



The Atchison Riveter

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The Latest on AV's Bylaws

The Board of Directors voted in October for the Bylaws Committee to complete the proposed bylaws update that was underway but discontinued two years ago. An attorney will include updates to conform to current California law and make a final review before presenting the proposed revisions to the board and the membership.

Why Are Updates Needed?

The Bylaws have not been updated, except by occasional amendment, since AVMHC was founded in 1956. It is vital that the bylaws be completed and voted upon by the membership to meet current law and fulfill member needs, among which are the following:

1. New laws

- Election procedures, in part extending the election period, *must* be added to the bylaws before the next board election.
- Non-profits are now required to provide members with an annual Reserve Funding Plan.
- There are new requirements on corporation records and disclosures to members.

2. New provisions

- A process for transferring trusts upon a member's demise.
- Automatic right of members to closed hearings.
- Members running for the board must have lived in the Village for one year and be in good standing.
- Board elections will select five members one year, six members the next, with each director serving a two-year term. (No current board member can have their term extended by this change.)—Diana Hume

New Law on Renting Units

According to a new California law (AB 3182) AV will not be allowed to restrict long-term rentals of more than 75% of units after January 1, 2021. That is, AV must allow up to 25% of units to be rented out by the member holding the right to occupy that unit—compared to zero members being allowed to do this now.

We are required to amend our bylaws to be consistent with this law by December 31, 2021.

There are many questions about how AV can best adapt to these changes as a community. The board plans discussions among members, including town hall meetings, possible articles, and a referendum on the best direction for change.

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FOR TRAINING PURPOSES
NOVEMBER 4TH AND 5TH**

AV Hall Is a Polling Place

Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm.

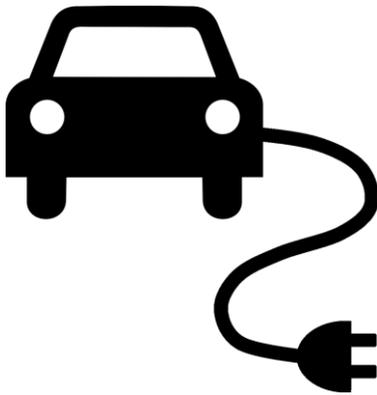
For health reasons:

- masks must be worn inside the polling place;
- hand sanitizer will be available;
- social distancing must be practiced;

Vote-by-mail ballots can be returned at any Contra Costa County polling place without standing in line. Be sure to sign the back of the envelope. Any registered voter can choose to vote in person, instead of using the vote-by-mail ballot, at any Contra Costa County polling place. (Go to cocovote.us to find polling places.)

Eligible but un-registered Contra Costa County residents can register to vote on Election Day at any Contra Costa County polling place, and can vote provisionally (subject to verification of registration).

—Susan O’Sullivan



Electric Vehicles: Some Basics

Electric vehicles (EVs) are here to stay. How do they work? EVs use a simple electric motor to turn the wheels. They run on a battery, which can be charged either at home or at a charging station.

There are three types, or levels, of chargers: Level 1 is a plug for your household 110-volt outlet, which adds about 6 miles of driving range per hour of charge and is usually included with the car.

Level 2 runs off 240 volts, like your electric dryer, and can give up to 40 miles of range per hour of charging. This type of charger is typically a small box with a 240-volt plug on the side. (Installation cost ranges from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Subsidies are available.) Level 2 chargers can be found in many locations; some are free, some are paid with credit cards or special cards from companies like Chargepoint.

Level 3 is called DCFC (Direct Current Fast Charge), like the ones at the Richmond Library parking lot. These will charge your car up to 600 miles of range per hour of charge. Some older EVs cannot use the DCFC fast chargers.

Pricing per mile of range can go from free to 10 cents per mile of range. My Level 2 charger, like the ones AV may install, costs about 5 cents per mile of range. Normal gasoline costs 10 to 20 cents a mile. Your first savings!

Other savings: no tune-ups, no oil changes, no smog checks or belt problems, no radiator or water pump, no exhaust system, very low brake wear (EVs slow down by using your electric motor as a charger until you're almost stopped, then the brakes come on).

EVs are very quick from a stop or low speed, and very quiet. Also, EVs handle very well because the weight of the battery is low. Most are front-wheel drive.

There are some plug-in EVs that also have gas engines for going beyond the electric range. Used EVs cost between \$5,000 and \$15,000; the price usually varies with range available.

Mine is a 2016 Kia Soul EV. I buy only wipers and cabin air filters. I love to talk about EVs, and solar and wind power; contact ormond@mail.com. You may also want to check with the Golden Gate Electric Vehicle Association at www.ggeva.org.

—Ormond Otvos

Meet Your Neighbor: Growing Up in Atchison Village



Wency'Glen (seated, left) with his mom, Marivic Ridings, little sister, Angellyn Ridings, and dad, Darrell Ridings.

My name is Wency'Glen Tagubase, and I am 16 years old. I moved into Atchison Village when I was two years old. When I was a child I thought making friends was hard, but luckily that wasn't the case. The neighbors were nice and easy to get along with. My first two friends were John and Joe, and despite the massive age gap, I felt safe and comfortable.

This Village is the safest and friendliest place in the area. Life in Atchison Village is always so calming and pleasant. Sometimes you see kids playing with their friends at the park or right in their front yard. Growing up here makes me feel like I'm at home because I'm so familiar with this place and I made a whole lot of good friends and memories.

One of the best things I love seeing in Atchison is how festive people can be on holidays, like Halloween and Christmas, when the sun goes down and then the colorful lights come

up. I personally love living here, and I hope I can meet new people and make things a bit more lively.

—Wency'Glen Tagubase

History Corner: Excerpts from "An Account of the 1918 Spanish Influenza in Richmond from Reporting by the *Oakland Tribune* and the *Berkeley Daily Gazette*," by Caitlin Hibma

The influenza epidemic of 1918, known as the "Spanish Flu," first emerged in March 1918 at a military base in Kansas and spread worldwide with soldiers deployed to fight in World War I. A second and more deadly wave of the flu occurred from September through November 1918, which is when the contagion reached Richmond. ... By 13 October 1918, the city was "closed tight" with all public and private gatherings banned. ...

Pneumonia was a significant side effect of the flu and in late October the Red Cross in Richmond reported that they would stop making face masks out of gauze, as it was needed to make pneumonia jackets (which therapeutically warmed the chest). Instead, they began making masks from cheese cloth. ...

By November 9, case numbers were so diminished that the Richmond Red Cross emergency hospital, located in the Richmond clubhouse (possibly the Richmond Club at Nevin at 12th Street), was closed, having cared for 150 patients. ... [But] by 9 January, 1919, the number of cases was again on the rise, representing a third, lesser wave of the epidemic. Within a two-day span 120 new cases erupted in Richmond. ... Four special-duty police officers were appointed to enforce the mask-wearing ordinance, the violation of which incurred a \$10 fine (\$170 in today's dollars). ...

The Spanish Flu eventually ran its course by late spring and summer 1919, having taken over a year and many lives in the process.

See the full article in "This Point," the newsletter of the Point Richmond History Association, Vol. XXXIX, No. 1, pages 14-15.

—excerpted by Marie Kochaver

AV Social Club Meets: Saturday, November 7, 2:30 pm

All are welcome to meet on the benches in front of the AV hall. Please wear a mask and maintain safe distances. You may want to bring a chair. The meeting will focus on planning for the December 12 holiday event.

After over eight months of the pandemic, many of us are suffering from isolation and political strife. People want to be social again. The holidays may be extra difficult this year. It would be better if kindness and respect were increased. What about offering to help, or making a card for a senior neighbor?

You could let your creativity reign and design an inspirational poem, prose, or an art piece—something to make others smile—a pleasant memory perhaps. All participants will be entered in a drawing.

Santa has agreed to take time from his busy schedule to stop by, too. Since there are some classic cars in this neighborhood, a parade around the village led by him would be in order. Maybe some decorations: blue and white for Hanukkah; red and green for Christmas; and black, red, and green for Kwanzaa.

Bring any additional ideas you may have for making this fun to the meeting, or email us at AV_Social_Club@yahoo.com.

—Milly Frederick, AVSC President

Prepared Meals for Anyone in Need

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays, through November

Time: 11 am – 1 pm

Location: RPAL parking lot (enter at 23rd Street and Exchange Place)

How: Drive-through pick-up, walk-ins OK; masks required for service.

More info: www.richmondmainstreet.org/meal-giveaway/

Street Sweeping

City of Richmond street sweeping citations have begun once again. Street sweeping is every third Wednesday or Thursday (depending on the side of the street) each month.

Your Trees May Be Thirsty

It continues to be a long, hot summer, and our trees need a drink! Please deep water your yard trees—especially if you have your trees on a drip system. The trees will perk up once they have enough water. Thanks!

—AV Tree Committee

Permaculture and Community Gardening

This month our garden committee discussed permaculture gardening and preparing our gardens in time for spring, cutting back fruit trees, and planting winter vegetables.

All are welcome to both of our coming meetings:

- Wednesday, November 18, 1 pm, via Zoom.
- Sunday, November 22, 2 pm, outside, to discuss future community gardening in AV. Please wear a mask and follow the six-foot rule.

To join a meeting, email conniehibbard@gmail.com, and I will send the outdoor location and/or the Zoom connection.

—Connie Hibbard

Blueprints Now Available

A full set of the 1941 blueprints for Atchison Village has been scanned and is now available to view on our website.

—Barbara Postel

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