

October 2026

MAHOVA MONTHLY

SAVE THE DATE



The poster for MAHOVA Family Day 2026 features a collage of images including a portrait of Patrick Henry, a brick building, a city skyline, and a group of men in red jackets. The text "MAHOVA Your Masonic Community PRESENTS" is at the top. Below it, "MASONIC FAMILY DAY" is written in large blue letters, with "10.3.2026" on a red banner. A central circular emblem contains the text "MAHOVA Family Day 2026", "AMERICA 250 VA250", and "Revolutionary Roots". Below the emblem, "Living Our Obligations" is written in a script font, followed by "★ REVOLUTIONARY ROOTS ★" and "FELLOWSHIP ★ HERITAGE ★ SERVICE ★ COMMUNITY". At the bottom, there are three sections: "VENDORS SET UP 7:00 AM GATES OPEN" with a tent icon, "GUESTS 8:00 AM GATES OPEN" with a family icon, and "SATURDAY OCTOBER 3, 2026 RICHMOND, VIRGINIA" with a calendar icon. A row of Masonic symbols is at the very bottom.

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Your Masonic Community
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SATURDAY
OCTOBER 3, 2026
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

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Family Day Spotlight Events

SPOTLIGHT EVENTS

*Join us in the
1890 Club*



Most Worshipful Matthew T. Szramoski

8:00 am	Coffee & Donuts - <i>Outside Grand Lodge Building</i>
9:00 am	Siege of Yorktown Puppet Show - <i>Colonial Village</i>
10:00 am	Historic St. John's Church presents "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" - <i>Nine Mile Road Podcast Stage</i>
11:00 am	Parade Kickoff - Prayer - Pledge - Introductions - <i>Parade Circle</i>
12:00 pm	Lunch - <i>Food Tents South of Parade Circle</i>
12:30 pm	Siege of Yorktown Puppet Show - <i>Colonial Village</i>
1:00 pm	Grand Master's Wreath Laying - <i>Indoor Gallery</i>
1:30 pm	Widow's Sons' State Meeting - <i>Chapel</i>
2:15 pm	Allied Masonic Degrees State In Gathering - <i>Chapel</i>
3:00 pm	Job's Daughter's Ritual Competition - <i>Caldas Conference Room</i>

Cottage Tours - 9:00 am - MAHOVA Tent
Apartment Tours - 1:00 pm - MAHOVA Tent

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

VA250 Mobile Museum - Colonial Village - Jonathan the Juggler
The George Washington Masonic Bible - Nickens Nine Booth
VA250 Commission Native American Tribal Council Booth
Dozens of Vendors - Petting Zoo, Children's Inflatables & Hayrides
Caricature Artist - Metro Richmond Flying Squad - Wood Shop Sale
Custom & Antique Cars MAHOVA Tent - New GLOVA Museum Exhibits
GLOVA 250 Tent



Nine Mile Road Podcast Stage

Exciting News



Dining Services Partnership with Restaura

After conducting a year of careful due diligence in assessing our dining and hospitality program at MAHOVA, we are pleased to announce a dining services partnership with Restaura. Restaura is an employee-owned company and specializes in senior living dining services for continuing care retirement communities like ours.

Restaura is an industry leader in senior living, known for high-quality, fresh, scratch-made cuisine, exceptional hospitality, and thoughtful service. As an employee-owned organization, Restaura brings a people-first culture with a strong belief that dining plays a vital role in health, wellness, and quality of life.

We anticipate our MAHOVA dining team members will join Restaura on December 1, 2026. This change will come with some uneasiness, as change often does, but we are confident that the transition process we have developed with Restaura will be done carefully and gradually to ensure team members understand exactly what the changes are and what will stay the same.

The Restaura team will come on site to meet with the MAHOVA dining team to talk about new benefit offerings, career plans, and answer any questions. Restaura will provide training and development plans for all team members after evaluating their skill sets and career goals.

Please join us on this journey together with a trusted partner.

Healthy Rx

Here's To Your Good Health!



Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an international health campaign that's held every October.

The month aims to promote screening and prevention of the disease; currently there are more than four million women with a history of breast cancer in the U.S. Known best for its pink theme color, the month features a number of campaigns and programs — conducted by groups ranging from breast cancer advocacy organizations to local community organizations to major retailers — aimed at:

- supporting people diagnosed with breast cancer, including those with metastatic breast cancer
- educating people about breast cancer risk factors
- encouraging women to go for regular breast cancer screening starting at age 40 or earlier, depending on personal breast cancer risk
- fundraising for breast cancer research

Within the month of October, there are also specific dates designed to raise awareness of specific groups within the breast cancer community.

Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day (October 13)

October 13 is nationally recognized in the U.S. as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day. About 155,000 women in the U.S. are estimated to have metastatic breast cancer (cancer that spreads beyond the breast to other parts of the body). Researchers estimate that about 30% of early-stage breast cancers eventually metastasize. The day, which began in 2009, is meant to educate the public about the need for more money to go to the study of metastatic breast cancer and the development of new metastatic cancer treatments.

Men's Breast Cancer Awareness Week (October 17–23)

Although breast cancer is much more common in women, breast cancer affects men, too. In 2021, President Joe Biden designated October 17 to October 23 Men's Breast Cancer Awareness Week. According to the American Cancer Society, 2,670 men in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2026, and about 530 are expected to die from the disease.



This information is provided by [Breastcancer.org](https://www.breastcancer.org).

Trunk or Treat

CONTACT SUSAN BERRYHILL AT
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SBERRYHILL@MAHOVA.COM WITH
ANY QUESTIONS



TRUNK *OR* TREAT

SATURDAY

05:00PM - 07:00PM

OCTOBER 24 OUTSIDE BABCOCK BLDG
OPEN TO RESIDENTS, STAFF, LODGES AND
FAMILY MEMBERS OF ABOVE

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DECORATING YOUR
VEHICLE OR GOLF CART AND DISTRIBUTING
CANDY, PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE ACTIVITY
GALLERY NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 18.

Don't forget to wear your costume!

Upcoming MAHOVA Book Club Titles

Masonic Book Club October 2026 - November 2026 Titles



Don't Let Him In

by Lisa Jewell

Nina Swann is intrigued when she received a condolence card from Nick Radcliffe, an old friend of her late husband, who is looking to connect after her husband's unexpected death. Nick is a man of substance and good taste. He has a smile that could melt the coldest heart and a knack for putting others at ease. But to Nina's

adult daughter, Ash, Nick seems too slick, too polished, too good to be true.

Meets on Monday, October 12 @ 3:00pm in the Kent Conference Room



Buckeye

by Patrick Ryan

One town. Two families. A secret that changes everything. This captivating story weaves the intimate lives of two midwestern families across generations, from World War II to the late

twentieth century. In Bonhomie, Ohio, a stolen moment of passion, sparked in the exuberant aftermath of the Allied victory in Europe, binds Cal Jenkins, a man wounded not in war but by his inability to serve in it, to Margaret Salt, a woman trying to obscure her past.

Meets on Monday, November 9 @ 3:00pm in the Kent Conference Room

Book Ends - Upcoming Releases



October's Most Anticipated Books

The Witch by Freida McFadden

Genre: Fiction

Release date: October 6, 2026

Plot: When Julia Barlow loses her job, she moves into Pemberton, her family's 17th-century rural Massachusetts estate, to help her aging grandfather. What should be a reprieve begins to turn to a nightmare as the lights flicker and she hears a disembodied voice outside her room. Digging into the house's history, Julia suspects they are being haunted by a woman who was executed for witchcraft and possibly other women who have been wronged by her family.

Counting Down to You by Emily Stone

Genre: Holiday Romance

Release date: October 6, 2026

Plot: Ali is grieving the loss of her best friend this Christmas. The two had a tradition of exchanging advent calendars every December. This year, before Robyn died, she gave Ali one last calendar. It starts with a seasonal job at a ski lodge they had always planned on visiting together. A challenge leads to her fake dating a man named Leo, who has also experienced loss.

An American Girl by Amanda FitzSimons

Genre: Non-Fiction

Release date: October 13, 2026

Plot: This is the story of Pleasant Rowland, the founder of the American Girl industry, a woman who changed girlhood for more than four decades. This book explores the creative process and the legacy of the creation. It touches on the debates over the historical accuracy and examines the brand's relationship with race, class, and diversity.

Please Enjoy Your Stay by Tara Goedjen

Genre: Thriller

Release date: October 13, 2026

Plot: Mia's cousin was murdered during their stay in a castle in the Austrian Alps. Mia was a witness and her testimony put the killer in jail. However, her aunt who was a controversial true crime author, was rumored by the media to be involved in the murder. Now, it is a decade later and the murder case is being appealed. Mia is desperate for answers, so she returns to Austria where the castle has been redone to be a luxury hotel. She gets a job as a nanny at the hotel to get answers, but soon realizes she may have accused the wrong person.

The Seventh Ribbon by Gus Krieger

Genre: Speculative Fiction

Release date: October 27, 2026

Plot: Caroline is mourning the loss of her husband in her oceanfront cottage. When she discovers a typewriter in the attic, she begins writing her story as a "what if." She is shocked when it comes true. Caroline begins rewriting her story in which her husband never dies in a hit and run accident. But every wish has a cost and how far is she willing to go?

Anniversaries

October 5, 1962 Claude and Diane Carr
October 20, 2001 Tom and Sue Montgomery



In Memoriam



Jessie Crews

New Hires

Julie Shartzter, Social Worker



Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 3

Masonic Family Day

The program will be distributed soon, be on the lookout!



Wednesday, October 14

2:00 p.m. Pink Party (Breast Cancer Awareness)

Wear your pink in support of the fight against this disease

Tuesday, October 20

6:00 p.m. Bridge of Spies Movie with special guest, Gary Powers, Jr.

Saturday, October 24

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat (Punkin' Pete will be out in the Activity Gallery starting October 5 if you would like to donate bagged candy for this event)

Friday, October 30

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Halloween Dance with The Hullaballoos

Wear your best costume and come ready to dance



Friday, November 6

11:00 a.m. Grand Lodge Luncheon (more details to follow)

Monday, November 30

2:00 p.m. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Please check your calendar and Uniguest App and TV Screen for additional activities throughout the month



Maintenance Emergencies

Maintenance emergencies include such things as:

- Water leaks, leaking pipes or broken water pipes
- Loss of heat or air conditioning
- Overflowing toilet or water that will not shut off
- Smoke or fire
- Smell of gas
- Main gate not working

To report such emergencies, please call the **Maintenance Emergency Number at 804-840-4031**. This phone is monitored by Maintenance personnel 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. **Normal maintenance hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

If you reside in the main building, please report any emergency to the nursing staff on duty so they can assess the situation as well.

If you live in the Village or B-Wing Apartments and have two toilets, a clogged toilet is not considered an emergency if you still have one working toilet available.

You still need to utilize our TELS work order system for any non-emergent needs; if you need assistance completing the work order, you may contact the reception desk or nursing staff.

Package Deliveries

When ordering from Amazon or other companies for delivery, please keep in mind that deliveries are typically made by our MAHOVA team between 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you are able to transport your package from one of our delivery areas after hours, you may do so, otherwise our MAHOVA team will deliver the package to your home.

Trip Guidelines and Sign Up Binder

This serves as a reminder regarding all of our trip policies.

There has been **an increase in cancellations and no-shows for trips**, so we encourage you to reach out to **Susan Berryhill at 804-226-6688** as soon as possible if you are unable to make a trip. Individuals must take personal responsibility to show up for all trips that require sign up.

- All trips are advertised on the monthly calendar, Uniguest app/tv screen and in the sign-up binder. If the trip has a fee, please look for the information on the sign-up sheet. **You will also receive a reminder of the fee, if applicable, deadline to cancel and time/date of the trip, and when the vehicle will leave.**
- **If you cancel after the deadline for a non-medical reason or are a no-show for a trip, you will be charged the trip cost for tickets/reservations.**
- We encourage you to cancel **at least 48 hours in advance** so residents on the waitlist can be called.
- Trips are subject to cancellation if a minimum of five (5) people have not signed up.
- The sign-up binder is typically placed on the activity table a week to ten days before the start of the next month. A notification is sent out on Uniguest and is added to the daily schedule on the tv screen. **We ask that you only sign up for you and/or your spouse.**



Name: _____

Date: _____

Fall is here, and the word search is full of autumn treasures waiting to be found! Can you track down and circle each cozy fall word hidden in the grid? Don't forget to check them off the list as you go!



Fall

Word Search



ACORN	Y	T	S	E	V	R	A	H	L	Q	N	R	T	K	K	K	M	A	R
APPLE	C	R	I	S	P	A	U	T	U	M	N	L	E	T	K	W	K	I	C
AUTUMN	M	Q	N	V	V	F	Z	I	Y	W	Z	R	E	D	N	K	N	P	N
BONFIRE	N	Y	D	M	Y	Y	L	Z	N	T	L	N	L	A	I	T	R	O	V
BREEZY	L	N	F	Q	D	T	O	L	N	F	L	R	D	R	V	C	H	C	W
CHESTNUT	G	E	B	Y	W	C	N	R	L	H	Z	O	H	F	P	E	N	U	O
CHILLY	Z	M	D	O	W	P	W	N	M	L	G	C	L	B	F	O	S	N	R
CIDER	G	A	R	I	N	I	K	P	M	U	P	A	S	D	L	R	B	R	C
CINNAMON	N	P	J	N	R	F	Y	L	L	I	H	C	C	W	H	C	L	O	E
CORNUCOPIA	I	L	M	V	T	Y	I	M	P	T	F	H	N	X	E	H	W	C	R
COZY	V	E	B	F	X	F	A	R	N	K	E	T	O	W	T	A	L	D	A
CRISP	I	M	R	D	F	G	L	H	E	S	G	G	M	R	Q	R	T	L	C
FLANNEL	G	F	E	Y	O	T	E	A	T	L	O	K	A	H	H	D	L	E	S
FOLIAGE	S	T	E	K	L	C	D	N	N	L	G	E	N	Q	D	L	L	N	R
GOLDEN	K	H	Z	P	I	W	U	T	D	N	H	V	N	Q	K	P	T	M	C
HARVEST	N	T	Y	P	A	T	T	E	N	N	E	Z	I	X	P	D	N	M	B
HAYRIDE	A	R	S	G	G	X	N	L	K	B	T	L	C	A	K	C	N	C	R
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LEAVES																			
MAPLE																			
ORCHARD																			



PUMPKIN

QUILT

RAKE

SCARECROW



SPICE

SQUIRREL

SWEATER

THANKSGIVING



Woodland WORD SEARCH

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bear
 nuts
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 maple
 turkey

forest
 oak
 foraging
 fox
 elm

frost
 raccoon
 falling
 pinecone
 geese

leaves
 squirrel
 hike
 spiderweb
 hibernate

Resident Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following residents who celebrate their birthdays:

10/03 Charlie Hinson	10/15 Anne Godfrey
10/05 Mary Breeden	10/17 Ted Holm
10/05 Diana Molnar	10/18 Helen Pollard
10/07 Mike Payne	10/22 Chris Taylor
10/08 Sarah Rosen	10/27 Grace O'Connell
10/11 Robert Young	10/28 Duke Askew
10/13 Carter Bell	10/28 Nick Matthews
10/15 Frances Bailey	10/29 Tom Hall

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Masonic Home Census: 183

Employee Birthdays

10/01 Leisa Liverpool, Healthcare
10/04 Carmen Snead, Healthcare
10/08 Erika Williams, Food Service
10/09 Julie Shartzer, Social Worker
10/11 Christopher Smith, Healthcare
10/14 Randi Tate, Resident Services Activities
10/17 Eva Baker, Social Worker
10/22 Cheryl Harris, Environmental Services
10/25 Holly Carson, Marketing
10/25 Emani Hutchinson, Healthcare
10/27 India Moore, Healthcare
10/28 Deborah Crawley, Food Service
10/30 Martha Gresham, Environmental Services

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