



# The Village In Howard Newsletter

April 2022

## Your “Mad Money” Will Make TVIH So Happy!

Once again, TVIH is holding a 50-50 fundraiser! Tickets will cost \$50.00 and will be available starting March 28. As an added incentive, if you purchase 4 tickets, you’ll receive a 5th for free. Everyone who purchases a ticket will receive a zoom link to “attend” the drawing on April 30. We will sell no more than 300 tickets, which gives you a great chance of winning!

How much will you win? That depends...How many tickets did you help us sell?

### We can use your help in several ways:

- We’re asking you not only to buy a ticket, but to sell a ticket to someone outside the Village. You’re not limited to selling 1 ticket—the more the merrier. Buying 4 tickets earns you 1 free ticket. Selling to friends, family and local businesses reduces the burden on our membership by giving us access to pockets beyond yours! As we build “friends of the Village” - those who are not members but who philosophically support what we do- we build a stronger and more diversified funding base.
- Can you post our flier on social media and encourage your network to support us? We can help you do this!
- We can also use your help getting fliers out to the places you go: gyms, restaurants, grocery stores, pharmacies. Don’t forget to ask the business owner to buy a ticket!

For more information or to purchase your ticket, call the TVIH office 443-367-9043. Leave a message with your phone number. You will receive a call back to get your payment information.

## Special Holidays in April

Passover will be celebrated beginning at sundown on April 15 and ending at sundown on April 23.

*Chag Pesach*  
*Semeach* (Happy  
Passover)



Easter will be celebrated on April 17. Orthodox Easter will be celebrated on April 24.

*Happy Easter*

Ramadan will be celebrated beginning at sundown on April 2 and ending at sundown on May 2.

*Ramadan Mubarak*  
(Happy Ramadan)

Wishing you and your loved ones a happy and healthy holiday.



Helena, Laura, Patty and John at Hudson Coastal in March.

## April Happy Hour

We are returning to Bare Bones Grille for our April Happy Hour. Please join us on Tuesday, April 12 at 4:00 PM. We have reserved a private room which will give us ample space to mingle with “old” and new friends. This restaurant offers a delicious Happy Hour menu with great prices. Please sign up online as usual. All details will be included there.

New members are encouraged to attend and guests are welcome. We ask that all attendees be vaccinated and boosted.

## Welcome to New Members Let's Get Acquainted



New Members  
**Marian Dulovich**, Ellicott City  
**Carole Klawansky**, Columbia  
New transportation volunteers  
**Francis Herron**, Ann Marie  
**Russo**

## Communication/ Outreach Event

Please join the Communication/Outreach committee at Florence Bain Senior Center on Thursday, April 10 am for a presentation all about The Village In Howard.

Tell your family, friends and neighbors all about it!  
Light refreshments will be served.  
**SEE YOU THERE!**

## Update on TVIH In-person Events and Village Motto/Logo

Thank you to at least half of the TVIH membership for filling out our Survey for In-Person Events, the Motto and Logo opinions. Your ideas will be used in shaping our procedures. Please attend Good Morning Howard on Wednesday, April 13th where we will review the findings. We truly appreciate your input.

— *The Board of Directors*

## Office Reopening

The pandemic has been with us for the past two years. At the onset of the pandemic, programming was switched virtually to accommodate members and foster a sense of community. As the weather gets warmer and restrictions are lifted, TVIH will be opening the office on April 1st, 2022. There are various in person events returning to the calendar that members are welcome to register for.

## Cause for Celebration

If you have a cause or event to celebrate and wish to let your fellow Villagers know, please contact us at [manager@thevillageinhoward.org](mailto:manager@thevillageinhoward.org) by the 19th of each month. **THANK YOU!**

## ON BOARDING

### TVIH Board Meeting

**March 23, 2022**

*Jim Bouscaren presiding*

#### Finances- Peter Brunner

Pete expressed concern about future finances. Our dues structure does not completely support our staffing, rental, and other needs. We are running at an annual deficit of about \$20,000. We will be OK for the next two years but will need to use that time to get additional funding. He will be looking at the financial structure of other villages in the Village to Village network for ideas and for information about their dues structure to determine whether ours may need to be modified. Another option to help navigate that deficit is business sponsorships.

#### Website update/TVIH survey on reopening events to in-person participation (Fran Dummett)

Fran met with Application Research Laboratory (ARL) high school students to generate potential designs for a new logo. On 4/4 at 8 am the students will present possible logo designs. Volunteers are welcome to join Fran D. in looking at the new logo with the ARL students. Nancy Freeman has also drawn a new logo design. All these suggestions will be shown on 4/13 during Good Morning Howard.

At the same GMH session, planned changes to the TVIH website and the responses to the TVIH survey, will be discussed. The website redesign will streamline the website so it is easier to navigate for members and potential members. The results of the survey which included questions on the logo, website and resumption of the TVIH activities will appear in the May newsletter.

#### 50-50 Raffle

The 50/50 raffle is set for 4/30 with the drawing at 10 am conducted by Sandy Cederbaum who is the staff director of the Oakland Mills Association. The tickets will be \$50 each. Anyone who buys 4 tickets will get an additional ticket. Tickets will go on sale March 25.

## Committee Reports

#### Communications/Outreach (Sheryl Amster)

As newly appointed committee chair, Sheryl has hit the ground running. On 4/7 there will be a presentation at the Bain Center. On May 19th Kim Sherman and Joy Cheung will make a presentation as well. There will be two additional presentations in April and June.



### **Membership Committee & Pods (Kim Sherman)**

There are 180 members of the Village as of 3/23 representing 136 households. 152 are associate members and 28 are full members

### **Village Pods update (Kim Sherman)**

There have been favorable views of the 12 pods and members seem to be enjoying them.

### **New Business**

Yaa Ampofo will be gone for about 7 weeks on a leave of absence. During that time, Sarah Ziemann has agreed to take on additional hours. Sheryl Amster will be taking over the Newsletter. Yaa will be checking email periodically and will still be available remotely. Since Yaa will be gone, individuals from the board are discussing filling in at the office during her absence.

## **Good Morning Howard**

### **Topic: Age In Place, Session 2: Small Modifications That Can Make a Big Difference When Wanting to Age-In-Place**

**Date: April 6, 2022**

**Guest Host: Dena Goldsmith from Home Safe Home**

Description: Home modification don't always have to cost thousands of dollars. Ms. Goldsmith, (who is affiliated with a leading Aging-In-Place Home modification company) will talk to us about common-sense modifications that can go a long way toward increasing your home's safety.



### **Topic: Ideas for venturing out (while remaining cautious)**

**Date: April 13, 2022**

**Hosts: Fran Dummett; Marie Grunwell and Fran Lorenzi**

Description: We will review the results of the recent poll of TVIH members asking what type of events they would like to see (and would be willing to participate in) now that many of the COVID-restrictions are being eased. We will kick around a few ideas for new TVIH-sponsored events (please bring your suggestions) and review new TVIH logos that have been suggested to-date.

### **Topic: Age in Place, Session 3: Home Health Providers and Professionals Who Can Help Us Age-In-Place**

**Date: April 20, 2022**

**Guest Host: Allison Tillman from BAYADA Home Health Care.**



Ms. Tillman, who is affiliated with a local home health care organization, which provides a full range of home-based clinical care

and support services for children and adults of all ages. She will provide information on home health and private duty services and will explain which services Medicare pays for (and under what conditions).

### **Topic: Implementing a Well-being Plan for Seniors**

**Date: April 27, 2022**

**Guest Host: Adam Sherman, PA-C (Jane and Kim's son!)**

Seniors can build a comprehensive approach to well-being that combines the skill sets of quality nutrition, physical movement, appropriate rebuilding, and mindful presence, into a personal approach. Adam Sherman, PA-C and MSHS, will guide you through experts' advice as applied to longevity. We can expect from this multifaceted approach to well-being, a path beyond our current limitations that leads to strength of mental and physical capabilities and to the selves we wish to be.



## **Village Pods Corner**

If you find you want to join any pod or have any questions, please contact the Pods Committee at [pod@thevillageinhoward.org](mailto:pod@thevillageinhoward.org). We'll get you connected. TVIH members can log in to the TVIH website and view pods information under the Resources tab. TVIH members should keep an eye open for forum emails for forming pods and possible future pods topics. Once enough members show interest in a topic, the pod will start to form.

- Total Pods running - 7 neighborhoods, 5 interests

Thanks to all who participated in the 3/23 Good Morning Howard session on "Village Pods – What are they? How can you join one?". The TVIH website pod information was reviewed and multiple pod members expressed their views of their experience.

## 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** – at 9:00 AM. 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25
- **Monday Morning VIRTUAL Coffee with Friends** – at 10:00 AM. 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25
- **In Person Bridge** – very Tuesday at 1:00 PM. 4/5, 4/12
- **Virtual Spring Meditation** – Every Tuesday at 9:00 AM. 4/5, 4/12; Every Thursday at 7:00 PM 4/5, 4/12
- **Good Morning Howard** – Every Wednesday at 9 AM. 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27
- **Virtual Lunch Bunch** – Every Wednesday at 11:30 AM. 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27
- **In Person Mah Jongg** – Every Thursday at 10 AM. 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24
- **Virtual Mah Jongg** – Every Friday at 10:00 AM. 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29
- **Sneakers & Coffee** – Every Saturday at 9:00 AM. 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30

## Monthly Programs

**Topic:** Listen! Music Lecture, "It's all just music:

**Date:** 4/1 at 10 AM

**Instructor:** Professor Tom Benjamin

The distinctions we make between styles, genres and eras may be neither accurate nor helpful; let's break down some barriers!

All are welcome; technical knowledge of music is not needed. This is the 15th monthly lecture.

Tom Benjamin, a TVIH member and distinguished musician and educator, offers a series of music

education virtual lectures for music lovers. If you like to sing, play an instrument, or just enjoy listening to music, this program is for you. This program is free and open to TVIH members and the public.

## Happy Hour

**Date:** 4/12 at 4 pm

TVIH Happy Hour at Bare Bones Grille on 9150 Baltimore National Pike in Ellicott City.

New members are encouraged to attend and guests are welcome. Registration is required.



## Topic: Keep Up with Technology

**Date:** 4/14 at 10 AM at TVIH Center

**"Bluetooth, notes, settings, airdrop, and recipe files"**

A monthly virtual meeting for TVIH members to ask tech questions, share information, and learn together by studying free tech lessons available on the internet. No prior experience is required. Everyone is welcome to join this meeting.

## Topics for this month:

1. Bluetooth: What is bluetooth? Why is it useful? How is it different from Wi-Fi?
2. Notes: How do I use "Notes"?
3. Settings (the gear box): What parameters in Settings are important to know?
4. Airdrop: How do I set up airdrop on my smartphone? How do I use it?
5. Contact: How do I share a "contact" with my friend.
6. Document: I want to give my favorite recipes to my children and grandchildren. How do I use "document" to set up the files on my computer and transfer them to a flash drive?

## Topic: My 3 cents: "Ukraine"

**Date:** 4/19 at 1 PM - A virtual discussion moderated by Ellin Scholnick

So much to discuss! How are the events in the Ukraine affecting you? What are your reactions?





### **Topic: TVIH Table Talk Celebrating Easter/Passover**

**Date: 4/22 at 5:30 PM at TVIH Center**

**Host: Duane St. Clair**

How are we different from our parents and how are our kids different from us?

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

Twenty-four TVIH members happily celebrated St. Patrick's Day on 3/18. We enjoyed delicious food, songs, conversations, history talk and a quiz. In April, we will celebrate together the arrival of spring, Earth Day, Easter and Passover.

#### **Programs:**

5:30 - 6:00 pm: setting up and social hour

6:00 - 7:00 pm: Easter/Passover home-cooked dinner

7:00-8:00 pm: D & D (Desserts and Discussion)

Each participant brings a dish (traditional Easter/Passover food) to share. The portion should be enough to serve at least 6 people. Recipe suggestions for traditional Easter /Passover dinners are posted on our website.

Proof of vaccination is required. Outdoor seating for dinner is available. If the weather is nice, we will move the discussion to outdoors.

### **Topic: Wine Tasting: Vertical tasting of Three Buccella Cabernet Sauvignons: 2009, 2011, 2012**

**Date: 4/24 at 12 and 3 pm and 4/25 at 2 pm**

A vertical wine tastings involves tasting different vintages of the same varietal wine from the same winery. For this Teach & Taste, participants will learn about terroir and how weather plays an important part of terroir. For the vertical tasting, we will taste three

wines from the famed Napa Valley winery Buccella. The word "Buccella" comes from Latin meaning mouthfeel. You will notice these cabs have a big, bold mouthfeel. The wines retail between \$142 and \$190 per bottle. Due to rising wine costs, fee for tasting is \$25.00  
Host: Terry and Kathy Sullivan

### **Topic: Travel Talks: Costa Rica**

**Date: 4/28 at 7 pm**

With the lifting of travel restrictions to and from Costa Rica in late 2021, it was time to begin a new birding and wildlife adventure. So, in October, Dick Voelker participated in a two and a half week photographic program, half with a private guide and half with a birding tour group of four. A 30-minute Zoom video presentation is planned for April 28, 2022.

This will consist of over 250 photos and music to capture images of birds, snakes, insects, butterflies, spiders, frogs, monkeys and flowers. It was an amazing trip as you will see and Dick feels that it is his best set of wildlife photos ever.



### **Topic: Music Appreciation Lecture with Tom Benjamin**

**Date: 4/29 at 10 am**

#### **Across Categories**

The distinctions we make between styles and genres of music, art, theater, dance and literature are sometimes helpful, but more often seem misleading and even harmful to our appreciation and understanding. We'll explore in the next two episodes of Listen! the ways in which creativity crosses boundaries and defies definitions. Lots of great examples from all the arts!

# The Village in Howard 50/50 Raffle

## Win up to \$7,500

## April 30th, 2022

Get your tickets now!  
Only 300 tickets available! \$50 per ticket.  
Buy 4 tickets, get 1 free!

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**VIRTUAL DRAWING April 30, 2022**

**TIME OF DRAWING: 10:00 AM**

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Pay by credit card or by check (TVIH).  
To purchase your raffle tickets, leave your name  
& phone number at The Village in Howard at  
443-367-9043 or  
[services@thevillageinhoward.org](mailto:services@thevillageinhoward.org)

**\*Winner need not be present to win.**

**\*\*Winning prize will be 50% of the total collected.**



Aging in Howard just got better....

Proceeds support the operations and on-going programs of The Village in Howard, a virtual community that promotes independence and mutual support for Howard County residents ages 55 and over who wish to stay active and involved in the community.







AgnosticPreachersKid, via WikiCommons

**\*Due to COVID and weather event conditions, events are subject to change at the time the newsletter is circulated. PLEASE check the calendar on the website for the most up to date information.**

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### Member Solicitation Policy

In order to ensure confidence and privacy, and to promote an open exchange of information among our members, The Village in Howard maintains a policy of non-solicitation of fellow members for the purpose of business development or marketing. Our organization provides opportunities to learn from each other, both at TVIH activities and informally. Using the directory to find names and contact information of other members is appropriate for this purpose. It is not appropriate to market or solicit business.

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