It's Babbling Day, so embrace your inner blatherskite and talk about anything you want for as long as you like.

Babies certainly babble as they learn how to talk using real language. But humans aren't the only animals that babble. Some monkeys, infant tamarinds and marmosets to be exact, also babble to their monkey parents. This has led scientists to think that babbling is not a precursor to talking, but rather, babies that babble are given more and better attention. So on October 21, continue to babble in the hope that you will win the love and adoration of those you love.

DuPont's Discovery

On October 27, 1938, Charles Stine, the vice president of DuPont, announced a fantastic scientific discovery, not to a group of scientists but to three thousand women's club members attending the 1939 New York World's Fair. A DuPont scientist named Dr. Wallace Hume Carothers had invented nylon, the world's first synthetic fiber. Stine explained that these new filaments were "as strong as steel, as fine as a spider's web, yet more elastic than any of the common natural fibers." The women cheered at the thought of indestructible stockings.

Soon, the entire world was cheering this new product. It not only replaced women's silk stockings with nylon panty hose, but the American government needed all the nylon DuPont could produce during the second World War to make parachutes and tires. It was only after the war ended that average Americans could enjoy this miracle of technology.



Open House

The Village Apartments Open House which took place on Sunday, September 19th was very well received by the public. We had many visitors and received inquiries from individuals interested in acquiring apartments in the building.

Cheryl Kayse and the management team of JCHC Corporation wish to extend warm, heartfelt thanks to the wonderful residents that helped in the setup and planning of the Open House. Success in this venture would have not been possible without you and the cooperation of all of our outstanding residents.

Again, thank you!

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY



October 2
October 31

Naomi Lebowitz
Thelma Schlesinger

TRAVELS WITH BERNIE & SHEILA

On September 29th residents got the opportunity to travel once again to far off and exotic lands while remaining in their seats. World travelers Bernie & Sheila continue to delight residents with their wonderful travel slides. Residents can look forward to visiting new and exciting places again in the future with this dynamic duo.

Heeere's Johnny!



October 1, 1962, brought Johnny Carson as the new host of *The Tonight Show*. Over Johnny's thirty years of hosting *The Tonight Show*, he won six Emmy awards, a

Peabody Award in 1985, and even a Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1992.

Carson not only had fantastic guests, and an excellent sidekick in Ed McMahon, but he also provided innumerable laughs with his own characters, such as the turban-wearing psychic named Carnac the Magnificent. His farewell as host was an emotional one, and he signed off saying, "I can only tell you that it has been an honor and a privilege to come into your homes all these years and entertain you. I bid you a very heartfelt goodnight."

October Birthdays

If you were born from October 1-22, you are a Libra, the scales. If you were born from October 23-31, you are a Scorpio, the scorpion. Libras, like balanced scales, are harmonious, impartial, and understanding. They dislike conflict, so encourage compromise and cooperation. Scorpios are determined, independent, and resourceful, which makes them very ambitious.

Walter Matthau (actor)	Oct. 1, 1920
Chubby Checker (musician)	Oct. 3, 1941
John Lennon (Beatle)	Oct. 9, 1940
Elmore Leonard (writer)	Oct. 11, 1925
Nancy Kerrigan (ice skater)	Oct. 13, 1969
Emeril Lagasse (chef)	Oct. 15, 1959
Curly Howard (Stooge)	Oct. 22, 1903
Johnny Carson (host)	Oct. 23, 1925
Mahalia Jackson (gospel singer)	Oct. 26, 1911
Julia Roberts (actress)	Oct. 28, 1967
Charles Atlas (bodybuilder)	Oct. 30, 1893



VILLAGE APARTMENTS RESIDENT NEWS:

JCHC UNIVERSITY FALL/WINTER CATALOG

The 1st semester of the JCHC University was highly successful. Residents from all JCHC buildings participated in the University and enjoyed the courses offered. We are pleased to offer all residents the opportunity to continue their journey of life-long learning. The Fall/Winter semester of JCHC University includes a host of fun and intellectually stimulating courses ranging from “The Joy of Chess” to “Trying Criminal Cases”. Each course will be presented by instructors that are experts respective in their field.

Look for your catalog in the office, or contact your buildings activity coordinator for a copy. Classes are free of charge and transportation will be provided for interested participants. Register for the courses that you want as soon as possible as seats will be on a 1st come, 1st served basis.

JCHC CHORAL GROUP



The JCHC Choral Group will resume choral rehearsals on Wednesday, October 6th at 2:00 pm, in the Jewish Federation Plaza Recreation Room. Choral Director, Ronnie Weinstein has extended an invitation for anyone that is interested in joining the group. “We are looking forward to an exciting new season for the choral group” said Weinstein. “You don’t have to be a great singer to join the group. If you enjoy singing, and want to be around fun, creative people that are making positive contributions to the quality of life of their community, this group is for you.” To join the choral group, contact your buildings Activity Coordinator.

WANTED: NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS



If you are interested in writing articles or taking pictures to contribute to the Village Apartments newsletter, kindly contact April Osborne, Activity Coordinator or your building Manager. Resident participation in the monthly newsletter project is most welcome. Poems, stories and photos from residents add flavor to the monthly newsletter and help make it more enjoyable.

October 2010 Village Calendar is subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Simchat Torah Office Closed	2
3 11:00 Kids Cookie n' Concerts S. Mountain Elementary 1:30 MOVIE 7:00 MOVIE	4 11:15 Temple Sharey Tifelo-Golden Generations 1:30 BINGO 4:30-6:00 DINNER	5 9:15 Exercise 10:45 Pathmark 12:00 Congregate Lunch 1:00 Bridge 7:00 Movie	6 8:45 Mt. Airy Lodge 11:00 Crossword Fun 1:00 Linus Knitting Project 2:00 CURRENT EVENTS 4:30-6:00 DINNER	7 9:15 EXERCISE 10:30 Essex Green 12:00 Congregate Lunch 7:00 BINGO	8 10:30 Linda Russel "Hudson Valley in Song" 1:30 RELIGIOUS SERVICE 4:30-6:00 DINNER	9
10 1:30 MOVIE 7:00 MOVIE	11 2:00 JHC University "The Joy of Chess" @ B'nai Brith 1:30 BINGO 4:30-6:00 DINNER	12 9:15 Exercise 10:45 Shoprite 12:00 Congregate Lunch 1:00 Bridge 7:00 Movie	13 9:30 Chair Yoga, 2nd Fl 10:00 Long Branch 11:00 Name That Tune 1:00 Linus Knitting Project 2:00 CURRENT EVENTS 4:30-6:00 DINNER	14 9:15 EXERCISE 10:30 Livingston & Short Hills Malls 12:00 Congregate Lunch 7:00 BINGO	15 10:30 Sylvia Kramer "Poems of the Heart" 1:30 RELIGIOUS SERVICE 4:30-6:00 DINNER	16
17 1:30 MOVIE 7:00 MOVIE	18 1:30 BINGO 2:00 JHC University "The Art of Chocolate" @ Plaza 4:30-6:00 DINNER	19 9:15 Exercise 10:45 Pathmark 12:00 Congregate Lunch 1:00 Bridge 7:00 Movie	20 TBA: Lafayette Village 10:30 Bernie & Sheila 1:00 Linus Knitting Project 2:00 CURRENT EVENTS 4:30-6:00 DINNER	21 9:15 EXERCISE 10:30 Rt 10 Shopping & Farmers Market 12:00 Congregate Lunch 7:00 BINGO	22 10:30 Accordion Music with Eric 1:30 RELIGIOUS SERVICE 4:30-6:00 DINNER	23
24 1:30 MOVIE 7:00 MOVIE	25 1:30 BINGO 2:00 JHC University "Oral History Program" @ Plaza 4:30-6:00 DINNER	26 9:15 Exercise 10:45 Shoprite 12:00 Congregate Lunch 1:00 Bridge 7:00 Movie	27 9:30 Chair Yoga, 2nd Fl 10:00 Buttonwood Manor 11:00 Trivia Fun 1:00 Linus Knitting Project 2:00 CURRENT EVENTS 4:30-6:00 DINNER	28 9:15 EXERCISE 10:15 Rt 22 Shopping 12:00 Congregate Lunch 7:00 Tenant Assoc. Meeting	29 10:30 Harriet Steinberg "Music Program" 1:30 RELIGIOUS SERVICE 4:30-6:00 DINNER	30
31 1:30 MOVIE 7:00 MOVIE						
