

# The Riderwood Reporter

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## Riderwood Deaf Community continues to grow



Three of the ten signing members of the Riderwood Deaf Community: Anita Rice (left) and Alice Hagemeyer (center) are both Deaf, and Carol Pace (right) is a Child of Deaf Adults (CODA). (Photo by Karlie Harris)

By Almeda Girod  
Resident Writer

Alice Hagemeyer moved to Fox Run from nearby Calverton three months ago. Alice, who grew up in rural Scottsbluff County, Nebraska, and later in the small town of Guernsey, Wyoming, was deafened at the age of three due to spinal meningitis.

She comments, "My parents knew nothing of deafness." She adds that she remembers her

mother's "depression and confusion." Luckily, some neighbors had done some research because their baby was also deafened from spinal meningitis. They told Alice's family about a state-funded school for the Deaf in Omaha (Nebraska School for the Deaf, which closed in 1989). Alice attended this program from age five to age eighteen. She returned home to be with her parents and two siblings only in the summer and Christmas holidays. She recalls feeling isolated on these home visits since her family

communicated only with gestures. When Alice was 14, her father died, and the family moved back to western Nebraska to be near her grandparents.

She attended Gallaudet College (now University) and met Ted, her classmate from Indiana Deaf School. They married, and he became a printer. He was funny with a good sense of humor, and people loved him. She adds, "He made me feel challenged and appreciated." Ted died in 2018. They have a hearing daughter and a deaf son whom they adopted when he was five and a half years old.

Alice worked at the DC Public Library for 34 years. She served as Librarian for the Deaf for the last 15 years of her career after earning a master's degree in library and information from University of Maryland at the age of 42.

Agnes Sutcliffe helped to organize the Riderwood Deaf Community (RDC) five years ago to address the rights of deaf residents. Alice is committed to carrying on this effort. There is a group of ten signing Riderwood Deaf Community members: five are Deaf, one is a CODA (Children of Deaf Adults), and four are hearing members with a "deaf heart." Alice plans to use her 50 years of experience as a librarian and Deaf advocate to design a support network and bring new awareness of the rich Deaf history to Riderwood.

If you want to hear more about this program, please contact Alice Hagemeyer at [ahagemeyer@gmail.com](mailto:ahagemeyer@gmail.com).

## Pickleball's a hit at third annual tournament



Tournament winners Rod Summerford (front) and Elaine Kennell (back) practice before one of their games on June 10 in the Riderwood Wellness Center. (Photo by Chris Taydus)

By Thea Fine  
Communications, Riderwood Pickleball Club

If you were anywhere near the Wellness Center's second floor on June 10, you were treated to the sounds of pickleballs hitting paddles, along with smiles, nibbles, laughter, and sportsmanship at its best at Riderwood's third annual Clover Mite Pickleball Tournament. Why the name "clover mite?" They are the small red bugs that beset the outdoor court during the first of the tournaments, and the moniker stuck. No clover mites were in evidence this year because the tournament was held indoors.

Fourteen co-ed teams of mostly Riderwood residents were paired by a random drawing held a week before the tournament. Over the course of the day, the teams vied for the title in a double-elimination, round-robin format. While a last-minute player withdrawal led to a bit of a scramble as the activities got underway, the matches proceeded

smoothly.

When the dust had settled, and the plunk of the ball against paddle had ended, the team of Rod Summerford and Elaine Kennell was victorious over finalists Cynn timer Hood and Bill Nicholson. Kudos to those four and to the 24 other tournament participants who won just by playing.

The tournament would not have been possible but for the dedication of tournament co-directors Bruce Donaldson and Jack Hessler and referee coordinator Mark Hirschfeld and his crew. And because half the fun of the tournament is the time spent socializing off the courts, the refreshment group led by Sarah Bishop and members of the RWPC social committee gets a special tip of the hat. The nibbles and drinks were perfect, and so was the day!

On to the upcoming outdoor season of Riderwood pickleball!

## PAC partners with University of Maryland for exciting musical experience

By Tom Tucker  
Performing Arts Council

In collaboration with The Clarice at the University of Maryland, the Performing Arts Council announces a concert by musicians from the National Orchestral Institute + Festival in the Riderwood Chapel on Sunday, June 18. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., with the performance starting at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

NOI+F recruits the finest young orchestral performers on the threshold of a professional career. Members are selected through a rigorous and competitive nationwide audition process. Members have a palpable passion for orchestral music and are ready to share its power with others while also renovating its presentation to reach new audiences.

NOI+F trains aspiring orchestral musicians, composers, conductors, and arts administrators from across the country in a month of dynamic music-making and professional exploration.

Every year, these young artists present passionate and awe-inspiring performances of adventuresome repertoire at both The Clarice and Riderwood.

Performance details will be posted on the Performing Arts Council's Classical Music Series page of [RiderwoodLife.com](http://RiderwoodLife.com) as soon as they are available.

Join us for this exciting and rare treat!



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# Neighbors in Deed volunteer's work extends far outside the Riderwood campus

By Alberta Mehr  
*Neighbors in Deed*

Martha is an experienced teacher, mother, grandmother, and volunteer! Currently, at Riderwood, she co-chairs Neighbors in Deed, volunteers at Intermissions, and is a member of the Riderwood Jewish Community.

She trained as a special education teacher in college and worked at all levels of education for 30 years. After retirement, she volunteered at a literacy center for immigrants. After teaching children, she found she loved teaching adults. She moved to Maryland six and a half years ago and looked for a similar program.

When COVID brought the lockdown, she saw it as an opportunity to connect with the American Reformed Zionist Association. In one of their emails, she saw a chance to teach English from home.

In July/August 2020, after completing the application process and being selected, she began to teach English skills to young Israelis of Ethiopian descent from her home. Over a three-year

period, she taught practical skills to students from Israel and then added a young Ukrainian woman.

They are all looking to improve their life situations and enhance their understanding of the English language as well as Western culture.

Her Ethiopian Israeli students have advanced their careers and personal growth through her supportive, informative lessons. Her Ukrainian student fled Kyiv to safety in a neighboring country, having to leave behind her life and her belongings. She speaks

multiple languages and, with Martha's assistance, is continuing to perfect her English.

Her work is much valued both at home and around the world! While on a recent vacation visiting Israel, Martha was thrilled to spend time with her Israeli students, who surprised her with a lovely plaque of appreciation. The following is the inscription on the plaque the Israeli women gave Martha:

"Thank you for being more than just an English teacher—you are a friend and a mentor! We are so grateful for everything you have done for us. Thanks!"



## Reprint: Riderwood TV to change channel number June 19

Other changes include an upgrade to high definition broadcasts and the relaunch of the fitness/wellness channel and the chapel channel.

By the Riderwood TV Team

Big changes are coming to Riderwood TV later this month, as beginning June 19, Riderwood TV's primary channel will be moving from channel 972 to channel 971. At the same time, Riderwood TV will be relaunching the Riderwood Chapel Channel on channel 977 and the 24-Hour Fitness/Wellness Channel on channel 978. Both Riderwood TV and the Chapel Channel will now broadcast in high definition, with the Fitness/Wellness Channel transitioning to HD later.

"We are excited to bring back these two popular channels to allow residents more options in programming here at Riderwood," says Chris Taydus, Resident Life Manager. He continues, "The 24-Hour Fitness and Wellness Channel was a heavy favorite since we launched it during the pandemic, and it's clear that it makes sense to bring it back."

The previous fitness channel went offline in mid-2022 when a necessary piece of equipment failed. The TV Studio staff have been working with Comcast and an equipment vendor to determine the best course of action since then. The result was purchasing new equipment since the previous equipment could not be repaired. One significant improvement to the new equipment is that all three channels will be capable of high-definition broadcasting, with Riderwood TV and the Chapel Channel going HD on June 19 and the fitness channel converting later this year.

"Riderwood TV has been filming in high definition since 2014, and all of our new programming has been archived in HD since 2018,"

reveals Courtney Coombs, Riderwood TV's Lead Production Coordinator. "I think residents are going appreciate the difference in the quality of our programs now that they're broadcasting in high definition," Coombs says.

After the transition on June 19, residents can find all the live religious services on channel 977, while fitness and wellness programs (including mindfulness meditation videos) will move to channel 978. All other Riderwood TV programming, such as Riderwood in Focus, Special Programming, and evening movies, will be found on channel 971. These channel number changes are necessary to incorporate new broadcasting equipment, allowing Riderwood TV to return the two popular secondary channels to residents' televisions.

Residents shouldn't experience any issues with the changeover of the channels once it is completed in the afternoon of June 19. If you cannot receive one, two, or all of the three community television stations, please call Riderwood TV at 301-572-8457. The TV Studio will collect information from any residents having issues to be shared with Comcast Xfinity. Any problems related to non-Riderwood TV channels should be resolved by contacting Comcast directly at 1-855-638-2855.

So, mark those calendars as the next phase of Riderwood TV on Channel 971, 977, & 978 begins June 19!



### NEWS BITES

- Arbor Ridge will no longer be accepting sharps from outside of Arbor Ridge, including Independent Living. This change is due to the risks sharps collection poses for our housekeeping staff when untrained individuals discard of them. The best way to discard sharps are in a hard plastic container with a screw on lid, such as a detergent bottle. The container should be duct taped shut and thrown away with regular trash. Do NOT put sharps or containers with sharps in recycling.

- The Riderwood Security department asks everyone to "Stick to the Sidewalks!" Resident, staff, and visitors should not walk or drive electric mobility vehicles (scooters and power chairs) on the campus roads unless crossing the road, preferably at a designated crosswalk.

- Come join us at Let's Dance on Thursday, June 22, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Studio #2, located on the second floor of the Riderwood Wellness Center. All are welcome to dance the night away!

- On Friday, June 23 at 1:00 p.m., Encore Opera will present a rarely performed work by Cilea, *Adriana Lecouvreur*. Two lovers are irreversibly bound into a struggle of passion. The jealousy and revenge that surround them can only lead to heartbreak and tragedy. Cilea's music matches the intensity of the drama step by step in this amazing tour-de-force for the soprano. *Adriana Lecouvreur* is sung in Italian with English subtitles.

- This week's Saturday Nite at the Movies presentation will be the 2010 biographical drama *Temple Grandin* (TV-PG 1 hour and 47 minutes). The screening will be Saturday, June 24, at 7:00 p.m in the Encore Theater. Check the bulletin boards or MyErickson for a full movie description.

- The June Meeting of the Garden Club will be held on Monday, June 26, at 10:00 a.m. in the Village Square Music Room. The topic is "Streptocarpus, Blooming Plants and Propagation." Our speaker, Douglas Bolt, a Riderwood resident, will discuss the culture and propagation techniques of the species and will give away new plants that he creates by division and leaf cutting. To demonstrate the diversity of Streptocarpus plants, he will bring several mature, blooming plants.

- Beginning on Wednesday, July 21, The Science of Well-Being course presented by Yale University will take place in the Village Square Classroom every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. This 10-week course is one of Yale's most popular courses, with over four million people enrolled worldwide. Take this ultimate self-help course and start your journey towards a happier, more fulfilling life. The class is made up of one-hour sessions of videos and discussions adapted for Riderwood residents.

### In Memoriam

With great sadness, we announce the passing of the following Riderwood residents:

<b>Jerry S. Cooper</b>	<b>ET</b>	<b>5/31</b>
<b>Marie E. Pittman</b>	<b>PV</b>	<b>6/3</b>
<b>Gloria Davitt</b>	<b>PV</b>	<b>6/9</b>