

☀️ MAY CALENDAR UPDATE ☀️

President's Corner

Two Gatherings and a Reminder



I'm always interested in how fellow members of our Village are faring, especially in these unusual times. It would be nice to hear – from you – how you're doing, and to see your face, so I hope you'll attend our online Open House on Thursday, May 14th, between 3 and 5pm. As you know, we use Zoom for these gatherings. If you're still unfamiliar with the technology, we are ready to help you learn how to set it up and show you how to use it to connect to family, friends, and learning opportunities. Just let us know by phone or email if you would like some help.

Just because we are still under a shelter-in-place order doesn't mean that we can't do a little armchair traveling. We will be Zooming to the Galapagos Islands in our imaginations on May 28th at 3pm (see Calendar section) led by our experienced guide, ERCV Board member Peter Kramer. I hope you'll join the tour.

Despite the pandemic-induced restrictions, we can continue to be active citizens by voting in the June 2nd primary. Last reminder: any [request for a mail-in ballot](#) must be **received by May 26th**. Please contact us if you need help downloading or requesting the form.

My wish for everyone is to stay well and stay in touch as we continue to stay close to home.

-- David Mackoff



Thursday, May 14: 3:00-5:00 pm

ERCV ONLINE OPEN HOUSE VIA ZOOM

- Everyone is invited to join us *via* your laptop, tablet, or smart phone! Meet new friends or connect with old ones, learn about ERCV, and enjoy good fellowship.
- We would like to gather some photos of what ERCV members and friends have been doing during the pandemic to show during the Open House. Photos should be sent to info@eastrockcreekvillage.org or can be texted to 202-656-7322.

- Click [here](#) to join the Open House. If you have never used Zoom before, plan to log in a little early to get oriented, or you can even call or email our office to set up a Zoom introductory meeting at another time. It's easy and fun to use Zoom!

Fridays, May 15, 22, & 29: 3:00-4:00 pm

ZOOM CHAIR YOGA WITH ANTONIA

- Our long-running class is now online each Friday afternoon with many of the regular participants joining in virtually.
- This gentle yoga class involves centering, stretching, and balancing poses done sitting in a chair or standing next to it. Wear loose clothing. You just need a chair and a device connected to the internet — the bigger the screen, the better.
- Email info@eastrockcreekvillage.org or phone or text 202-656-7322 to register. We will send you the Zoom link on Thursdays and again on Fridays. Assistance in using Zoom is available.

Thursday, May 23: 3:00 pm

ARM-CHAIR TRAVEL

- The current lock-down keeps us from traveling physically, but nothing keeps us from sharing photos and tales of what we've experienced in the past! That's why we invite everyone to join us in our first "traveling by arm-chair" adventure.



- Above is just one of the amazing sights we may see as ERCV Board member Peter Kramer takes us to the [Galapagos Islands](#). Peter is a biologist who has worked on the Islands and continues to travel there. He will explain why these islands are such a fascinating tropical location, far from any continent, formed by volcanic action, and populated by wildlife found nowhere else.
- Join us by Zoom on the 28th at 3pm on any device which connects to the internet. Click [here](#) to join the session.
- Stay tuned for further travels!



Important Reminders:

🌀 **Exercise your rights!** Remember to request your absentee ballot if you wish to vote by mail in the upcoming June 2 primary. We are being urged to vote by mail, to protect the health of poll workers as well as our own and other voters' health. Click [here](#) for detailed instructions or call 202-741-5283. Request forms for mail-in ballots must be RECEIVED by May 26. Feel free to call the ERCV office if you need help to request a ballot online, which does not require a signature. Those who receive the SPCA Newsletter will get a paper application for an absentee

ballot. Your Absentee Ballot must be **SIGNED AND POSTMARKED at least by election day** (June 2) and received by June 9. You should receive a Voter Guide in the mail, but you can also access it [here](#). It contains the early voting locations, election-day voting locations, voting dates and times, and lists of candidates. Those who have requested or mailed in absentee ballots can track them at [Track Your Mail-In Ballot](#).

🌀 **Census 2020: Be sure you are counted!** If you haven't yet completed the census for your household, there are three ways to do so. You will be asked to enter your 12-digit Census ID available from the mailed invitation; but you can use your address instead.

1. **Online:** Go to www.My2020census.gov to complete the questionnaire or to have your questions answered.
2. **Phone:** Call 844-330-2020 any day from 7am to 2am EST (we reached a representative and verified these hours). If you press 0 at any point during the automated messages, you will be connected to a live person who can take your information.
3. **By mail:** Paper census questionnaires were to be delivered by mid-April to households which have not completed the Census. Mail your completed form back to the Census Bureau in the included prepaid envelope.

Our ERCV office is happy to assist you — call us at 202-656-7322. We are available by phone every day from 8am to 8 pm.



Some interesting events here and there . . .

🌀 **Monday, May 18: Registration deadline for June mini-courses** – The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University (OLLI at AU) is like a small liberal arts college with academic classes in every subject area. They are offering **June Minis** with 90-minute study groups held once a week for 4 weeks, June 1-26. Minis will be held via Zoom. The membership fee for Minis is \$100 to take up to 3 classes. Admission is by lottery. Click [here](#) to see the list of courses.

🌀 **Tuesday, May 19, 2:30-3:30 pm: Election 2020: What a Difference a Few Weeks Make** – Eleanor Clift, columnist (*The Daily Beast*), television pundit, and author will discuss how the current pandemic is affecting the 2020 election. To register for this virtual event, sponsored by Northwest Neighbors Village, click [here](#).

🌀 **Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, 4:00 pm: Kennedy Center Couch Concerts** – Free performances brought to you live by Millennium Stage. “It is at times like these that we need artists most. Watch talented artists perform their work & help us inspire, grieve, heal, and move forward as a nation.” A wide variety of artists and genres – national spotlight on Mondays, DC-area spotlight on Wednesdays, Kennedy Center performers on Fridays. Click [here](#) to see details and scheduled events on the website. Past performances can also be viewed and heard on the site. (Hint: On Friday, May 22, the performers will be family members of ERCV members Bill & Nancy Foster: son, daughter-in-law, and grandson.)

🌀 **Friday, May 22, 2:30 pm: One Woman, One Vote** – Join a Zoom conversation when Ruth Pollak, producer and director of the documentary film “One Woman, One Vote,” interviews

Marjorie J. Spruill, editor of the new book [One Woman. One Vote: Rediscovering the Woman Suffrage Movement](#). Bring your own questions and thoughts! Click on the title to learn how to join the session. Offered by Around Town DC.

🌀 **Tuesday, May 26, 1:30 pm: *Your Closet: Friend or Foe*** – Speaker: Susan O. Singer, founder and owner of Closet Curator, wardrobe consultant, and personal stylist www.closetcurator.com. A conversation about clearing your closet and defining your wardrobe. The Closet Curator will offer tips and tools for creating new looks, as well as how to purge and organize your closet. To register for this virtual event, sponsored by Northwest Neighbors Village, click [here](#).

🌀 **From the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, free lectures on Impressionism** – Enjoy free video lectures by scholars on topics such as “Impressionism & Beyond: Five Faces of Impressionism,” “The Art of Thinking: Mary Cassatt,” “Toulouse-Lautrec: Celebrity and Cabaret Culture in Paris,” and more. Click [here](#) to access the website. Scroll down to access menu of lectures.

🌀 **Free virtual events sponsored by Around Town DC: Event Directory for Ages 60 and Up** – Click [here](#) to access the listing; scroll down to find the dates you are looking for. There is a wide variety of possibilities, some ongoing.

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