

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. in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Community Center. And the same goes for the Mug and Chug (cocktail/social hour) at 5:00 P.M. each Wednesday afternoon in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Community Center. Please note that masks and social distancing are required. Also, limitations regarding numbers of participants must also be honored. Lively conversation is guaranteed at both activities.

GARBAGE PICKUP: April's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, April 10th. 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 inside the Community Center. 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.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS

Saturday, the 3rd – Bean Bag Baseball in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Community Center – 9:00 A.M.

Monday, the 5th – Easter bunny handing out treats in the parking lot of the Community Center – 11:00 A.M. (See note from Brian Robinson)

Tuesday, the 6th – Tuesday Bridge in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Community Center – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 7th – Movie Night (“Unbroken”) in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Community Center – 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 8th – Poker in the Game Room at the Community Center – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 10th – Bean Bag Baseball in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Community Center – 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, the 13th – Tuesday Bridge in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Community Center – 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 17th – Bean Bag Baseball in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Community Center – 9:00 A.M.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Tuesday, the 20th – Better Balance Class in the Fitness Room at the Community Center
– 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday Bridge in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Community Center – 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 22nd – Poker in the Game Room at the Community Center – 2:00 P.M.

Prairie Chicks in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Community Center –
5:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 24th – Bean Bag Baseball in the Multi-Purpose Room at the
Community Center – 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, the 27th – Tuesday Bridge in the Multi-Purpose Room at the
Community Center – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 28th – Crime Book Club in the Library at the Community
Center – 6:30 P.M.

Note from Paul Kuenning:

Fairhaven Covid status

At Fairhaven and Prairie Village we are certainly seeing some wonderful news when comes to relaxing Covid restrictions. As we open, we continue to monitor appropriately with guidance from CDC, Centers for Medicaid and Medicare, Wisconsin Public Health, and our Medical Director. No doubt it's slower than some would like.

Currently, visitation opportunities at the main campus have been relaxed, please check our website for current guidelines. Under review is opening for volunteers, massage therapy, beauty shop, social events, and appropriate gatherings.

Underlying concerns being monitored is the positivity rate within our counties are going up, along with a concern of how vaccinated persons will be impacted by the variants.

As you are out in the larger community or using the new Community Center, remember to social distance, wear mask and limit group size and wash hands.

Main Campus

At the main campus staffing and occupancy continue to be a concern. Qualified, trained staffing and availability is very difficult to find in the quantity needed for all service areas. Third floor skilled remains closed. Occupancy, at this time, is also down due to the COVID closures. Occupancy is 35 of 82 in skilled care floor 2, 14 of 23 for 4th floor assisted living, and 19 of 24 Hearthstone Memory Care. Apartments -- we currently have 30 units open. We are reviewing our marketing plan with the Board as we review opening post COVID. Some services will be delayed or slowed in starting up again due to the availability of staff.

Prairie Village continues to show strong interest as we continue to plan for new units in 2021. We have seen a large increase in the costs of building as well as increases in the values of those selling their homes. Costs of building materials and maintenance supplies have a longer wait time than we have experienced.

Note from Paul Kuening, continued:

Spring Clean-up

BK Properties Management and staff will begin the clean up shortly. We have an agreement with them for the next season to continue to manage this. This agreement is reviewed each season change.

Cloute Inc. window cleaning is scheduled starting May 25. Information will go out shortly about interior cleaning. Information will also go out about additional services you may wish to request.

Geese

We are in the process of making contact with the DNR to review options and steps appropriate to take in reducing the goose population. We are hopeful we will be able to use any resource available and approved by the DNR.

A Chance to Help

Shortly you will be receiving an email from Sue Brey, Gary Fry, Kathy Ross and Sue Stanley. If you would like to make a contribution to assist in purchasing fitness room equipment, perhaps using new COVID Relief funds, it would go to good use at the Community Center.

April Events and Topics from Brian Robinson – Director of Leisure Services at Fairhaven

Sound System/A-V unit in the Community Center

In March, there was a tutorial given on how to use the A-V system. If you were not part of that group and would like to get one scheduled, please contact Brian, and he will work on setting up another one. He can be reached at 473-2140, ext. 1145 or robinsonb@fairhaven.org. In the meantime, it is asked that you do not try and “guess” with how to operate the system. Brian is going to create a guide on how to use the system.

Easter Special Event

The St. Patrick’s Day Parade seemed to be a good time, so we will be having another event for Easter. Please join some of the staff from Fairhaven AND the Easter Bunny for a special treat that will be handed out in the Parking Lot of the Community Center on Monday, April 5th, between 11:00 – 11:30 A.M. You can walk on over or drive thru, we just hope to see you there. This was originally planned for Friday, the 2nd, but we wanted to respect those who may be going out for Good Friday services.

Special Meal Events

Be on the lookout in your emails throughout the month of April, as Beth (via Brian) will be sending over some flyers for food truck meals at Fairhaven. Committed so far are: Big Daddy O’s BBQ and Sandwich Sisters.

Activities for Prairie Village residents to enjoy

MOVIE NIGHT at the Prairie Village Community Center on Wednesday, April 7th, at 6:30 P.M. We will watch the movie "Unbroken". It is a true story from WW II, Pacific theatre. I think the men of Prairie Village will really enjoy this movie... ladies, too. I will have pretzels to munch on, but you can bring whatever beverage you would like to indulge in during the show. See you there.

If anyone has a suggestion for future movies, please let me know. I welcome suggestions for that and any other ideas for other activities that you might have... Just call Judith -- she welcomes hearing from you.

Also good news! I have talked to the Fireside about the "Kingsmen Quartet" concert/dinner that we are planning to attend on Tuesday, June 22nd. It is still in their planning to be happening. Great!!!!!!!

We will be starting a "Better Balance" class on Tuesday, April 20th, at 9:00 A.M., in the Fitness Room at the Prairie Village Community Center. I know we all have fear of falling so this class will help us improve our balance. We will be using a chair at this time, for help in balancing.

A yoga afternoon class will be conducted by Phyllis Schmidt. She is highly qualified for teaching this class. The exact startup date and time has not been established at the time of printing this, but we will update you, when we have that information.

Here is a short description of what the yoga class will be:

Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that can be done while sitting. Some poses can be done standing using a chair for support. Chair yoga can improve your flexibility and strength, while elevating your mood, and reducing joint stress. The deep breathing will increase oxygenation, concentration and mental clarity. The class will first start in May.

A mark your calendar date, for a party at our Prairie Village Community Center. It will be Friday, May 21st. I know it is more than a month from now, but I would like you to reserve the date on your calendar. We will have brats and sweet/mild Italian sausage from our outside grill. For those that would like to have fun with a White Elephant take away game, you **must** bring a white elephant, wrapped up so no one will know what it is. For people that do not want to play the game at the party, you will have just as much fun watching it. Don't let this keep you away from attending the party. If you have never attended a party that had this game, just call me and I'll explain it. So, start looking around your home for a white elephant to bring to play the game. More info about the party will be in next month's newsletter.

Just a note, about the "Crime or Murder" book club. We are always happy to have new people join us. Kathy Schumacher leads the group and makes sure we also have new books for the following month's meeting. She can even have audio & large print books available for you. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 28th, at 6:30 P.M., at Prairie Village Community Center. If you have any questions, please call Kathy.

Activities for Prairie Village residents to enjoy, continued

The Prairie Chicks group (open to any widowed or single gal in Prairie Village) will have an organizational meeting at our Prairie Village Community Center. Please come and help us plan what we will be doing in the months ahead. We will meet on Thursday, April 22nd, at 5:00 P.M. Bring a box dinner for yourself to munch on. Jeanne and Caroline will provide wine and dessert. For new residents' info, we meet on the fourth Thursday of each month. To the men, I know this is a new world out there, with new ideas and new views, but you can't come and tell us you feel like a girl that day and want to join us. We will not believe you, unless you're wearing high heels.

I'm writing these activities for the Prairie Village Community Center and it sounds so formal. I know the Fairhaven name will officially remain Prairie Village Community Center, but what should we be calling it? I have had some suggestions from people ... but I think we all should have input and then vote on it. I will put a suggestion box on the side table, by the main door, with paper and pen for you to drop in your ideas. We will then produce a ballot for voting, so everyone can have their chance to vote on how we want to refer to the Prairie Village Community Center. Deadline for submitting ideas will be May 5th.
Judith Moldenhauer

2021 GARDENERS

It is time to start thinking about our summer garden. We spread the 4 loads of composted manure that Hans Hahn got for us last fall. I hope to get maintenance to rototill the garden sometime in late April or early May. After that we will be laying out the rows and closing the fence. Following Fairhaven policy, I want to make sure that every Prairie Village resident that wants a plot will get one. To start, everyone who wants to garden will be given a half row (6'x25') (smaller plots are available). Then I will assign a full row to anyone who wants one. If at any time there is insufficient ground to meet the demand, I will use a lottery system to assign the plots. To the extent possible, continuing gardeners will have the same plot as last year. This approach allows a gardener to develop a plot by fertilizing etc. to improve the soil. **IMPORTANT** I need the names of those who want to have a planting area in the 2021 garden. If you are interested, please contact me. Jake Gerlach 759 Burr Oak Trail. gerlaj@gmail.com 262-729-0119.

April Library Update

Large Print Books from the Whitewater Library

We'll have another collection of large print books from the Library, which includes 13 new books by some of our favorite authors. Remember you don't have to need large print books to read these. They're available for everybody.

Donations

Until further notice, please leave your donations on my porch, or call me, and I'll come get them. We have a surplus that there's no room to shelve until we get the additional two book shelves. Please limit non-fiction book donations to history and biographies.

April Library Update, continued

In our collection....

What do Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and George W. Bush, Michelle Obama, Great Thornberg, Genghis Khan, The Wright Brothers, Katie Couric, Tim Conway, baseball's Boys of Summer, John E. Crawley, DVM, and Wanda Richards have in common? We have books about all of them – and more people - in our non-fiction collection. Help yourself!

Military History and World War II Magazines

One of our neighbors has graciously donated a large collection of Military History and World War II magazines. They're currently on the shelves below the large print books.

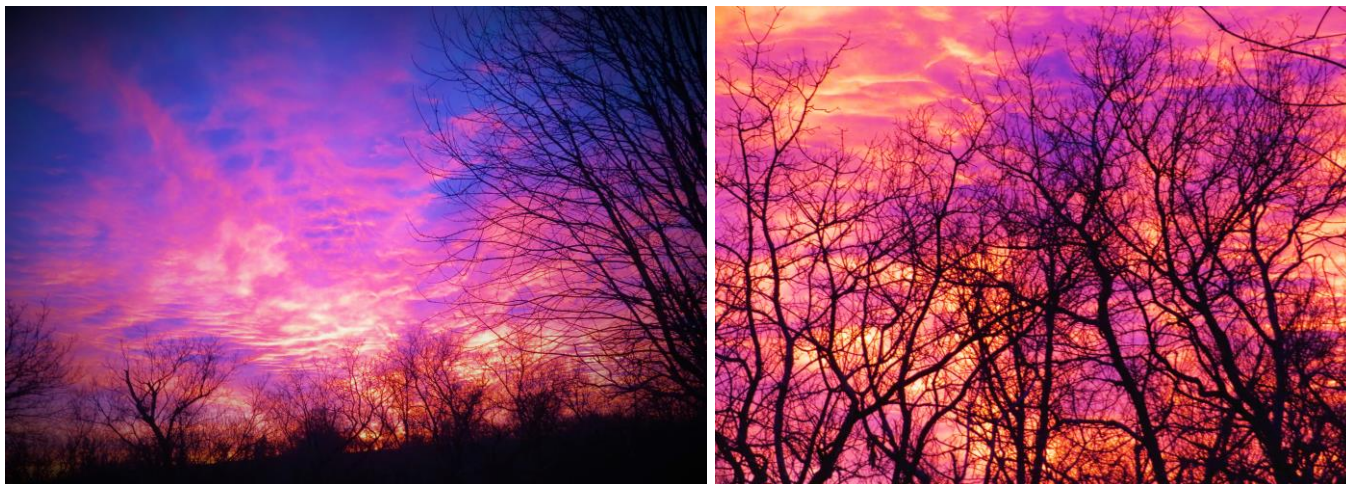
Puzzles

One neighbor suggested last month that puzzle donations should be “good healthy puzzles” with all the pieces in the box. We have a community puzzle started in the puzzle area (the room next to the library). There doesn't seem to be much progress on it, so maybe it needs to be moved to a table where one can sit and solve it? Or another one started?

If you've questions or suggestions, let me know.

Kathy Ross

Beth McCulley shared these beautiful shots of the sunrise on March 29th:



Dick & Dolores Piehl want to thank the many of you for the comforting cards and comments on the passing of our dog Buddy. He was a great source of service and enjoyment to Dolores for the past 12 years and is truly missed.

The “Ice Cream Parade” on St. Patrick’s Day was well-received as evidenced by these pictures taken by Gary Fry:



A few of us gathered to watch the Badgers play in the Big10 tournament. The big projection TV is wonderful! Can't wait for Packer season. – Gary Fry

