



June 2024

2024-2025 AV Board Officers

Ron Kane, *President*
 Gloria Samad, *Vice-President*
 David Korman, *Secretary/Treasurer*

Rank	Candidates	Vote Totals
1	RONALD "RON" KANE	146
2	MARGARITO CHACON	144
3	GLORIA SAMAD	140
4	LUZ MARTINEZ	138
5	MICHAEL "MIKE" PARKER	137
6	DAVID KORMAN	134
7	KEVIN CRONIN	132
8	MADELINE MARROW	131
9	TARA AYRES	129
10	MILDRED "MILLY" FREDERICK	128
11	LIAM CAFFREY	124
11	VICTORIA "VICKI" SAWICKI	124
13	JAMES SINGLETON	110
14	CRISPIN CASIAS	109
15	LINDA ARDAKANI	107
16	JAVIER VARGAS GARCIA	102
17	JUDY ANDREAS	98
17	IGNACIO RUIZ	98
19	COLYER DUPONT	37
20	LIBRADO "LALO" HERNANDEZ	33

Big Turnout on May 22: 55% of Eligible Members

We had a great turnout for the Board of Directors election this year: 246 members voted (including 17 by absentee ballot). Because there were so many ballots, the counting was not completed until 10:30 PM. In the voting results there was a tie for 11th place. Both Vicki Sawicki and Liam Caffrey received 124 votes. Vicki chose to withdraw as a board candidate to run for the Auditing Committee leaving Liam as the 11- place finisher.

Many thanks to my committee teammates **Mely Villicana** and **Jose Valera**. It was a pleasure working with them.

The Nominating Committee thanks all of the members who worked the polls on Election Day, and the members who spent 3 hours counting the votes. We could not run an election without your participation. And we are grateful to Alicia and Valeria, our AV office staff, who were always helpful.

Special thanks to Golfran Morales for providing all the delicious food and drink at our annual meeting.

*Susan O'Sullivan, Chair,
 2024 AVMHC Nominating
 Committee*

Fireworks get underway before July 4 in Richmond, including our Richard Boyd Park. Please be careful with fire around dry vegetation! The explosions upset your neighbors and all pets within earshot. Celebrate the holiday but consider the risks and racket.



AV Garden Club

The Garden Club met May 18, at 31 W. Bissell to pot tomato plants for our annual plant-give-away on election day.



Jenna Cohn, Jean Whittlesey, Kaytlyn O'Connor, Tara Coghlan. Photo Liam Caffrey

We will meet again on **Sunday, July 21**, 1 PM, location to be announced, to plan our **Bake sale/Yard Sale** with the Social Club on **August 10**. All are welcomed, if interested please contact us at avgardenclub@googlegroups.com

Connie Hibbard

AV Social Club

Movie night is **Friday, June 14**. (Film and time in June 9 flyer.) Please send us your movie suggestions. If you already have the DVD, that's even better! Light refreshments provided.

If you are interested in hosting an event—a class, a movie, a party, something for our children, etc.—please come to a monthly meeting or email us at av_social_club@yahoo.com. Our next monthly meeting is Tuesday, **June 4**, 2024, at 7:30 PM in the AV Hall.

We will once again host the annual AV Yard Sale on Saturday, August 10. Start looking through your things for items you might want to sell. *Susan O'Sullivan*

Help Protect Dogs from Foxtails

As you enjoy a walk or hike with your dog, be aware of foxtail grasses, which are weeds with sharp tips that dogs can step on, brush by, or inhale. Because of their pointy shape, they can

quickly embed themselves inside your dog's body and cause injury.



Foxtail seeds can lead to serious infection once inside your dog's body because they don't break down. Embedded

foxtails can cause discharge, abscesses, swelling, pain, and even death.

The most dangerous exposure is when dogs inhale a barbed seed. This can happen if your dog runs with its mouth wide open in a field of foxtails. Inhaled foxtail seeds can wind up in the lower airways of your dog's lungs. Fortunately, this is rare.

The seeds can also enter your dog's body through their skin because they're hard to find in your dog's fur. Your dog can step on the seeds or even brush by the plant without you realizing it. The seeds must be removed to prevent any pain or injury to your pet.

[Info from WebMD:

<https://www.webmd.com/pets/dogs/foxtail-grass-and-your-dog>]

Foxtails are quite invasive, and we have a lot of them in AV. They grow in lawns, in garden beds, and in the cracks in pavement.

What can you do to help? If you see a foxtail plant, pull it up and discard it. Unfortunately, they should go in the trash, not the green bin, since the seeds can survive composting.

Tara Ayres

A Free Grey-Water System

AV members, and others who live in Richmond's Iron Triangle, are eligible for free installation of a "laundry-to-landscape" system for water conservation. The system uses rinsing water from washing machines to provide below-surface irrigation to plants. An average top-load washer uses about 20 gallons of water per load. A more efficient front-load washer still uses 7–10 gallons per load—all this can serve your plants, conserve water, and save the Village money.

If you have a washer that is in a “bubble” or shed, this system will be simple to hook up and will not need a city permit. (For any indoor washer, please apply for an AV permit.) The team from Urban Tilth, who install the system, follow all state regulations and best practices. The system involves a simple valve beside the washer that switches between sending the water to the landscape and sending it to the normal sewer line. You’ll need to switch back to the sewer line during wet weather or if you use bleach, wash dirty diapers, or wash rags with chemicals.

Outside, the grey water goes to several small pits filled with mulch, and from there it soaks into the soil. Often the mulch pits are installed near a fruit tree to keep it watered. (But don’t use grey water on root crops, like onions, carrots or garlic.)

Urban Tilth offers free installation of grey-water systems as well as drip irrigation. More information is here:

[//urbantilth.org/learn/basinsofrelations/water-conservation-project/](http://urbantilth.org/learn/basinsofrelations/water-conservation-project/). Or contact the program manager, Cyrus Gangei: cyrus@urbantilth.org.



Staff from Urban Tilth with the nearly complete system at the author’s unit. From left: Leo, Cyrus, Katherine, Nathan.

Article and Photo Martha Gruelle.



BikeMobile Free Bike Repairs!

We want to see more families riding their bikes in the Village. That’s why we’ve invited BikeMobile to provide free tune ups & repairs for parents and children.

If your bike or your child’s bike is making one of those mystery sounds or collecting dust because it has a flat tire, bring it to the Maintenance Yard (behind the office) on Monday, June 24, between 10 AM and 1 PM.

The BikeMobile can fix flat tires, adjust brakes and gears, and even replace broken or worn-out parts like chains, seats, and tires. The only thing it can’t do is replace missing wheels or gears. While the mechanics work on your bike they’ll explain how to keep it running smoothly.

Bike or no bike, everyone is welcome to attend to learn about maintenance, safety, and more! **This is a first come, first served event.** Space is limited to 20 people. We look forward to seeing you there!

Connect with the BikeMobile on social media <https://www.instagram.com/thebikemobile/> and <https://www.instagram.com/thebikemobile/>

Neighbors can help neighbors get street sweeping once a month
Street cleaning schedule: Every third Wednesday one side of the street will be swept. The opposite side of the street will be swept on the **third Thursday. 8 to 11 AM**
People who have cars parked in bays do not have to move their cars. Please help the Village and the City to keep our streets clean!

Take Us Out to the Backstop: Batter up!
Want to play in a 3-inning softball game on July 4? Adults and kids ages 10 and up: Sign up to be on the Atchison Aces and Village Victors! No practice (and no real skills) required! Coaches and umps also needed. Email Janis at openlinescom@gmail.com.

Janis Hashe



Summer Reading: Read, Renew, Repeat!

Check out Summer Reading at the Richmond Public Library! The theme this year is Read, Renew, Repeat with a focus on conservation!

Libraries are some of the most ecological and sustainably oriented community organizations we have. We are offering free STEM programs, soulful songs for littles, story strolls in the parks, arts and crafts, and mobile STEM and maker spaces!

June 14 - August 17

Check out our online calendar, social media feeds, or give us a call at [510-620-6561](tel:510-620-6561) for more information.

There Will be no Ballet classes for the month of June, see you in July little dancers!



For the Roses



If you've strolled around the Village, you can't have missed what a wonderful year it is for roses. Two years of soaking rains means "everything's coming up roses," as the lyric from *Gypsy* goes.

Roses are often planted not just for their beauty and scent, but to remember loved ones by. Each time the blooms open, the being they represent is celebrated again. Lynda and Ormond Otvos, AV members since 2002, have planted many "memory" roses, all in glorious

profusion this spring. The first, a lovely "Iceberg" white rose, was planted in memory of Mary, a woman Ormond worked with, who drove a white van.

The yellow rose bush was planted for "Mr. Russ, who was from Texas," said Lynda, "so it's the 'Yellow Rose of Texas.'" There are also roses planted in honor of Lynda's sister and brother, both of whom died in before growing old.

"They keep the memory of people alive," said Lynda. This year, everyone is being remembered in spectacular color and enchanting fragrance.

Photos and article Janis Hashe

A Cautionary Tale: Living Alone in AV

It was Thursday night, May 16. I was getting ready to have dinner and watch TV. I walked into the kitchen and, before I knew it, I was on my butt facing the back door. I had tripped on the kitchen rug in front of the sink.

Ordinarily that would not have been a problem. But I already have one titanium knee and should have had two by now. And did I mention I am 81 years old?

There was no way I could get on either knee. I wore myself out by scooting around on my butt for two hours trying to figure out what piece of furniture could support me. I decided to scoot myself into the front room where I thought my phone might be. By the time I got to the front room, I was exhausted. And my phone was not there!

I ended up on the floor all night. What saved me was my sisters and I were scheduled for a road trip that Friday morning. When they came knocking at my door, I yelled that my neighbor Marcie had a key to my home. Thank you, Marcie!

When they got inside, they called 911 because they could not get me up (they are elders themselves). The EMTs took me to Summit Hospital and my son Jake met us there.

I would like to suggest that we have an expert in these situations meet with AV members one Saturday afternoon so that folks of all ages can attend. Research is underway with the county.

Luz Martinez

History Corner

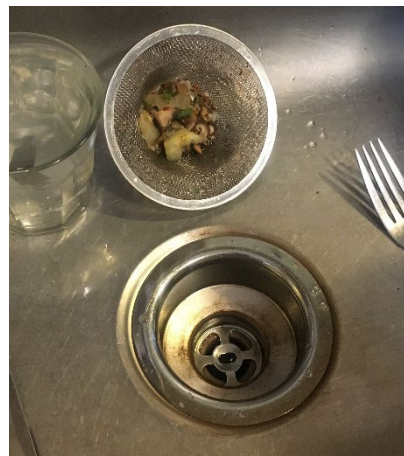
In Board meeting minutes of August 10, 1960- "A letter was read from Edwin S. Howell, City Manager, in answer to a request regarding standing water in gutters of Atchison Village. He explained that this matter was referred to the Public Works Department for investigation and report. ... the report ... recommended ... that no work be done by the City to correct the drainage deficiencies in Atchison Village as there are other locations in adjacent areas where water ponds and if such work was done request for relief elsewhere would be received. The report also stated that these conditions

existed before the parking areas were paved and should've been corrected in conjunction with the paving project...

"Mr. Murphy stated that the water is standing in the gutters and the streets which belong to the City and that they were in effect holding us responsible for City streets which are not our responsibility. Mr. Mohr ...expressed the opinion that possibly we should point out to the City Manager that we very probably pay a higher rate of taxes than any other area in Richmond ...[He] made a motion C-30, that we answer Mr. Howell's letter stating that we are of the opinion that we should be getting a good deal more consideration down here than we have in the past, seconded by Mr. Dias.... so ordered."

Submitted by Marie Kochaver

Sink drain strainers can help catch food or hair so it does not go down and clog the drain.



Hardware stores have them in at least 3 sizes. The one shown is a large size. There are smaller sizes available for bathtub and bathroom sink drains.

Photo Liam Caffrey

Summer Watering 101

When it's clear and hot, it's best to water your garden and trees before 9 AM and after 5 PM. When the sun is overhead the water evaporates quickly and your plants can't absorb its benefits.

Keep your outdoor pets hydrated! Keep bowls of fresh water in the shade nearby.



Atchison Village Board

To contact the board send an email to member.support@avmhc.org with "Attention Board" in the subject line.

AV Office

510.234.9054

Hours

Monday to Friday | 10 AM–4:30 PM

Staff Alicia Becerra and Valeria V

Maintenance staff Monday to Friday | 8 AM–5 PM (closed 12-1 PM)

Work orders may be sent by phone/voicemail or email

For after-hours and weekend emergencies call

Ron Kane 510.220.6434

Alicia Becerra 510.806.8945

Mental Health Crisis Hotline 888.678.7277

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services 988

In an emergency, call 911

Richmond Police non-emergency 510.233.1214

Animal Control 1.925.646.2441

Air quality complaints (BAAQMD) 800.334.6367

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4 Social Club Mtg 7:30 PM	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Board meeting 7:30PM	13	14 Movie Night	15
16	17	18	19 Street Sweep 8-11 AM	20 Street Sweep 8-11 AM	21	22
23	24 BikeMobile 10 – 1 PM	25	26	27 Crime Watch 7PM	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

Notes:

- Movie night, wait on flyer for time and movie.
- Garden Club Will not meet this June.
- There will be no Ballet classes for the month of June.
- Street Sweeping every 3rd Wed and Th of the month between 8 and 11 AM

