

# 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:** March's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, March 12<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

Monday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> -- Fairhaven lecture: Superheroines in 21st Century Movies  
– 3:00 P.M. Van pickup at 2:30 P.M. at the middle Burr Oak Trail eyebrow and 2:35 P.M. at the Village Coffee House

Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> – Euchre at the Village Coffee House – 3:30 P.M.

Saturday, the 7<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball at the Village Coffee House – 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, the 8<sup>th</sup> – DON'T FORGET: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS AT 2:00 A.M.  
this morning

Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup> -- Fairhaven lecture: Is Social Media a Positive or Negative Influence on Society? – 3:00 P.M. Van pickup at 2:30 P.M. at the middle Burr Oak Trail eyebrow and 2:35 P.M. at the Village Coffee House

Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> – PAUL MAKING HIS MONTHLY REPORT AT COFFEE THIS MORNING

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

Thursday, the 12<sup>th</sup> – Bulky garbage/bulky recycling pickup  
Poker at the Village Coffee House – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball at the Village Coffee House – 9:00 A.M.

Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup> -- Fairhaven lecture: Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign: Protest Signs as Visual Rhetoric During the Wisconsin Budget Repair Bill/Act 10 Protests of 2011  
– 3:00 P.M. Van pickup at 2:30 P.M. at the middle Burr Oak Trail  
eyebrow and 2:35 P.M. at the Village Coffee House

Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> – Fairhaven Book Club – 9:30 A.M. in the Lower Level Conference Room  
at Fairhaven

Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> – Euchre at the Village Coffee House – 3:30 P.M.

Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball at the Village Coffee House – 9:00 A.M.

Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> -- Fairhaven lecture: Changing Climate and Changing Lives: Move, Adapt or Go Extinct – 3:00 P.M. Van pickup at 2:30 P.M. at the middle Burr Oak Trail eyebrow and 2:35 P.M. at the Village Coffee House

Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> – Crime Book Club at the Village Coffee House

Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup> – Poker at the Village Coffee House – 2:00 P.M.  
Prairie Chicks meet at Jeanne Shiras' home, at 829 Burr Oak Trail, at 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball at the Village Coffee House – 9:00 A.M.

Monday, the 30<sup>th</sup> -- Fairhaven lecture: Supreme Court Appointees from Bush to Trump: The More Things Change, The More Things Change – 3:00 P.M. Van pickup at 2:30 P.M. at the middle Burr Oak Trail eyebrow and 2:35 P.M. at the Village Coffee House

## **PRAIRIE CHICKS**

Prairie Chicks will meet on the fourth Thursday of March, the 26<sup>th</sup>, at noon, at Jeanne Shiras' home at 829 Burr Oak Trail, at 5:00 P.M. Caroline Wieman will be sharing the hosting responsibilities with Jeanne. Please contact Jeanne Shiras, with regrets only, regarding your inability to attend.

Beth Johnson has made a request that anyone who is aware of a new e-mail address for a new or current resident, to please let her know so that she can make sure that her Prairie Village e-mail list is up-to-date.

## **PAUL KUENNING'S FEBRUARY REPORT TO RESIDENTS**

Paul Kuenning met with Prairie Village residents at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 25, 2020, initially describing his recent vacation trip to Hawaii, which he and his wife were visiting for the first time.

He advised that he has been working with contractor Scott Ehlert on the construction of the new Prairie Village Community Center, indicating that the project continues to go well, with a current occupancy date projected to be sometime this September. Information regarding the kitchen appliances has been given to Sue Stanley and her kitchen team. He noted that providing electricity for the various needs of the building, including WiFi, door security, etc., is proving to be complicated as each has different electricity requirements.

He also provided a report on the status of the resolution of the IJ problems resulting from the recent survey at Fairhaven. He indicated that the fine amounts to a little over \$10,000. He stated that he was happy to note that the level of severity was not as serious or drastic as the original citation indicated. He further noted that although the 5-star rating will be reduced, the citation had arisen as a result of documentation failings, and the level of care provided was never compromised.

Paul then introduced David Gackstatter who has been hired to fill the vacancy being caused by Linda Peterson's retirement. David and his wife have a newborn son who was born on this past January 3<sup>rd</sup>, and a three-year-old daughter, and they reside in Janesville. David attended Parker High School in Janesville and Beloit College, and has been employed in Rockford, Illinois, for the past eight years. He spoke at length regarding the complexity of Medicare/Medicaid issues.

Tim Probst then provided an update on the status of proposed construction in Prairie Village, noting that Wayne and Mary Ellen DeLoach are slowly moving in from St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin. Tim also indicated that 909 Acorn Ridge, previously vacated by Dolores Piehl, has been spoken for and will be occupied later in the week.

Both Tim and Paul indicated that any construction of any new duplexes will be done on the upper eyebrow remaining at the south end of Burr Oak Trail. Tim advised that one unit in that eyebrow will be occupied by a couple from the state of Maine who found Fairhaven online, came for a visit, and loved it. Paul did note that they would also prefer to include construction of a duplex on Acorn Ridge immediately south of the Kapela's in the near future. He indicated that concern about water problems on the south end of Acorn Ridge may result in those units being built without basements.

Regarding apartment vacancies at Fairhaven, Tim indicated that one individual would be moving in that week. He advised that there are currently 98 apartments: 20 are two-bedroom apartments; 60 are one-bedroom apartments, and 18 are efficiencies. He said that at this time that seems to be a good balance.

And, finally, Paul advised that Jesse is leaving again, as he has accepted employment elsewhere. Paul indicated that staffing in all areas continues to be a challenge, especially with CNAs.

## PRAIRIE VILLAGE LIBRARY UPDATE

As Prairie Village residents, we also have access to the libraries at Fairhaven. There's a Little Free Library whose location varies from month to month (see the Fairhaven newsletter's Resident Council update each month for where to find it). We also can use the Jess Norenberg Library, located on the Lower Level at Fairhaven. Our neighbor Lori Stoneking is its librarian. Among its many holdings, there's a good number of large print books (increasingly helpful to many of us). If you've not, you may want to check out those two other libraries but don't forget our own!

More Library history: The very sturdy, tall bookcase in our current location was built by Ron Bergsten for their Palmyra home and has been on loan to our Library. Once we relocate, it will be going to their daughter where, based on its solid construction, it will almost certainly continue to provide years of service to the family, in the Reedsburg United Methodist Church parsonage.

Kathy Ross

Issue: During the winter some Prairie Village residents have noticed condensation on certain windows in their home and have had to wipe up excessive moisture.

Background: The reason this is happening in some homes is because you have too much water vapor (invisible moisture) in the air in your home. When the outside temperatures drop during winter months, eventually the inside surface of your window also gets cold. Once this happens, your window acts like a glass of iced tea in the summer. Have you ever noticed how moisture condenses on the outside of an iced tea glass? The same thing is happening to your windows during the winter when outside temperatures drop and get colder.

Homes like yours are built very "tight" these days. Increased energy efficient homes are required by current Building Codes. "Tightening" the home is done to minimize outside air infiltration and keep the inside air warmer – thus reducing your heating bill. Keep in mind that outside air is "drier" than inside air. As a result, when outside air infiltrates your Prairie Village home, it actually *lowers* the amount of moisture in the air inside your home. At the same time, we all increase the amount of invisible water vapor (increased relative humidity) during our everyday living. Cooking, baking, breathing, washing dishes, plants -- even water evaporation from the toilet increases moisture in your home.

Try any, or all, of the following steps and see what happens:

1. Run a dehumidifier. Yes, even during the winter.
2. Run your furnace fan continuously during the winter.
3. Briefly open your windows/doors every day to allow for drier outside air to come in and mix with the more humid inside air.
4. Run your bathroom and kitchen exhaust fans more often.
5. AND, continue to wipe the moisture/water off your windows if, and when, necessary.

Hint: It's important that you dispose of any paper towels used to wipe moisture/water immediately in a trash can in your garage. Don't put them in a trash can inside the house because you don't want that water-soaked paper towel to evaporate moisture back into the inside air. If you use a cloth towel, immediately dry it in your clothing dryer.

We hope this helps. Thanks to Rusty Kapela, retired weatherman/meteorologist and to Home Lumber, our window provider, for helping provide this information.

Tim Probst, Marketing Director



We want to extend a big **THANK YOU** to Dan and Judy Dern, rural Whitewater residents, who recently donated a Nordic Track exercise machine to the Prairie Village workout room. Thanks are also due to Tom Dosemagen for facilitating moving the machine to its new home.

I spotted this pair of Eagles sitting between the new Community Center and the creek. I didn't have my camera so I used my phone. The quality is not the greatest. I have seen a single Eagle around the creek on several occasions but never a pair. Imagine how much fun it would be if they decided to nest here!



And, sometimes it is difficult to say anything nice about our present snow cover. One thing though is the evidence left behind by the tracks of all the critters that visit the complex, especially at night. This opossum spent a lot of time poking around our back yard looking for a midnight snack. I doubt that he found anything because he doesn't seem too smart. Look carefully and you will see that he put 2 shoes on backwards.

Curt McCulley





And we also want to shout out a big THANK YOU to Judith Moldenhauer and her team for planning and making the arrangements for the fish fry outing at the Fireside on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Delicious food and lively conversation were enjoyed in abundance, making those who attended indicate that they are already looking forward to the next such event.

