

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: September's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, September 8th. 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

Thursday, the 1st, Chair Yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 3rd – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, the 6th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 7th – Movie Night (Multi-Purpose Room) – 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 8th – Bulky garbage/recycling pickup
Chair Yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.
Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.
Cheese Curd Sale in Piano Lounge – 2:15 P.M.

Friday, the 9th – Ice cream social at Alpha Sigma Sorority House – leave front lobby at 1:40 P.M.

Saturday, the 10th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, the 13th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Wednesday, the 14th – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.

Presentation on Whitewater Unified School District Referendum in Fellowship Hall – 1:15 P.M.

Thursday, the 15th, Chair Yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 17th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, the 18th – Whitewater's Half-Marathon – in Prairie Village beginning at 8:00 A.M.

Tuesday, the 20th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Jessica Michna portrayal of Golda Meier in Fellowship Hall – 1:15 P.M.

UW-W Football practice at Perkins Stadium – leave front lobby at 3:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 21st – Bingo at UW-W – leave front lobby at 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 22nd – Chair Yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wisconsin Historical Society Presentation in Fellowship Hall – 1:15 P.M.

Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Prairie Chicks (Multi-Purpose Room) – 5:00 P.M.

Friday, the 23rd – Fresh bread sale in Piano Lounge – 2:15 P.M.

Saturday, the 24th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, the 25th – J-Hawk Triathlon – 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Monday, the 26th – Fairhaven Lecture – 3:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall at Fairhaven.

Van pickup at 2:35 P.M. at 829 Burr Oak Trail and the Community Center right after

Tuesday, the 27th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

UW-W Women's Volleyball team visit in Fellowship Hall – 5:45 P.M.

Wednesday, the 28th – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.

Crime Book Club (Multi-purpose Room) – 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 29th – Chair Yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

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.

Prairie Chicks

The September Prairie Chicks meeting will be held in the Community Center at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, the 22nd. Please contact Judith Moldenhauer for RSVP.

UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEM IN OCTOBER:

Prairie Village's own Richard Haney will once again be presenting a series of historical lectures at the Seniors in the Park center, beginning at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 5th. Dick's lectures always prove to be thought-provoking and insightful, as well as entertaining. Mark your calendars for the four Wednesdays in October.

WHITEWATER'S 10th ANNUAL HALF MARATHON

The Whitewater Half Marathon will be conducted on Sunday, September 18th. Please note that as in the past, Burr Oak Trail will be officially closed during the run, as runners will be running the length of that street as part of their course. The lead runners have normally arrived in Prairie Village by shortly after 8:00, and the last runners have made their way through between 8:45 and 9:00 that morning. Please make every effort to avoid driving on Burr Oak Trail especially during that time period on Sunday morning, the 18th.

J-HAWK TRATHLON

The J-Hawk Triathlon will again be running thru PV this year on Sunday, September 25th from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. About 200 athletes will participate, running mostly along the walking path behind the Burr Oak residences.

Upcoming Social Events:

Please join us for **Movie Night** in the Community Center, as always, the first Wednesday of the month, this month, **Wednesday, September 7th**. The movie begins at **6:30 P.M.** The feature is *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*. It is a fantasy/adventure starring Sean Connery. It takes place at the turn of the century (1900). There is a madman called "The Fantom" who is out to destroy the world. A team of heroes is assembled to confront The Fantom. This team consists of Captain Nemo, Dorian Grey, The Invisible Man, Tom Sawyer, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, among others. Whaaaaa?? You must come to find out.....

Chair Yoga Returns! Phyllis Schmidt will resume chair yoga in the Community Center on Thursdays from 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. It will begin September 1st and run through October 6th.

CRIME BOOK CLUB

The book we are currently reading is *The Man Who Died Twice* by Richard Osman. We are becoming reacquainted with the characters of the Thursday Murder Club. It will be an enjoyable read that has some humor to keep it light and still interesting.

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

I do have a couple of books and one tape available if you are at all interested or were unable to pick up your copy of the book last Wednesday evening.

Please join us at our next meeting if you are eager to make new friends. 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 September.

Kathy Schumacher

Prairie Village Newsletter – Update from Paul Kuenning

Trees

There have been many trees that we have had to take down this year for various reasons. We are planning to have many of the stumps ground out and many of them replaced as the weather cools in late fall.

A reminder: residents should submit a written plan or email to Paul & Tim before making any changes to the home structure, even painting and/or landscaping, for approval before proceeding.

Booster

There is news of a booster for this fall. As this develops, we will let you know of eligibility requirements (if any) and dates of vaccination clinics at Fairhaven/Prairie Village.

Homes available.

Tim has been busy. Three homes have come open in the past several months: 865 Acorn Ridge, 841 Acorn Ridge, and 832 Acorn Ridge and only one remains 841 Acorn Ridge. As confirmations come in, we will be sharing additional details. Thanks to all residents of Prairie Village as it is word of mouth that helps Prairie Village remain attractive and keep full.

Prairie Village Newsletter – Update from Paul Kuenning, continued

Staffing continues to be a challenge across the country and for Fairhaven/Prairie Village. We continue to advertise on-line on Indeed, in print and in specific locations like the University. We are competitive in wages and health care benefits, offer a pension and have available tuition assistance for those working on specific programs in the geriatric medical fields and nursing. We offer training and certification reimbursement for Certified Nursing Assistants and Resident Assistants.

We continue to work through multiple staffing agencies to supplement staffing during vacations and are working with two international programs to recruit Certified Nursing Assistants, Resident Assistants and Nurses. The key to the future is attracting and retaining staff.

Please let your friends and family know we have opportunities for employment to serve others.

Fairhaven pays for classes to become a Certified Nursing Assistant, transportation, and time to attend the class. Fairhaven offers scholarship/tuition reimbursement opportunities for those pursuing education or training in the nursing field. This includes, Certified Nursing Assistant, Med tech, Resident Assistant, Registered Nurse, License Practical Nurse. If you know of someone who may be interested, please let us know. If you know someone who is unsure and would like to come in and shadow a staff member for a day, we can arrange this.

Facilities - It's not been an easy time for nursing facilities across the country, and it's the same for Fairhaven. Nursing facilities have been through this before, but this time, it is taking longer to recover and, in many cases, it is causing a new plan of care and services to emerge. This is the case for Fairhaven. Third floor has been decertified and plans are in process to renovate it to assisted living and then move to 4th floor assisted living for renovation. All the while the Board of Directors and Executive Committee are monitoring operations. Fairhaven has been fortunate to have the Foundation there to support and back all that is done. It was there to support the building of Prairie Village, renovations of first floor of Fairhaven, renovate 2nd floor skilled nursing, and building the new community center, and now looking ahead to renovate 3rd and 4th floors...all without new or additional debt.

Yes, these are definitely challenging times, but with continued monitoring and the ability to change as necessary, we will be successful and continue to thrive meeting our mission of serving God's older men and women.

September, 2022, Library Update

Audio Book Collection, compliments of Sue Brey

Sue's collection of about 40 audio books will be relocated to the wall-hung cabinet in our Library sometime this month. There are fiction, mystery/thrillers, self-help, and religious topics. Using these have the same "rules" as our books and puzzles. Help yourself and return when you can. Thanks, Sue!

At the risk of acting like Walmart.....

I know it's early, but if you have any Thanksgiving or Christmas books you'd like to donate to our Library, I'll be glad to add them to our collection. As we've received such during the year, I've put them aside and will get them out in early November.

Are you missing a bookmark?

Someone returned a book with a nice, laminated bookmark in it. The bookmark has what look to be pressed flowers inside the lamination. I think it's named Master Gardener? It's on the table in the Library.

Thanks to all of you who support our Library. Puzzle and book donations are always appreciated – best if books are delivered to my porch, or I'll come get them. Please limit non-fiction donations to history or biographies. As always, let me know if you have questions or suggestions.

Kathy Ross

We had the honor of hosting a Family gathering at the Community Center recently, and I wanted everyone to know what a terrific facility Prairie Village has. While everyone brought food, the kitchen and it's preparation tools made the job much easier. Everyone who attended commented on what a beautiful place we have. We would certainly encourage anyone who is planning to host a large gathering to use this excellent spot right in our backyard. Our thanks to all who made the Community Center a reality.

Steve and Jean Lade

When I potted 3 small coleus plants in the spring, I sure did not expect anything like this. Sure have enjoyed their company over the summer. Bob Aulik called it a coleus on steroids. The humming-birds, bees and butterflies are also fans.

Curt and Beth McCulley

