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THE "WALDESRAUSCHEN"

Calendar

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THIS MONTH:

August 1

Live at the Biergarten –
Tuesday Night Special

August 8

Live at the Biergarten –
Dirty Mac

August 13

Oktoberfest Meeting

August 15

Live at the Biergarten –
Kharmacists

August 22/23

VE Youth Soccer Tournament

August 29

Live at the Biergarten –
Side Hustle

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 5/6/7

Labor Day Weekend

September 9

Potato Peeling Party

September 10/11

Oktoberfest Setup Days

September 12

VE Oktoberfest

President's Message – August 2026

Dear Members of VE,

The Summer of 2026 has been a terrific time at the VE Club. It's not over yet and we still have a lot going on during the next several weeks; the Youth Soccer Tournament, the pool, the Biergarten concerts, ultimately building up toward our Oktoberfest celebration on September 12th. It's just a great time being part of such a special place. I am looking forward to all these events.

I want to thank all the people who have been so helpful volunteering their time keeping our business running, maintaining the grounds, managing the pool, keeping the Soccer Program thriving, and patronizing our Club. We are truly a family, and I am thankful to be part of it.

We expect another outstanding Oktoberfest next month so please consider helping for a few hours before, during, or after the event; we could use all hands-on deck to ensure that we have another outstanding day.

Have a great August!

Glück Auf!
Philip Gabel / President

LABOR DAY WEEKEND CLUB HOURS

The Club will be closed from Saturday, September 5th through Monday, September 7th due to Labor Day; however, the pool will be open that weekend.

U18 BOYS TRIP TO EUROPE RECAP

Last month we sent a group of players and adults to represent the Club on a two-week European soccer tour. Visiting three countries during their trip, the team played competitive soccer matches in Germany, Austria, and Czechia. Their journey exposed the group to each country's unique history, culture, scenery and architecture, and naturally terrific food! From what we hear, it was a trip of a lifetime for everyone; especially their stop in Thalheim. The team played well, going 4-1. Photos of the trip can be found on VE Sports Facebook page.

VE MEMBERSHIP NEWS

VE's new online membership renewal process has had a successful second year and the Club's Board thanks all members who have used this platform to renew or send checks to the Club office. However, we still have a few unpaid renewals, and we kindly ask that all members renew as soon as possible. Membership dues help us continue to operate and make financial plans for the rest of the year. If you no longer wish to be a member, please either call (215) 675-5380 or email (veclub@verizon.net) the Club to let us know. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

If you are not getting the weekly email blast, please let the office know. This is the best way to keep you up to date with any last-minute updates at VE.

VE BLOOD DRIVE

Save the Date for our Blood Drive on Thursday, October 29, 2026, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm in the large dining room. The Club is sponsoring this event and is asking our members to Donate a Pint! Please plan your donations using the Red Cross app. Any questions, call Beth McCullough at (215) 850-6709 or mcbeth3@comcast.net.

WEEKLY UPDATES

If you are not getting the weekly update email, please let the Club office know. You can also click on our link "subscribe" at the upper corner of our website. This is the best way to keep you up to date about any last-minute updates to VE including Club news, events, soccer games, dinner specials, Club closings and job opportunities.

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WHAT'S COOKING IN THE VE KITCHEN?

Feel free to join us on Thursday nights at Das Smokehaus, Friday nights in the Ratskeller (with food available until 8:30pm), or Saturday nights at the Biergarten. Please come out and enjoy!

• **Thursday Night Dinners:** We are offering Thursday Night dinners outside at our Smokehaus throughout the summer. It's always nice sitting outside enjoying a meal on our patio. We will be offering BBQ Ribs, burgers, brats, etc. every Thursday night from 5:30pm to 8:30pm.

• **Friday Night Dinners:** In addition to traditional bar food, we will be offering a dinner special every Friday in the Ratskeller. Here's what we're offering in August:

8/7	Perogies with Bacon, Onions and Sour Cream	\$12
8/14	Crabcake Platter with French Fries and Cole Slaw	\$15
8/21	Schnitzel Platter with Spätzle and Vegetable	\$15
8/28	Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable	\$15

WE ARE HIRING – Great opportunity for experienced staff or those willing to learn! The VE kitchen is always looking for help. Please call the office (215) 675-5380, or email at veclubevents@gmail.com. Looking forward to working with you soon.

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OKTOBERFEST / SPORTFEST 2026

The Oktoberfest Committee is actively preparing for this year's event which will be held on Saturday, September 12th. Beginning in August, tickets can be purchased in advance for \$8.00 or at the gate for \$10.00. We need help in organizing and running this important Club event. If you want to volunteer, please contact Steve Feuchter at SFeuchter67@yahoo.com or call the Club office.

Our next Oktoberfest Planning Meeting shall be on August 13th at 7:00pm. Please attend!

We will be setting up our grounds in preparation for Oktoberfest on September 10th and 11th – please come out and lend a hand! All help is greatly appreciated!!

95th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This year marks the 95th anniversary of the founding of the Club. We will be holding an anniversary celebration on Sunday, November 22nd from 2pm to 5pm for our members. Details are still being worked on, with more information coming out later, however please mark your calendar for this special event. And we have a surprise in store!

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Live Music / Biergarten — Biergarten list of bands for August:

August 1 st	Tuesday Night Special	August 29 th	Side Hustle
August 8 th	Dirty Mac	September 5 th	Biergarten Closed (Labor Day weekend)
August 15 th	Kharmacists	September 12 th	Oktoberfest!
August 22 nd	Biergarten Closed		

Our Biergarten season with live music opened in May and has been attracting large numbers every weekend enjoying the excellent food, drink, music, and our VE Gemütlichkeit. The round bar is open on the above nights, and food is always available. Come on out!



IN MEMORIAM



The Board of Directors extends our deepest sympathy to the family of the following member who left us:
Elsie Harpf who passed away on July 4, 2026, joined VE in 1965, a 61-year member

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VE LADIES AUXILIARY

We hope everyone is having a great summer and enjoying our pool and the Saturday Night Biergarten. We will be peeling potatoes on Wednesday, September 9th in preparation for our annual Oktoberfest. Anyone that can come and help, we will meet at the Club house at 9:30am and please bring a paring knife. Thank you in advance for everyone's help.

Next Bingo will be held on September 30th.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary

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DID YOU KNOW?

We often mention the town of Thalheim in the *Waldesrauschen*, mainly because the founders of the Club hailed from there and our Club's strong ties lies with them. Here is a little more information about Thalheim.

Thalheim is a town in the Erzgebirgskreis district, in Saxony, Germany. The town lies on the river Zwönitz in the Zwönitz valley, about 15 km south of Chemnitz in the lower altitudes of the Erzgebirge Mountains. The highest point of the city is the Tabakstanne at about 560 meters above sea level.

Thalheim was originally a forest village. It was built at the end of the 12th century and was first mentioned in a document in 1447. The assumed date of foundation is the year 1184. The original settlement was grouped around the first church in Thalheim. Its coat of arms are three fir trees. Over time, the village expanded into the valley. Later, the buildings stretched up the flatter slopes of the side valleys. From 1799 onwards, arsenic gravel was mined in the pit "Unvermuthet Glück samt Wille Gottes". Due to its special quality, the mined arsenic gravel was given the name *thalheimite* in 1866. Stocking weaving can be traced back to the first hosiery weaver Melchior Hahn in 1730.

Thalheim only became a city through the hosiery industry. As a result of a massive boom, the village saw significant expansion in the last third of the 19th century. The granting of town rights in 1925 took this development into account. At peak times, 52 companies produced textiles, especially hosiery. In the years following the Second World War and the establishment of the DDR, the economy slowly recovered and the hosiery industry continued to be the main source of work for the inhabitants of Thalheim. The loss of sales markets in hosiery knitting in the post-reunification period led to the loss of many jobs with negative consequences for the entire city. However, Thalheim has bounced back and is considered one of the most beautiful towns in the Erzgebirge. VE is proud of our relationship with Thalheim.

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HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB

Welcome to Our Club!

Welcome to our new members who joined our Club in July 2026. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and have many happy and memorable hours at VE.

Transfer to Active: Kelly Degorski, William Gulden, Judy Geiger, Lavinia Natalie-Murray, and Kile Smith

Active: Bernd Fehrenbach, Karen Groff, Linda Humphreys, Peter Rall, and Patricia Schaefer

Passive: Roy Bakeoven, Kevin Basquill, Colleen Baun, John Bertman, Erin Bishop, Eddie Bobst, Sean Canty, Crystina Cave, Ed Cieslinski, Christine Cloud-O'Brian, Jennifer Czaplicki, Dan Devery, Matthew Donnelly, Elizabeth Dotts, Marina Dubovitsky, Robert Dunphy, Lois Farabella, Cibilio Fetzner, Elizabeth Fischer, Brenda Fisher, Jessica Fisher, John Founds, Samantha Gallagher, Elsa Grady, Shannan Grady, Ryan Greenleaf, Matthew Hickey, Kathleen Jacobson, Courtney Jensen, Renee Katits, Laura Kosty, Priyanka Koul, Rebekah Lemire, Angela Lenczycki, Elena Linnik, William Loughlin, Dan MacDonald, Jennifer Marcinkowski, Heather McCullough, William McDermott IV, Ryan McKeown, Robert Miller, Shawn Miller, Kristi Miraski, Brian Nicolini, Kristine Perry, Carlos Resende, Steven Saurman, Julianne Sumpf, Theresa Teti, Christina Vendetta, Joe Vento, Zackery Vile, Lakeesha Watts, Jessica Westfall, Richard Wilson, and Melissa Yount

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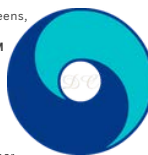
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SOCCER NEWS

We hope everyone enjoyed this summer's World Cup. There were plenty of excellent games, however the USMNT didn't advance past the Round of 16 as we hoped (we won't even mention the German team's performance). The silver lining is that the Club was gifted with the giant soccer ball that was located at the Philadelphia Fanfest during the tournament. There is only a dozen of them in the USA, and this is a nice complement to our recently completed turf fields.

The annual Summer Soccer Academy was held during the last week of July with over 300 campers, and our Mighty Mites program is registering players now. If your child is interested in playing in the Mighty Mites, please register ASAP so that uniforms can be ordered on time; we are not accepting walk-ons! Spots fill up fast, do not wait! To register, visit VESOCER.ORG.

Finally, our annual 2026 Youth Summer Splash tournament will take place on the weekend of August 22nd and 23rd. We have the most team ever registered that weekend (with a few Friday night games under the lights for the first time) and look forward to a great weekend of soccer on our fields, showcasing the program and the Club. Special thanks to Chris Kehan for directing this event. Her hard work is much appreciated by the Sports Program.

Please follow all soccer action on our Facebook or Instagram pages.

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman

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POOL NEWS

Please bring your current VE Membership card (June 1, 2026 - May 31, 2027) with you to show at the booth when you come to the pool. If you are not in possession of a current card, you will not be able to use the pool this season until your dues are paid.

We are currently open with our full summer schedule: Monday through Friday from 1:00pm until 8:00pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00pm until 8:00pm.

A few reminders:

- No glass or alcohol permitted in the pool area.
- Pool phone number is (267) 454-0011 (during pool hours only).
- The VE Soccer Camp will be guests of the pool the week of July 28th after 3:00pm till 5:00pm.

Also, due to Camp Rad during the week and the safety of the children and staff, cars are not permitted to access the pool area. Pool staff can bring individuals to the pool with our golf cart if necessary to transport individuals. You can call the pool at the number listed above.

The pool committee hopes to see you enjoying the pool this summer!

The VE Pool Committee

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BUNGALOWS

Bungalow owners are asked to arrive at their Bungalows before 10:30am on Oktoberfest to access their Bungalow and use their parking privileges. After that time, the access road will be closed to all traffic for the duration of the Fest. Also, all owners must have an Oktoberfest ticket to enter the grounds, and the Club office requests names of all owners who are parking at their Bungalow in advance.

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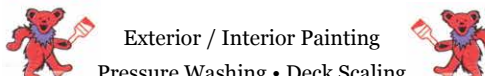
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The House Committee asks that parents monitor their children while in the kid's playroom in the Ratskeller and would appreciate it if the room was cleaned up and free of trash after being used. Thank you.

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As a reminder, we are a Membership Club, and it is your responsibility to validate your membership when ordering/purchasing alcoholic beverages—even if you have been a long-time member. This practice is not to be an annoyance to you but is a requirement of the PA Liquor Control Board who governs our private Club status. If you are bringing guests in, you may purchase the alcohol for them (anyone 21 and over) after you show your membership card. Non-members are not permitted to purchase any alcohol from our bartenders unless they are attending a contracted event. Food purchase is open to members and non-members. All our bartenders will be asking to see your Membership cards. Our membership year runs from June 1st to May 31st.

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