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Happy 2022 from Tommi Ferguson and Scott Blech

New Year – New Opportunities

A Message from our Executive Director and Board President

Now that we've eased into the New Year, let's take a moment to reflect on the accomplishments of 2021 and the many opportunities that lay ahead in 2022. As part of the [Capital City Village](#) community of Austin seniors, volunteers, donors and advocates, you've helped our organization through some very uncertain times and helped keep us strong.

Despite the ongoing challenges of a protracted pandemic CCV has maintained safe and supportive services to seniors, expanded the breadth of our programs, maintained our membership base, and finished another year with financial stability. More details on the successes of 2021 – great programming, record volunteer support, and successful fundraisers like the annual Golf Tournament and Keep Aging Weird/10th Birthday Celebration – will be included in the Annual Impact Report due out later this month.

As we look ahead in 2022 please remember that we are only able to do what we

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age well together this year. Look for many more wonderful programs this year, including the talks this month from the *Statesman's* government reporter **Ryan Autullo** and local author **Elizabeth Crook** (details below!) and ongoing interest groups and social activities. [Capital City Village](#) offers many ways to build community and we invite each of you to be a part of it. Join us, volunteer, donate, and spread the word... There's a place for all of us - **U** and **I** - in our COMMUNITY!

Sincerely,

Tommi Ferguson, Executive Director

Scott Blech
Board President

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Featured Events

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Ryan Autullo, Austin American-Statesman

Men's and Women's Lunch
The City Council and its Role in Austin's Government
with Ryan Autullo

Wednesday, January 19 at Noon

The City Council and its role in Austin's government and administration. Ho-hum, really, truly boring stuff, right? Well, maybe, unless you may be interested in who manages our city on a daily basis and how they are hired, how our streets are maintained, who runs our police force, how well our local utilities are run, how land development takes place and whether there's a giant multi-family home coming to the lot next to yours. We'll be talking with Ryan Autullo, City of Austin Government Reporter, Austin Statesman, who sees the action up close and personal. [Read more and RSVP for the program here.](#)

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Elizabeth Crook, Author

Village Writers Series Continues with Elizabeth Crook on "The Which Way Tree" and Writing Historical Fiction

Sunday, January 23 at 2 pm

Elizabeth hopes this will be a casual conversation with members, guided mostly through an informal Q&A. She's happy to answer any questions about any of her books, as well as about writing and publishing fiction.

[Read more about Elizabeth and RSVP for the program here.](#)

Village Event Calendar

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November 18 Coffee Group

Stan, Rick, Arnie, Karen

Annette, Patricia, Carol, Marie

Bud, Tommi, Sue, John

(All Events are being conducted virtually due to Stage 5 restrcstions)

- Monday, Jan 17 – Office Closed for MLK Holiday
- Wednesday, Jan 19 at 12 pm – [Men's and Women's Lunch – The City Council and its Role in Austin's Government](#)
- Thursday, Jan 20 at 9:30 am – [Virtual Coffee Hour](#)
- Friday, Jan 21 at 11 am – [Book Club](#)
- Sunday, Jan 23 at 2 pm – [Writers Series – Elizabeth Crook](#)
- Wednesday, Jan 26 at 2 pm – [Poetry Group](#)
- Thursday, Jan 27 at 9:30 am – [Virtual Coffee Hour](#)

Save the Date:

- Wednesday – Thursday, Mar 2–3 from 6 pm to 6 pm – [Amplify Austin](#)

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Austin Has Returned to Stage 5

"The omicron variant is overwhelming our community, and it's starting to take its toll on our hospitals," said Dr. Desmar Walkes, Austin-Travis County Health Authority, who spoke with CCV members last July. "We cannot continue to be lax when it comes to protecting ourselves and preventing the spread of COVID-19." Our Village is doing its part, requiring PPE for volunteers and members and restricting programs to zoom.

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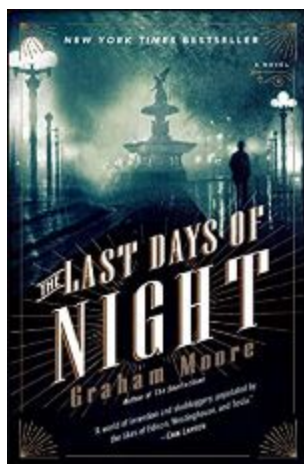
Protect yourself from Omicron

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causes COVID-19.

1. Get the [COVID-19 vaccine](#), if you haven't already. Vaccines are the best tool to protect us from COVID-19. They slow the transmission of the virus, and provide strong protection against severe illness and hospitalization.
2. [Get the booster when you're fully eligible](#). Everyone 18 years and older should get a booster shot 2 months after their Johnson & Johnson vaccine, or 5 months after completing their primary COVID-19 vaccination series of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna. Adolescents and teens ages 12 to 17 should also get a booster of Pfizer-BioNTech 5 months after their primary series.
3. [Continue wearing a mask](#) in indoor public places in areas of high or substantial community transmission. Use the [COVID-19 County Check Tool](#) to find your county's level of community transmission.

Interest Groups



**Book Club Meets Friday,
January 21 at 11 am**

Bring your own potluck and join the Book Club online to review "The Last Days of Night" by Graham Moore.



March 2021 Poetry Group

Laura, Joe, LK

Pam S, Pam F, Tobin

Kate, Veda, Peter

Martha, Ellen

**Join the Poetry Group –
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Ready to challenge yourself in the new year? Join the Poetry Group – they are fun and non-judgmental to boot. They meet online Wednesday, January 26 at 2 pm. [RSVP here for your zoom link.](#)

From our Members

From Member and Volunteer Tom M:

CCV Member Nominated for Austin Music Industry Hall of Fame

As you may already know, CCV member John Aielli has been nominated to the Austin Music Industry Hall of Fame in the Austin Chronicle's poll. [You can cast your vote for John at the Chronicle's website.](#) Voting ends on January 31st. Go John!

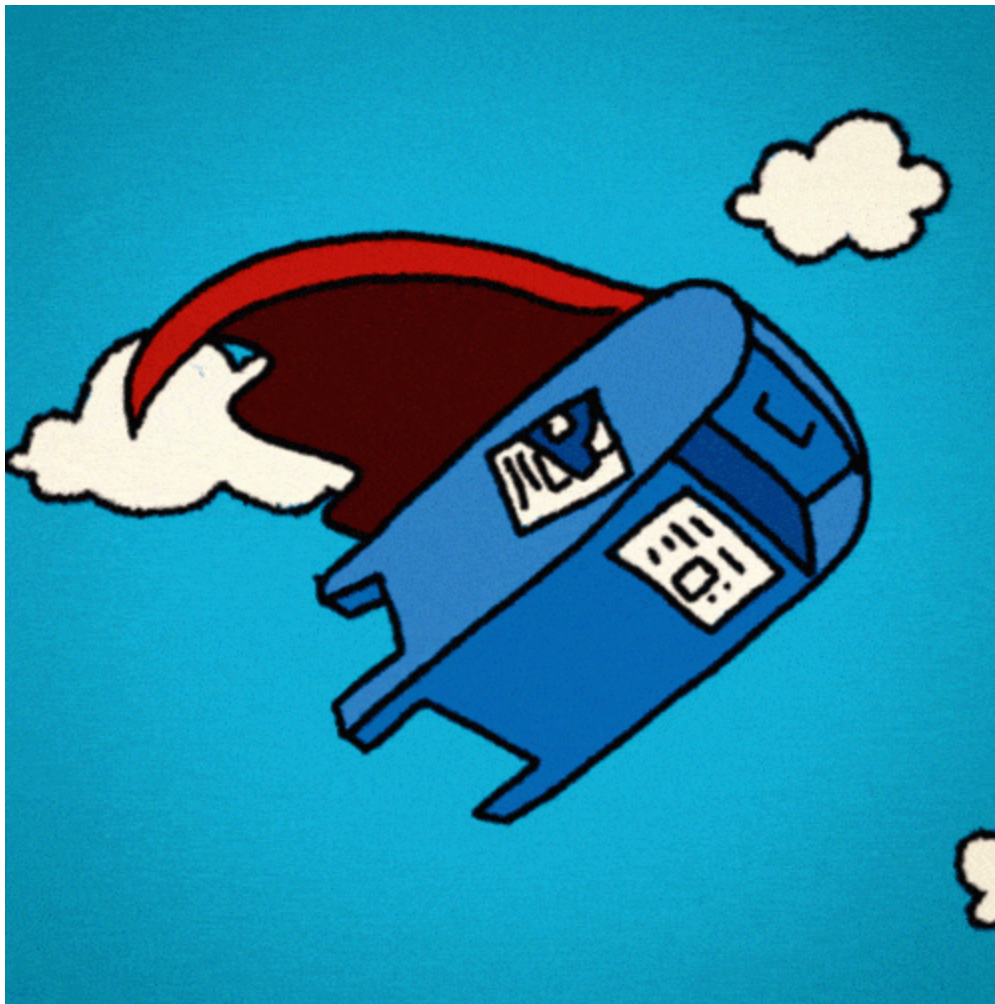


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From Member Carol:

It's Time to Order Your Mail-in Ballot

It is time to apply for your mail-in ballot. Even if you have received a mail-in ballot in previous years you must apply for your 2022 ballots. If you're 65 or older you qualify! [When you download your application](#) you want to mark the Annual Application. If you mark the Primary Election your application is only good for a single election. The last day to apply for the ballot by mail (received not postmarked) is Friday, February 18.



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Black Austin Tour – A Virtual Walk Through History

Sunday, January 23 at 4 pm

Member Ginny asked us to share [this upcoming event](#). The tickets are \$30.



Member Jane in her Elvis sweater

"It's not how old you are. It's how you are old." – Jules Renard

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Visit our [website](#) for so much more information. Please let us know ways we can help you during this time, from getting you to necessary doctor's appointments to making sure you have food, meds and services essential to quality of life.

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