



What's Happening

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Visions for the Future! by JP Hitesman

We received exciting news this spring that the VIP Island Connections grant was awarded! Beth Kramer, Julie Schmidt and I are working on a new project to support you, the VIP population, with expanded quality of life and community resources. The project is supported by the Vineyard Vision Fellowship. We are also working with Island Disability Coalition, Seven Hills and other groups. We hope to engage all VIP members with a series of activities over the summer, aiming to have everyone stay in communication even from a distance. In the fall, we will begin a small



JP

group program focusing on individual goals related to work and community connections. If this sounds like something you would enjoy, please feel free to contact any one of us.



Julie



Beth

**Cooking Demonstrations
with McCaull Reid
every other Thursday.
Check your emails or
vipmv.org for updates**



Art is great.
 Say hope is great.
 The red rose is beautiful.
 I made it because it has hope.
 Just freedom hope is in art.
 I know we great friends.
 Just freedom hope is best.

By Dan Meaney



The opening of the show “VIP on Land and Sea at the MV Playhouse Art Space” was very well attended. Little did we know, this would be our last gathering until it’s safe to be together again. Many of the new works were made during art classes at Featherstone led by Judi and Tessa. The sale went online due to the virus. Thanks to MJ, Geneva and Tessa’s outreach, all art was sold! Thanks to the Vineyard Golf Foundation for the grant which funded the classes and art supplies.

Learning Some New Routines by Erin Doyle

At first, the virus was really hard for everyone. Then I decided to learn some things and to create new routines.

- 1) I started to ride my orange bike again. I go to bike paths with my mom and dad.
- 2) I learned to Zoom. I did the board meeting, Virginia’s Drama Club and McCaull’s cooking classes. I also do art class with my former teacher Samantha in Connecticut. Sometimes I Zoom to hang out with friends.
- 3) I use the Walking Trails of MV book to explore new walks with my parents.
- 4) I’ve started riding Cumberland (on right) again.
- 5) I walk with Tony once a week. I also walk with Alex weekly, too.





News from Alexander

- I wanted to let everyone know that I am collecting soda and beer bottles and cans for the 5 cents each. If you would like to help me you can drop them off at my house at 179 Lake St. Vineyard Haven.

- I am in an online group of people through Martha's Vineyard Community Services talking about getting a job and the skills necessary.

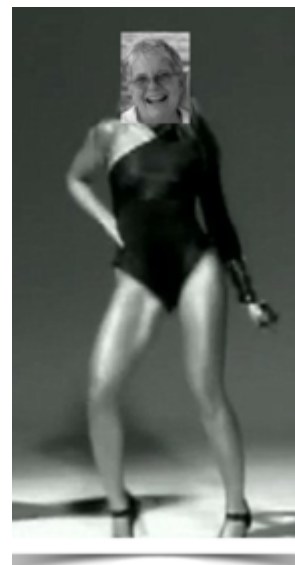
- My niece Alexandra and her husband Jonathon have been staying with us for the last five months and she is having a baby in July. We are all very excited and can't wait!

Job Skills Class by Tessa Permar

Island Employment Services at MVCS has begun an online class geared toward improving job skills and work readiness. It's a great way to bond with other island workers and pick up some new skills. The class meets twice a week on Zoom and runs for about two months. It is open to adults who are interested in competitive employment, from brand new to seasoned workers. If you are interested, please contact Island Employment Services at 508 693 7900 ext 252 or bwike@mvcommunityservices.org. They will fill out an intake form with you over the phone and help you get the referral for the class. The dates of the next course are to be determined.

Keep on Moving by Sundy Smith

Sundy and Jon have been staying at home pretty much since early March. Sundy started a new exercise routine that has helped keep her spirits (and her heart rate) up. She asked Jon and her grandchildren to make dance playlists for her. She spends a half hour first thing every morning dancing (sort of!) on a yoga mat to the different playlists she has acquired. A half hour is usually 9 or 10 songs. New ones are always welcome! It's hard to be blue exercising to Aretha or even Dr. Dre. No Diggity!



Keen Eyes Keenan

Movie Reviews

Harriet ***
Frozen 2 ***
Little Women ****
Call of the Wild ***

Martha's Travels

On Jan 12, I went with my sister Emily Pastore and my mother to "Dancing with the Stars" on tour at the Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, CT. It was a great show with a lot of really good music. The dancers were from past seasons of "Dancing with the Stars". The casino had a mall inside with slot machines which we played. I had a really good time.

WOW

On June 26, I am
turning 50 years old!
Happy Birthday to me
Love Martha



Martha prepares to cook pasta after McCaul's inspirational class.

*Happy Birthday to:
Shelly Desmarais June 24
Laura Jahn July 10
and all others with
summer birthdays*



Greg enjoys receiving cards
and hearing news from his VIP
friends. His address is:
Greg Marshall
Seven Hills
19 Centerboard Lane
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*Betty and Mary Beth enjoy the views
from the new, accessible overlook at
the Aquinnah cliffs. Derrill Bazy, a
member of "The Loop Group"
envisioned the thoughtful design.
CPA funds and a grant from MA
allowed the project to proceed
according to Berta Welch, another
member of the Loop Group. It is
worth a visit!*

Several individuals donated to
VIP in honor of Allison's mother,
who died in April. She enjoyed
reading "What's Happening".

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