

# Voice of the Village People

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**MORNING COFFEES and HAPPY HOUR:** 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 Happy Hour (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. Fairhaven's Executive Director Paul Kuenning has resumed his bi-monthly reports to Prairie Village, with his next scheduled report to be on Tuesday, September 14th, 10:00 A.M.

**GARBAGE PICKUP:** September's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the schedule has been posted at the Community Center.

**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

Saturday, the 4<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.  
Movie Night – 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup> – Bulky garbage/recycling pickup  
Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 11<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup> – City of Whitewater Half-Marathon – 8:00 A.M.  
Open House at the Community Center – 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> – Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

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

Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.  
Crime Book Club in the Library – 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> – Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.  
Prairie Chicks – 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday Bridge (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, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:00 P.M. The hostesses for this meeting are Judith Moldenhauer, Sue Mealy, and Caroline Forster. Please contact one of the hosts if you have any questions, and also to advise them whether or not you will be attending.

### **MOVIE NIGHT**

The Movie Night in the Community Center scheduled for Wednesday, Sept 1st has been postponed one week until Wednesday, Sept 8th at 6:30pm. The movie is "An Inspector Calls", a psychological drama based on a play by J.B. Priestley. It's a 2015 production first aired on the BBC.

### **CRIME BOOK CLUB**

The Crime Book Club had a very interesting meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup>. *The Woman in the Window* was no match for the 13 members who attended and discussed this fascinating book. Of course, all 13 members had slightly different opinions about the book but all agreed it was certainly a good read. The book for September is *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. We will be meeting on Wednesday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Once David Stimpson picks up his book all copies have been taken but if you are interested in joining us, please do and I will order more books in the future. Kathy Schumacher (262-473-3351)

### **Paul's Update – September 2021**

#### **Mandatory Staff Vaccinations**

Currently we are working through the implications of the President's announcement mandating that all nursing home staff be vaccinated. Currently there are approximately 78% of staff vaccinated. This has been slowly increasing. We are doing all we can to retain our staff during this difficult time and are awaiting direction on the timeline and policies required.

## **Paul's Update – September 2021, continued**

### COVID Booster and Flu vaccine....

Currently those that are immune compromised are eligible for the booster. It is expected that others will be eligible late in September. The booster may be taken 8 months after the last dose. Currently we are working with Walgreens to schedule the booster in October/November for those who were vaccinated here at Fairhaven.

We are also planning to make available the flu vaccine. It must be scheduled 30 days before or after the COVID booster. Dates for this are pending as we do not know yet when the vaccine will arrive. If you have the opportunity to receive either of them by your physician or other group we would advise to do so.

### Community Center Open House

A Community Open House (tentative) being scheduled for September 19, 2021, from 1:00-4:00. We will welcome the larger Whitewater into the community center so they may become familiar with the building they may have seen being built and never had the opportunity to visit.

### Lecture Series

Lecture Series is starting up...In a recent flyer announcing the Lecture Series being held at Fairhaven it said it was for Fairhaven residents...This is for Prairie Village residents as well...They are just not open to the larger community due to the COVID limitations.

### Special Precautions

Please take special precautions as University Students return and the schools re-open. This is a time that we may see more opportunity for transmission of the virus. Masking, social distancing and washing of hands frequently is advised...

### Masking is Required

Please remember when using the Community Center to mask up, social distance and wash hands or use sanitizer.

We have several new units that work should begin on in the next several weeks. 718-720 Burr Oak trail is spoken for, and the basement should begin shortly. We are also hoping to have the basement started for 714-716 Burr Oak. This unit is not yet spoken for so if you know someone that may be interested, please let Tim know. And yes, the mountain of dirt should be leveled...this has taken a frustratingly long time and we are hoping soon will be gone...

Contact has been made with the city representatives regarding the trees needing to be trimmed along Burr Oak along the street and sidewalks.

We are also following up with the city about the requirements of the use of golf carts on Burr Oak and the trails...Currently carts are not allowed on the trails or Burr Oak. We are asking what can be done to allow for one or both.

## Library Update

### Large Print Books

Should you not find anything interesting in the Large Print books on our shelves, I've about 50 more Fiction and Mysteries in my garage, which I'll gladly share.

### No Check- Out Requirement

I've had several people ask if we have to check out books from our Library. The answer is no since basically the Prairie Village Library works as a large Little Free Library. Take what you'll read, donate what you can, if you can. (If we need another collection of large print books from the Whitewater Library, those would need to be checked out, but we'll cross that bridge if/when we get there.)

### August 23 Email

My August 23<sup>rd</sup> email was about our reassembled Library. If you didn't see that and want it and/or have questions about our current set-up, do let me know.

### Donations

Please leave your book donations on my porch in the cooler, or call me, and I'll come get them. Even though we do have 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

## GARDENERS

We need a "tool shed" for the garden! We have a shredder and rototiller which had been generously stored in the Stanley's garage over the winter, spring and much of the summer. A tool shed, next to the garden, would allow these machines, plus the various hand tools, that we now bring with us to the garden, to be stored.

Donations for the garden tool shed in the amount of \$1,200 have already been made. It's a start, but we need an additional \$3,500 if we are to have a shed before winter sets in.

Donations for the Prairie Village tool shed should be made out to Fairhaven Retirement Community, with a note on the Memo line indicating that the gift should be used for the purchase of the Prairie Village tool shed.

**Watch versus Warning...**

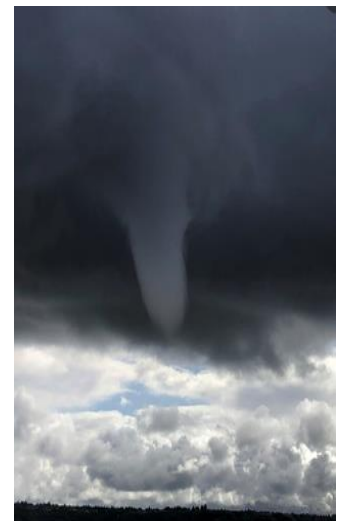
Did you know there's a difference between a watch and warning in the weather world? Can you explain to your neighbor the difference? Below is a simple image illustrating the difference.



So, a watch means all the necessary ingredients are available in the atmosphere, but they have yet to come together to produce the (potentially warned) weather event. Be prepared! A warning means most, if not all, of the ingredients have come together to produce a weather event that threatens life and/or property. Take action! Watches & Warnings are issued for: tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, flash floods, excessive heat, blizzards, winter storms and High Winds.

**Tornadoes versus Funnel Clouds...**

A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from the base of a convective cloud down to the earth's surface. A funnel cloud is a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud extending downward from the base of a convective cloud, but not in contact with the ground (no damage occurring at ground level). Re-read both of those definitions again and notice the phrase "funnel cloud" does not appear in the definition of a tornado!!!



Left image...tornado! Middle image...tornado!  
Right image...funnel cloud.

So, a tornado is a column of violently rotating air. Notice the debris-dirt spray or swirl at the bottom of the tornado in the middle image, while the so-called "funnel" doesn't extend all the way to the ground. It doesn't have to in order to have a tornado! Imagine that...a tornado can be invisible or nearly invisible near the ground. You can't see a rotating column of air...air is invisible...until either a "condensation funnel" forms inside the rotating air column (tornado) or a debris-dirt spray or swirl is present at/near the ground. Wow! Imagine that! Now you know!!!

I have a Giant 10 speed hybrid bike that I got at Bicyclewise here in Whitewater. The bike is a hybrid which means it is intermediate between a mountain bike and road bike. It is the perfect bike for a boy or anyone. The bike is like new. I rode it very little. Now I have a balance problem and cannot ride a bike.

What I wonder is there anyone who knows a deserving boy but one who cannot afford to buy one. I would like to give such a boy the bike. If you think you might be interested, give me a call (262-472-0449, 861 Burr Oak Trail, PV) and/or come and look at it. It is a real good opportunity for some boy.  
Terry Tutton



Why do they call these big trees around us Bur (one R) Oak Trees? Take a look at their acorns which are falling all over the creek trail and sidewalk along the corn field. See all the burs?

Dick Piehl

Hans and I came around the corner (Fremont onto Burr Oak) and saw this beauty. Carla Hahn



Here is a snap of today's joy! (August 19th)  
Mary Ellen DeLoach

