



What's Happening



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Hanging out in Vineyard Haven... Usually, you might find us inside the Playhouse at Virginia's drama club.

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Zooming

Catch up with your VIP friends, led by Ally and Julie on Mondays. Chef McCaull (shown above in his garden with basil and tomatoes) is in the kitchen every other Thursday or Friday, teaching us his craft.

On Friday, July 24 at 7:30 pm, we will have a dance on Zoom with DJ Starz. Tropical shirts encouraged.

Check your email or vipmv.org for updates and details.

Vision Project Update by J.P. Hitesman and MB Grady

As a follow-up to last month's feature article, we want everyone to know that due to the continued pandemic, the VIP Island Connections project has decided to postpone its core person-centered planning project. It appears that gathering to meet in person may still not be possible in late October, when the consultant was scheduled to visit the island.

Beth, Julie and JP continue to meet regularly through virtual meetings. At this time, they are exploring the possibility of selling t-shirts and crafts at a few summer pop-up events and on-line. It has been over ten years since VIP last sold t-shirts. The money that was donated in memory of Allison's mom will be used to start this endeavor.

They will also offer Chilmark Chocolates t-shirts, which were in short supply last year. A Chilmark summer resident has been pursuing the Chilmark Chocolates trademark. By seeing the sale of shirts this year, perhaps he will decide to find a different name for his chocolate company.

The Vision people hope to learn about starting a small business which might eventually employ some of us. If you wish to be involved or want more information, please check in with JP, Beth or Julie.



Martha's fan club outside her house, after marching up the street making joyous sounds.



Martha, Robb and Sonya take in the Happy Birthday sights and sounds.

Keen Eyes Keenan

How I Celebrated My 50th Birthday

by Martha Keenan

My friends and family gave me a parade and shout out to wish me a happy birthday. They all came marching down the street with music played by Paul Munafo (cymbals), Andy Palmer (trombone) and many others with bells, a drum and more. Then they sang happy birthday. Thank you so much from all of you. On June 26 I went to Falmouth to my sister Emily's house to celebrate my birthday, my mother's 85th birthday and my brother-in-law's birthday. He turned 60. I got a lot of gifts including the pillow pictured here. So thank you all! It was a nice week of celebrations. 🎁🌍🎂❤️🎡🍷🍷



Laura says hi from Lucy Vincent Beach



Congratulations to our friends at the Island Autism Group. They are working with the MV Land Bank and Island Housing Trust to purchase a farm on Lambert's Cove Rd. Check out their website: islandautism.org to learn more.

Just our Imagination...

Our Trip to Arizona by Alexander Campbell

My mom and I got into Tucson at 9:00 p.m. and man were we tired. We took an Uber to the house and went straight to bed. When we got up the next morning, we went and got Mexican food and it was so good. We also did a lot of other stuff like get massages and go swimming and we went to a crystal mine. The crystal mine was very cool. We went to Arizona for one month. Well, that was supposed to be the plan until I broke my foot. In my mind, we went and I still had lots of fun!



Sundy's Dance Article

Sundy created quite a buzz with her story (and re-touched photo) about dancing every morning. Erin loves to dance to Taylor Swift. Alexander dances to oldies each morning when he unloads the dishwasher. Ally dances in her room at night, with her lap top playing. Join DJ Starz on July 24 on Zoom to show us your moves. Tropical shirts encouraged.



News from Ally

1. I work at Stop and Shop in Edgartown 3 days per week. We have lots of new workers; the more the merrier.
2. My dad Gene has a new job driving a VTA bus. He loves to drive anything—cars, buses, motorcycles and boats.
3. I was so surprised to get MJ's email about Martha's birthday parade. I love parades and this was the first one I was in. It was GREAT to see friends. Martha was so surprised! I gave her a card.
4. I love doing the hangout zooms with Tessa and now Julie. Please join us!

See you on Friday
July 24th at 7:30 for VIP's
first Zoom dance.



Thank you Sierra

Sierra Johnson's last day of work as the area director for Seven Hills was Friday, July 17. During Sierra's 14 years working at Seven Hills, many changes happened. The Vineyard Supports Day Program moved to its new facility on State Rd. in VH. Sierra worked her way up to the top management position, bringing with her a deep knowledge of people's stories and a true sense of caring. Sierra says "It has been my pleasure working to support the individuals, families, caregivers and staff over the years. I look forward to seeing everyone in the community."



Tony splitting wood during some time off.

My Job at Fed Ex

by Tony Palmer

I started working at Fed Ex last fall. I get up at 4 am to get to work. We unload two trailers. We put the boxes over the roller to stack them into piles. It is very hot work. The trucks deliver to 400–700 customers each day. It is fun working there. This is my second summer working at the MV Family Campground. I am busy!

Condolences to Tony, our co-president, on the passing of his grandmother, Betty Eddy. Tony's mom, Onnie, took such good care of Betty as her health was changing.

Hi to all my friends at VIP—Enclosed find a check to support all the good things you're doing. I miss seeing everyone at the shop and in the pool. Hopefully, we can get back to something that approaches normal soon. Be safe and be well. Hope to see you all as soon as the "quarantine" is lifted...and there is a safe and effective vaccine for all of us. Les and Terry Cutler (Les is a popular swimming coach at the Y.)

Feeling hungry? Noticing lots of fresh basil and tomatoes coming from local gardens? McCaull's recipe for fresh tomato sauce for pasta is on our website: vipmv.org. Looks like he might have enough to freeze some sauce...



Dear everyone at VIP, Things here in Yarmouth are going well. I am meeting a lot of friends. I have been taking walks with staff. This is a shirt I tie-dyed. It was fun. On the 4th of July, I heard fireworks on both sides of me—Yarmouth and Falmouth. I have been watching some DVD's including Mr. Rogers Neighborhood and Knightriders. I hope to be back on the Vineyard any day now! From Greg

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