

Village Press

The Newsletter for Village Apartments



Celebrating April

Passover

Yom HaShoah

Yom HaAtzma'ut

Easter

April 1

World Party Day

April 3

Barbershop Quartet Day

April 11

National Coin Week

April 15–21

Earth Day

April 22

Richter Scale Day

April 26

Frogs of the Amazon

Most people know that the Amazon is the world's largest rain forest. It covers 2.72 million square miles—almost the size of the 48 contiguous United States—and touches the countries of Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia, Guyana, Suriname, and French Guiana. The Amazon represents more than half of the world's remaining rain forest, home to an estimated 390 billion individual trees. It is within this magnificent forest that we find another of nature's marvelous animals: the frog. Scientists are not sure how many frog species inhabit the Amazon, but every year they are finding more. The latest estimate stands at 1,000 different frogs, toads, and tree frogs, which give us 1,000 reasons to celebrate April as Frog Month.

Perhaps the best recognized frog of the Amazon is the poison dart frog, the brilliant celebrity of the rain forest. These amphibians get their name from the indigenous tribes of the Amazon who dip their darts in the frog's poison to kill their prey. Another poisonous frog from the Peruvian Amazon is making headlines for its healing properties. Local tribespeople burn a small part of their skin and apply the toxin so that it is quickly absorbed into the bloodstream. After a few moments of serenity, the poison causes sensations of suffering, which leads to vomiting. Practitioners claim that the experience cures everything from depression to drug addiction and high blood pressure.

Researchers continue to add more frogs to this list of amazing creatures. Nearly one year ago, scientists discovered two new clown frog species, quite a surprise considering that only two species were known to exist. Researchers also found a new transparent *yaku* frog in Ecuador, named for its transparent abdominal skin, which reveals its heart. As recently as last November, researchers came upon the jaguar-snouted tree frog in the middle of an abandoned road, a new species that may already be endangered. This is some food for thought on April 28, Save the Frogs Day.



Manager's Corner



Hope all of our residents are enjoying the New Exercise Room!
Village Fitness is open from 8:30 am – 9:30 pm.
Please limit your time on machines to 30 minutes to allow other resident to use.



New Computer Room
Location: New Community Room

Open from 8:00 am – 9:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- New Yoga with Tami
- Livingston Mall
- Hagit Live Passover performance
- Knitting Club
- Mandatory Tenant Firearm Policy Meeting
- Essex Green & Kmart
- Poetry Workshop
- Walmart & Rt 22
- The Blues is not a Normal Part of Aging
- Current Events
- Lunch Club
- Tenant Association Meeting
- Livingston & Short Hills
- Tinton Falls Outlets
- Sands Casino
- Exercise Class
- Lunch Club
- Spring Fling Entertainment
- Trader Joe's Florham Park
- Whole Food & Target

And much more. Please review your calendar for dates and times of all events.

Carol Levine taught residents about pickets and persistence.



The Poetry Workshop continues to be a big hit at Village Apartments.



The music of Motown was featured by singer Rhonda Denet.



Yom HaShoah



Many people in the United States observe Yom Hashoah, which is also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day. It commemorates the lives and heroism of Jewish people who died in the Holocaust.

Yom Hashoah is not a federal public holiday in the US. The state of Israel moves the observance of Yom Hashoah when the actual date falls on a Friday or Sunday. It is then observed on the preceding Thursday or following Monday.

Israel's Knesset (parliament) established Yom Hashoah, as a memorial to about six million Jewish people who were slaughtered by the Nazis between 1933 and 1945. It is observed on the 27th day of the month of Nisan. The full name of the day is *Yom Hashoah Ve-Hagevurah*, which means the "Day of (remembrance of) the Holocaust and the Heroism".

Yom HaAtzma'ut



Israel's Independence Day is celebrated on the fifth day of the month of Iyar, which is the Hebrew date of the formal establishment of the State of Israel, when members of the "provisional government" read and signed a Declaration of Independence in Tel Aviv. The original date corresponded to May 14, 1948. In 2018, it begins at sundown on April 18.

Most of the Jewish communities in the Western world have incorporated this modern holiday into their calendars, but some North American Jewish communities hold the public celebrations on a following Sunday in order to attract more participation. In the State of Israel it is a formal holiday, so almost everyone has the day off.

Yom Ha'atzmaut in Israel is always preceded by Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day for the fallen soldiers. The message of linking these two days is clear: Israelis owe their independence — the very existence of the state — to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for it.

Happy April Birthday



9th
21st
22nd

Anna Janatosky
Coty Blank
Marie Frederic

Of Gum and Gumption



The Wrigley Company may be the world's largest manufacturer of chewing gum, but when the company was founded on April 1, 1891, by William Wrigley Jr., its primary business was selling soap. Wrigley journeyed from Philadelphia to Chicago with just \$32 in his pocket and an innovative idea to offer free baking soda with every purchase of his Wrigley's Scouring Soap. This model proved so successful that he later went into the baking soda business, now offering two free packages of chewing gum for every can of baking soda he sold. Once again, his giveaway proved more popular than the original product, and he ended up dedicating his company entirely to gum, a move that not only made him his fortune but made "Wrigley" a household name in Chicago and beyond.

Hagit "Live" Passover Music Performance

Tuesday, April 3rd
5:30 p.m.

Village Apartments Dining Room

All are invited to attend!

IMPORTANT UPDATE



PLEASE BE ADVISED, A “TENANT FIREARM POLICY MEETING” WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM ON MONDAY, APRIL 2ND AT 3:00 P.M.

IT IS MANDATORY THAT ALL VILLAGE RESIDENTS ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING!

(All Tenants Must Attend!)

Time for a Change



Times Square is one of New York City’s most famous landmarks, but many don’t know where it got its name. Before it was Times Square, the intersection was known as Longacre Square, named after London’s Long Acre Square. Both places were hubs for horse carriages, brothels, and saloons. When Adolph Ochs acquired *The New York Times* newspaper in 1896, he sought a part of town far from City Hall and “Newspaper Row” for his growing news empire. He found his spot in Longacre Square, which the mayor renamed Times Square for the newspaper’s offices on April 8, 1904.

The Son of Music



Mariachi music is an enduring musical tradition in Mexico, played wherever celebrations take place. There will certainly be plenty of mariachi music to enjoy at the Tuscon Mariachi Conference from April 25 to 28. Mariachi's roots go back hundreds of years, to the arrival of Spanish Conquistador Hernán Cortés in Mexico in 1519. Indigenous music, played as part of a religious ceremony, was played with rattles, drums, flutes, and conch shells. The Spanish brought with them harps, guitars, violins, and brass horns, instruments that were played during Catholic mass but quickly became popular outside of church services. Natives created a new type of music, incorporating the new instruments with local musical styles and African musical influences that arrived via the slave trade. Many identify the west Mexican state of Jalisco as the center of this new folk music style known simply as *son*, or *sound*. It was from the *son* of Jalisco that modern mariachi developed.

In the late 1800s and 1900s, the biggest form of entertainment was listening to radio and records. This is when the first modern mariachi bands formed. Violins and trumpets were added to musical orchestras featuring harps, guitars, and woodwinds. These bands became popular, and the music made its way into the rural countryside. Mariachi was played at parties, on holidays, and in church, and the sound accompanied dances as varied as foxtrots, waltzes, pasodobles, fandangos, pokes, and jarabes. During the Mexican Revolution, many Spanish haciendas had to let workers go, including mariachi musicians. These mariachis wandered and played everywhere they could, and the new Mexican government, eager to promote a unified Mexican identity separate from their Spanish colonizers, presented mariachi as the national music for their young country. While Jalisco may be the "birthplace of mariachi," the reach of this music is now global, with mariachi bands playing as far away as Sweden, Egypt, and Croatia.

APRIL 2018 VILLAGE Calendar is subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Passover Day 2 1:30 MOVIE 7:00 MOVIE	2 Passover Day 3 10:30 Livingston & Short Hills Malls 12:00 LUNCH CLUB 2:00 Exercise with Tami 3:00 Mandatory Tenant Firearm Policy Meeting (All Tenants Must Attend)	3 Passover Day 4 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Shopping 12:00 Congregate Lunch 2:30 Floral Design Workshop 5:30 Hagit Live Passover Music Performance 7:00 Movie	4 Passover Day 5 10:30 Essex Green & Kmart 12:00 LUNCH CLUB 2:00 CURRENT EVENTS 4:00 KNITTING CLUB	5 Passover Day 6 9:30 Exercise 12:00 Congregate Lunch 7:00 BINGO	6 Passover Day 7 Office Closed 12:00 LUNCH CLUB 1:30 RELIGIOUS SERVICE	7 Passover Day 8
8 1:30 MOVIE 7:00 MOVIE	9 10:30 Walmart & Rt 22 12:00 LUNCH CLUB 2:00 Exercise with Tami	10 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Shopping 12:00 Congregate Lunch 5:30 Poetry Workshop 7:00 Movie	11 10:30 Rt 10 & Farmers Market 12:00 LUNCH CLUB 2:00 CURRENT EVENTS 4:00 KNITTING CLUB	12 Yom HaShoah 9:30 Exercise 10:30 Bed Bath & Beyond & Panera Bread Springfield 12:00 Congregate Lunch 7:00 BINGO	13 11:00 Yoga with Tami 1:30 RELIGIOUS SERVICE	14
15 1:30 MOVIE 7:00 MOVIE	16 10:30 Trader Joe's Florham Park 12:00 LUNCH CLUB 2:00 Exercise with Tami 7:00 Tenant Association Meeting	17 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Shopping 12:00 Congregate Lunch 5:30 "The Blues not a Normal Part of Aging" 7:00 Movie	18 10:30 Christmas Tree Shops & Rt 22 Shopping 12:00 LUNCH CLUB 2:00 CURRENT EVENTS 4:00 KNITTING CLUB	19 Yom HaAtzma'ut 9:30 Exercise 10:30 Tinton Falls 12:00 Congregate Lunch 7:00 BINGO	20 11:00 Yoga with Tami 12:00 LUNCH CLUB 1:30 RELIGIOUS SERVICE	21
22 1:30 MOVIE 7:00 MOVIE	23 8:30 Sand's Casino 12:00 LUNCH CLUB 2:00 Exercise with Tami	24 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Shopping 12:00 Congregate Lunch 5:30 Spring Fling with Entertainment 7:00 Movie	25 10:30 Walmart & Rt 22 Shopping 12:00 LUNCH CLUB 2:00 CURRENT EVENTS 4:00 KNITTING CLUB	26 9:30 Exercise 10:30 Livingston & Short Hills Malls 12:00 Congregate Lunch 7:00 BINGO	27 11:00 Yoga with Tami 12:00 LUNCH CLUB 1:30 RELIGIOUS SERVICE	28
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