

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: November's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, November 11th. A copy of the schedule has been posted at the Community Center.

FURNACE FILTERS AND SALT: It is that time of year again . . . time to think about preparing for/responding to our winter weather. If anyone needs additional salt for sidewalks, driveways, etc., it is available in buckets on the front porch at the Model House, 828 Burr Oak Trail. Furnace filters are available in the Community Center and can be found on a wooden shelf across from the kitchen.

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

Monday, the 1st – Fairhaven Lecture: Climate Change and Changing Seasons in Wisconsin and the Great Lakes Region – 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 2nd – Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 3rd – History Stories at Seniors in the Park, featuring Prairie Village's own Richard Haney: Twentieth (and 21st) Century Profiles in Courage – 1:00 P.M.
Movie Night (Multi-Purpose Room) – 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, the 6th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.
TURN BACK THE CLOCKS – Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 A.M.

Monday, the 8th – Fairhaven Lecture: Why the COVID Vaccine was Created in Less Than Six Months – 3:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall – van pickup at the Community Center at 2:35 PM. Please note that MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Tuesday, the 9th – Paul's report to Prairie Village, accompanied by Fairhaven
Therapy Department (Multi-Purpose Room) – 10:00 A.M.
Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 10th – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.
History Stories at Seniors in the Park, featuring Prairie Village's own Richard
Haney: More Twentieth (and 21st) Century Profiles in Courage – 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 11th – Bulky garbage/recycling pickup
Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 13th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

Monday, the 15th – Fairhaven Lecture: A Jamaican Student Teaching Experience:
Developing Culturally Competent Educators – 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 16th – Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 20th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

Monday, the 22nd – 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 23rd – Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 27th – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.
Crime Book Club in the Library – CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1st.

Thursday, the 25th – Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 27th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

Monday, the 29th – What Makes the Northern Cardinal Such a Winner?
– 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 30th – Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

PRAIRIE CHICKS

Because of Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, Prairie Chicks will not be meeting in November or December. The January gathering will be a luncheon outing. Please meet at the Community Center at 11:15 A.M. on Thursday, January 27th, to carpool.

CRIME BOOK CLUB

The Crime Book Club meeting on October 27th was a lively one. It took us 25 minutes to get through all members' opinions on the characters, and that was item one on my agenda! All in all—The Lost Man was a great read. Not one member knew 'who done it' until the end.

Due to the fact that our regular meeting for November falls on the night before Thanksgiving, our next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 1st. The Passenger by Lisa Lutz will be the read for the month. We continue to miss Dolores at our meetings. Hopefully, her health will improve enough to join us again on the 1st.

If you like crime books and great camaraderie with a meeting of great minds, please join us for our December 1, 2021 meeting. I have three extra books that can be used by anyone interested. Call me, Kathy Schumacher, at 262-473-3351.

PLEASE NOTE: The Fairhaven Therapy Department will be accompanying Paul for a "meet and greet" event on the 9th, when he gives his report to Prairie Villagers.

Additional upcoming calendar items:

Wednesday, Nov. 3rd, is MOVIE NIGHT at 6:30 P.M.

We start this month with a thriller titled "*The Woman in the Window*"

This was the crime club book-of-the-month several months ago, and when they discovered it was also produced as a movie, they requested if we could view it for movie night. So, please join us as we munch pretzels and popcorn and view this thriller.

Note: We were tentatively planning a vocal concert featuring Kay Sparling Theatrical Productions on November 28th. Due to health issues this has been postponed to a later date yet to be determined.

Heads up for your December calendar planning:

CHRISTMAS POT LUCK fellowship party. Friday, Dec. 10th at 5:00 P.M.

Fun entertainment is planned. Bring a dish to pass and a BYO beverage too. More info in next month's newsletter.

Christmas Carol SING-A-LONG, for lifting our spirits at this joyous time of the year. We ask (if possible) that you bring a plate with a sampling of your favorite Christmas cookies you love to make. Just a fun Christmas season to gather together. All are invited to sing or hum or just listen and enjoy the seasonal music. **Thursday, Dec. 16th, at 3:00 P.M.**

CURRENT EVENTS

This group continues to meet each Tuesday afternoon 2:00-3:00 P.M. at Fairhaven in Fellowship Hall with several Prairie Village residents regular attenders. Prairie Village residents are always invited to our stimulating discussions. Join us.

Max Rigert

Paul's Update – November 2021

Greetings to all at Prairie Village:

We need your help,

As we move into the mandating of the COVID vaccine, we are needing non-medical assistance to support our staff on 2nd floor skilled nursing. To support resident care and our staff, we have not accepted an outside skilled admission in over 30 days so that we can be sure to take the best care of those we serve and not over obligate our existing staff.

Morning 7:30-9:30 - noon 11:30- 1:30 - and evening hours 4:30-6:30, 7 days a week, these times are designed to assist the Certified Nursing Assistance at critical times so they may focus specifically on resident care. Staff from other departments are already filling in to assist. If you have some time, we need you! Several hours will make a difference to our residents and our staff.

Duties would include, visiting with residents, taking meals trays to residents, beverage delivery, delivery of supplies to resident rooms, picking up meal trays.

For those more adventurous we have a 16-hour training program that would allow you to assist a resident during meals.

If you are willing and able, please let me know and we will schedule an orientation time.

Your service is needed and will make a difference.

Sincerely,

Paul

THANKS to the Prairie Chicks ladies for providing a wonderful dinner last Thursday for many of us 'singles'. It was a great meal and provided good fellowship.

Max Rigert

WE WANT TO EXTEND A BIG

WELCOME

to Bob and Carolyn Behrens, who moved into 833 Acorn Ridge

and

Steve and Jean Lade (Laid), who are moved into 835 Acorn Ridge

Library Update

Questions I've been asked about our Library

I recently had two questions asked by non-Prairie Village residents about our Library.

- Does anybody really read these books?
- Are you tracking how many people use the Library?

The answer to the first is an absolute yes. I re-shelve 10-15 returned books (either from the box on the table or from the cooler on my porch) weekly. And, no, I don't formally track usage, but that volume of returned books makes your donations and everyone's support of the Library certainly worthwhile.

Christmas-themed Books in the Library

My current plan is that you'll see our Christmas-themed book collection out by the Library window mid-November. We have one movie, too – Polar Express.

Don't Forget Our Well-used Little Free Library

It's interesting to see how our Little Free Library's offerings come and go. Thanks to everyone who uses it.

Donations

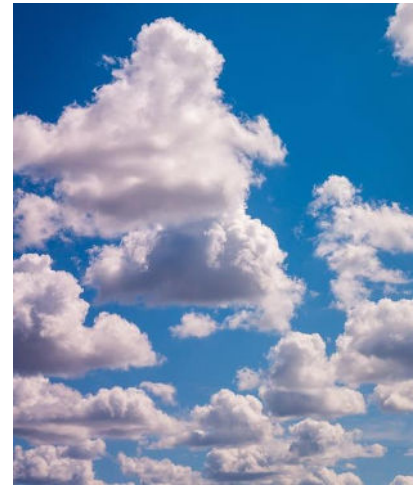
Please leave your book donations on my porch in the cooler, or call me, and I'll come get them. Even though we do have more shelf room in the Library, I've found that it's easier to work with your donations from home and then take them to the Library. Please limit non-fiction book donations to history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

Ever wonder why a lot of the clouds have flat bottoms?...there's reason for that!

In the image on the right...you've seen clouds like these thousands of times in your lifetime, all with flat bottoms. The tops look bumpy, like a cotton ball or a vegetable cauliflower. So, what's going on? Why the flat bottoms?



1. The Sun heats the earth's surface.
2. A bubble of air at ground level absorbs heat from the ground and rises.
3. Thousands of other air bubbles in the same vicinity also rise, similar to the tiny air bubbles at the bottom of a pot of water that has boiling water.
4. All of the rising air bubbles in the atmosphere collide and mix thoroughly with each other as they rise.
5. Due to the vigorous mixing of air bubbles the lowest few thousands of feet of the atmosphere now have the same amount of moisture.
6. The air bubbles cool as they rise and eventually the air temperature of the rising bubbles of air cools down to its dewpoint temperature. Remember the concept of "dewpoint temperature"? We talked about that in October's newsletter.
7. When the rising air bubbles cool down to their dewpoint temperature, they reach saturation, similar to dew forming on grass blades just before sunrise.
8. This saturation process results in the invisible moisture in the rising air bubble condensing into visible, white cloud particles, rather than dew drops on grass blades.
9. Since all of the rising air bubbles had the same amount of moisture, due to mixing, they reach saturation at the same time and at the same level in the atmosphere.
10. This "same level" in the atmosphere is the flat bottom of a cumulus cloud.

So, the "flat bottom" represents the level in the atmosphere where all of the rising and mixing bubbles of air, in the local vicinity, have cooled down to their dewpoint temperature and become saturated...forming visible, white cloud particles.

Given the same air temperature at the ground, humid air will result in a lower cumulus cloud base compared to air that is drier initially. This is because saturation, after the air bubbles mix and rise, is reached sooner (and lower).

Once again our Trunk or Treat event was a success. Thankfully the weather cooperated, and all participants enjoyed the event. Thanks to Gary Fry for sharing these photos.

