

Voice of the Village People

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GARBAGE PICKUP: May's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, May 14th. A copy of the schedule has been posted at the Village Coffee House.

NEWSLETTERS: Copies of Fairhaven 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, or deliver or mail a “hard” copy to 852 Acorn Ridge.

PAUL KUENNING'S CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Several facilities in the county are known to have the virus as it comes closer and closer. We are striving to keep it out. Each day we do not have the virus in our community is a great day!

If we ever have a case of the virus within the Fairhaven/Prairie Village community, the residents of Fairhaven and Prairie Village, families and community would be advised.

As we continue our Focus on PREVENTION, the Staff meet regularly to develop contingency plans in the event an outbreak would occur.

We understand that the primary mode of the virus transmission is contact with another person, or from any bodily fluids such as speaking, sneezing coughing, or touching something that is common and has not been sanitized.

Reminders:

Residents should continue social distancing 6 feet apart or more, wash hands often, use gel if necessary, limit the use of common spaces and gatherings. Walking outside should be done keeping distances from anyone. Wear mask and gloves in public spaces. Please contact your primary Care Physician in the event you begin to have any symptoms.

The Residents “Keep Us Safe” fund has raised over \$5,000 for purchasing the protective equipment needed for our staff. It is so greatly appreciated. To date we believe we have enough equipment on hand but know it would go very quickly in the event of an outbreak.

Work continues at the New Prairie Village Community Center. Interior insulation has now been done and walls are awaiting drywall. On the exterior lighting and siding have been placed. Bid request have been put out for appliances, furnishings, artwork, and landscaping plan is being reviewed before requesting bids.

Main Campus C building elevators are now being worked on for the long-awaited repair. It is expected the repairs and updating will go on till July. The elevators components are of the 1984 vintage.

C building roofing. Roofing is expected to be replaced this spring on the C Building and are now waiting for confirmation.

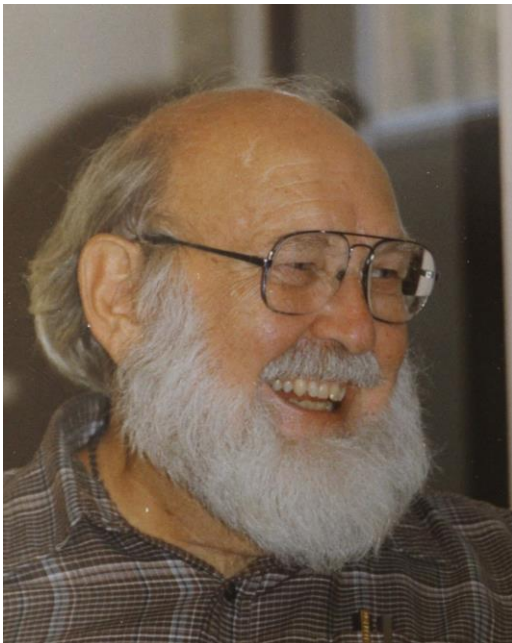
PAUL KUENNING'S CORONAVIRUS UPDATE, continued

Shane Niman is the new Director for Environmental Services. Shane most recently came to us from Beloit College and has background in HVAC and larger maintenance on a campus.

Our spring window cleaning is scheduled tentatively (pending the virus) for later May. Exterior cleaning being done at this time (no interior). Exterior power washing may also be elected. Shane is also asking to confirm your trimming preference on tall grasses. Also, a form noting any plantings that need to be scheduled for replacement due to winter kill will be going out as well.

For Fairhaven:

All deliveries are to be made at the front door. There is a cart with labels for marking all bags. Staff will deliver. Meeting family in drives or for deliveries can be a way that the virus can be transmitted. Remember social distancing is one of the most important things we can do right now to protect ourselves and your loved ones from this COVID-19.



We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Dennis Rohrs. If there is such a designation as “charter” resident, Denny and his wife Margaret would surely qualify, since they moved into Prairie Village in the fall of 2007, the first year of its existence. Denny’s jovial personality and love of music endeared him to one and all. Those of us who had the opportunity to know Denny were truly blessed, and he is sorely missed.

WE WANT TO EXTEND A BIG

WELCOME

to Wayne and Mary Ellen DeLoach, who moved into 843 Acorn Ridge

Library Update

We have books published by Prairie Village authors:

- Tails of a Cow Doctor by the late John E. Crawley, DVM, husband of Olive Crawley. The title is self-explanatory!
- A Journey in Faith by Wanda Richards continues to be a work in progress about her family. We have the first two volumes, and she's currently working on the third.

If I've overlooked any others by Prairie Village authors, let me know.

Not only are we sheltering in place, it seems that many of us are reading/puzzling in place!

Remember the large print books on loan from Fairhaven remain in the window or, after completing the card in the back, go home with you. Please don't mix them in with our collection, or mix ours with them. Thanks

Kathy Ross

PRAIRIE VILLAGE GARDENERS

Manure has been spread across the garden thanks to the help of Bob Aulik and Jake Gerlach. Rototilling is scheduled to be done before the end of April (weather permitting). After that, we will "set up" the garden - marking the 14 separate rows of the garden and an east to west string marking the halfway point across each row. A "map" of each family's assigned spot will be placed later in the "Coffee House" and on the seat in the covered shelter outside the garden.

IMPORTANT: If you have not yet requested space in this year's garden, please contact Jake or Hans ASAP. Let us know if you want a smaller spot, $\frac{1}{2}$ a row or a full row (6'X50'). Deadline is Friday, May 8, 2020. After that day, unassigned space will be divided among those gardeners who have requested more than $\frac{1}{2}$ a row.

We are all anxious to start planting, but please wait until the row markers are set up - your space will be between the row assigned you (e.g. row 10) and the next higher number (e.g. Row 11). The Sunday, April 26th issue of The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel offered this planting advice: "cool" season crops (ex. Lettuce, spinach, radishes, beets, peas) can be planted in late April; "warmer" season crops (ex. Tomatoes, peppers, egg plants, melons and squash) end of May or early June.

HAPPY GARDENING!

Jake Gerlach 262-729-0119, Hans Hahn 262-472-0460

I call this "messaging with the squirrels". This is what happens when I have too much time on my hands. This friendly ghost is suspended from the tree by the feeders. The caveat is the string leading to the house which allows me to make the ghost dance. It scares the heck out of the squirrels. As you can tell I am very easily entertained!
Curt McCulley



And an unexpected and unwanted house guest:
About 2 weeks ago we heard a strange noise coming from the vent above our stove. We quickly realized it was a bird, and we would need help, and called maintenance. The person who came had to default to more experienced people and said someone would come Monday. This bird (a starling) was VERY active all weekend. We were sure it would be dead by Monday. Our two heroes came well equipped and after a lengthy battle trying to get it out, he amazingly was still alive! It apparently got in through a vent on the roof. When I asked if they had done this before, they both said NEVER! This was our first attempt.

Curt McCulley

