

# 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. Lively conversation is guaranteed at both activities. Also, as noted in his article, Fairhaven's Executive Director Paul Kuenning has resumed his bi-monthly reports to Prairie Village, with his next scheduled report to be on Tuesday, July 13th, 10:00 A.M.

**GARBAGE PICKUP:** June's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, June 10<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 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](mailto:nelronbergsten@gmail.com), or deliver or mail a “hard” copy to 852 Acorn Ridge.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS

Tuesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> – Better Balance for Life Class in the SunRoom – 9:00 A.M.  
Tuesday Bridge in the Multi-Purpose Room – 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> – Chair Yoga in the Multi-Purpose Room – 9:00 A.M.  
Brian Robinson at Coffee Hour to discuss the Fairhaven 2021 Parade – 10:00 A.M.

Friday, the 4<sup>th</sup> – Choir Rehearsal in the Multi-Purpose Room – 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball in the Multi-Purpose Room – 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> – Better Balance for Life Class in the SunRoom – 9:00 A.M.  
Tuesday Bridge in the Multi-Purpose Room – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> – Duplicate Bridge in the Game and Meeting Rooms – 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 10<sup>th</sup> – Bulky garbage/bulky recycling pickup  
Chair Yoga in the Multi-Purpose Room – 9:00 A.M.  
Poker in the Game Room – 2:00 P.M.

Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup> – Choir Rehearsal in the Multi-Purpose Room – 1:00 P.M.  
Popcorn and Lemonade Social at the Community Center

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

Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball in the Multi-Purpose Room – 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> – Better Balance for Life Class in the SunRoom – 9:00 A.M.  
Tuesday Bridge in the Multi-Purpose Room – 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 17<sup>th</sup> – Chair Yoga in the Multi-Purpose Room – 9:00 A.M.

Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup> – Distribution of “Father’s Day goodies” beginning at 11:00 A.M.  
Choir Rehearsal in the Multi-Purpose Room – 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball in the Multi-Purpose Room – 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> – Better Balance for Life Class in the SunRoom – 9:00 A.M.  
Tuesday Bridge in the Multi-Purpose Room – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> – Duplicate Bridge in the Game and Meeting Rooms – 1:00 P.M.  
Crime Book Club in the Library – 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 24<sup>th</sup> – Poker in the Game Room – 2:00 P.M.  
Prairie Chicks in the Multi-Purpose Room – 5:00 P.M.

Friday, the 25<sup>th</sup> – Choir Rehearsal in the Multi-Purpose Room – 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 26<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball in the Multi-Purpose Room – 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> – Better Balance for Life Class in the SunRoom – 9:00 A.M.  
Tuesday Bridge in the Multi-Purpose Room – 1:00 P.M.

## **PRAIRIE CHICKS**

The Prairie Chicks will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Community Center on the fourth Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 P.M. The hostesses for this meeting are Sue Mealy, Judith Moldenhauer, and Caroline Wieman. Please contact one of the hosts if you have any questions, and also to advise them whether or not you will be attending.

**CURRENT EVENTS & IDEAS** to resume June 8<sup>th</sup>. This group has met over ten years providing for intellectual discussion on many subjects such as foreign affairs, racism, state and local issues, war, morality questions, education etc.. We meet each Tuesday afternoon 2:00-3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Previously some Prairie Village residents have participated, and we invite all.  
Your Moderator, Max Rigert

**Sandwich Sisters Food Truck** will be back again at the Main Building (435 W. Starin Road) on **Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. E-mail will be sent the Friday/Monday prior with their menu and how to order.

**Popcorn and Lemonade Social** - Join Brian Robinson (Leisure Services Director) and Jess Ward (Wellness Coordinator) and others for some popcorn and lemonade at the **Community Center from 2:30-3:00pm on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. Whether you are driving by or able to stop for a bit, we look forward to seeing you all!

**Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> Coffee Hour at the Community Center-** Brian Robinson; Director of Leisure Services; will be over to give us all an update on the Fairhaven 2021 Parade. There is some unfortunate news to share on this but we do have a great solution in mind.

#### **Father's Day Distribution-**

Similar to our Mother's Day Recognition event, there will be staff from Fairhaven coming out to everyone delivering some goodies. Staff will be going door to door on **Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:00am**. If you are not home at the time they come by, a "sorry we missed you" note will be put on your door and the goodies will be placed in the Refrigerator in the Community Center for you to pick up before the end of the day on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Names will be added to a list and asked that you cross yours off once you take the goodies out of the fridge. Any goodies from this event left in the refrigerator starting on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> will be fair game for anyone to grab. Reminder that everyone...not just fathers....will be receiving something.

Brian Robinson

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

Paul met with Prairie Village residents at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, initially describing the first stages of relaxing the restrictions which have been in place during the COVID pandemic. Paul indicated that since the vast majority of Prairie Village residents has been vaccinated, Prairie Village residents may attend meetings and gatherings in the Community Center without masks, so long as everyone in the group is comfortable.

He noted that although the pandemic has wreaked havoc on administrative teams of nursing homes across the country, Fairhaven's management team has remained intact, and has lost no members of the management staff. He indicated that there have been over 500 administrative positions in retirement communities and/or nursing facilities in the State of Wisconsin which have been altered in some manner due to COVID. He indicated that any problem with staffing relates to the difficulty in filling vacant positions, indicating that Fairhaven currently has thirty open positions. He added that currently Fairhaven employs 177 individuals, which is down from 230 at the beginning of the pandemic.

## **PAUL KUENNING'S MAY REPORT TO RESIDENTS, continued**

Paul indicated that things are generally going well at Fairhaven. They had recently had a new resident move into an apartment, for the first time since June, 2020. He added that there are currently thirty units which are available for occupancy. He noted that their nursing services occupancy rate is also quite a bit lower, adding that they occasionally get referrals, but that they have to avoid reaching the point where 100% of their population is on Medicaid or have limited financial resources. He summed up by indicating that they are generally in the mode of rebuilding, indicating that current resources are adequate, noting that their main goal is, of course, to be financially sound as an organization. He noted that their main focus has been on increasing occupancy in the apartments, as they serve as a feeder for nursing services. He indicated that they are expecting to be providing a higher level of service in the apartments in advancing those efforts.

He also advised residents that they are working with the DNR in the hope of minimizing the negative effects that the Canadian goose population has on the environment at Prairie Village. He noted that the DNR had conducted a search and had found no nests, although there was evidence of old nests from previous years. He advised that the DNR could conduct a "roundup" if they number more than thirty.

Paul noted that Brian Robinson, Director of Leisure Services, is now starting to rebuild programming, reminding all Prairie Village residents that they are welcome to attend any and all programming presented at Fairhaven. And he added that they are looking into the possibility of re-opening the dining room at noon on Wednesdays and Fridays.

A question was raised regarding the prairie which had been destroyed as a result of construction of the Community Center. Paul indicated that a portion of the prairie would be restored, and that Tall Grass would be working on that restoration.

Other residents indicated that accumulation of garbage and refuse in the ponds remains a problem, especially in areas near new construction. Paul indicated that he would speak with Shane Nieman about reminding maintenance workers to be cognizant of that problem and that they should be picking up any such garbage that they see. It was pointed out that contractors involved in construction bear some responsibility for keeping their worksite free of garbage, and that included any items that may blow into a nearby pond.

Another resident noted that the Road Closed signs which have been placed in the street closing off the south end of Acorn Ridge, where there are currently no homes, should be replaced with something more permanent, as they are continuously being blown over by the wind. Paul indicated that a chain or something similar could be installed in place of the signs.

Paul also noted that the hill of dirt just south of the garden will be shaved down when the next duplex is built.

Tim Probst also spoke briefly to the gathering, indicating that getting vacant apartments at Fairhaven continues to be the primary focus of his attention. He advised that the new units being constructed on Acorn Ridge will be occupied by Bob and Carolyn Behrens and Steve and Jean Lade. He indicated that they are also considering digging the basement for another building in the southernmost eyebrow on Burr Oak Trail.

Prairie Village maintenance requests/work orders care can be handled 2 ways:

1. Prairie Village website tab on the Fairhaven website. You must enter the Private Portal. Do NOT just send a message, please.
  - a. Password: prairievillage All lower case. This is the same password for everyone.
  - b. Click on the Maintenance Request tab. You will be taken to the Work Order system. That goes directly to Fairhaven's maintenance team for tracking and assignment.
  - c. Complete the Work Order in as much detail as you'd like. Include your phone number and email. Include times that you MAY be available so an appointment can be scheduled.
  
2. Emergency situations – such as a broken pipe or furnace not working. Please call the Fairhaven main number, 262-473-2140 -- anytime 24/7/365 -- and explain the emergency. Maintenance will be notified and will contact you as quickly as possible. Please do keep these situations to true emergencies or safety situations.

Another reminder. If you see people, activities or actions in Prairie Village that make you feel unsafe or uncomfortable, please do call 911 and explain the situation. The 911 operator will ask if it is an emergency or just a concern. The Whitewater Police Department has assured us that they, and we, want you to be safe. They will send out a patrol car, if necessary.

Shane Nieman

## **Grocery Bags Collection Update**

Thanks to our donations and those from Mrs. Halbach's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class at LINCS, we have collected over 3500 bags. I failed to say that the group making the mats for the homeless from these bags can only use grocery bags (nothing smaller or larger), and we've learned that Target bags are too thick for the project. There's a USA Today article "Plastic mat project weaves softer nights", on the bulletin board outside the Library about this nationwide effort. Please continue your donations until June 10 – leave them on my porch, or I'll come get them.

Kathy Ross

## **Library Update**

After discussion with some of the most frequent users of the large print books from the Whitewater Library, we've agreed to discontinue this for the time being – maybe resume when it's colder and less convenient to get to the Library? When I talked to Stacey Lunsford, the Librarian, she agreed to help again if/when we ask. She also wants us to know that they are increasing their large print collection, so there's another reason to go to the Library. Remember, too, the Fairhaven Library has plenty of large print books.

I "refreshed" the Little Free Library mid-month. You may find some "new" books there.

## **Library Update, continued**

Eventually the left wall (as you walk into the Library from the hallway) will be the Mystery/Thriller shelves. I've started moving over some series so hopefully there's easier access. This has made room for some Fiction and Mystery/Thriller donations that are new-to-us.

### **Donations**

Please leave your donations on my porch in the cooler, or call me, and I'll come get them. Even though we do have a bit more shelf room in the Library, I've found that it's easier to work with your donations from home and then take them to the Library. Please limit non-fiction book donations to history and biographies.

Thanks for your continued support of our library – if you've questions or suggestions, let me know.  
Kathy Ross

## **FAIRHAVEN LIBRARY NOTES**

With our having freer access to Fairhaven, we can now start to use the Library located on the Lower Level again. As of this writing, checking in at the Front Desk and mask wearing is required. Our neighbor Lori Stoneking is that Librarian and has been doing a lot of work to sort and shelve the many donations that accumulated there when the Library was not accessible.

As a friendly reminder: When you want to read a book from Fairhaven's Library, please feel free to do so! However, those books do need to be checked out. Please check them out by writing your name and the current date on the book card found in the back of the books. Then place the card in the metal box {with the slit in the top} located on the table in the Library. While there is no due date, once you are finished reading, please return your book promptly to the Fairhaven Library and place it in the "Book Return" box located under the table in the Library. Many Thanks! in advance from Lori for your help with this!

Also, if anyone is interested in assisting in the Fairhaven Library by helping to re-shelve returned books, please contact Lori Stoneking, Fairhaven Librarian, at [loristoneking@yahoo.com](mailto:loristoneking@yahoo.com), or call her at 608-338-4211. Thank You!

Also, if there are books or genres of books that you are interested in reading, but do not see in the Fairhaven Library, please leave a note requesting these for Lori Stoneking, either on the desk in the Library, or in Mailbox #113B at Fairhaven.

Many Thanks! and Bests

Lori Stoneking

## **EXERCISE BALL**

A large, lime green exercise ball blew our way a week or so ago. No one has claimed it, so it is now in the exercise equipment room in the Community Center.

If it is your ball, feel free to claim it.

Carla Cheek

Thanks to Fairhaven staff for distributing Mother's Day gifts to Prairie Village residents. As I recall, it was a cool day, but the hearts of Prairie Village residents were warmed by this gracious gift.

And our picnic/pot luck was a success in every sense of the word, as evidenced by these pictures taken by Bob Aulik. Thanks, Bob!

