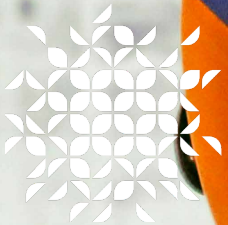


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Featured Artist:
Allan Harris

Summertime and the Living Is Easy at JKV for Arts, Culture and Entertainment



Jody Leshinsky, JKV's Life Enrichment Manager

2024 started with a terrific array of events that focused on the Arts, Culture and Entertainment opportunities at John Knox Village.

The overall theme for this year is "We Are the World," as we program many of our monthly activities around the "Blue Zones" and additional geographies that em-

phasize long-life and exceptional cultural benefits. In May, JKV focuses on Italy, and the *Gazette ACE* presents images from resident travel photographer Tom Regan on pages 12-15.

As you review this issue of *Gazette ACE*, notice the wealth of arts' opportunities with exhibitions, classes and features on resident and local artists.

Culture is forefront with features on community involvement, and travel to countries far and near.

Entertainment is definitely a hallmark of the John Knox Village lifestyle – read about recent performances by jazzman Allan Harris, vocalists from the Broadway Series, and the upcoming concert by the enchanting Nicole Henry.

JKV is an inclusive and welcoming community which emphasizes the importance of the Arts, Culture and Entertainment (ACE).

With the opening of Westlake at JKV, even more opportunities to immerse yourself in the Arts, Culture and Entertainment await. Call 954-904-0006 to arrange your visit.

Westlake at JKV Is Now Open: First Residents Are Enjoying the Lifestyle

Since Feb. 12, our team has been busy moving in our new Westlake residents. The building is coming to life as we have one move-in per day, six days a week. We are pleased to welcome each person to their new home and the JKV community.

As of the date of this *Gazette ACE* publication, 80 apartments in Westlake's 15-story Vue and 11-story Terrace are now occupied. The new residents' feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, from moving in to settling in.

The common amenities on the first floor are also opening one by one. A couple of weeks ago, BV's French Press and Wine Bar (named in honor of JKV resident and benefactor Bruce Voelkel) opened to a crowd of more than 150 attendees. Adjacent to BV's, the Westlake Eatery, featuring a casual dining experience, will open later this year.

Tech classes have started in the new Technology Center under the direction of Jason Cook, Technology Engagement Coordinator. From the neophyte to the tech-savvy, classes and one-to-one sessions will keep residents updated on all the newest technologies, hardware, software,

apps, and smart home devices.

Musicians and vocalists now have a home in the sound-proof Music Room for rehearsals and music classes.

For smaller lectures, educational classes, and movie nights, the new Theater will provide wide-screen viewing of presentations and films in an intimate lecture-style venue. Just bring the popcorn.

Every JKV resident has access to a fully equipped Art Studio, Learning Center, Library, Fitness Room, Sacred Space, Virtual Reality Room, and much more. Read about the amenities on pages 18-19 of this *Gazette ACE*. We invite you to schedule a tour and discover the heart of JKV for yourself.

Call 954-904-0006 for more information and to schedule your exclusive one-on-one visit.



Jamisyn Becker, JKV's Marketing & Innovation Director

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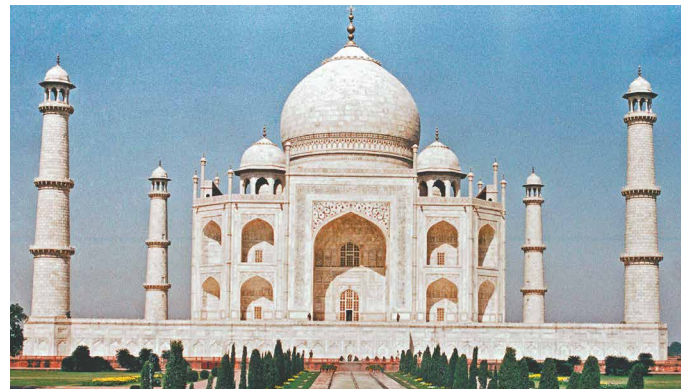
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Allan Harris Riifs at JKV

Legendary Jazz Guitarist and Vocalist in Concert



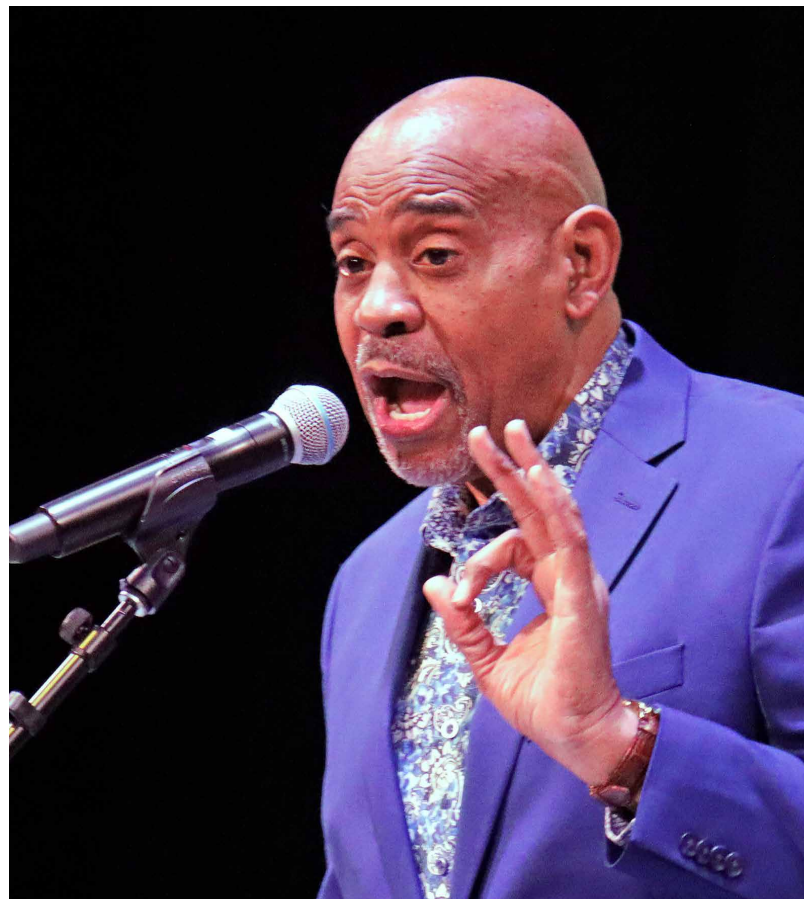
Allan Harris, Jay White and Irwin Hall perform a jazz riff during the Cultural Arts Center concert.

A near-capacity audience arrived at the John Knox Village Cultural Arts Center for an exceptional concert of jazz and blues by legendary artist Allan Harris and his band.

The multi-talented Harris, now in his late 60s, is a jazz vocalist, guitarist, and songwriter from Harlem, NY. With 16 albums to his credit, Harris is well-known in jazz circles and has performed his musical magic around the world.

He was joined on stage at JKV with pianist John Di Martino, saxophonist Irwin Hall, bass player Jay White and drummer Sylvia Cuenca. They performed a tight repertoire of many songs associated with Allan, including: "Can't Live My Life Without You," "So What," and "Jeannine." With a stylistic approach to the jazz and blues roots in each song, the group still had the freedom to improvise as each musician had his or her turn on a featured solo.

The entire performance was comfortable and was wound between tunes by Harris's artful





Members of the Allan Harris group are John Di Martino on piano, Jay White on bass, Allan Harris on guitar and vocals, Sylvia Cuenca on drums and Irwin Hall on the sax.

soliloquies, whether extended quotes from Shakespeare, or thoughts from his own musical history. And as Harris recalled, that musical history included performing 25 years ago at the now closed O'Hara's Jazz and Blues Club on Las Olas Boulevard in Ft. Lauderdale. Harris

was enthused to see his old friend Kitty O'Hara, owner of O'Hara's, in the audience.

For those in attendance, whose musical appreciation has roots in jazz and blues, the opportunity to enjoy the legendary musician and vocalist Allan Harris, offered a night to remember.

Click on the image below to view a video of Allan Harris' concert appearance at JKV.

The Broadway Series

**New York City Entertainers and Broadway Veterans
Perform at JKV's Cultural Arts Center**



Vocalist Carole Bufford commanded the stage during her performance in The Broadway Series.

If you have been in the audience at many of the concerts in the JKV Cultural Arts Center since it opened in 2022, you will know that JKV residents love Broadway, its musicals, and its songs. So, it is no surprise that performances of *The Broadway Series* always attract a near-capacity audience.

The crowd was in full force as Broadway veteran vocalists: Scott Coulter, Jessica Hendy and Carole Bufford were joined on stage with piano accompanist John Boswell. Their repertoire included hit tunes from a variety of Broadway Musicals and pop songs over the past five decades. Scott Coulter got the Broadway series underway with his rendition of "Tomorrow," from the musical "Annie," while Carole Bufford quickly followed with "Cabaret" from the 1966 musical of the same name.

The show kept a quick pace changing lead

Right: Vocalist and Broadway veteran Scott Coulter.





Left to right: Pianist John Boswell, vocalists Jessica Hendy and Carole Bufford.

vocalists, to focus on pop tunes like: Aretha Franklin's "A Natural Woman," the Righteous Brothers' "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'," to ABBA's "The Winner Takes It All," and "Dancing Queen."

The trio took us back to Broadway with Scott's rendition of Westside Story's "Maria," and Carole's "There Are Worse Things I Could Do" and Jessica's "Hopelessly Devoted to You," both

songs from "Grease."

As the Broadway Series show built to a crescendo, Jessica provided an energetic performance of the vocally challenging "Defying Gravity," from "Wicked."

When the performance ended, the trio led us back to our hippie days singing and dancing to the famed "Age of Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In" from the 1968 musical "Hair."

The audience in the JKV Cultural Arts Center.



For Third Year, Troupe Dances into JKV Residents' Hearts

Talk About Dancing the Jig



The Tir Na Greine dance troupe took center stage at JKV's Cultural Arts Center.

For the third year in a row, members of the Tir Na Greine School of Irish Dance enthralled John Knox Village residents with their powerful traditional dances during a St. Patrick's Day-themed happy hour.

Resident enthusiasm for the dancers has grown so much since their inaugural 2022 performance that the event has outgrown its intimate Poolside Pub setting and been shifted to JKV's 350-seat Cultural Arts Center. This event, and many others, are generously funded by residents who donate to the Village's philanthropic arm—the JKV Foundation.

"We are watching these dancers growing up before our very eyes," JKV Life Enrichment Manager Jody Leshinsky told the *Gazette ACE*. "To have seen these lovely girls when they first performed at JKV three years ago and now they are blossoming into lovely and talented ladies. It's very heartwarming for me, and I know our residents love them."

The name Tir Na Greine (pronounced 'tear' 'na' 'gran-ya') is Gaelic for "Land of Sunshine." According to the school's website, "[the name is] appropriate, we think, for a dance school in the 'Sunshine State.'"

This school, which has locations in Boca Raton, West Palm Beach, Jupiter and Stuart, grooms regional, national and world-level qualifying dancers every year.





JKV Residents wearing the green during the St. Patrick's Day-themed happy hour: Left to right Beth Hand, Pete Audet, Sandy Sprague, Daniel Barnett and Jed Sprague.

In fact, several dancers from the troupe were leaving JKV shortly thereafter to participate in the World Irish Dance Championships in Glasgow, Scotland.

According to Wikipedia: "Solo Irish dance includes the most well-known form of Irish dance, Irish Stepdance, which was popularized from 1994 onwards by shows such as "Riverdance," and which is practiced competitively across not only the Irish diaspora, but by many people of disparate cultural backgrounds."

Characterized by a rigid upper body and intricate footwork, Stepdance is comparable to the Irish Jig.

The youngsters not only performed solos, but danced in groups including several popular folk numbers, in which Ceili dances included movements called side steps or sevens and threes where the dancers traveled sideways to the direction they are facing, Wikipedia said.

Gazette ACE readers who wish to learn more about attending one these entertaining events or why JKV is South Florida's premier Life-Plan Retirement Community, can call 954-904-0006 or visit www.johnknoxvillage.com

Click on the image below to view a video of the Tir Na Greine appearance at JKV.

JKV Rotary Club Steps Up to the Plate

Residents, Staff Rise to Occasion When Asked to Help



The culture of John Knox Village is one of caring and sharing. Residents and Team Members contribute to JKV and the larger Broward community offering their time and talents in charitable efforts. Where there is a need, the JKV community often rises to the occasion.

Talk about rising to the occasion: More than 150

members of the John Knox Village Rotary Club, Residents and Employees converged in the Village Centre Auditorium last month on an ambitious and altruistic mission to assemble, pack and seal 15,000 bags of fortified rice and soy meal.

The JKV Rotary Club sponsored Rise Against Hunger—a four-star rated Charity Navigator organization. And rise the group did—significantly exceeding their lofty goal by packing a whopping total of 16,632 meals.

“When we decided to do 15,000 meals, the company said that we needed from 80 to 100 volunteers,” Cassels Tower resident, Rotary Club member and event organizer Norma Jenkins told the *Gazette ACE*. “I was sure we would get 100 [participants]. JKV residents usually step up

Volunteers from JKV Residents, Team Members and Rotarians packaged more than 16,000 meals in an effort to benefit “Rise Against Hunger.”



to make a difference when they know the need. I never mind working hard for a worthwhile project and this certainly is one."

Rise Against Hunger aligns itself with the United Nations' Sustainable Goal #2 of Zero Hunger, by distributing nutritious meals to people facing hunger across the globe. The nearly 17,000 meals are destined for impoverished areas in the Philippines.

With sanitary gloves and hairnets in place, everyone enjoyed themselves as they diligently measured the rice and soy meal, sealed the bags, and watched as boxes were loaded into the Rise Against Hunger truck for distribution.

Under the direction of the JKV Rotary Club, and with the enthusiastic response from JKV Residents and Staff, the Rise Against Hunger effort was an unqualified success. This was just one example of the JKV community's charitable response to a call for action.

To learn more about Rise Against Hunger visit www.riseagainsthunger.org
To see more photos from the event visit the John Knox Village Facebook page at www.facebook.com/johnknoxvillage



Sonya Reynolds (Resident Relations Administrative Assistant-left) and Kelly McIntyre (Corporate Compliance Officer).



Kirsten Whiting (Director of Rick Management) waits for her bags to get sealed.

Click on the image below to view the YouTube video of the JKV Rotary Club's Rise Against Hunger effort.

'We Are the World' Found JKV Resident Travel-Photographer Tom Regan in Italy



JKV South Garden Villa resident photographer and world traveler Tom Regan is dressed for Carnival in Venice, Italy.

As has been previously reported in the *Gazette ACE*, the John Knox Village Life Enrichment Department set a year-long theme for activities and events in 2024, named "We Are the World."

The theme is centered upon the "Blue Zones:" Those regions in the world are where people claim to live longer than average. One of the Blue Zones noted is Nuoro Province, Sardinia, Italy. On the activity schedule, Italy is the focus at JKV during May.

JKV's intrepid resident traveler and talented photographer, Tom Regan, was in Italy just a couple months ago and captured many images during his travels.

While Tom did not visit Sardinia this trip, he did visit Venice in Italy's northeast Adriatic coast for Carnival, then west to Viareggio on the Mediterranean for the Carnival parades in that coastal city. Along the way from Venice to Viareggio, he made

further photo stops at Bologna, Florence and Cinque Terre.

It was no accident that he planned his trip to Venice, just in time for Carnival.

Tom (actually Dr. Tom) grew up in New Orleans, LA. He received his degrees at Tulane University from bachelor's to a PhD in Chemical Engineering. Living in the Big Easy gave him plenty of opportunity to enjoy the festivities and parades around Mardi Gras.

Now in his retirement, free to travel the world on his own schedule, Tom reveled in his passion for Mardi Gras by traveling to Venice, Italy for Carnival.



Elaborate costuming is a hallmark of Carnival in Venice, Italy.



Carnival in Venice, Italy.



Costumed revelers gather quayside for photo opps during Carnival in Venice, Italy.

Click on the image below to view a video of Tom Regan's photo display of the Carnival of Venice, Italy.

Carnival Of Venice

Tom Regan explained to the *Gazette ACE* that the Carnival in Venice has many dimensions.

"There are extravagant balls held in ancient palazzos along the Grand Canal that begin with a party extending into a midnight supper followed by dancing until dawn – or so I am told," Tom said.

"In Venice the public celebration is mostly maskers, as individuals or in groups, walking around and posing for photos."

The video below showcases dozens of costumed Carnival revelers. The elaborately designed and crafted accoutrements reflect a fantasy look as the Venetians have one last huge celebration before the sacrifices of Lent begin.

As you can imagine, many of the elaborate costumes are passed down through the generations from family member to family member. People from all over the world travel to Venice to join in the festivities and camaraderie of Carnival.

Parades of Viareggio

Viareggio is a coastal town in Tuscany just north of Pisa. Most of the year it is “just” a beautiful seaside resort town, but right before the season of Lent it is transformed into the host town for the Carnevale di Viareggio.

For five days, parades wind through and around the riviera area adjacent to the beach. The parades are held sometime in the day and sometime at night. These massive paper mache floats are fully animated and created by artistic masters, depicting entertaining scenarios that include current politics and humor.

Artists and performers parade with each float, all playing their own music and dancing in costume to enhance the theme of the float. These floats – often measuring more than 30 feet in height – are produced and funded by individual “clubs,” who hire a designer and compete for prizes each year.



Even Salvador Dali made it to the parade in Viareggio.

Click on the image below to view a video of Tom Regan's photo display of the Parades at Viareggio, Italy.



The Architecture And Scenery of Italy

During his travels to Italy, Tom visited Bologna and its University, one of the world's oldest institutions of higher learning. It was founded in 1088 and is famous for its anatomy teaching lab. The University Library is also a landmark.

By night, Bologna glows with many cafes and restaurants. The entire downtown area is lined with colonnaded walking spaces with marble or terrazzo sidewalks.

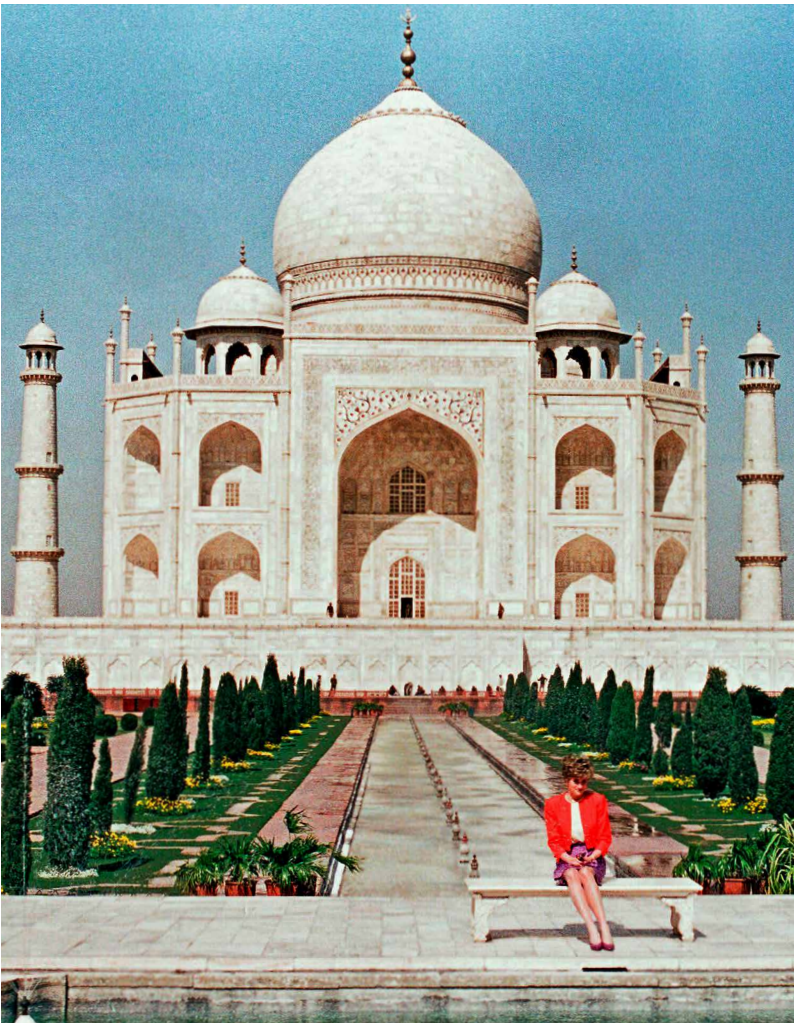
After leaving Viareggio, Tom visited Cinque Terre, a collection of five fishing villages with seaside homes clinging to cliffs. Due to their colorful beauty, these villages have become iconic tourist spots to avoid in July and August because of the crowds. Fortunately for Tom, in early March, he had an uncrowded area to enjoy.

From Cinque Terre, Tom was off to Florence to catch his flight back to JKV.

One of the magnificent cliff side villages of Italy's Cinque Terre.

Click on the image below to view a video of Tom Regan's images of the scenery and architecture of Italy.

'We Are the World:' India in June Colors, Celebrations And Beauty



Britain's Princess Diana visited the Taj Mahal in 1992. Image source: Alamy.

Today's India is a land with an advanced technology that made the country the first in the world to land their spacecraft, Chandrayaan-3, near the Moon's south pole on Aug. 23, 2023. Adding to this extraordinary achievement, is the fact that India is one of the world's oldest civilizations with more than 5,000 years of documented history.

India is an ancient land of magical beauty, with historical and cultural heritages that are diverse, unique, and offer a rich history. Several examples of monumental achievements in architecture and city planning have been named as UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) World Heritage Sites.

The Taj Mahal

Celebrated for its beauty and graceful design, the white marble Taj Mahal in Agra is regarded as the finest example of Mughal architecture. The Taj Mahal was built by Emperor Shah Jahan to honor his wife and confidant, Mumtaz Mahal.

It took about 22 years to build the complex, which includes an extensive garden with a reflecting pool. It has become the favorite backdrop for photos of visiting royalty: From American Jacqueline Kennedy to Princess Diana of Great Britain.

Hampi Capital of the Vijayanagara Empire

Hampi was the capital of the Vijayanagara Empire from 1336 until 1565 AD. Numerous writings and chronicles left by Persian and European travelers say that Hampi was a prosperous and impressive city with a strategic setting on the banks of the Tungabhadra River. The city was filled with numerous temples, palaces, and trading markets.

By 1500 AD, Hampi-Vijayanagara was the world's second largest, grandest city and probably India's richest, attracting traders from Persia and Portugal.

The Vijayanagara Empire was defeated by a coalition of Muslim sultanates, but many of the architectural wonders and intricately carved buildings have been preserved.

Festival of Colors

Let's not forget the fun life in India. There are colorful festivals with music, dancing and celebrations of every kind throughout the year.

Holi, often referred to as the "Festival of Colors," is one of the best-known Hindu festivals. It celebrates the end of winter and the start of spring. The religious part commemorates the victory of good over evil, with the burning of a demoness named Holika made possible through the help of the god Lord Vishnu. The fun part involves people throwing powders of bright colors all over each other, then using water guns. This is based on Lord Krishna, who liked to play pranks



*The Hampi Stone Chariot.
Image source: Wikimedia Commons.*

on the village girls by drenching them in water and colors. Holi is a delightful, carefree festival that's great fun if you don't mind getting wet and very colorful.

Festival of Lights

Diwali is the Indian "Festival of Lights" that celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and the blessings of victory, freedom and enlightenment. It also celebrates Lord Ram and his wife Sita returning to their kingdom of Ayodhya.

Diwali is known as the "Festival of Lights" for all the fireworks, small clay lamps, and candles that are lit to help guide the loving couple on

The Holi is a fun-filled Hindu festival. Celebrants throw colored powders on each other and then squirt water pistols. Image source: Shutterstock.



their way. For Hindu families, Diwali is the most anticipated festival of the year.

Ganesha Chaturthi

This spectacular festival honors the birth of the beloved Hindu elephant-headed god Ganesha, who is worshiped for his ability to remove obstacles and bring good fortune. The festival is celebrated by local communities competing to see who can make up the most impressive statue on display.

The days are filled with boisterous devotees, offerings of sweets, cakes and lots of music. At the end of the festival, the images of Ganesha are taken to the sea or immersed in water as a reminder that everything in life is temporary and that it's sometimes necessary to let go of things we love.

The Hindu festival "Ganesha Chaturthi" tributes the deity Ganesha. Image source: Wikimedia Commons.





Amenity-Filled Westlake Adds to JKV's Total Package

Six Move-Ins a Week into Latest Crown Jewel

At the brisk pace of six move-ins per week, John Knox Village's latest crown jewel—its \$120 million Westlake apartment building—is filling fast with new residents.

"While pre-sales for Westlake went very well, ever since we received our CO [Certificate of Occupancy] in December of 2023, prospects can now walk through Westlake and see it is a beautiful new living option offered by John Knox Village," said Kim Ali, JKV's Vice President of Sales.

Within Westlake, prospects have the option of moving into an apartment in the 15-story Vue or The Terrace, standing at 11 floors.

The conjoined buildings offer sun-drenched open-air designs with floor-to-ceiling windows, many overlooking JKV's expanded waterways of Lake Maggie and Rex Foster Lake.

"As beautiful as the Westlake apartments are – and they are – prospective residents are just as 'wowed' by our amenities," Mrs. Ali told the *Gazette ACE*.

Available to all JKV residents, some of the most popular amenities in the building include:

- A 2,200-square-foot terrace located on the fourth floor of The Terrace apartment building,

with two over-sized barbecue grills, a counter and seating by the grill for preparing, serving and eating, a putting green, additional seating for socializing and beautiful flora in planters throughout.

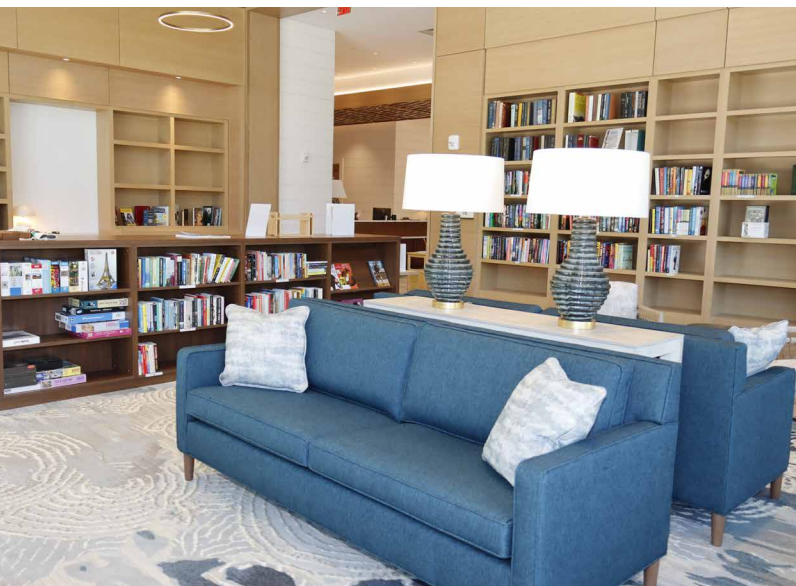
- A well-lit Library and reading area with couches and armchairs for relaxing while enjoying a favorite thriller, bestseller, classic, fiction or non-fiction.
- The Fitness Studio with a complete dumbbell set, treadmill, stationary bike, and elliptical trainer machine.
- The bistro-styled Westlake Eatery.
- A 49-seat state-of-the-art high-tech projection theatre.
- The Club Room, which seats 69, is ideal for social events as well as resident meetings.
- The Technology Learning Center seats 40.

It serves as headquarters for JKV's dedicated full-time technology support team member, who assists residents with all their tech questions, issues and concerns, five days a week. JKV is one of only a handful of Life-Plan Continuing Care Retirement Communities in the U.S. providing such a service. (See story on Jason Cook, JKV's

Technology Engagement Coordinator, moving into the Technology Learning Center at Westlake on Page 25 of this *Gazette ACE*).

- A 57-seat Art Studio, with full-size and table-top easels.
- The Virtual Reality Room.
- Sacred Space.
- Classroom-style Learning Center with three wide-screen monitors and seating for 37.
- The Music Room provides an acoustic space for resident musical groups.
- Two floors of covered parking.

With its mid-April grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony complete, BV's French Press and Wine Bar now offers delicious coffees and tasty nibbles in the morning for residents and guests. BV's is named after Cassels Tower resident Bruce Voelkel (see the story on BV's on page 20).



The comfortable first-floor library

Concierges in the lobbies of both The Vue and The Terrace welcome residents, family members and guests. Offices for the Life Enrichment team, Transportation and Security, as well as Resident Services, are all housed on the first floor.

"Combine these new amenities with our other comforts and conveniences and prospects touring the campus quickly see why so many people call John Knox Village home," said Mrs. Ali.

"Our Cultural Arts Center is state-of-the-art, and we provide top-notch entertainment along with lifelong learning programming," she added. "Our Aquatic Complex has a 5-Star resort pool, a lap pool, Pickleball and bocce ball courts and



The high-tech projection theatre.

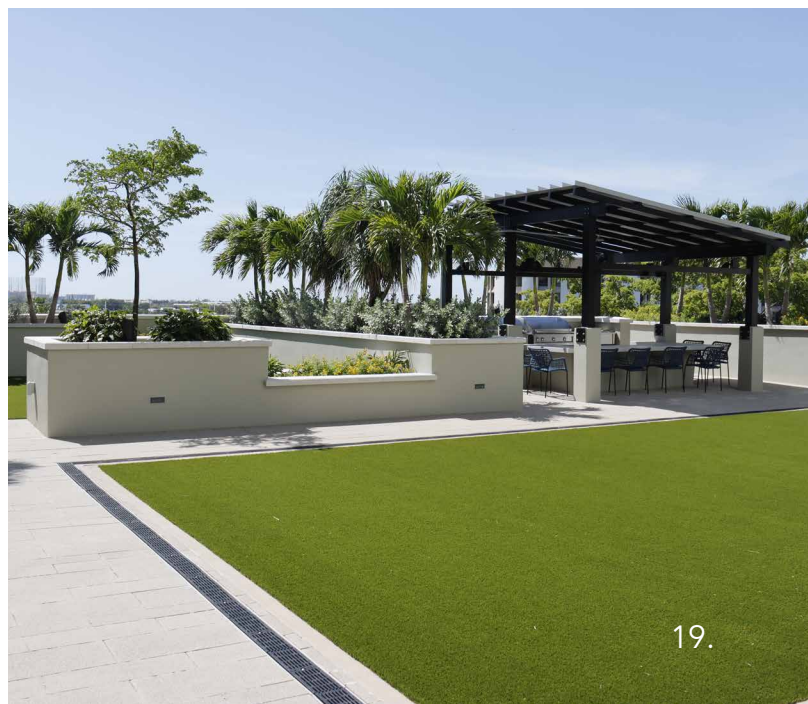
outdoor dining in our Poolside Pub, with its big screen televisions, which are great for watching sporting events such as the Kentucky Derby and Super Bowl."

Along with Westlake, additional independent living options JKV offers includes four apartment towers ranging from three stories to the 17-story Cassels Tower motorists can see from I-95, with its iconic digital clock on its west-facing exterior.

Also, more than 200 ground-level villa homes wind through three neighborhoods within JKV's 70-acre botanical campus.

To learn more about all that JKV offers in terms of grand lifestyles, maintenance-free living and the peace of mind that comes from knowing your medical needs are taken care of should you ever need them, call 954-904-0006 or visit www.john-knoxvillage.com

The fourth-floor, 2,200 sq. ft. landscaped terrace with barbecue grills, seating and putting green.





Cutting the ribbon to open BV's French Press and Wine Bar are (l to r) Mark Dobosz, Executive Director of the John Knox Village Foundation; Clark Rechkemmer, President, JKV Foundation Board; Sal Barbera, JKV CEO; Bruce Voelkel, Major Donor, JKV Foundation Board Member and Volunteer Extraordinaire; Lance Sanson, JKV Vice President of Dining & Hospitality; and Steve Turk, Founder of Biscayne Coffee.

New Coffee and Wine Bar Brews a Sweet Grand Opening

Benefactor Happily Asked for the Naming Rights

At 56-years-young, John Knox Village is a vibrant Life-Plan Continuing Care Retirement Community in sunny Pompano Beach, FL.

Its vibrancy shines through with award-winning lifelong learning programs, top-shelf entertainment, world-class amenities and some of the most giving residents—of their time and their money.

Never was resident generosity on greater display than during a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony

for the Village's newest crown jewel—BV's French Press & Wine Bar—so named for seven-year JKV resident Bruce Voelkel.

Dapper in his black tuxedo, white shirt and red bow tie, Mr. Voelkel got a laugh from the crowd of nearly 200 after he told them:

"When I found out there was going to be a French Press Coffee Bar—and I love coffee—I contacted Mark [Dobosz, Executive Director of JKV's Foundation] and I said, 'How can I get the naming rights, how can I get the naming rights?'"

"And, so happily, I decided to name it BV's because it sounds classy."

Initially, BV's will be serving coffee in the mornings, along with breakfast treats. The operation will expand to serving wine later in the day, sometime in the near future.

In an added philanthropic twist, BV's will be serving Biscayne Bay Coffee, a Miami-based company... "founded with a giving spirit and a big idea: To enjoy delicious coffee roasted in Miami, while

Left: Residents line-up for a first cup of java at BV's.





JKV Resident Bruce Voelkel, the namesake of BV's French Press and Wine Bar, gets ready to serve the first cup of coffee during the Grand Opening.

Click on the image below to view a Grand Opening video of BV's French Press and Wine Bar.

helping save Biscayne Bay and the animals that live there," according to its website.

Biscayne Bay Coffee donates 10 percent of all its sales to help preserve Biscayne Bay.

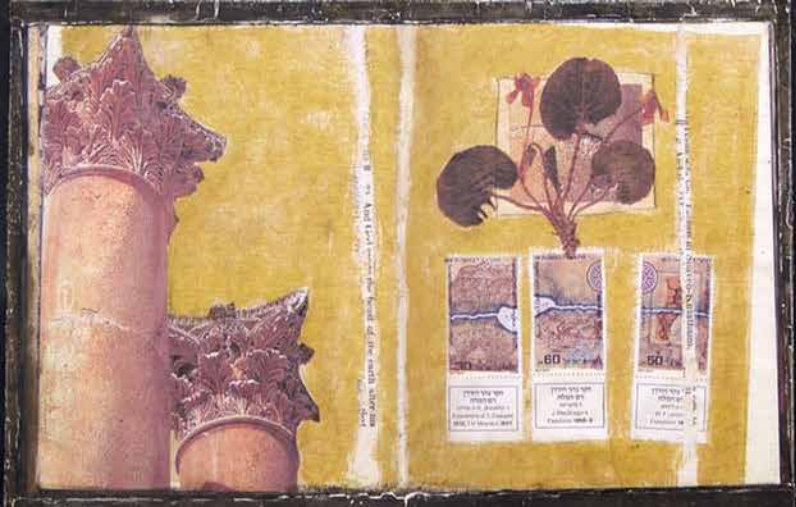
"BV's will come to serve as a central meeting place within JKV where residents can come together to socialize, unwind, and enjoy each other's company," said JKV Foundation Executive Director Mark Dobosz. "Overall, BV's French Press & Wine Bar will play a significant role in enhancing the overall experience and quality of life for the residents of JKV."

A retired elementary school principal, Mr. Voelkel gives of his time as well, volunteering for the community's most vulnerable in a home of Elders at The Woodlands, one of two skilled nursing centers on campus.

Additionally, he has been a volunteer usher at the Broward Center of the Performing Arts in Ft. Lauderdale, since its 1991 opening of "Phantom of the Opera." Mr. Voelkel is also a long-time volunteer at Holy Cross Hospital.

"He is one of the most compassionate individuals I have ever met," said Clark Rechkemmer, Chair of the JKV Foundation. "We are deeply grateful to Bruce for his very generous gift to the entire community."

As he cut the ceremonial ribbon using the obligatory oversized gold-painted scissors, Mr. Voelkel said, "let them eat croissants," and the rest is delicious history in the making.



"Dead Sea and Promised Land" 16"x24" mixed media, from the series "Promised Land," by Dorothy Simpson Krause.

JKV Becomes a Haven for Artists

New Resident Shares Her Creative Vision



Dorothy Simpson Krause

With the opening of Westlake at JKV, new residents are moving into their apartments bringing, not only their furnishings and personal mementos, but also their knowledge and life experiences. Many are eager to meet their new neighbors and to share their talents to enrich the JKV community.

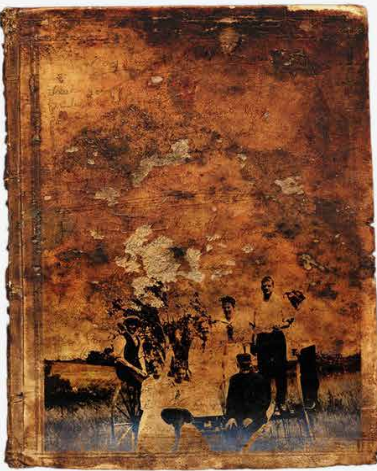
Dorothy Simpson Krause and her husband Dick will be making the move to JKV in June. Already ingratiating herself into the community, Dorothy is showcasing her art in an exhibition named: "Transitions," now on display in the JKV Cultural Arts Center Gallery.

In an interview with the Gazette ACE, Dorothy said, "I am a painter by training and collage-maker by nature who began my experimental printmaking with reprographic machines. Since being introduced to computers in the late 1960's, when working on my doctorate at Penn State, I have combined traditional and digital media.

"My work includes large-scale mixed media pieces, artist books and book-like objects that bridge between these two forms. It embeds archetypal symbols and fragments of image and text in

Pictured below: "Light and Flight," 24"x24" print on aluminum by Dorothy Simpson Krause.





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multiple layers of texture and meaning. It combines the humblest of materials, plaster, tar, wax and pigment, with the latest in technology to evoke the past and herald the future. My art-making is an integrated mode of inquiry that links concept and media in an ongoing dialogue – a visible means of exploring meaning.

“I went from Penn State to Virginia Commonwealth University then to Massachusetts College of Art in Boston where I taught and was in administration for 35 years. I followed the development of computers, offered some of the first computer arts classes in the country and computerized the college records. Because technology was so rapidly changing and so expensive, I upgraded my computers every two years and drove the same car forever.

“With a background in traditional art materials, I printed on top of drawings, paintings and collaged

materials, and worked back into printed pieces with oils, pastels, encaustic and whatever ephemera came to hand. I even cut up prints and embedded the pieces into newly couched handmade paper.”

After her move to the Village, Dot (as she prefers to be called) intends to share her knowledge and experience in art and publishing with other aspiring residents.

“I really love the sense of community I have found at John Knox Village: Plus, the fact that Dick and I will be aging in place with all the health care facilities located right on campus.”

And a bonus is the well-located new art studio on the ground floor of Westlake at JKV. “I think I will be spending much of my time there,” Dot said.

To read Dorothy Simpson Krause’s story, please visit her website: www.dotkrause.com

Click on the image below to view an interview with artists Dorothy Simpson Krause.

Art as Therapy and Inspiration

Artist Oscar Montoya Shares His Artistic Story



Artist Oscar Montoya shares his vision with JKV artists.

John Knox Village has established more than a dozen Community Partnerships with local museums, educational organizations and historical attractions. One of these partnerships is with Pompano Beach's Bailey Contemporary Arts Center (BaCA). Through the partnership with BaCA, JKV hosts its Artists

in Residence program, featuring an artist currently in residency at BaCA.

Last month, Oscar Montoya, a noted portraitist, originally from Colombia, shared his artistic vision with a group of JKV artists. Teaching a drawing class, Oscar told his remarkable story.

In 2022, Oscar was diagnosed

with prostate cancer.

"I went through 32 rounds of radiation," Oscar said. "During my treatments, I was introduced to art therapy. I showed them my work, and they asked me to teach. They also suggested that I paint portraits of cancer survivors."

With that introduction, Oscar shared his vision with others who are involved in cancer treatments, and also to the doctors, nurses and caregivers whose mission is to cure and save lives. Oscar is hopeful for continued positive results from his cancer treatments.

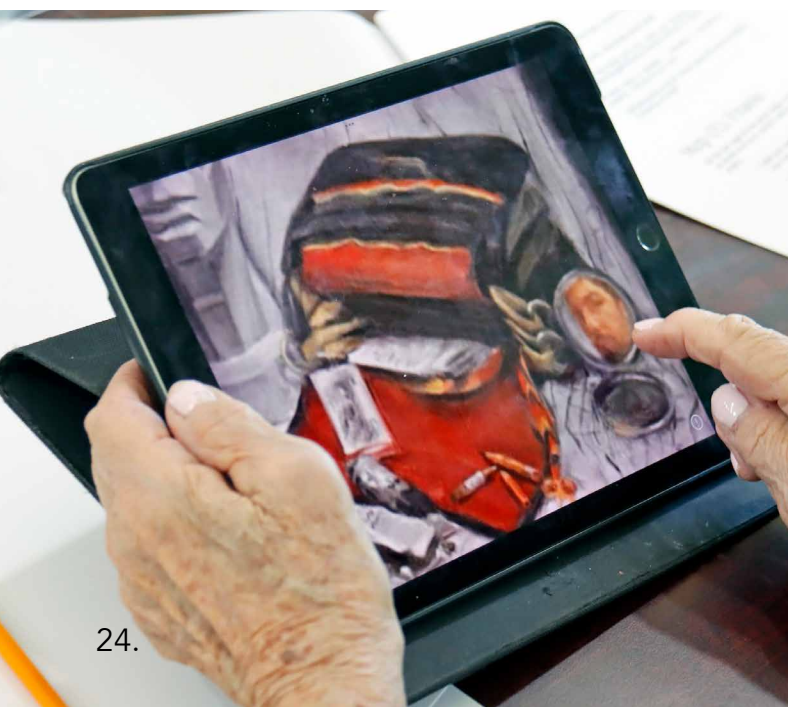
Now, as an Artist in Residence at BaCA, Oscar is a teacher and practitioner of his artistic style.

"As time goes on, I am planning to continue my studies and explore new way to express the world in front of me."

To see more of Oscar Montoya's art, visit his website at:

www.oscarmontoyafineart.com

Pictured below: Oscar Montoya shared his iPad showcasing his art to JKV residents engaged in his drawing class.



JKV's 'IT' Guy Is Movin' on Up

Enjoying New Office, Learning Center, in Westlake

Jason Cook

Gazette ACE Contributor

While many people think I am too young to know the popular sitcom "The Jeffersons," or its theme song lyrics "Movin' on Up to the East Side," but that little ditty was actually what I was singing in my head after moving into my new office at Westlake.

The recent opening of Westlake has been an exhilarating journey for current and new residents, as well as staff at John Knox Village.

JKV's 'IT Guy'

In my role as the Technology Engagement Coordinator, I am extremely excited about the new building and all its cutting-edge amenities, among which is a dedicated Technology Learning Center (TLC).

One of the highlights of the TLC is my office, where I offer complimentary tech assistance to our residents daily from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., as well as in the lobbies of two other buildings. (See a story on the many Westlake amenities, including the TLC, on Page 18 of this Gazette ACE).

Whether residents need help navigating their mobile devices or mastering those devices for optimal use, I am here to lend them a hand.

As far as my research on the subject has shown, JKV is only one of a small number of Life-Plan Continuing Care Retirement Communities around the country to offer this type and level of technological support.



Jason Cook, JKV's "IT Guy" stands in the spacious classroom of the new Technology Center.

I thank the Administration all the time for having the foresight to offer such a benefit for its nearly 1,000 residents. This is just another excellent example of the Village leading the senior living industry with innovative benefits for its residents.

Now back to the TLC. It features a fully equipped computer lab, housing both Windows and Apple computers. This space serves as the hub for the various classes I conduct, including a comprehensive four-week course covering Windows and Apple operating systems.

Answering Resident Tech Questions

In addition to computer proficiency classes, I organize sessions on smartphones, tablets, our community's Hotwire cable system, and our exclusive community application, JKVConnect.

Through JKVConnect, residents can effortlessly sign up for the

plethora of events happening on our campus and access vital information about JKV.

Excitingly, we are also launching a Virtual Reality room. This innovative addition will offer an array of immersive experiences, from virtual tours of iconic landmarks like the Eiffel Tower to exhilarating adventures such as virtual rock climbing. Imagine grasping the virtual wall with controllers in hand as you ascend a digital cliff. Much like the JKV tagline, the Virtual Reality room will truly be "Where Possibilities Play."

At JKV, we are committed to providing our residents not just an incredible place to live, but a Village in which they can thrive, learn, and experience the latest in technology and recreation.

The Westlake building and its state-of-the-art amenities are a testament to this commitment, and I could not be more thrilled to be a part of it.

Spotlight on Executive Chef Frederic Delaire:

His Journey from Michelin-Starred Restaurants to Senior Living



Executive Chef Frederic Delaire in JKV's Seaglass restaurant.

As an award-winning Life-Plan Continuing Care Retirement Community in Pompano Beach, FL, John Knox Village prides itself on finding incredible talent, such as Chef Frederic Delaire, and offering the very best to its residents – from life enrichment and fitness, to cultural arts and dining. Chef Frederic has been a fantastic addition to John Knox Village, and we are so fortunate to have him.

Chef Frederic grew up in southwest France in the idyllic town of Agen, one hour from Bordeaux. As a boy, he became interested in cooking as his grandfather was a well-known bread baker. He cooked at

home for his family all the time. So, when he graduated high school in 1989, at 16, he was presented with a choice – culinary school or an apprenticeship at a restaurant. Being from a middle-class family, neither Frederic nor anyone in his family had ever eaten in a high-end restaurant. Imagine his surprise when his first restaurant apprenticeship was at the 2-star Michelin classic French restaurant, L'Aubergade in Puymirol, about an hour from home, where he started as a dishwasher and worked his way up to Pastry Chef.

Struck by wanderlust after four years, Chef Frederic trav-

eled to Germany to work with German Chef Christian Lohse at the restaurant Die Windmühle in Westphalia. In 1997, he returned to France to join the team at the famous Michelin Star restaurant Jules Verne, located on the second floor of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, where he worked both the meat and fish stations for three years.

In 1999, Chef packed his bags and flew to South Florida. Among his stops as Executive Chef before joining JKV were the Historic National Hotel on South Beach and Loews Miami Beach.

He also participated in the South Beach Wine & Food

Festival for 13 years, collaborating on special dining events.

The long hours and seven-days-a-week schedule running busy kitchens began to take their toll on Chef, his wife and daughter, who is now 12 years old.

"I knew I had to make adjustments to my work-life balance to spend more time with my loved ones, as well as to take care of myself," Chef told the *Gazette ACE*. He started looking for different opportunities. His job search led him to Lance Sanson, the VP of Dining Services at JKV. After a meeting of the minds, Lance hired Frederic as JKV's Executive Chef in July 2023.

"The reason I am at JKV is because of Lance. He has a vision for John Knox Village, and I want to be a part of that. It is an exciting time to be here."

Under Chef Frederic's leadership, the dining program across the board has gone through a great metamorphosis at the six restaurant concepts across campus. New approaches have been implemented at the Pavilion, where there are two restaurants – The Pearl and Seaglass that share a kitchen, and a new menu has been created to better serve residents. The other restaurants, The Palm Bistro, Glades Grill and Poolside Pub, each have their own personality with fresh



The Pearl is one of two dining venues located in the JKV Pavilion.

concepts. BV's French Press Coffee & Wine Bar offers pastries in the morning, and when it opens, the Wine Bar will offer appetizers complementing the wine offering. The Westlake Eatery will open in the summer. They will also focus on fresh, healthy, delicious options – all under the supervision of Chef Frederic.

Come see how Chef Frederic and the rest of the JKV community are best-in-class. If you would like to schedule a private tour and tasting dinner at JKV, please contact VP of Sales, Kim Ali at kali@jkvfl.com, or 954-904-0006.

JKV residents enjoy their dining experience in the Seaglass.





The Villagers choir (pictured in last year's holiday performance) will join The Village Chimers and The Choristers in the JKV Choir Spring Concert on May 6.

Join Us at JKV for Arts, Culture and Entertainment

Mon., May 6 at 7 p.m. JKV Choir Spring Concert: Those Were The Days

Experience an evening of enchanting melodies as The Choristers, The Villagers, and The Village Chimers take guests on a musical journey through the timeless classics of the Great American Songbook, alongside electrifying hits from the Rocking Fifties, the Groovy Sixties, and beyond.

Guided by the masterful direction of Birgit Djupedal Fioravante, accompanied by the dynamic keystrokes of Carolyn Morgan, and featuring the brilliant talents of guest artists Jeff Kaye on trumpet and Mark Schubert on percussion. Prepare to be captivated as Rachael Gallagher graces us with a soul-stirring, nostalgic solo performance.

Tickets
JKV Resident **Free**
Village Arts Circle **Free**
Non-Resident **\$10**
Funded by the JKV Foundation



Mon., May 13 @ 7 p.m. The Undercovers Present: Rogers, Richie & Robinson

Enjoy the songs of Kenny Rogers, Lionel Richie & Smokey Robinson like you've never heard them before. Spend an

evening with The Undercovers, world-class singers Luke McMaster, Kevin Pauls and Joel Parisien. Take a trip down memory lane, as they reimagine timeless songs that have become the soundtrack of our lives. Hear classics like Smokey's "Cruising," Kenny's "The Gambler," and Lionel's "Endless Love."

Smokey Robinson, himself, has said that "Ooh Baby Baby," is the best cover of his cherished song he's ever heard.

Discover first-hand stories about the songs, the legends and the surprising connection between them. The harmonies will astonish you, the songs will elevate you, and the night will leave you wanting more.

Tickets
JKV Resident **\$20**
Village Arts Circle **\$16**
Non-Resident **\$26**



Pianist Brandon Goldberg in concert on June 10.

Mon., June 10 at 7 p.m.
Pianist Brandon Goldberg,
Child Prodigy

Brandon Goldberg, who at 17 is a prodigious pianist and composer, began captivating audiences at three years old. Hailed by *Downbeat Magazine* for his impeccable technique, he's graced prestigious jazz festivals and iconic venues worldwide. As a 2024 Young Arts Winner with Distinction and the youngest recipient of the 2022 ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers)

Herb Alpert Young Jazz Composer Award, Brandon's accolades match his performances. With two acclaimed albums under his belt, including "Good Time" and "Let's Play," he launched his third, "Brandon Goldberg Trio Live at Dizzy's," on March 22.

Brandon's compositions have been featured on television and he actively collaborates with organizations like the Jazz Foundation of America. From Miami to global stages, Brandon's timeless sound and boundless creativity captivate audiences everywhere.

Tickets

JKV Resident \$20
Village Arts Circle \$16
Non-Resident \$26
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Wed., June 19 @ 7 p.m.
Award-Winning Vocalist
Nicole Henry

Since her debut, Nicole Henry has established herself among the jazz world's most acclaimed performers, possessing a potent combination of dynamic vocal abilities, impeccable phrasing, and powerful emotional resonance. Nicole tells real stories through peerless interpretations of repertoire from the American Songbook, classic and contemporary jazz, popular standards, blues and originals.

Tickets

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To reserve your spot for these events or to explore our full schedule of upcoming performances at JKV, please visit www.johnknoxvillage.com/events/ or contact the John Knox Village Life Enrichment Department at 954-783-4039.



Concert by Jazz Vocalist Nicole Henry: June 19 in the JKV Cultural Arts Center



Mark your calendar for June 19 and plan to attend jazz vocalist Nicole Henry's concert at John Knox Village's Cultural Arts Center at 7 p.m.

Nicole's passionate, soulful voice and heartfelt charisma have earned her a Soul Train Award for "Best Traditional Jazz Performance," and four Top-10 jazz albums on U.S. Billboard, Jazz Week, HMV Japan & UK Sweet Rhythms charts. Heralded by *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *The Japan Times*, *El Pais*, *Jazz Times*, *Essence* and more, Nicole tells real stories through peerless interpretations of repertoire from the American Songbook, classic and contemporary jazz, popular standards, blues and originals.

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Click on the image below for the YouTube video: Nicole Henry: "Don't Take Your Love From Me."



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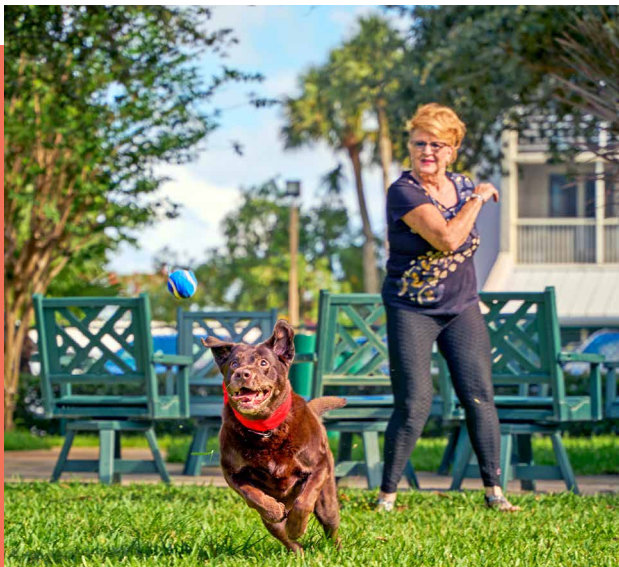
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Playing fetch at the Wellness Park, then getting my hair done at the salon, followed by a show at the Cultural Arts Center.

Tired? Sure. Retired? I'm not stopping.

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Friday, May 3 | 2:00 p.m.

JAZZ HISTORY LECTURES: TRACING THE EVOLUTION OF JAZZ

This enthralling jazz history lecture series features the illustrious Chuck Bergeron. Hailing from the vibrant city of New Orleans, Chuck Bergeron has enjoyed a remarkable four-decade career as a highly sought-after bassist.



Monday, May 6 | 7:00 p.m.

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