

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 4:00 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 13th, at 10:00 A.M.

GARBAGE PICKUP: August's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, August 11th. 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 2nd-- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 3rd – Movie Night (Multi-Purpose Room) – 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, the 6th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, the 9th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 10th – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 11th – Bulky garbage/recycling pickup

Beer Barons on Geneva Lake and their Milwaukee Neighbors (Fellowship Hall) – 1:15 P.M.

Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Fresh cheese curd sale (Piano Lounge) – 2:15 P.M.

Vagabond Diner's Group at Smokehouse 88 – 5:00 P.M.

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Tuesday, the 16th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 18th – Steve Meisner and Jerry Hartman accordion program (Fellowship Hall) – 1:15 P.M.

Friday, the 19th – Fresh bread sale (Piano Lounge) – 2:15 P.M.

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

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

Wednesday, the 24th – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.
Author Debra Oas presentation on “Whitewater Witch” (Fellowship Hall) – 1:15 P.M.
Crime Book Club (Multi-purpose Room) – 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 25th – From early Christian Church Roots to the Founding of Fairhaven lecture by Prairie Village’s own Max Rigert (Fellowship Hall) – 1:15 P.M.

Thursday, the 28th – Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.
Prairie Chicks (Multi-Purpose Room) – 5:00 P.M.

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

Tuesday, 30th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE: Happy Hour has been moved to one hour earlier and will now be at 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday afternoons.

Also please note that further information about all activities scheduled in Fellowship Hall and/or the Piano Lounge can be found in the Fairhaven newsletter, available in the lobby at the Community Center.

CRIME BOOK CLUB

Our next get-together will be on Wednesday, August 24th, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. At that time, I will distribute our new book. The book has been chosen, and I think you will enjoy the read. We will be attending a plush wedding, at a plush island retreat, where a murder takes place. I hope you think that sounds fun and intriguing.

CRIME BOOK CLUB, continued

We will then meet on Wednesday, September 28th, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. to discuss the new book. All meetings will take place at the Community Center in Prairie Village.

Please join us if you are at all interested. We usually have some fun and interesting conversations where everyone has 'their say'.

Call me at 262-473-3351 if you would like me to reserve a book for you to pick up in August.

Kathy Schumacher

Upcoming Social Events:

Find out about the true story of the original NASA program and the people that did all the calculations to make it a successful program. The movie is called **HIDDEN FIGURES**. Very interesting! As always treats will be served. We hope to see you **Wednesday, August 3rd, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.**

Thursday August 11th, 2022, the **Vagabond Diners** will venture to the **Smokehouse 88 - Texas style BBQ dining** in FT. Atkinson. It is located at 855 Lexington Blvd. as you are driving West on HWY 12 just before you leave FT. Olive has agreed to a change in restaurants from the Olive Garden that was originally selected. It is very difficult to drive to that establishment because of all the road construction. We will dine at the Olive Garden in the future, after all the construction is completed.

Reservations will be made for seating at **5:00 P.M.** at the Smokehouse. Olive Crawley is in charge of taking your calls for reserving your spot at the table and making the reservation. Deadline for reservations is Monday, August 8th, 2022, at 3:00 P.M.

People that would like to carpool should advise Olive of that fact, so arrangements can be made for transportation.

PAUL KUENNING'S JULY REPORT TO RESIDENTS

Paul met with Prairie Village residents at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 19th. Initially, he spoke of continuing staffing problems post COVID.

And he briefly commented on renovations on the 3rd and 4th floors at Fairhaven, noting that bidding for the project has increased by one million dollars, adding that the supply chain is still an issue. He advised that the Board approved going ahead with the 3rd and 4th floor projects, noting that one will be renovation and the other will be remodeling. Once the project is completed, the 3rd floor will have 13 units, and the 4th floor will have 23 one-bedroom units.

He also advised that the two Filipino nurses are still on staff, advising that that program has been expanded, and Fairhaven has requested ten additional Filipino nurses.

PAUL KUENNING'S JULY REPORT TO RESIDENTS, continued

Paul advised that scholarships are available to UW-W students, provided that they make a commitment to work at Fairhaven for two years. Students in the nursing program find that option attractive.

He indicated that in addition to the staff problems related to COVID, there are several long-term employees who are retiring. He noted that skilled care is limited to twenty patients because of staffing issues.

Regarding Prairie Village, Paul said that when it comes to marketing, the focus has been on making sure units that have come open get occupied shortly.

He also reported that a portion of the trail behind the Rigert residence is low, and the City intends to remove and replace that section. In addition, the City will seal the asphalt on the trail. And, regarding the gazebo, Paul advised that the City intends to remove it and replace it with benches. Several residents expressed concern about removing the gazebo as many people who are walking on the trail stop there to sit in the shade.

Paul said that moles are now beginning to be a problem, and research is being done to find out the best way to deal with them.

Residents spoke appreciatively of the fact that there has been no problem with the Canadian geese this year.

Concern was expressed about the coffeemaker having been inoperable for the recent two weeks. Apparently, the problem with the unit had been caused by hard water. Paul indicated that he believed that there is a water softener in the building.

Hans Hahn commented that the garden looks great again this year and is producing well. Gardeners are placing excess produce on the bench beside the garden, and Prairie Village residents are welcome to help themselves to any of that produce if they so desire.

Tim Probst spoke briefly, noting that Prairie Village will have 4 homes open up in the next month or so. He asked that residents serve as spokespersons for Prairie Village and encourage others to move here.

I am still collecting egg cartons. Leave on porch if I am not home.

909 Acorn Ridge

Elizabeth Asher

WE WANT TO EXTEND A BIG

WELCOME

to Steve and Jean Lade
who moved into 835 Acorn Ridge
and
Amber Price
who moved into 718 Burr Oak Trail
and
Charles and Louise Price
who moved into 722 Burr Oak Trail
and
Charles and Louise Carter
who moved into 828 Burr Oak Trail

July 2022 Library Update

Thanks again to all of you who support our Library with your donations. We continue to grow our collection without a single purchased items – puzzles or books (unless some of you are buying especially for the Library!). We've come a long way since our post-COVID re-opening.

Little Free Library

It's that time of year when the Little Free Library seems to be used often and well. Take what you want, leave what you can!

July 2022 Library Update, continued

Donations

It's very helpful if you leave your book donations in the cooler on my porch (fiction, mystery/thrillers, people (biographies, memoirs, autobiographies), and history. I've been asked why – and it's very simple. Seeing donations makes me know that I need to go to the Library! I also attach the non-fiction category “sticker” to those books' spines. And, of course, I add the LP (Large Print) sticker to those precious editions. If you prefer, I can come get your donations. Puzzles are always welcome, too.

You're also welcome to return books by leaving them in the cooler. Thanks to all of you who support the Prairie Village Library in the Community Center! Please let me know your questions or suggestions.

Kathy Ross

Village garden news

Once again, our gardeners have a show-place garden. They are beginning to get more stuff than they can use so they are putting excess produce on the bench by the garden. The produce is free to any Village resident who can use it. Please check regularly as different gardeners work at different times of the day.

Last fall Hans Hahn arranged for four loads of manure, and the lush growth of the garden plants reflect the richness of the soil. The gardeners have done a really fantastic job of weed control so far this year. We have been having some critter problems. Critters have eaten several cucumbers and they have just decimated the lettuce that I was trying to grow.

Jacob Gerlach

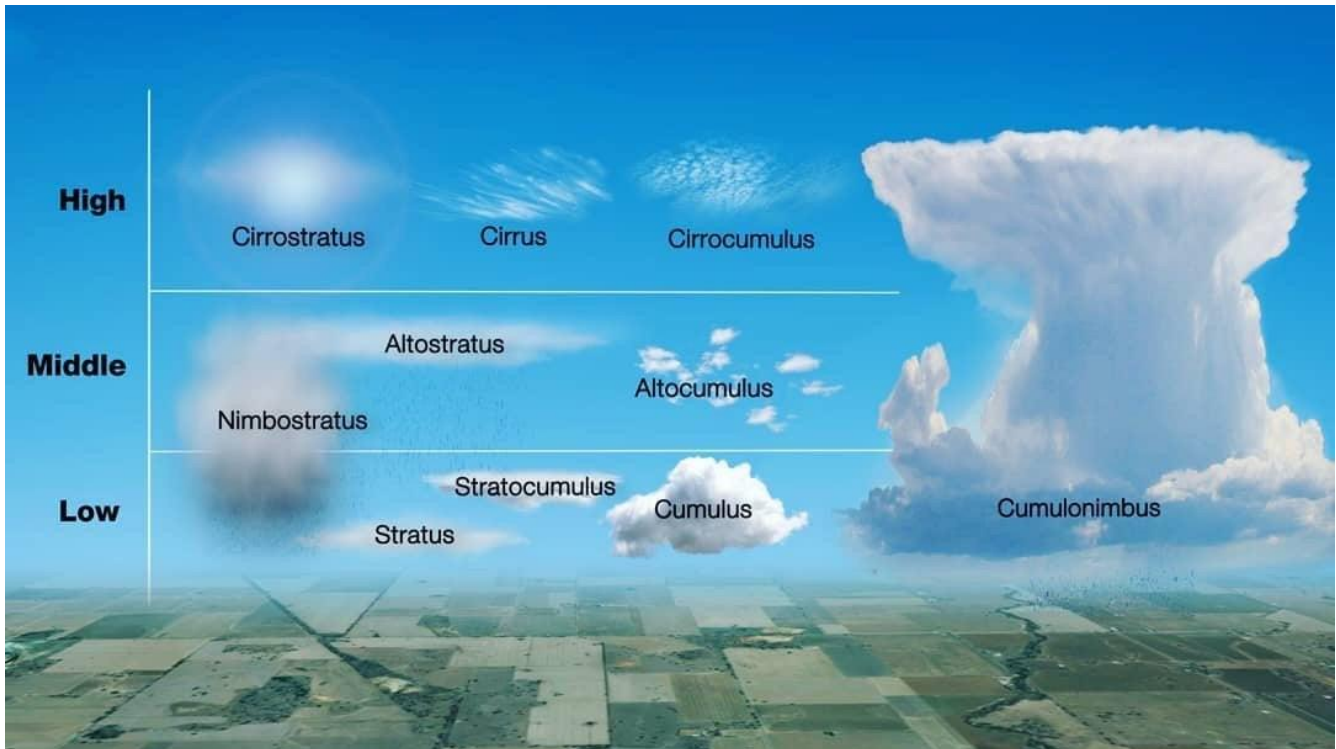
Did You Know?....Now You Know!

Rusty Kapela

Clouds...**Clouds...Clouds!!!**

There are many different kinds of clouds and no one would be expected to remember the name of all of them! So don't feel bad! Let's review some of the basic types of clouds...that will serve as a good starting point.

Generally, there are 4 basic classes of clouds: 1) low-level, 2) middle-level, 3) high-level, and 4) thunderstorms. The first three classes are determined by the altitude of the base of the cloud above ground level). A thunderstorm can consist of cloud types from each of the first three classes.



- 1) Low-level (bases below 7000 ft above ground level (AGL):
 - cumulus (puffy/cotton-ball/cauliflower)
 - stratocumulus
 - nimbostratus
- 2) Middle-level (bases 7000-20,000 ft AGL):
 - Alto-stratus
 - Alto-cumulus
- 3) High-level (bases above 20,000 ft AGL):
 - Cirrus
 - Cirrostratus
 - Cirrocumulus
- 4) Cumulonimbus (thunderstorm) (bases can range from 2000 to 15,000 ft AGL).

Additionally, there are two other special clouds which many of you have seen in your life.

Mammatus (mammatocumulus) - is a cellular pattern of pouches (rounded bumps) extending downward from the anvil top of a very active thunderstorm/cumulonimbus in latter stages of development. Mammatus occurs when air from the cloud layer descends into the clear air below and the cloud droplets evaporate, cooling down the air and making it descend even faster. Some of the cloud is dragged down, creating the pouch appearance. They typically are at an altitude of 20,000 to 50,000 ft AGL. They can be very scary-looking to some folks. However, they are not tornadoes, nor do they lead to or develop into a tornado.



Lenticular clouds - Lenticular, or lee wave or mountain clouds, form over and downwind of an obstacle in the path of a strong air current. Wind blows most types of clouds across the sky, but lenticular clouds seem to stay in one place. Air moves up and over a mountain, with the lenticular cloud forming over or just past the mountaintop. The cloud evaporates on the downwind side where the air currents descend and warm, so it appears stationary even though air is moving through the cloud. Lenticular clouds are lens-shaped and often look like flying saucers.



Now you know!

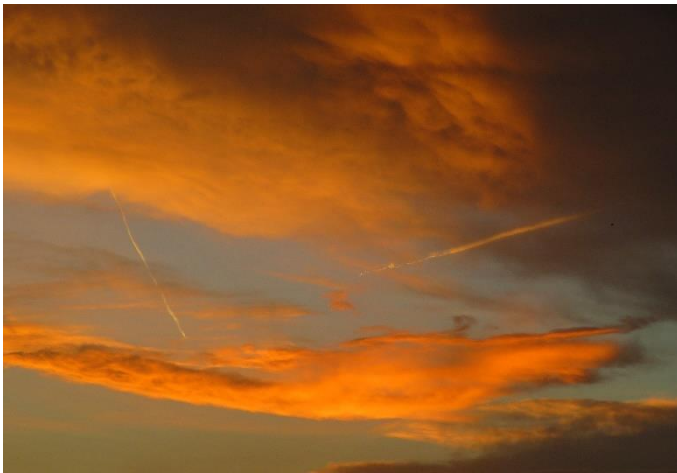
This heron has been feeding behind Olive's house this afternoon (July 30th). So nice to see them now and then!

Hans Hahn



I have heard about this remarkable red wing from others in the Village, but this is my first sighting. This is the definition of adaptability in nature! He hops around and seems to do everything the 2-legged guys do. If you look closely, you can see how he centers his single leg beneath his body. Isn't nature grand!

Curt McCulley



Sometimes nature and mankind come together for a beautiful moment.

Curt McCulley

While riding my bike along the pond behind Hans and Carla's place I spotted some interesting bluegill behavior. Conditions were just right giving me the opportunity to get some decent pictures. I don't have a fancy expensive camera but I think the pictures illustrate what is going on. Every year about this time the bluegills spawn in our pond and thousands of others like it. They first use their swishing tail to clear away the muck on the pond bottom to expose the sand or gravel below. After laying their eggs they remain at the nest 24/7 until the eggs hatch. Their behavior toward intruders is swift and aggressive.

Curt McCulley

