



## June 2026 Newsletter

### 2nd Friday Céilí

**Live music by:** Cucunandy

**Dances called by:** Elisa Chandler and Lydia Goodman

With a couple of simple steps (forwards, backwards, and sideways), you can dance any dance!

**Where:** VFW Hall, 630 Hood St NE, Salem.

**When:** Friday, June 12

**Time:** Doors at 7:00 pm, Dance Instruction begins at 7:15 pm, Live Music starts at 8:00 pm.

**Cost:** \$10.00/person

[Learn more about the 2nd Friday Céilí](#)

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**Céilí**  
**June 12, 2026**

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Doors Open 7pm, Lesson 7:15pm, Ceili 8pm

\$10 General | \$8 CVS Member | \$5 Student | \$30 Family  
Admission includes dance lesson  
VFW Hall, 630 Hood St. NE, Salem, OR

The Céilí of the Valley Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.  
For information visit [www.ceiliofthevalley.org](http://www.ceiliofthevalley.org)

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### Join our weekly dance class!

**Tuesdays, starts at 6:30 PM**

Admission: \$5 per class – **First class for new dancers is FREE**

Instruction by Elisa Chandler

Where: VFW Hall, 630 Hood St. NE.

Our class is the perfect time to discover joyful céilí dancing for fun, health, and a cultural experience. Offers great exercise, reduces stress, and welcomes everyone. All dances are walked, called and are for all ages and capabilities. Beginners come weekly.

[Learn more about weekly classes](#)



## Céilí of the Valley Board meeting

June 2, 2026, 8:00 pm

Meetings are on First Tuesdays - after dance class  
At: VFW Hall, 630 Hood St. NE, Salem

[Learn more about the CVS Board](#)



## Make Music Day

June 21st  
Salem, OR

A fun event for musicians and music lovers! Enjoy music at numerous locations throughout Salem. For more information: <https://www.makemusicsalem.org/>

Join Céilí of the Valley for two performances from the demo team. We will dance at 11:30am at Minto Island Growers, 3394 Brown Island Rd., Salem and at 1:30pm at Santiam Brewing, 2544 19th St. SE, Salem.

## World Beat

June 26th, 5:00pm-10:00pm

June 27th, 10:00am- 11:00pm

June 28th, 11:00am-6:00pm

Salem Riverfront Park, 200 Water St. NE, Salem

Experience the traditions of over 60 nations and cultures. Visit the Céilí of the Valley Society booth in the European Village. The CVS demonstration team will perform on Saturday at 11:30am.

Learn more about World Beat

here: <https://www.salemmulticultural.org/festival/world-beat-festival>



## Salem Trad Session

Venti's Cafe, 325 Court St. NE, Salem

Saturday, June 6th and Thursday, June 18th, 7:00pm

This session is for experienced traditional Irish musicians, but anyone is welcome to listen.

Check out the guidelines and what to expect at a session

here: <https://www.salemtradsessions.org/index.html>

## Slow Session

Willamette Valley Music, 484 State St, Salem

Saturday, June 6th, 12:00 pm

Are you interested in learning to play at a traditional music session?

This is the perfect place to start.

## Traditional Irish/Scottish Music Session

Venti's Cafe

325 Court St NE

First Saturdays & Third

Thursdays @ 7:00pm

Learn to play - Slow session at  
Willamette Valley Music Company  
First Saturdays at noon

Find out more at

[www.salemtradsessions.org](http://www.salemtradsessions.org)



## Corvallis Celtic Festival

July 16th-July 19th

Various venues in Corvallis

A summertime celebration of Celtic music and culture with performances, workshops and vendors. Join Céilí of the Valley for two céilís with caller Elisa Chandler.

### Céilí at Odd Fellows Hall

Saturday, July 18th, 12:00pm-1:30pm

223 SW 2nd St., Corvallis

Musicians: CUCANANDY

### Céilí at Benton County Historical Society

Sunday, July 19th, 11:00am-12:30pm

411 SW 2nd St., Corvallis  
Musicians: Two Rivers Céilí Band

Learn more about the Corvallis Celtic Festival  
here: <https://www.corvalliscelticfestival.org/>



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## Join us!

### Renew your membership or join for the first time!

Membership in CVS provides you with a discount on admission fees to CVS events and you receive a frequent class dance card, a free class after 8 classes. Plus it helps support Celtic culture in the community. Membership is \$20 for an adult; \$40 for a family per calendar year.

[Become a member of Céilí of the Valley.](#)

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## Celtic Music Hour

### Tuesdays from 10-11 AM

The Celtic Music Hour presents music from the seven Celtic nations from musicians throughout the world. Hosts Ann and Beth, members of the Ceilí of the Valley Society, create weekly themes from Celtic music, culture, and history. The show airs live on KMUZ Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11 am on 100.7 and 88.5 FM.



[Learn more about the Celtic Music Hour](#)

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## Events

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#### Cayley Schmidt and Aaron Guest

June 5th, 7:00pm

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis, 2945 NW Circle Blvd., Corvallis

For more info: <https://www.corvalliscelticfestival.org/events/>

#### Katie Jane Band

June 5th, 6:00pm

Dullahan Irish Pub, 352 B Ave., Lake Oswego

For more info: <https://www.katiejaneband.com/shows>

### **Portland Highland Games**

June 6th, 9:00am-10:00pm

Washington County Fairgrounds, 801 NE 34th Ave., Hillsboro

For more info: [Portland Highland Games](#)

### **Biddy on the Bench**

June 7th, 5:00pm

Rock Creek Tavern, 10000 NW Old Cornelius Pass Rd., Hillsboro

For more info: <https://www.mcmenamins.com/events/276936-irish-sundays>

### **Corey Murphy**

June 12th, 7:00pm

Waverly Heights United Church of Christ, 3300 Se Woodward St., Portland

For more info: <https://facebook.com/events/s/irish-songs-of-oregon-and-the-/1241176338091140/>

### **Us and Them**

June 14th, 5:00pm

Rock Creek Tavern, 10000 NW Old Cornelius Pass Rd, Hillsboro

For more info: <https://www.mcmenamins.com/events/276935-irish-sundays>

### **Cary Novotny**

June 21st, 5:00pm

Rock Creek Tavern, 10000 NW Old Cornelius Pass Rd, Hillsboro

For more info: <https://www.mcmenamins.com/events/276934-irish-sundays>

### **Bob Soper**

June 28th, 5:00pm

Rock Creek Tavern, 10000 NW Old Cornelius Pass Rd, Hillsboro

For more info: <https://www.mcmenamins.com/events/276933-irish-sundays>

## **ONGOING EVENTS**

Discover more: [CeilioftheValley/ongoing-events](#)

## **IRISH SESSIONS**

Discover more: [CeilioftheValley/Irish-sessions](#)

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