

# Voice of the Village People

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**MORNING COFFEES and MUG AND CHUG:** Prairie Village residents are reminded that all are invited to the Tuesday and Thursday morning coffees at 10:00 A.M. at the Village Coffee House. And the same goes for the Mug and Chug (cocktail/social hour) at 5:00 P.M. each Wednesday afternoon at the Village Coffee House. Lively conversation is guaranteed at both activities. Also, Fairhaven's Executive Director Paul Kuenning attends the coffee at 10:00 A.M. on the second Tuesday of each month.

**GARBAGE PICKUP:** January's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the schedule has been posted at the Village Coffee House.

**NEWSLETTERS:** Copies of Fairhaven and Seniors in the Park newsletters are available in the brochure box on the porch, and inside, of the Village Coffee House. Please feel free to submit an article for the Prairie Village newsletter if you have any interest in sharing information with other residents – either e-mail to Nelda at [nelronbergsten@gmail.com](mailto:nelronbergsten@gmail.com), or deliver or mail a “hard” copy to 852 Acorn Ridge.

**FURNACE FILTERS AND SALT:** It is that time of year again . . . time to think about preparing for/responding to our winter weather. If anyone needs additional salt for sidewalks, driveways, etc., it is available at the Village Coffee House, 854 Acorn Ridge. Furnace filters can be found there, as well.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS

Saturday, the 4<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball at the Village Coffee House – 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> – Presidential Stories Your Textbook Forgot: Inspired Presidential Actions:  
Creating America – Dick Haney's lecture at Seniors in the Park – 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup> – Bulky garbage/bulky recycling pickup  
Poker at the Village Coffee House – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 11<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball at the Village Coffee House – 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> – Presidential Stories Your Textbook Forgot: Presidential Health:  
The Good, the Bad, and the Scary! – Dick Haney's lecture at  
Seniors in the Park – 1:00 P.M.  
Euchre at the Village Coffee House – 3:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 16<sup>th</sup> – Annual Chili Dump at the Village Coffee House – 11:30 A.M.

Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball at the Village Coffee House – 9:00 A.M.

## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued**

Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> – Fairhaven Book Club – 9:30 A.M. in the Lower Level Conference Room at Fairhaven

Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> – NOON – Prairie Chicks lunching at Fanatico's  
Presidential Stories Your Textbook Forgot: Speeches that Define America  
– Dick Haney's lecture at Seniors in the Park – 1:00 P.M.  
Crime Book Club at the Village Coffee House – 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball at the Village Coffee House – 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> -- Presidential Stories Your Textbook Forgot: Third Party Presidential Candidates: From Wow to Yikes! – Dick Haney's lecture at Seniors in the Park – 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 30<sup>th</sup> – Pizza Ranch lunch in Elkhorn -- NOON

### **Additional "UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS" of note:**

Please read more about these events in the Fairhaven newsletter:

Resident tea – Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30 – 3:30 P.M. Fairhaven staff members share delicious treats with residents, so if you have been able to come down off your sugar high from Christmas, stop by and enjoy.

Fairhaven Choir Rehearsal to resume on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 A.M. This group of Fairhaven and Prairie Village residents are always pleased to welcome additional members.

## **CHILI DUMP ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

Please mark your calendar for our annual Chili Dump on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. As in other years, please bring one quart of your own homemade (or purchased, if you prefer) chili. There is a sign-up sheet at the Coffee House for you to indicate what additional item you would like to share. Please note that you will need to bring your own tableware, as well as your own beverage if you prefer to have something to drink other than coffee. Please join us, as we have always had good food and good camaraderie at all of our foodie gatherings.

## **PRAIRIE CHICKS**

Prairie Chicks will be meeting for lunch at Fanatico's on January 22nd, the fourth Wednesday. Please contact Jeanne Shiras, with regrets only, regarding your inability to attend.

## **LUNCH OUTING TO PIZZA RANCH IN ELKHORN**

Judith Moldenhauer and her committee have organized a Buffet Lunch outing to the Pizza Ranch on Highway 67 in Elkhorn on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Judith has indicated that “they have a lot more than pizza”, and the price is just \$10.00 per person. Everyone in Prairie Village is encouraged to join the group. No reservation is required. We will carpool together, so please gather at the Coffee House at 11:15 on the morning of Thursday, the 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **PROFESSOR EMERITUS AND PRAIRIE VILLAGE RESIDENT RICHARD HANEY TO PRESENT HISTORICAL LECTURES**

Please mark your calendar for Dick Haney’s lectures at Seniors in the Park at 1:00 P.M. each Wednesday afternoon in January. Dick’s lectures are always interesting and informative, so please plan to check them out. The Seniors would prefer that you give them a call at 262.473.0535 if you will be attending.

## **PAUL KUENNING’S DECEMBER REPORT TO RESIDENTS**

Tim Probst met with Prairie Village residents at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 12, 2019, explaining that Paul was out of town and had asked Tim to stand in for him in his absence.

Tim indicated that he had had a number of people express positive feelings about moving to Fairhaven or Prairie Village, and he encouraged residents to talk up the positive aspects of life at Prairie Village. He also noted that he has had someone express interest in purchasing Dolores Piehl’s home once it becomes vacant. He reported that there are two 2-bedroom apartments at Fairhaven that are currently being renovated and will be available in the near future. Also, he noted, there are six 1-bedroom apartments that are currently available, as well as several efficiency apartments.

He discussed the impact of other senior living facilities being built in the area, noting that individuals are now being presented with lots of options. He admitted that in the near term, Fairhaven, as well as these other facilities, will continue to struggle with obtaining staffing in this period of very low unemployment.

He also reported briefly on the construction of the Community Center, noting that the landscaping around the building is being designed and handled by Tall Grass.

Residents posed questions about the possibility of allowing electronic transfer of funds and/or payment by credit card for paying monthly fees. Apparently, this will not be possible until such time as bookkeeping is updated.

Kathy Ross asked that residents check out the “Little Free Library” which was in the dining area at the Coffee House, expressing appreciation to Jim and Kathy Schumacher for donating the time and materials used to construct it.

Residents inquired if influenza was a problem at Fairhaven this winter, and Tim responded that at least at this point that has not been a problem.

And those in attendance expressed appreciation to Lyndia Fry for arranging the “Cookies for Breakfast”.

**Prairie Village's Little Free Library** is officially chartered as #96650. We continue to thank Jim and Kathy Schumacher who donated all the funds and time for its construction and registration. The Library is spending its first winter in the Coffee House. We anticipate it will be installed outside in the spring - so expect a dedication and celebration! Please use both our Libraries - and let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Kathy Ross

The Christmas “party” on December 23<sup>rd</sup> was well attended by Prairie Villagers, as evidenced by these photos:



As was the New Year’s Eve gathering at Fairhaven:

