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## Board of Trustees Holds Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the SVWC Corporate Board was held on May 18, 2026. Greystone representatives presented the revised Mission Statement and new Vision Statement to the Board for approval. Since February, a group of trustees, team members, and residents has been working with Greystone on these statements. The process was both thought-provoking and engaging. After careful consideration and much discussion, the Board approved both statements. Please stay tuned for special events over the next month as we celebrate the adoption of the Mission and Vision Statements together as a community.

Duane Wernecke, CFO, reviewed the results of the 2025 financial audit. I am happy to report that SVWC received an unqualified/unmodified opinion from the auditors on the organization's consolidated financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2025. The community's key financial ratios continue to demonstrate strong financial health, positioning SVWC well for sustained growth and continued mission delivery in 2026 and beyond.

Linda Gibson was re-elected as the Board Chair, Mark Loring was re-elected as Vice Chair, and Rob Boyd was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer. Jeannie Shiley, Duane Wernecke, and Tim Tivvis were re-elected as Corporate Officers of the organization. New Residents Association president Ray Leonard will serve a one-year term on the Board.

This was the last official Board meeting for Susan Kagey and Pat Kofalt. Susan served on the Finance Committee and Pat served on the Property & Planning Committee. We want to thank them for their dedicated service to SVWC.

We also announced the election of two new trustees, Barbara Downs and Mitsi Lizer.

Barbara will serve on the Property and Planning Committee. She is employed by the Central Intelligence Agency, National Reconnaissance Office. She obtained Certification in Public Leadership from Brookings Executive Education, a BS in Business Management from National Louis University, and Certification in Information Technology from the University of Virginia.

Barbara is a member of Christ Episcopal Church, where she serves as Senior Warden. She is also the lead volunteer at Christ Episcopal Church for the WATTS (Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter) program.

The second new trustee is Mitsi Lizer. She will serve on the Residents Services Committee.

Mitsi earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Michigan. She is a board-certified psychiatric pharmacist (BCPP). For the past forty-one years, Mitsi has practiced in the field of pharmacy in community, hospital, and academic settings. Since 2016, she has worked for the American Society of Health System Pharmacists, where she serves as a surveyor of pharmacy residency training programs nationally.

Mitsi is a member of First Presbyterian Church, where she actively volunteers.

A social was held following the meeting as another way of thanking all our Board members for their willingness to donate their time and talents to SVWC.



*Jeannie Shiley*



A digital photo display of our resident veterans has been set up near the flags, located at the bridge between the Vitality Center and Winchester Hall.

While the display currently has 68 pictures, submission of photos from about a quarter of our veterans is still needed. Photos in uniform at the time of active service are particularly nice, but all photos are welcome.

All resident veterans who have not submitted a photo are urged to dig into their files and join their colleagues on the rotating display. Contact Bill Young (see the Resident Directory on the Portal) for submissions or questions, or to have a photo taken.

Photo by Sue McKenzie

Beverly Simpson and her son, Manley Nelson attend the closing ceremony of the Winchester Rotary Healing Field of Honor event at Handley High School. They are standing at the memorial flag of Beverly's father, 2nd Lt. Manley Olin Simpson, Jr. who was killed in action May 6, 1945 on Hacksaw Ridge, Okinawa, Japan.



Photo by Jessica Ferris

## Bistro Renovation, June–November

During the upcoming Bistro renovation, residents can expect continued access to all dining services with several notable enhancements.

The **Main Dining Room** will operate on a full-service basis for all three meals — breakfast from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., dinner from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., and brunch on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with no reservation required. Seating capacity will be increased by 33% to accommodate additional demand during this period.

Residents should be aware that key functions may occasionally take place between meal services, with proactive communication provided in advance.

The **Private Dining Room** will transition to serve as the Bistro Marketplace, open from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Grab-and-go items, marketplace selections, to-go orders, and catering services will remain available for purchase.

The **Beverage Station** will be relocated to the Commons, offering water, tea, and drip coffee throughout the day.

**Home Delivery** services will continue without interruption, and the delivery fee will be waived for the duration of the renovation.

Additionally, the Activities Room, Café, and Pergola Area are available for seating and special events during the renovation. Please check availability.

*Tim Tivvis*

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## Trishaw Launch



SVWC and the Winchester Chapter of Cycling Without Age officially “launched” our Trishaw on Friday, May 22. Despite the wet weather, a number of residents and staff were able to enjoy a ride around the campus. Joan Bronson and Edie Evans were the first official riders. It was also Edie’s birthday which made it extra special.



Photos by Bill Young



## New Library Books for June

### Fiction

Hope Rises (LP)*	David Baldacci
Daughter of Egypt	Marie Benedict
Bloodlust (LP)	Sandra Brown
The Ending Writes Itself	Evelyn Clarke
The Keeper (LP)*	Tana French
Last One Out	Jane Harper
Missing	E. A. Jackson
Mrs. Benedict Arnold	Emma Parry
Death Times Seven	Anne Perry
The Most Mysterious Bookshop in Paris	Park Pryor
A Girl Called Samson	Amy Harmon
Revenge Prey (LP)*	John Sandford
The Monk	Tim Sullivan
The News from Dublin	Colm Toibin

### Non-Fiction

Angelica	Molly Beer
London Falling (LP)	Patrick Radden Keefe
American Struggle: Democracy, Dissent, and the Pursuit of a More Perfect Union (LP)	Jon Meacham

\*A Copy in Wappacomo Library



## June Bistro Concert



One Street Over is a Celtic roots band known for blending traditional tunes and original compositions. They are considered among the best of the Irish bands in the Winchester area, and we are fortunate to have them play for us here in the Bistro on June 19.

The band's lively musicians each play a remarkable assortment of instruments including fiddle, mandocello, Irish flute, bouzouki, mandolin, guitar, bodhran, and several more. Their top quality musicianship is derived from their diverse musical backgrounds that include classical, bluegrass, punk rock, and, of course, Irish traditions.

They are light-hearted, yet skilled and serious musicians. Some have been band members for years while others are relatively new. Several of them compose new music and sometimes they team up in their creative efforts.

You'll hear tunes like "Ships are Sailing," "Killarney Boys," "Old Maui," and "Castle Kelly." To be sure you can hear them by going out to a country pub near Front Royal where they play regularly, but in June they will be here.

The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 (**cash only**) at the entrance.

The concert is open to the public. The series is sponsored by Atlantic Union Bank.

### Welcome to Our New Neighbors

**Kathryn Daylor** moved into Winchester Hall, Apt. 235 from Cross Junction, VA.

**Robert and Helen Carroll** moved into 1440 Bold Rock Drive, Apt. 100 from Hendersonville, NC.

## Chaplain's Reflection

*"What has come into being<sup>4</sup> in him was life,<sup>4</sup> and the life was the light of all people.<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." John 1:3b - 5.*

On June 21, 2026, we will celebrate the summer solstice with a daylight duration of 14 hours and 56 minutes, and night duration of 9 hours 4 minutes. It will be the longest day of the year and the shortest night.



Therefore, June 21<sup>st</sup> marks the official beginning of summer. With all the extra daylight, we can spend the evenings outside enjoying the warm weather, talking with friends, and simply enjoying God's good creation.

Kids are out of school, swimming is a popular pastime, vacations are taken, ice cream is a popular treat, a cookout is a fun event to attend. It can be a busy time of year with lots of fun things to do.

The extra hours of daylight make a lot of this possible. In light of this, we can then reflect on the words from the gospel of John 1:3b - 4, "What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people." With the additional life we find in the season of summer, we can also experience greater light shining in and upon us.

Though summer is full of activity, life and light, the darkness is not gone. Though we have almost 15 hours of daylight, there are still nine hours of darkness.

For many people, though summer is going on all around them, the darkness still feels more real and more present than the light. Maybe they are dealing with grief, illness, depression, or anxiety. So many things can make even the brightest day feel gray. That's where John 1:5 comes in, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." It does not say that the darkness is completely obliterated. It does not say the light dispels all the darkness. It acknowledges the darkness exists, and simply says that the light shines in the midst of it, and the darkness did

not overcome it. I take this to mean that there is always hope.

Though darkness continues to exist, the light will shine in and through it. Upon that we can depend as a sure and certain promise from God.

My prayer as we enter this summer season: Dear God of light and darkness, help us enjoy the longer days and shorter nights as we play and have fun this summer. Help anyone who finds themselves as yet in darkness to know the light still shines in and through it all. Amen.

### 2026 Annual Residents Association Election Results

RA Officers and Members-at-Large  
Elected for 2026-2027:

President - Ray Leonard  
Vice President - Pam Curtis  
Treasurer - Gina Hammond

Members-at-Large:

Linda Botens  
Rose Trochlil  
Vaughn Meglan

Elected in 2025-2026  
Remaining in Office for 2026-2027  
Secretary Karin Aukerman

Members-at-Large:

Sherman Barker  
Brian Dewey  
Tony Mirra  
Steve Rearden



The Troxells ride the trishaw in the Apple Blossom Grand Feature Parade



National Nursing Home Week



Kentucky Derby Party



Photos by Bill Young



Residents on ferry to Tangier Island

Photo by Laura Hager

## Lifelong Learning for June

SVWC Lifelong Learning organizes 60 to 75 minute sessions open to all residents, futures, and guests in The Abbey every Monday, starting at 2:00 p.m. The sessions in **June will focus on the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.**

On **June 1** we consider the **values and beliefs** underlying the Declaration of Independence. Our video clip will be University of Virginia professor Mary Kate Cary's short lecture on "Words that sparked a movement." She shows how Patrick Henry's 1775 speech ending with the famous "Give me liberty or give me death" is one of the most important speeches by anyone in any year.

**June 8** brings us to the **documents** themselves: the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Federalist Papers. We will discuss how these documents formed a new type of government that, despite flaws and problems, used checks and balances to share power thus enabling the nation to flourish.

**June 15, 22, and 29** address how America has evolved over these 250 years, both with good and bad results that together bring us to this moment in 2026. June 15 will consider the evolution of American **foreign policy**; June 22 **addresses economic developments**; and June 29 turns to **social structures**.

*Bob Bolan*



### June 21 is the first day of Summer!

To celebrate, Smiley's Ice Cream will give out ice cream cones or sundaes to residents and staff on **Monday, June 22**, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Smiley's Ice Cream truck will be in front of Lawrence Hall. Enjoy!

## From The



Dining renovations 20 years ago, as reported in the *Westbury World* for June, 2006:

### Renovations Will Affect Dining

As "Our Journey Forward" continues, we are fast approaching a phase of the construction project that will affect all of us: closing the Main Dining Room and renovation of the Main Kitchen's dish room. The Dining Services Department will be taking a number of steps to minimize the impact on our community. Our plan includes converting the Abbey into a temporary dining room, adding a "Round Table" in the Café, utilizing disposable dinnerware, and temporarily discontinuing the room or cottage delivery charge.

Scheduled to begin June 19, the Main Dining Room and dish room will be closed to residents and staff, enabling the Whiting-Turner team to begin its renovation. The dining room tables will be moved to the Abbey and set for service. This move will reduce the seating capacity by approximately 15 seats. The Café will be reconfigured to allow space for a large round table. This table will give residents dining alone the opportunity to dine with other residents. As it has in the Dining Room, this will increase table availability for couples and smaller groups. In addition, a host or hostess will be scheduled for the Café to assist residents with seating.

Disposable china, flatware, and glasses will be utilized because the only dishwashing area during this time will be located in Wapacomo Hall. All cooking equipment, serving utensils, and serving dishes will be hand-washed in the Main Kitchen.

Finally, in an effort to encourage "take out," the \$2 charge for delivery to apartments and cottages will be discontinued. New disposable containers and delivery carts will be used to better maintain food quality during delivery.

The Dining Services Department will make every effort to minimize the impact of the scheduled renovations on the residents, staff, and guests as "Our Journey Forward" continues.



Memorial Day  
Bell Ringing & Celebration

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