

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 MultiPurpose 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, May 9th, at 10:00 A.M.

GARBAGE PICKUP: May's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, May 12th. 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, or deliver or mail a “hard” copy to 852 Acorn Ridge.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS

Tuesday, the 3rd -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 4th – MOVIE NIGHT (Multi-Purpose Room) – 6:30

Thursday, the 5th – Chair Yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

Whitewater Unified School District Update – Fellowship Hall
at Fairhaven – 1:15 P.M.

Saturday, the 7th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

Terry Tutton's art exhibit at Turner Museum in
Palmyra – 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Monday, the 9th – Whitewater EMS/Fire Department meet and greet – Fellowship
Hall at Fairhaven – 11:00 A.M.

Tuesday, the 10th – Paul Kuenning presenting report at coffee
(Multi-Purpose Room) – 10:00 A.M.

Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Wednesday, the 11th – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.
Tour of the Whitewater Fire Department/Police Station – 1:15 P.M.
Sign up at the front desk required – transportation will leave the front
Lobby at 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 12th – Bulky garbage/recycling pickup
Chair Yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.
Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.
Vagabond Diner's Group at Moy's in Elkhorn – 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 14th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, the 17th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 19th – Chair Yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

Saturday, the 21st – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.
Potluck Dinner – (Multi-Purpose Room) – 5:00 P.M.

Tuesday, the 24th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 25th – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.
Crime Book Club (Multi-purpose Room) – 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 26th – Chair Yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.
Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.
Prairie Chicks dinner (Multi-Purpose Room) – 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 28th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, the 31st -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

PRAIRIE CHICKS

Prairie Chicks will be meeting for dinner in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Community Center at 5:00 P.M. on the fourth Thursday of May, the 26th. Please RSVP to Olive Crawley.

Upcoming Social Events:

The **FIRESIDE** live band Vegas show on Sunday, June 26, that we're attending sold out in one-and-a-half days! I did have requests for more tickets, and thankfully I was able to accommodate those requests. All the additional seats are in the fourth row, just behind our other seats. I currently have two tickets left, if anyone is still interested in going. Please contact me if you're interested (note: call me, using the phone number listed below). I have to turn in the extra tickets by May 12, so let me know if you're interested ASAP.

This month's movie, at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, May 4th, is "**Catch ME IF YOU CAN**", starring Tom Hanks and Leonardo De Caprio. This is based on a true story. We had previously scheduled this movie, but due to the leadup to March Madness, we did not show it. Two spotted cows appeared and two others in attendance were really interested in viewing the BIG UW-Madison men's basketball game that night. Viewing the game that night on the CC large screen made you feel as though you were sitting court side. Please remember that I always have pretzels and popcorn available on movie nights, but do bring your own drinking refreshment if you desire one.

Hurray! Phillis is back from the south and that means **CHAIR YOGA** will be back on our calendars. Phyllis will start her classes on Thursday, May 5th at 9:00 A.M., and continue them through June 16th. **She will skip only one Thursday that being June 2.** She hopes to see you at the Community Center. Mark your calendar.

Another **POTLUCK DINNER** is planned and we're hopeful many will attend. We will be serving HAM or TURKEY (note: escalating prices will dictate the choice), with beer, wine and soda as beverage options. It is scheduled for **Saturday, May 21st, at 5:00 P.M.** at our CC. The sign-up slip will be at the CC starting Tuesday, May 3rd. Write your name, number attending, and please place a checkmark in the category of the potluck food type you'll be bringing. We will need sides, salads, and desserts.

Many residents of Prairie Village have expressed a desire to go to different restaurants in the Whitewater area and **beyond**, but not by themselves. Let us call ourselves the **Vagabond Diners' Group (VDG)**. You do not need to attend a VDG outing every month, just when you want to. We will start on Thursday, May 12, at 5:00 pm. with an outing to Moy's restaurant in Elkhorn. You'll pay for your own meal. We will carpool from the CC for those that do not drive. We will meet at 4:30 pm for the carpooling. Those not wishing to carpool can drive directly to Moy's and meet the full group there. Those that would like to be a part of the VDG group can feel free to bring the name of a restaurant (with your name also listed) that you, and potentially the whole group, would like to patronize in the future. We will put all the slips in a bag and pull the name of the next restaurant we'll aim to go to. If for one of the months you would like a fish fry, we can change that month's outing to a Friday. I will start (and chaperone) the Vagabond Diners on our first outing. If you are interested and would like to join us for this outing, just give me a call so I can make the reservation. Contact info: Judith Moldenhauer; phone number: 262 473 4055. Note: deadline for making the Moy's reservation is May, 10.

Personal Request:

I'm searching for two of my books: one on England and the other on London. I recollect lending them to someone, but cannot remember who that was. The books mean a lot to me, as my late husband Jim bought them for me when we traveled there. If whoever borrowed them could please drop them off in the library at the CC, I would be most appreciative. Please put a note on the top alerting Kathy Ross that they belong to me, not the CC library.

Judith Moldenhauer

On May 7th the Turner Museum, the local history museum in Palmyra, will open with an exhibit of my artwork. This is in conjunction with the student art show. I would like to invite people to come and have a look. The museum is only open on Saturdays from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., but I would be glad to give a special tour if some people from here would like to come but can't make it on a Saturday. I can be reached at 472-0449.

The art aside, if you have not seen the museum, I'm sure there would be things of interest in the rest of the museum. Beside the gallery where the art will be, the rest of the museum is made up of permanent displays of early life in this area.

Thanks, Terry

And, I have a Giant 10 speed boy's bike I have been trying to give to a needy boy but with no takers. The bike just sits in my garage unused because my balance is not up to it. I would like to see it used. Now I will give the bike to anyone.

The bike is in like new condition and would today cost \$650 Bikewise. If you are interested, have a look. I can be reached at Terry Tutton, 472-0449, 861 Burr Oak Trail

CRIME BOOK CLUB

It was great to have a good turnout, however, we missed Nan, Dolores, Bunny and Mary Ellen. Shirley was welcomed back from the warm and sunny south but we were a little upset with her that she did not bring warm and sunny weather with her.

We just finished reading 'The Plot' by Jean Hanff Korelitz and we had a good discussion at our meeting. It was decided that 'not everybody can be an author' however each of us most likely has a plot brewing in us from current or past experiences.

Our read for next month will be 'Something in the Water' written by Catherine Steadman. It is supposed to be an 'electrifying psychological thriller' with a question for all of us. "If you could make one simple choice that would change your life forever, would you?"

Our next meeting will take place in the Community Center at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25th. Hope to see you all there. I still have copies of the book if you would like to pick up a copy at 834 Acorn Ridge.

Kathy Schumacher

WE WANT TO EXTEND A BIG

WELCOME

to Cheryl Olson and her niece Barbara Korsek,

who moved into 853 Acorn Ridge

and

Bonita Schauder, who moved into 902 Acorn Ridge

PAUL KUENNING'S MAY REPORT TO RESIDENTS

At its March 31st meeting, the Fairhaven Board of Directors approved to proceed working with Architects Epstein Uhen (EU:A) to develop plans for renovating 3rd and 4th floor into 1-bedroom apartments for assisted living. It was also approved by the board to reduce the nursing home licensure from 82 to 50 for skilled nursing and rehabilitation. Additional focus will be on developing levels of service in the apartments so a resident may stay longer in a place they are comfortable without moving.

Also, the Board recognized the economic times and has management reviewing the operations for both revenue development and additional expense management. Managers are now very carefully right sizing their departments with staffing and expenses to the realities of the times. Focus on marketing of apartments, assisted living and continuing to monitor admissions to skilled.

Geese - We are again watching the number of geese that come on the Prairie Village grounds. If we can determine that there are more than 30 that come on to the property, we will sign up for the harvesting program done by the DNR. If you notice a nesting area around the ponds, please let Shane know as we can also oil the eggs. In the meantime, please bear with us as we try to keep up with the sidewalks.

Fairhaven desk hours continue to be 8:00 A.M.- 7:00 P.M. weekdays, and weekends 9:00 A.M. till 2:00 P.M. We encourage the use of the facilities. Residents in the building do not have to wear masks in public. We have all visitors wearing masks at this time. Dining services for the noon meal are not yet open.

PAUL KUENNING'S MAY REPORT TO RESIDENTS, continued

In follow up with the City, their plan is to crack-fill the trails this year and determine their plan for the gazebo. There has been a question if it should be used, as it does wobble with the winds. It may be closed for use in the future. The work may be slowed by availability of workers...

Blowing Trash: thanks to all those who help pick up trash that may be blowing around the area. We have contacted our builders once again to be sure they are securing their trash net cover on the dumpster.

Spring trees - I have received notice from several families that they plan to have memorial trees planted near the new community center. These gifts are greatly appreciated and will accentuate the beauty of the site. Thank you.

For marketing, if you have friends or acquaintances that may be interested in learning more about Fairhaven, please let me or Tim know, and we will be glad to send out our Fairhaven Prairie Village information. As you may know customer referrals are our number one way to find interested persons in Fairhaven.

Paul

May 2022 Library Update

Retired Books

By the time you read this, I'll be days away from packing up what books are still in my garage to move them out. If you're interested in seeing what's left, please contact me now, as moving day is May 5.

Non-Book Donation News

Our DVD collection is growing. They're on the top of the cabinet in the Library. Help yourself, just as you would with a book.

Magazine donations were down in April. Should you have recent magazines you'd like to share through our Library, please leave them on my porch or in the Library. I write the month of donation on the cover and recycle each month's donations the following month. Magazine collections of multiple issues don't get used, so I recommend single, recent editions.

Whitewater Library Access

If you have questions about the Whitewater Library Delivery Services, I've some of their brochures about the service and will be glad to get you one. Or call Suzanne Haselow at the Library, 262-458-2785.

I'm working on a long-term project at the Library and am there most every day. If you need something returned and/or picked up, I'll be glad to help.

Donations

Please leave your book donations on my porch in the cooler (881 Burr Oak Trail), or call me (262-472-0154), and I'll come get them. I've found that it's easier to work with your donations from home and then take them to the Library. Please limit nonfiction 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

More Invitations from the Whitewater Library

Crafternoon Friday, May 6th, at 1:00 P.M.

Join us to decoupage flower pots. All materials provided.

Public Art Project Monday, May 16th
at 1:00 P.M.

Collaborate on a public art project with the Whitewater Arts Alliance. We will be decorating a large wooden book page, which will be displayed with others on lampposts downtown throughout the summer.

Felt Bird Bookmarks available starting May 23rd, while supplies last. Take home a kit to make felt bird bookmarks.

Lotus Lantern Craft Tuesday, May 31 at 4:30 p.m.

Join us in-person or via Zoom to create a lotus lantern craft and learn about Korean culture.

If you've any questions about these activities, Sarah French is the contact: (262) 458-2782 or sfrench@whitewater-wi.gov.

MEMORY ACTIVITY KITS

The Irvin L. Young Memorial Library is now circulating Memory Activity Kits, designed to serve people living with dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Mild Cognitive Impairment, and other forms of memory loss.

Many people in Whitewater are living with or caring for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, other forms of dementia, or cognitive impairment that results in memory loss. According to the Alzheimer's Association, 6.5 million Americans over the age of 65 are currently living with Alzheimer's disease, and more than 11 million Americans provide unpaid care for people living with dementia.

MEMORY ACTIVITY KITS, continued

In order to support those people, the Irvin L. Young Memorial Library is now offering Memory Activity Kits for checkout. The kits, each with a different theme, have been created by library staff and are designed to spark memories, create positive feelings, and increase meaningful activity for people living with dementia, Alzheimer's disease, MCI, or other forms of memory loss.

Memory Activity Kits are interactive bundles of materials containing activities, books, and items that center around a theme. Both those living with dementia and their caregivers may check out the kits, which may trigger memories and help them connect in a relaxing home environment. While the contents aid in facilitating communication and connection between caregivers and people living with memory loss, primarily, they will give the person affected with memory loss something to focus on so their caregiver can concentrate on a necessary task for a while, like taking a shower or making dinner.

Memory Activity Kits can be checked out on any valid library card, and are renewable. Please call 262-473-0530 for more information.

Nurses Day is May 6th

If you want to let a special nurse know just how grateful you are for their care and support, there's a limited number (as in, once they're gone, they're gone) of Nurses Day cards on the table at the front door of the Community Center. These come to us from McCullough's Pharmacy's donation of Hallmark cards to the Friends of Fairhaven's Mini-Mart. The Friends agreed not to sell these cards, but to give them to anyone who wants to let a special nurse know just how special he or she is.

Kathy Ross on behalf of the Friends of Fairhaven

We have numerous questions and calls about box elder bugs and chipmunks. Residents are encouraged to manage these periodic and localized pests as they see fit. They are best controlled when seen. Here are some natural control tips. A couple of spray bottles and good aim will do the trick:

Box Elder Bugs: To make your own box elder bug spray, mix a tablespoon of dish soap into a spray bottle of water. As you find large groups of box elder beetles clustered together, spray them with the dish soap and water mixture. You'll kill box elder bugs by saturating them fully with the water and dish soap mixture.

Chipmunks: Chipmunks have sensitive noses and can't bear to be around strong odors like those produced by hot peppers. A recipe for rodent repellent contains cayenne pepper and garlic, both of which drive off chipmunks and are safe to use around pets and children. The soap helps the solution to cling to the plants and grass. Use this option to resolve occasional rodent incursions. Bird seed will attract chipmunks and squirrels, so controlling spillage of bird feed will help alleviate unwanted visitors.

1 tsp liquid dish soap; 4 cloves of garlic, crushed; 1 tsp cayenne pepper, ground; 1 cup of water; spray bottle

Tim Probst