

Voice of the Village People

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GARBAGE PICKUP: October's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, October 8th. 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.

PRAIRIE CHICKS ON HIATUS. Due to the pandemic, Prairie Chicks will temporarily suspend monthly gatherings.

PAUL KUENNING'S OCTOBER REPORT TO RESIDENTS

Paul Kuenning is recommending that Prairie Village residents review their Renters Insurance, as suggested after review by Fairhaven's carrier.

A contract has been signed with BK Landscaping Service for the removal of snow in Prairie Village this winter. The contract calls for all hard surfaces to be cleared when the snowfall is $\frac{3}{4}$ inch or more. One 4' path will be cleared from all patios. Salting will be applied, as well. It is suggested that all patio furniture and garden hoses be moved in such a way as to not impact any of those services.

The Prairie Village garden will not be tilled this fall, as Hans Hahn has ordered manure to be applied. The garden will be tilled in the spring.

Progress is being made on our new Community Center, as you can tell by the pictures. Orders for chairs, artwork, audio-visual, and door security have all been confirmed, and the building is now beginning to be cleared so that flooring may be installed.

Additional items needed for the facility include:

Contributions toward the patio and covered pavilion (\$32,000). This will be an open-ended structure on the patio, with fans and lighting. The structure will have a greater portion of shade throughout the day and is designed to be the same pitch and shape of the building and roof line.

Si-Fit Bike (\$5,400)

Nu Step (\$4,800)

Weight set – 2 10-pounds and stretch bands, plus mirror stand (\$1,600)

Plates, coffee cups and silverware (\$4,500)

Storage carts – 2 (\$450)

Game room TV and bracket (\$250)

Hall TV (\$1,000)

PAUL KUENNING'S OCTOBER REPORT TO RESIDENTS, continued

Fitness room TV & brackets – 3 (\$750)
Natural gas grill – 2
Square folding table – 4 (\$500)
Conference phone – 1
Computer and printer (\$1,500)
Fitness scale (\$100)
Pitchers for kitchen – 16 (\$400)
Coffee pots (\$75)

I am sure that as we move in, there will be additional items requested . . . the above are just some items that may be requested.

COVID and testing at Fairhaven:

Currently, residents on floors 2 and 3 of skilled nursing are tested once per week.

Staff are currently tested twice per week because of the positivity rate being greater than 10%. We will continue to test staff two times per week until two consecutive weeks of residents and staff come back negative.

All of this has no doubt been a challenge, and the staffing shortage has only compounded the concern to assure coverage. Staff have been doing a tremendous job.

Our focus has been on infection control – that is, handwashing, masking, cleaning shared surfaces and use of hand sanitizer.

We are currently working on an inside visiting space that will allow for indoor visits with separation.

Marketing Director Tim Probst indicates that all vacant Prairie Village units have been reserved. And at the main campus, occupancy on the second and third nursing floors is 52; apartments currently have 20 open units; Hearthstone has 7 open rooms; and Assisted Living has 2 open rooms.

Prairie Village Library Update

Check out the Roof of the Little Free Library

Our official plaque is now on top of the Little Free Library. Some of you will recall that Jim and Kathy Schumacher donated all supplies and labor for our Library. Once that was done, they donated the funds necessary to register us as an official Library, which is designated on this plaque. Again, we are grateful to them for their generosity and for everyone who is supporting the Library.

Gardeners – do you want something to read this winter?

Given that we are coming to the time of year when outside gardening is not an option, would anybody be interesting in hosting a collection of 15-20 gardening books this winter? They cover a variety of topics, and I'd be glad to deliver them to you.

Prairie Village Library Update, continued

Moving to the Community Center

“The last day you will have access to our Library in the Coffee House garage is on Monday, October 19. We will begin packing books the week of the 12th, so eventually none will be on the shelves but can certainly be taken from the boxes. The books, puzzles and bookcases will be moved to my garage on Tuesday, October 20. Between then and whenever Fairhaven gets the certificate of occupancy so we can move to the Community Center, I'll be glad to put up my garage door for you to get books and puzzles.” (From my September 21 “Library Update” email)

What we read: I've been helping with the Library for almost a year. During that time, I've noticed that we are very partial to mysteries and thrillers and followed by fiction. Every now and then, I'll see that someone has returned a biography or a history book. So I am looking for opinions about whether or not we should move the entire non-fiction collection to the Community Center? It's not a matter of shelf space but do we need to maintain books that aren't being used? Maybe just move biographies and histories? If you have an opinion about such, email, text, or call me.

Large Print Books

“Our first collection of large print books from the Whitewater Library is in the Coffee House garage. There's an index card in the front of each - please sign your name and drop it into the white container on the tables. When you return a book, please get the card out of the container and put it back in the front of the book. We have these books until November 24.

For those of you who still have Fairhaven large print books: please return those books to the regular return box (don't put them on the Library large print book tables) or bring them to my house (there's a bin on the front porch bench).” (From my September 26 “Help Yourself” email)

Thanks again for supporting your Prairie Village Libraries.

Kathy Ross

A few weeks ago I got a picture of a large group of turkeys behind the house. It looked like 4 hens and 17 young ones. I saw what looked like the same group along Fremont a few days later and was amazed at how the little ones had grown.

During the turbulent weather we had last month the sky was filled with beautiful and unique cloud formations. One looks appropriate for Halloween and the other like a turbulent ocean scene. I need to look up and enjoy more often!

Curt McCulley





Gardeners

Fall has arrived. The gardening is winding down - just a few types of produce left. Frost will arrive soon to add sweetness to the Rosen Kole (brussel sprouts). REMINDER - we will be adding manure to the garden in mid-October. Please clear everything from your row by then - we cannot spread the manure around the garden if there is any kind of growth underneath the manure. Place all composting material in the last row, #14 on the east end. Try to pile it between the earth covered mounds or on the west side of the compost (in row #13).

Thank You!

I am already planning next year's garden. How about you?

Hans Hahn