

August 2025

Oakwood Village

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Beryl T. August 3rd



Frank C. August 7th



Robert S. August 9th



Kathryn T. August 10th



Journey Back to Oz

August marks a celebration for fans of *The Wizard of Oz*—the 86th anniversary of the beloved film’s release on August 25, 1939. In addition, the 125th birthday of the classic book, first published in May 1900, was celebrated earlier this year. Whether you first met Dorothy and Toto on the page or the silver screen, their journey down the Yellow Brick Road continues to charm audiences of all ages.

L. Frank Baum’s *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* was a sensation from the start, quickly becoming a staple in American children’s literature. Over the decades, the story has inspired sequels, stage plays, and, most famously, the 1939 MGM film starring Judy Garland as Dorothy. The film dazzled audiences with its Technicolor magic, memorable songs, and a cast of unforgettable characters: Scarecrow, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion, and, of course, Toto (who was played by a female Cairn terrier named Terry).

The book and the movie differ in small ways—Dorothy’s slippers are silver in the book but ruby red in the film, for example—but both deliver the same heartwarming message about friendship, courage, and finding your way home. The story’s appeal has lasted in part because it offers both adventure and comfort. As author Ray Bradbury once said, “Oz is what we would hope and like to be,” a place where villains aren’t so villainous and hope always wins out.

The Wizard himself is a memorable figure, too. When his secret is revealed, he admits, “I’m really a very good man, but I am a very bad wizard,” reminding us all that sometimes, good intentions matter more than magical powers.

So this August, why not revisit Oz? Dust off the book, queue up the movie, or share the story with a grandchild or other young friend. After all, as Dorothy reminds us, “There’s no place like home”—and for many, Oz will always feel a little like home, too.



Live Entertainment

8/1 Lisa Ellis @ 2:30pm
8/8 Sandi Bell @ 2:00pm
8/15 Cowboy Curt @ 2:00pm
8/20 Denty @ 2:00pm
8/22 Benny @ 2:00pm
8/25 Alvin @ 2:00pm
8/29 Collin Hobbs @ 2:00pm

Special Visits

8/5 Art Reveals w/ Lizzy @ 2:00pm
Every Monday Starting @ 11:00am: Doggy Visit w/ KASEY

Shopping Trips & Outings

8/5 Safeway & Wendy's @ 11:00am
8/6 Scenic Bus Drive @ 11:00am
8/12 Dollar Tree & Jamba Juice
8/13 Scenic Bus Drive @ 11:00am
8/19 Maidu Museum @ 10:15am
8/20 Scenic Bus Drive @ 11:00am
8/26 Goodwill Store & Starbucks @ 11:00am
8/27 Scenic Bus Drive @ 11:00am

Special Events

8/13 Hawaiian Luau Party @ 2:30
8/18 Wizard of Oz Matinee Event @ 1:30

Religious Services

Every Thursday @ 10:00am: Rosary & Communion in the Theater Room.

RESIDENT SHOUT OUT



Lynn B.

Big shout out to our August resident of the month, Lynn! She's full of energy and always bringing good vibes around Oakwood Village. Lynn's everyone's best friend here – whether she's smashing it at ping-pong in the game room, dancing during live music and happy hour, or just lending a hand to friends. She truly goes out of her way to help. If you see Lynn around in activities or in the hallways, be sure to say hello – you're making a friend for life!



Lynn with friend Sharon at the Car Show

When Tomatoes Fly



The story goes that during Buñol's traditional parade featuring Giants and Big-Heads figures (costumed characters prominent in Spanish festivals,

dating back to the 16th century), a playful scuffle broke out among some young people. When a participant lost his temper and started hitting things, nearby vegetable stalls became the battleground. Tomatoes flew, and a chaotic food fight erupted, which police had to stop. The following year, the youngsters deliberately brought their own tomatoes to recreate the fun, and La Tomatina was born.

Though the festival was banned in the early 1950s by the Spanish government for lacking religious significance, the locals protested passionately. In 1957, they held a "tomato funeral," carrying a coffin with a giant tomato through the streets accompanied by funeral music. This clever demonstration convinced the authorities to allow the festival again, and it officially became part of Buñol's annual festivities.

Today, La Tomatina, the last Wednesday in August, attracts over 20,000 participants from around the world. The event kicks off with a slippery pole climb called *palo jabón*, followed by an hour-long tomato battle where trucks unload around 150,000 overripe tomatoes onto the streets. Participants gleefully throw the squishy fruits at each other, turning the town square into a red, messy playground.

More than just a food fight, La Tomatina celebrates community spirit, spontaneity, and fun. It has grown from a local prank into an internationally famous festival, recognized as a Fiesta of International Tourist Interest. Whether you're young or young at heart, La Tomatina is a joyful reminder that sometimes it's good to let loose and enjoy a little harmless mess.



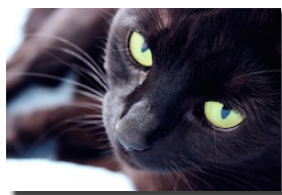
Do you want to make your voice heard and stay informed about your community? Let us chat about important issues.

- Chat about any issues or concerns you may have.
- Discuss upcoming community events and activities.
- Quality of services provided.
- Feel free to share your suggestions.
- Ask questions.
- Work towards positive change within our community.

When: Wednesday August 27th

Time: 2:00pm / Where: Poppy Room

Black Cats in a New Light



Does a shiver run down your spine when a black cat crosses your path? Do you instantly think of witches on broomsticks when you see one? Black

Cat Appreciation Day on August 17 is your chance to revise your superstitious notions. For example, in Scotland, Great Britain, and Japan, black cats are considered good luck and signs of prosperity. Some even believe that a woman who owns a black cat will have many suitors. Long ago, sailors would choose a black cat as their ship's cat to protect their ship and bring good fortune. Shelters offer another reason to appreciate (and adopt) black cats: they go well with any outfit.

Meet our Team

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Patty Uclaray

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Joshua Ochinerio

Happy ANNIVERSARY!

This month marks your anniversary of how long you have lived here at Oakwood Village. Thank you for choosing us as your home.



Julie T. - 2 Years



CJ G. - 2 Years



Rita G. - 2 Years



Frank C. - 1 Year

Beverly C. - 1 Year



Heartthrob of the Silent Screen



He was born Rodolfo Alfonso Raffaello Pierre FilibertGuglielmi di Valentina d'Antonguolla, but his devoted fans knew him as Rudolph

Valentino. Valentino was one of Hollywood's earliest stars of the silent era. He was tall, dark, and handsome—a perfect on-screen hunk. After dancing a tango in *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*, he became a national sensation. His sudden death on August 23, 1926, threw his legions of fans into hysteria. Some even attempted suicide. A reported 100,000 mourners lined up outside the church where services were held. By train, Valentino's body made its last trip to Hollywood for a final silent goodbye.