

# 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, November 9th, 10:00 A.M.

**GARBAGE PICKUP:** October's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, October 14<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 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup> – Fairhaven Lecture: Inventions, Innovations and Publications: An Academic Perspective – 3:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall – van pickup at the Community Center at 2:35 PM. Please note that MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

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

Monday, the 11<sup>th</sup> – Fairhaven Lecture: Chemistry in the Kitchen – 3:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall – van pickup at the Community Center at 2:35 PM. Please note that MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup> – Bulky garbage/recycling pickup  
Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

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

Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup> – Fairhaven Lecture: Citizen Science: A Tool for Bird Conservation  
– 3:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall – van pickup at the Community Center at  
2:35 PM. Please note that MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

Tuesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

Monday, the 25<sup>th</sup> – Biophysics: Where Magnets and Neutrons Collide – 3:00 P.M. in  
Fellowship Hall – van pickup at the Community Center at 2:35 PM. Please note that  
MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

Tuesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.  
Crime Book Club in the Library – 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 28<sup>th</sup> – Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.  
Prairie Chicks – 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 30<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.  
Trunk or Treat – Community Center Parking Lot – 2:00 P.M.

## **PRAIRIE CHICKS**

The Prairie Chicks will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Community Center on the fourth Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 P.M. Male Prairie Village residents, who are single, are invited to attend this gathering. Members of the Prairie Chicks will be sharing a pot luck meal with the single men.

### **Paul's Update – October 2021**

Covid-19

Good news is we have seen the numbers of COVID cases decreasing in and around White-water and are hopeful that this may continue. We continue to recommend wearing mask when out in public and washing of hands or use of sanitizer often.

If coming into visit at Fairhaven, a mask available at the door must be worn, and sign in with temperature and questions.

If coming to visit a resident on 2nd or 4th floor we ask that you call the unit clerk to schedule an appointment. No appointment is needed if you visit outside of the building or if you are using the indoor visiting area.

## Paul's Update – October 2021, continued

For visiting apartment residents no appointment is needed.

Flu Vaccine. We do have the high dose flu vaccine on order but have been informed that it will not be delivered until November. If you have a chance to get it from your physician or from an alternative site and feel you need it prior to this time please do so.

### COVID Booster.

Currently the Moderna booster has not yet been approved, except for those immunocompromised. We are awaiting further developments and will offer this booster as soon as it may be available and scheduled. Only the Pfizer has been approved at this time for those over 65. I understand that Walgreens has both available.

Thanks to all who made contributions to the Garden Shed appeal put out by Hans. Sufficient funds have been raised. A 10x16 shed has been ordered and Waltons has been asked to prepare the crushed gravel foundation on the west end of the garden. Hopefully the shed will be delivered by mid-October



Acoustical tiles for the Community Center have arrived and are now awaiting installation by Metro Sound. It is hoped that this will aid in making it easier to hear in the large hall, although this may take some further adjustments to get it just right.

New basements have been started at 718-722 Burr Oak (taken) and we plan to start the basements for 710-714 (not taken) yet this fall.

Finally, the dirt hill has been leveled! We greatly appreciate your patience with this...

### Golf Carts

Contact was made with Greg Majkrzak of the Whitewater Common Council, District 5 about our request to modify trail usage and/or street use for golf carts around Prairie Village and Burr Oak Trail. There have been beginning discussions with the Chief of Police, City Manager, and Attorney to determine how to proceed.

### Fitness Room

Scott Ehlert contractor and a technician were contacted about air flow within the fitness room. They increased the air flow and dropped the temperature, however; it has been found that additional air flow is needed, especially during workouts. Two pedestal fans have been ordered and will be placed to hopefully help/solve this concern.

Exterior Window washing will begin November 9th. Due to COVID, interior washing will not be offered at this time.

## **Community Center Housekeeping**

1. There are several occasional tables in the Atrium, Lobby, and elsewhere that have stone or wood tops and thus are vulnerable to stains. When drinking a beverage (coffee, wine, soda, etc.) in these areas, please use a coaster. Coasters have been placed on the tables. Additional coasters are available in the drawer below the coffee machine. Also a reminder when you leave to put used coffee cups, soda cans, etc., in the wastebasket; do not leave them on a table. Thank you.
2. If you bring perishable food into the Community Center, do not leave the remains in the in-house wastebaskets. Instead wrap the remains and put them in the John's garbage can which is just outside the kitchen door. We had a recent instance where food sat in a wastebasket over the weekend and attracted ants

## **Library Update**

### **Yes, One More Relocation Notice**

If you've been in the Library since Saturday, September 25, you may have noticed my note that the History section is now in the room with the Puzzles. This move has allowed me to get the rest of the large print fiction books we inherited from Fairhaven on the Fiction Shelves. The History bookcase is shorter than the others so I used its top shelf. There are some oversize non-fiction books on its lower shelves.

This relocation resulted from Sue Brey and Judith agreeing to repurpose this bookcase that was in the Office. None of this would have happened without Fairhaven Maintenance. Shane tolerates my persistent questions very patiently, and John did all the heavy lifting on the last three book cases, including anchoring them to the walls. Thanks to you all.

### **What's in the Cabinet on the Wall**

If you can't find a mystery on the shelves, open the cabinet door and you'll see many more. In addition to the Ludlum, Patterson, etc. overflow, there are other authors there, too. Grisham mysteries can be found in the right-hand drawer. (Please know that Ludlum, Patterson, and Grisham have books on the bookcase shelves, too.)

### **Christmas Books**

We have accumulated a number of Christmas-themed books over the past year. I'll be putting those out around the first of November – not on the shelves, on their own table in the Library. Should you have any you want to donate, they'll become part of our seasonal collection.

### **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. And puzzles are always welcome.

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

Kathy Ross

# Village garden update

By Jake Gerlach

The growing season is quickly coming to a close, but there is still some extra produce on the bench, mostly tomatoes and squash. Take what you can use.

As most of us have noticed, this is the best village garden that we have ever had. The plants have been bigger and more robust than in previous years. Several of the gardeners said that they planted with the usual spacing and found the entire plot overgrown. I have also heard from a lot of non-gardeners that the garden looked like a jungle this year. They have also said how much they appreciate the produce that has been put on the bench.

Thanks to all the gardeners who have kept their plots looking very good. Special thanks must go to Hans Hahn who got us four loads of manure last fall. Without that, the garden would not have been nearly as good. Also special thanks to Bob Aulik, who has been faithfully turning excess weeds and vegetation into compost, and Bob Ehrike, who donated the shredder, and has been Bob Aulik's backup and consultant.

As Paul Kuenning said at the last meeting with village residents, "we are very close to having enough money to build a shed for storing our garden equipment". The Stanley's have been more than generous in allowing us to store the equipment in their garage but they would like to get the garage back!

**Did You Know? ...Now You Know!**

...Rusty Kapela

## Relative Humidity and Dewpoint Temperatures Handle Moisture Differently

It's a May 15<sup>th</sup> spring day in Wisconsin...Temperature is 65F, dewpoint temperature is 46F and the relative humidity is about 50%. It's a July 15<sup>th</sup> summer day in Wisconsin...Temperature is 92F, dewpoint is 71F and relative humidity is about 50%. On which day will you feel more uncomfortable doing outdoor work? May 15<sup>th</sup>...or July 15<sup>th</sup>? You should feel equally uncomfortable on both days since the relative humidity is 50%, right? 50 is 50...right?

When humans take up any "working-active" outdoor activity, their body cools via evaporation of sweat from their skin surface. Evaporation of sweat requires heat which is taken from your skin surface, thus cooling you down. If the air you're breathing has a lot of invisible water vapor in it, your body will have more difficulty evaporating sweat into it. This limits the amount of cooling to your skin surface and body. This is why many people feel more "uncomfortable" on hot, muggy summer days.

In our example above, relative humidity values don't tell you which day you may feel more uncomfortable, but the dewpoint temperature does. The higher the dewpoint temperature, the more it will feel like a "muggy" day to more people. Therefore, the July 15<sup>th</sup> day will feel "uncomfortable" to more people.

## Did You Know? ...Now You Know! (continued)

**Relative Humidity (RH)** tells us how close, as a percentage, a sample of air is to being completely saturated with water vapor, keeping the temperature of the air sample steady. For example, a relative humidity of 50 percent means the air is holding one half of the water vapor it can hold.

**Dewpoint Temperatures ( $T_d$ )** give us much better measurement of how much moisture (water vapor) is actually present in a given air sample. The dewpoint temperature is the temperature the air needs to be cooled to (at constant pressure) in order to achieve a relative humidity (RH) of 100%.

Did you ever notice very small water droplets on your lawn's grass in the early morning hours? We call that "dew." During the overnight hours the air over your lawn cooled down to its dewpoint temperature, resulting in very small water droplets forming as water vapor condensed on grass blades. Obviously, the higher the dewpoint temperature...the less the air had to cool down overnight in order to drop to its dewpoint temperature (100% water vapor saturation)...and the quicker we arrive at "dew" formation.

So if you want a real judge of just how "dry/comfortable" or "humid/muggy" it will feel outside, look at the dewpoint instead of the RH. The higher the dew point, the muggier the air will feel.

The chart shows how most people will perceive dewpoint temperatures (F) during the warmer half of the year. Generally, 70F and higher is considered "tropical." In Wisconsin we have experienced dewpoint temperatures in the lower 80s...killer conditions! Milwaukee's all-time highest dewpoint was 82F and Chicago's max is 83F. A dewpoint of 88F has been recorded in Iowa and Minnesota. The world's highest reported dew point is 95 degrees, recorded on July 8, 2003, at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, located on the Persian Gulf.

< 55	PLEASANT
56-60	COMFORTABLE
61-65	GETTING STICKY
66-70	UNCOMFORTABLE
71-75	OPPRESSIVE
76+	MISERABLE

Some time ago I asked for the name of some kid would would be deserving and whose parents would not be able to by a like-new \$650.00 bike. I got no response so I am asking again hoping someone can come up with someone. I can no longer ride the bike.

If you have someone please call, email me or stop in.

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Prairie Village folks who handed out water at the half-marathon included Gary Fry, Phyllis Schmidt, Jerri Stevenson, Pat Smith, and Wayne DeLoach

Thanks to Wayne for taking the picture.

