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By Jessica Varone, *Founder and President of the Verona Community Group*

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Scheduled Borough Council Meetings
7:00 p.m. – Second Tuesday of each month, Municipal Building

Scheduled Borough Council Workshop Meetings
7:00 p.m. – Last Tuesday of each month, Municipal Building

Community Group Meetings
7:00 p.m. – 7/29, 9/30, 11/18

Verona Chamber of Commerce
7:00 p.m. – Third Tuesday of each month, Municipal Building

Verona Parks and Recreation Board
6:30 p.m. – First Tuesday of even months, Municipal Building
They will also be virtual until further notice, Link will be shared on our Face Book page, or by requesting a link by emailing veronaparksandrec@gmail.com.

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7:00 p.m. – Third Thursday of each month, Municipal Building

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Mayor David Ricupero, Mayor of the Borough of Verona

As Borough Representative, I would like to extend a hearty “Congratulations” to John Gemellas from the Residents of Verona. Mr. Gemellas was appointed by the board to serve as a Member of the Council for a two-year position. I am sure John will do well as our newest council member.

Congratulations to Council members Sylvia Provenza, Tim Long, and Nancy Carpenter who were elected in November & and sworn in on January 2nd. Thank you for being willing to serve our community in this way.

Also, a big thank you to William “Red” Craig for his service on Council from Sept 27th, 2022, until Jan 1st, 2024, after being appointed to fill a vacancy created by a resignation. Your work is much appreciated.

With Spring just around the corner, and Winter a fading memory, I would like to remind everyone to be especially careful of children playing outdoors along with an increased pedestrian presence as they escape to the outdoors to breathe the fresh air and feel the sun's warmth. And, as always, Keep God Close!

Council Appoints New Councilman, John Gemellas

By Donald Worf, VNL Editor

John Gemellas has been sworn in as Verona Council's newest member.

Nancy Carpenter, a Council incumbent ran for both the four-year and the two-year term in the General Election. Winning both seats, she chose the four-year term thus leaving the two-year term for Council to appoint a new Councilperson.

Mr. Gemellas is employed by the Avalotis Corporation, headquartered in Verona. He works as a project sourcing specialist for the Corporation. Having received his High School diploma in 1989 from Riverview High School he went on and earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Pittsburgh in 1995. He and his brother Steve, also work as landlord managers, managing four, family-owned properties within the Borough.

Also seeking to win the Council's decisive vote was civically active, Angela Occhipinti, a zoning hearing board member, and former Verona Garden Club president. With Council all agreeing that this was a tough vote to cast, due to both candidates having such highly regarded skill sets, Gemellas was appointed following a 4-2 vote, with Councilwomen Nancy Carpenter and Sylvia Provenza voting for Angela Occhipinti. For the record, both candidates agreed to help the borough regardless of their selection to the council.

ATTENTION: If you are interested in contributing to the **Verona Community Newsletter**, by writing an article collecting news, writing, explaining a hobby, or taking pictures; contact **Donald (Don) Worf** at VeronaNewsRoom@gmail.com or at **412-828-3607**.

The next issue of the Verona Community Newsletter, the SUMMER ISSUE 2024 will be published and delivered to Verona residents by June 1, 2024. Articles for the Spring issue are due to be sent, via email, to the VeronaNewsRoom@gmail.com by September 1, 2024.

If you would like to place an advertisement in the Newsletter, contact **Sylvia Provenza** at **412-828-7726**.



VERONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Rhoda Worf, President of the VHS

- The Verona Historical Society meets the third Thursday of every month at 7 pm in the Verona Municipal Building.
- Programs are scheduled every month reflecting past and present historical events.
- Meetings are open to the public.
- For more information, visit www.veronahistory.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 21, 2024..... “HISTORY OF THE VERONA FIRE DEPARTMENT” speaker **GARY ROGERS** (Oakmont Historical Society)

APRIL 18, 2024.....“WOMEN AND SPORTS IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA” speaker **ANNE MADARASZ** (Heinz History Center)

MAY 16, 2024.....“WOMEN THAT MADE HISTORY IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA” speaker **LESLIE PRZYBYLEK** (Heinz History Center)

2024 Parks and Recreation Board Events

By Tim Long, Verona Council

- **Shakespeare in the Park:** Cribbs Field
Saturday, June 29th ... 7:00 PM... “*Much Ado About Nothing*”
Saturday, July 6th... 7:00 PM... “*Twelfth Night or What You Will*”
- **Movies in the Park:** Railroad Park
Friday, June 14th... Movie TBA
Friday, July 12th... Movie TBA
Friday, August 16th... Movie TBA
***** All movies start at dark*****
- **Battle in the Borough 6:** Cribbs Field
Live Pro Wrestling Event: Saturday, August 17th - Gates open at 3:00 PM - Bell time 6:00 PM.
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SPOTLIGHT ON *New Verona Businesses*

Chase Bank Settles Into Verona's Business District

By LeeAnn Swiger, Chase Bank Manager

Chase Bank is excited and honored to be part of the Verona community! We officially opened our doors on December 5, 2023. We offer unique banking and financial services to the entire community. Being part of Verona has been an uplifting experience for myself and my Chase team. We have been able to attend several community events and make many great connections. My team and I look forward to continuing to build our relationship with Verona. Thank you all for welcoming us to this amazing community.



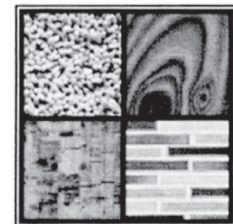
LeeAnn Swiger, Chase Bank Manager addressing the audience.



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Acclamation Brewing Makes Waves with Move to 10.7 Marina in Verona

by David Costanza

In an exciting expansion, Acclamation Brewing, which opened its doors in 2020 on Wildwood Ave, is relocating to 314 Arch St in Verona.

The move, anticipated to take place this Spring, highlights Acclamation Brewing's commitment to providing increased amenities and a more inviting atmosphere for customers. One notable feature of the new location is the expanded space. The 10.7 Marina offers generous indoor and outdoor seating with picturesque views



of the river and room inside for multiple TVs for sports enthusiasts. Additionally, the Marina will offer courtesy boat docks, inviting guests to arrive at the brewery by water.

One of the most exciting additions is the onsite kitchen and chef, who will provide fresh food offerings to elevate the visitor experience. Acclamation Brewing also looks forward to becoming a versatile event space. The brewery will be available for private event rentals for meetings, parties, or other special occasions.

Despite the move, Acclamation Brewing assures its loyal customer base that the heart and soul of the brewery will remain unchanged. The brewery is committed to crafting a diverse array of high-quality craft beers in a friendly, comfortable environment.

As anticipation builds for the move down the hill, Acclamation invites its patrons to stay tuned for updates on the grand opening at 10.7 Marina, as well as other information & events, promising a new and improved experience in Verona's vibrant craft beer scene.

VERONA CHAMBER EASTER EGG HUNT

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VERONA FARMER'S MARKET

By Stefani Garibay
Verona Farmers Market Coordinator

Join us this year for another season of the Verona Farmers Market. We will have a soft opening Thursday, May 23, and May 30. Our official opening day will be Thursday, June 6, 2:00 pm-7:00 pm. Our market is looking for volunteers and vendors! Our current list as of February is Musser's Market, Alveres Farms, Tom's Candy, Addvery Farms, and Killer Krafts. Opening day will feature another visit from our Disney princesses and Bob's CHS Express Barrel Train.

We have included the application below, you can also find it on our Facebook page: facebook.com/veronafarmers, website www.veronapafarmersmarket.com or email us at VeronaPAfarmersmarket@gmail.com for an application or to sign up to volunteer.

Our seasonal fee is \$75, monthly \$25. This gets your business advertised and marketed through our Facebook, as well as at our market via signs/banners. You will have exclusive opportunities to also set up at our Verona Chamber of Commerce Halloween Parade and Jolly Jamboree. **Applications and payment are due May 3rd to secure your spot.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Market Dates: June 6 until November 21, 2024. From 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM

Event Address: 736 E. Railroad, Verona, PA 15147

Contact us at: 412-609-1587 or VeronaPaFarmersMarket@gmail.com

Checks can be made payable to: Verona Chamber of Commerce

Mail to: Po Box 276 C/O Verona Farmers Market

VERONA FARMERS MARKET 2024 APPLICATION

Application and payment are due Friday May 3rd.

Mail this along with payment to:

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Checks Payable to: Verona Chamber of Commerce MEMO: Verona Farmers Market

Business Name: _____

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Contact name: _____

Phone #: _____

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✓ (check either (I.) or (II.))

✓ _____ I would like to set up every Thursday. (II.****) _____ I would like to schedule my dates.

✓ ***Attach a detailed list of all the dates you wish to attend. Please indicate if you need water or electricity.


I need Electricity: Y N I need Water: Y N

FARMERS MARKET

Rules and Regulations 2024 Season


Market Begins June 6th, 2024

1. \$75.00 non-refundable Vendor fee due May 3rd, filling out this application does not guarantee a space, payment, and proper documentation does. Attendance is mandatory, rain or shine. If you choose to come intermittently to our market you must provide a schedule by May 3rd in order to better serve our customers, and help our vendors maintain consistent market traffic. \$25/Monthly is now an option for sporadic vending.
 2. Market Day is every Thursday from 2:00 pm-to 7:00 pm (Set up can begin no more than 2 hours prior, sales are prohibited until 2:00 pm, any sellers selling before will be asked to leave.) You must be in your space by 1:30 pm for the safety of our patrons and vendors setting up.
 3. Sellers must have prices displayed
 4. All products and promotions must be kept within your selling area
 5. Vendors must send in the certificate of Liability Insurance with application with Borough of Verona and Verona Chamber of Commerce added as additional insurers
 6. Any vendor selling a product that requires some form of licensing or a Farmers Market Permit from Allegheny County MUST keep a copy on hand.
 7. No smoking at the market
 8. All pets must be on a leash
 9. Vendors are responsible for bringing their tables, chairs, tents, etc. All items must be secured.
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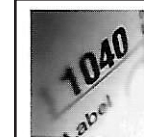
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Verona Chamber of Commerce Open Board Positions

By Stefani Garibay, VCC President

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VERONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD APPLICATION

Business /Individual Name: _____

Contact Name (if a business): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Are you available to help support/volunteer at our events? _____

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VERONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2024 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(1.)Company's / Individual's Name: _____

Owner's/Corporate Name (only for Company memberships): _____

Mailing Address: PO Box No: _____ Street No. _____ Street: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Membership Tiers: Please circle your preferred tier below

Tier 1.... Individual Memberships: \$20 per individual

Tier 2.... Businesses with less than Fifty (50) Employees \$100

Tier 3.... Businesses with more than Fifty (50) Employees \$200

Tier 4.... Nonprofit Organizations \$25

I would like to donate \$_____ to these chamber events (you need not be a member to donate):

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Halloween Parade/Bash
- Verona Farmers Market
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Twin Boros Ministry's Community Dinner Schedule

(SPRING, 2024)

BY Shirly Davis, Twin Boros Ministry

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COUNCIL'S JANUARY 23, 2024 WORKSHOP SESSION

An Editorial By Donald Worf, Editor & Writer for the VNL

As many residents of Verona have already heard, our Chief of Police, Ron McLemore, was recently injured during a domestic disturbance and has not been able to return to active duty. This fact has strained an already undersized police force, forcing it to take emergency measures to protect the safety of Verona's residents. The council has sought the assistance of the Pennsylvania State Police to assist it in its law enforcement efforts until Verona's Council can find a remedy for this unfortunate dilemma. Meanwhile, our meager force has managed to fill in the gaps as best as possible and is doing an admirable job under the circumstances.

As a result of this sequence of events, the Council has been thrust into the ring and forced to wrestle with finding the best solution, in the shortest time possible, to the question, "How will it find the resources to hire a police force of a size adequate to protect its Citizens based on current budget realities?"

Currently, there seem to be several workable solutions on the horizon. One option would be to maintain the Borough's prior practice of hiring and maintaining a small police force. But this is dangerously impractical as was just demonstrated.

Another option might be to raise Verona's property taxes just enough to pay for the hiring of more police. The citizens of Verona would be better protected, but at what cost? Everything goes up in price. It's called *The Cost-of-Living Index*. When we contemplate a tax increase, we must ask ourselves, "Is there a realistic price for protecting our families, our homes, and our Borough? As a

hypothetical example, would taxpayers be willing to pay a tax increase of, let's say, \$100, or \$200, over the course of a year? That equates to between 27¢ and 55¢ a day. Q: What can you buy today for these prices? A: Community "life insurance" for ourselves, and our loved ones, with safer streets due to an adequately funded, well-trained, local police force.

A third option, which is possibly more complicated, offers hope for potential fiscal rewards via *regionalization* between two (or more) mutually agreeing municipalities. In Verona's case, its policing resources would be combined and shared with an *accepting* and *cooperative* second, autonomous municipality.

For this discussion, Verona Council, at its January 23rd Workshop Session, invited Chief Gerald Simpson, the State of Pennsylvania appointed guest speaker, retired police Chief, and expert negotiator/consultant to speak about the regionalization process. Chief Simpson discussed both the high and low points of such a venture as well as the sequence of steps to be followed before any such merger takes place. He also addressed and answered the Council's and the attending audience's questions and concerns in concise and easy-to-understand terms.

No municipalities were named as potential candidates to merge with Verona at this Workshop Session. The council's demeanor was one of keen interest, mixed with cautious optimism, concern, and uncertainty as to whether, and, if so, how to proceed with any ongoing steps in the process

In attendance were both Verona's State Representative Joe McAndrew and Penn Hill's Mayor Pauline Calabrese. Both attended the meeting to gather information and insight concerning regionalization and Verona's dilemma.

The few public attendees who did voice their opinions were generally supportive of regionalizing police forces. Their rationale revolved around the idea of mutual cost savings that both municipalities would benefit from when resources such as personnel, supplies, and equipment are purchased and shared between merged municipalities as opposed to each municipality incurring the full cost of these resources.

What action(s) the Borough Council takes next is anyone's guess at this point. Everyone on the Council realizes the importance and time-sensitivity of this matter and will treat it with the utmost urgency. This is an especially critical issue facing our town. We are all affected by any one of these workable solutions. Every one of us needs to take a special interest during events over the next few weeks. These are extremely tough decisions facing our elected Officials. Let us be understanding and supportive of their efforts and thank our Regional Officials who will certainly play a part in decisions that could modify Verona's current standard operating procedure.

As a concerned Verona resident, I am writing this editorial based on my observations and consequent impressions following the January 23rd Workshop Session.



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"DOGS CAN'T FLY"

By Frank W. Santucci
Local Verona Historian

September 1945 saw the end of World War II. The war itself brought many innovations that evolved into civilian life. The Jeep played a large part in the war effort, and the small utility vehicles were adopted by American civilians. Walkie-Talkies began the acceptance of present cell phones that over 95% of the world's population possess and use daily.

The Jeep and cell phones are here to stay but one company, Greyhound Bus Lines tried to carry over helicopters from the war to its advantage for mass transportation. The 1940s were a rapid technological advancement in America (and with that thought in mind) Greyhound purchased two large-capacity Sikorsky Huey helicopters and established the "Greyhound Skyways" Division in Detroit, Michigan in 1946. The idea was to provide a solution to the chronic overcrowding on the Greyhound system and turning major cities into bustling helicopter hubs. The plan was to use the roofs of its already existing bus stations as landing pads for a fleet of helicopters.

Greyhound got the go-ahead for a trial period, charging \$5 for short introductory rides. Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit, and New York were among the other eastern cities that participated in this experiment. Costs incurred for purchasing the helicopters, retraining employees to be pilots, renovations of bus station roofs, and fuel, far exceeded profit margins --- thus proving to be extremely unprofitable. By late 1946, this idea was entirely shelved.

Greyhound Lines, Inc. is the largest provider of inter-city transportation serving over 2,300 destinations across the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, and remains the most profitable bus company in Northern America. It has been in existence since 1914 with its headquarters in Dallas, Texas.

Alas, greyhounds remain grounded.

Thirteen Signs Your Dog Has Pollen Allergies

By Patty Thomas, Owner of Pinks Tiny Paws

Check out these signs of pollen allergies in dogs. If your dog is exhibiting any of these symptoms, be sure to visit your family vet and have them checked out. If the symptoms persist or keep on recurring, consider a visit to a pet skin specialist to help identify and treat your dog's pollen or other environmental allergies.

THIRTEEN IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS THAT REVEAL YOUR PET MAY BE SUFFERING FROM ALLERGIES

1. Scratching	2. Hives	3. Excessive Licking	4. Puffy Eyes	5. Eye Discharge
6. Face Rubbing	7. Hair Loss	8. Red, Stinky Ears	9. Head Shaking	10. Red, Irritated Skin
	11. Hot Spots	12. Sneezing	13. Sensitive Skin	



If you notice your dog with any of these symptoms or a combination of the above symptoms, be sure to visit your vet and have them checked out. If signs only occur during the spring and summer, pollen allergies are the problem. If your dog shows these symptoms year-round, or at other times of the year, this does not rule out pollen allergy. Rather, a combination of multiple allergies may be affecting your pet with non-seasonal skin or ear problems.



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OUTINGS

Shopping Malls, Historical Sites, Cultural Events.

FRIENDSHIP

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Find our programs on our website under "Upcoming Events".

Also, a wide variety of virtual programs are offered by area libraries.

Something for every interest and all are free. Check them out!

Visit our website at www.OakmontLibrary.org or call us at 412-828-9532 for Spring Holiday Closures

For Adults

March Art Exhibit by Janet Carlisle

Visit our lower-level art gallery to view an exhibit of mixed-media art by Janet Carlisle throughout the month of March.

There will be a reception for her on Thursday evening, March 7th, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The public is welcome.

Oakmont Historical Society Speaker: Monday, March 4th, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Open to the Public, No Registration Required.
1st Monday of Every Month

Cookbook Club: Monday, March 11th, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (April/May Dates TBD)

Do you love to browse through cookbooks and try new recipes? Are you a foodie? Would you like to meet new people and share food with them? Then this is the club for you! Each month, we will select a cookbook and keep it at the circulation desk. Look through the book and choose a recipe you want to make. Mark the page with a post-it note with your name so that we know who will be cooking what. Copy the recipe to take home. Prepare your food or beverage and bring it to Cookbook Club, which will take place on the second Monday of every month at 6 PM. Please bring your drinks and utensils. Food, new friends, and fun! Please join us and start cooking!

Meditation with the Monks: Every Tuesday (In-Person & Livestream), 6 - 7 p.m.

At the library, but you also have the choice to watch the live stream at home on their TVs. The www.YouTube.com channel, PBC Live monks from the Pittsburgh Buddhist Center have returned to teach in-person meditation classes.

Third Tuesdays at the Movies: Tuesday, March 19th, 3 p.m. (April/May Dates TBD)

Monthly movies return to the Oakmont Library! Free admission and popcorn. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon with a good film. Titles listed on OakmontLibrary.org (Upcoming Events)

Book Club, Friday, March 15th, 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. (April/May Dates TBD)

Join us to read and discuss current fiction and non-fiction. Books are supplied by the library.

Adult Chess Club, Alternate Saturdays, 2 p.m.

No experience necessary! No registration! Learn chess and have fun. The club meets every other Saturday. Check the Upcoming Events calendar on the OakmontLibrary.org website to see scheduled Saturdays.

For Children and Teens

Chess w/ Craig Campbell & Adam Williams for ages 8-19: Mondays- 3 - 5 p.m.

Students can join in anytime between 3:30-4:30, and REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED. Learn the classic game of chess. Lessons include introducing the pieces & how they move, opening moves & and setups, controlling the center & and the mid-game scenarios, end-game checkmating & and proper chess education, and chess as an exercise in problem solving. The class will start with a lesson and then allow time for live practice.

Home School Music Class, Tuesday, March 19th, 1 - 2 p.m. (April/May Dates TBD)

Come join us every month for our new Homeschool Hour at the library from 1:00-2:00. Each class we will learn about a different piece of music and corresponding literature or art. This is an all-age inclusive event, and we will have snacks and drinks during the final 15 minutes. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Please register CHILDREN attending only. Registration for this event will be open from January 29, 2024 at 5:00 am to March 18, 2024 at noon. Visit our calendar at www.OakmontLibrary.org (Upcoming Events)

Baby Lapsit with Miss Ashley: Every Thursday, 10:30 a.m. (April/May Dates TBD) (moving from Tuesdays to Thursdays)

Calling all babies - join us for a program of stories, singing, rhyming, and more. Baby Lapsit is for children from newborn- 24 months (about 2 years) and focuses on socialization and vocabulary development.

MakerSpace Programs for Adults

Crash Course in Crochet with Kelsey and Stephanie Thursday, March 14th, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Also coming this March: Springtime Peeps Amigurumi Class - check out the Upcoming Events website for more information about both programs coming soon!

MakerSpace Open Hours!

Check our website, OakmontLibrary.org (Upcoming Events) for Open Hours and more information. **Would you like to use our equipment?** We can give you training that will allow you to use our equipment during MakerSpace hours. **Contact Stephanie Zimble** at zimbles@oakmontlibrary.org to make an appointment for training.

Our MakerSpace is a community space where you can make, create, design, and build! Located on our Lower Level, we have a 3D printer, a Cricut vinyl cutting machine, a Brother sewing and embroidery machine, and a music station with midi keyboards, a microphone, and recording software! We also have arts and crafts supplies, Snap Circuits, VR goggles, a button maker, two Makey Makey keyboard controllers, and more.

Let's Be Healthy Naturally

Sylvia Provenza, Director of Freedom of Choice in Health & Nutrition

FLU FIGHTER

Elderberry (SAMBUCUS nigra), sometimes known by the name black elder, has served as a popular food ingredient for centuries – especially in elderberry pie, wine, and jam. This herb has a long history as a flu remedy which remains its forte even today.

Get Back to Life, Quicker!

Elderberry will not keep you from getting sick, but evidence shows that elderberry users enjoy a quicker recovery from winter crud. By using this herb, you can expect to return to school or work faster than without it.

Elderberry seems to work best when taken early in an infection. Folks taking elderberry extract (as a liquid extract of the berries) in the day or two of an influenza-like illness recovered four days sooner than other people in research who were taking a placebo. Not only were those in the elderberry group back on their feet sooner, but they also did not take so much or as many medications for symptom relief.

Scientific research comes in numerous forms. One way to get deeper insights about a topic comes from meta-analysis. This means combining data from a few smaller studies to get a better feel for outcomes. Scientists at the Franklin Institute of Wellness, which serves as one of the only research-focused natural health institutions, did that by grouping several smaller studies to examine the health outcome of elderberry supple-




ments in a total of 180 patients with upper respiratory infections. This meta-analysis revealed solid benefits from elderberry supplementation in terms of quicker symptom relief.

How To Dose Yourself

Tea can be made from dried elderberry flowers. More modern forms of standardized liquid extract are also readily available, as are capsules/tablets, gummies, syrups, and lozenges. Elderberry syrup is typically taken in the amount of 1-tablespoon, four times daily for the first three to five (as needed) days of an illness.

I hope you find this article interesting and informative. Until our next edition of the Verona Community Newsletter, stay well and stay warm!

DISCLAIMER: This article is for educational purposes only. This article is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease. If you have any health concerns, see your healthcare provider.



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