

# 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 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, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 A.M.

**GARBAGE PICKUP:** October's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 back patio (outside) near the door to the Multi-Purpose Room. Furnace filters are available in the Community Center and can be found on a wooden shelf in the storeroom across the hall from the kitchen.

**NEWSLETTERS:** Copies of Fairhaven and Seniors in the Park newsletters are available on the brochure rack 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 1<sup>st</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 10:00 A.M.

Monday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> – Presentation on “The Other Side of the School Board Referendum” (Olm Fellowship Hall) – 11:00 A.M.

Fairhaven Lecture: *Hmong in Wisconsin*. Transportation is available for Prairie Village Residents. 2 pickups- 2:30 P.M. (driveway of 829 Burr Oak Trail) and 2:35 P.M. (Prairie Village Community Center). Transportation will return to Prairie Village immediately following the Lecture.

Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Volleyball Game Outing to UW-W Campus – sign up at the front desk at Fairhaven

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

Wednesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> – Prairie Village’s own Richard Haney presentation: Since Statehood Voting Rights, Civil Rights and Some Interesting Governors (Senior Center) – 1:00 P.M.  
Bingo with UW-W Men’s Basketball Team (Olm Fellowship Hall) – 6:00 P.M.  
Movie Night (Multi-Purpose Room) – 6:30 P.M. – 1:15 P

Thursday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, Chair Yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.  
Abraham Lincoln Presentation (Olm Fellowship Hall) – 1:15 P.M.  
Fresh Cheese Curd Sale (Piano Lounge) – 2:15 P.M.

Saturday, the 8<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 10:00 A.M.

Monday, the 10<sup>th</sup> – Cowboy Bob Program (Olm Fellowship Hall) – 1:15 P.M.  
Fairhaven Lecture: *A Common and Public Nuisance: Wisconsin Breweries Fight Prohibition*. Transportation is available for Prairie Village Residents. 2 pickups- 2:30 P.M. (driveway of 829 Burr Oak Trail) and 2:35 P.M. (Prairie Village Community Center). Transportation will return to Prairie Village immediately following the Lecture.

Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> – COVID vaccination clinic (Community Center) – 8:15-10:45 A.M.  
Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.  
Prairie Village’s own Richard Haney presentation: Bryan, Birge, Beer, Baseball and the U.S. Air Force (Senior Center) – 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 13<sup>th</sup> – Bulky garbage/recycling pickup  
Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.  
Vagabond Dinner at Rick’s – 5:00 P.M.

Friday, the 14<sup>th</sup> – Dog Treat Making with UW-W students (Olm Fellowship Hall) – 1:15 P.M.

Saturday, the 15<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 10:00 A.M.

Monday, the 17<sup>th</sup> – UW-W Update/Presentation (Olm Fellowship Hall) – 11:00 A.M.  
Fairhaven Lecture: *First Nations: Indigenous Peoples and Spiritualities of Wisconsin*. Transportation is available for Prairie Village Residents. 2 pickups- 2:30 P.M. (driveway of 829 Burr Oak Trail) and 2:35 P.M. (Prairie Village Community Center). Transportation will return to Prairie Village immediately following the Lecture.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Tuesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> – Prairie Village’s own Richard Haney presentation: 1920s in Wisconsin: The “Wireless”, “Recycling”, Wood, Cars, Coolidge, (and Commies) (Senior Center) – 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup> – Free blood pressure screening (Whitewater Conference Room at Fairhaven) – 10:00-11:00 A.M.

Friday, the 21<sup>st</sup> – Bingo with UW-W students (Olm Fellowship Hall) – 1:15 P.M.  
Fresh bread sale (Piano Lounge) – 2:15 P.M.

Saturday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 10:00 A.M.

Monday, the 24<sup>th</sup> -- Fairhaven Lecture: *The Progressive Movement in Wisconsin*.  
Transportation is available for Prairie Village Residents. 2 pickups- 2:30 P.M. (driveway of 829 Burr Oak Trail) and 2:35 P.M. (Prairie Village Community Center). Transportation will return to Prairie Village immediately following the Lecture.

Tuesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.  
Pumpkin Painting (Olm Fellowship Hall) – 5:45 P.M.

Wednesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.  
Prairie Village’s own Richard Haney presentation: Wisconsin Life When Our Grandparents Were Young (Senior Center) – 1:00 P.M.  
Crime Book Club (Multi-purpose Room) – 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup> – Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.  
Prairie Chicks (Multi-Purpose Room) – 5:00 P.M.

Friday, the 28<sup>th</sup> – Dog treat making (Olm Fellowship Hall) – 1:15 P.M.

Saturday, the 29<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, the 30<sup>th</sup> – Trunk or Treat at the Community Center Parking Lot – 3:00 P.M.

Monday, the 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween movie: Abbott & Costello meet Frankenstein (Olm Fellowship Hall) – 1:15 P.M.

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

## **Prairie Chicks**

The Prairie Chicks will be winding up the summer with a pizza party. The October meeting will be held in the Community Center at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup>. Cookies and ice cream will be provided. Please contact Judith Moldenhauer or Elizabeth Asher for RSVP.

## **CRIME BOOK CLUB**

Happy October! The Crime Book Club met on September 28<sup>th</sup>, which was a beautiful, cool fall evening. A couple of members could not be there, and we missed them.

The conversation was lively and interesting as the book we read, *The Man Who Died Twice*, was lively and interesting. This was the second in a series of the Thursday Murder Club, and we are looking forward to reading the third in the series sometime in the future.

Our book for October is *The Christie Affair* by Nina de Gramont. It was selected for us by Susan at the Whitewater public library so we will see how the group reacts to the book. I do have a couple of books 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 on October 26, at which time we will be meeting at 6:30 P.M. in the Community Center.

Kathy Schumacher

## **Upcoming Social Events:**

Well, I did it: After searching through libraries, and checking out Internet options, I finally found one of my favorite movies. (I ended up buying the disc online.) This film is a classic, noir-style film of the '40s and '50s, which is noted for its dark themes, stark camera angles and high-contrast lighting telling realistic stories about crime, mystery, femme fatales and moral conflict. The film "Laura" tells the shocking story of a Park Avenue beauty (played by Gene Tierney) murdered in her apartment. Detective Mark McPherson (Dana Andrews) appears on the scene and starts to question the men in her life. The acerbic critic is played by Clifton Webb, the playboy fiancé is played by Vincent Price, and "friend" (?) is played by Judith Anderson. "Laura" was produced and directed by the famed Otto Preminger. I hope you will enjoy this old movie as much as I do. Snacks are always served. Looking forward to seeing you on the first Wednesday of the month.

The Vagabond Diners will have another outing on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, to eat at Rick's, 561 E. Milwaukee St., in Whitewater. I know that wasn't the name of the restaurant pulled from our little duffle bag, but circumstance issues made us unable to eat at Heron's

## **Upcoming Social Events, continued:**

Landing at this time. They would love to serve our group but are so short of staff (only 2), and they also could not do separate checks at this time. It's a lovely place and we will keep them in mind in the future when life returns back to normal. We are limiting the Rick's dinner to 22 people at this time. Beth McCulley (262-458-2460) will be the contact person for you to make your reservation for this outing. The deadline is October 11<sup>th</sup>, or before that if the limit has been reached. Meet at the Community Center, where we can carpool for those not wanting to drive. We will leave at 4:45 P.M. so we can arrive there at 5:00 P.M. Bon appetit!

Another Fireside outing is being planned for our Prairie Village Group. Make a note of this on your calendar for next year: Sunday, April 23, 2023. The BIG, beautiful buffet will start, and then the show will be "Grumpy Old Men - the Musical". The contract has not been sent to me at this time, so I can make the down payment on our reservation, but they did tell me that it is for the first and second rows in section Y – those are the ones I've selected. Yippee!! More info will be forthcoming, but I wanted to alert our snowbirds of the date before they depart to warmer climates. The price will also be listed on the contract, including tax and tip. As soon as all this info is received, I will post it in our newsletter.

## **TRUNK OR TREAT**

You're all invited to our 3rd annual Trunk or Treat at the Prairie Village Community Center. This is how it works:

1- First, decorate the interior of your car trunk (or truck bed) with a Fall or Halloween theme.

2-Second, drive it to the Community Center parking lot, and park on the long part of the lot in 2 rows with the open trunks facing each other.

3-Third, put a basket or bowl of friendly treats in your trunk. It doesn't have to be candy- whatever seems good to you.

At 3:00 P.M., we'll begin "treating" in the parking lot. Bring a bag to hold what you pick. Also, costumes are optional, but encouraged! (Judith was a dinosaur at the first T or T.) Once you're done, join us inside the Community Center for hot cider and cookies.

Hope to see you there! Questions, call Lyndia Fry at 815-501-3626.

## **PAUL KUENNING'S SEPTEMBER REPORT TO RESIDENTS**

Paul met with Prairie Village residents at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. He acknowledged that they have been receiving calls about COVID vaccinations, and he advised that a vaccination clinic has been scheduled for 8:15-10:45 on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. He noted that Walgreens currently has Moderna vaccine, which is available for walk-ins.

## **PAUL KUENNING'S SEPTEMBER REPORT TO RESIDENTS, continued**

Paul reported that plans for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floor renovations have been submitted to the State. If the State approves those plans, the matter will go before the Board. The current cost is projected to be 4.9-5.5 million dollars. He reminded residents that 3<sup>rd</sup> floor has been closed for a year, but that Hearthstone and 4<sup>th</sup> floor are full.

He indicated that the long term care industry is facing problems across the country and that some such providers have left the scene. Many facilities are dropping skilled nursing services and going into high end assisted living.

Tim Probst reported that Rissell and Avis Johnson have moved into 865 Acorn Ridge, leaving two more units on Acorn Ridge which are empty and available, as well as 15 apartments at Fairhaven.

Lengthy discussion ensued about recent cutting of grasses beside one of the ponds. Paul reminded residents that all grasses in the Prairie Village are managed by Tall Grass Restorations, and grasses beside the ponds are not to be cut. He also advised that Tall Grass will be conducting a burn next spring, adding that if the cut area doesn't come back, those responsible for cutting those grasses will be responsible for the costs of re-establishing them. Residents on the opposite side of the pond from the cutting expressed strong feelings about the destruction of their view of the ponds.

One resident expressed a concern about Tall Grass Court because it needs to have the Road Closed sign put back up. This has become a security issue because people have been going in there and doing drugs. The police have been called, but unfortunately, the people are gone by the time that the police get here.

Paul indicated that Fairhaven has once again entered into a contract with Pond Solutions who will be responsible for maintaining the water quality in the ponds.

Kathy Ross inquired about the possibility of relaxing the rule regarding limiting political yard signs to just two weeks before an election. She indicated that because there are two referendums on the ballot for the upcoming election, and people here vote early, perhaps that limit could be extended.

Paul acknowledged that the trails need crack-sealing, noting that the City is responsible for and will be taking care of that.

He also announced that Beth Johnson is retiring at the end of the year after working at Fairhaven for nearly thirty years.

Kathy Ross spoke about the Residents Council, describing the history and the role of the group. She indicated that there are vacancies on the Council and Prairie Village residents are encouraged to serve. She advised that the group meets at 9:30 A.M. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Meetings are open, and anyone can visit.

Paul advised that the City's Common Council will be meeting to discuss the golf cart issue.

# Library Update

## Donations abound

Help yourself to one of the bookmarks in the blue cup on the Library table. They were made by Fairhaven resident Doris Willis as a gift to us all.

You may have seen the sign on the Library door about the whereabouts of Sue Brey's audio book collection. There's a list on the door of what's there. Another help yourself!

Terry Tutton has donated a dozen Great Course DVDs and course books. These are located on the bottom shelf of the first bookcase of Fiction Books. Titles include:

- Biology: The Science of Life
- Einstein's Relativity and the Quantum Revolution
- Great Artists of the Italian Renaissance
- Major Transitions in Evolution
- Philosophy of Mind
- Quantum Mechanics
- The New Testament
- The Italian Renaissance
- Understanding Genetics
- WW2: A Military and Social History

## Requested donations

- biographies
- books for our Christmas collection

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

## October at the Whitewater Library

### **The Political Lincoln: Honest Abe on Campaigns and Elections.**

Thursday, October 6th at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Lincoln is portrayed by Kevin Wood, a professional Lincoln presenter who bears a remarkable resemblance to "the Great Emancipator." Mr. Lincoln will describe his many interesting campaign and election experiences over a long and eventful career, during a time of political intrigue and tumult when the very destiny of our nation was at stake. This event will be held in the library's Community Room.

**October Take & Make Kits** for adults are available while supplies last. Pick one up at the library's front desk.

Monday, October 3: DIY Sock Pumpkin Craft

Monday, October 24: Spice of the Month Club -- try out a spice sample, new recipes, and learn fun facts.

## More Hallmark Cards in the Community Center

We've put out Halloween and Thanksgiving cards on the table outside the Community Center Library. It's not a large collection, but wait til you see what we have for Christmas! These are some of the last from the cards McCullough's Pharmacy donated to the Friends of Fairhaven.

Same process as before: There is no specific price on these cards. You can see the Hallmark price, which McCullough's would have charged, on the back. Comparable cards are sold for \$1 in the Mini Mart. Should you want any of these cards (and please do take what you want), the Friends of Fairhaven, the organization that sponsors the Mini Mart, would appreciate a donation. You can leave that donation in the somewhat-battered school bus box on the table. If you pay by check, make it to the Friends of Fairhaven.

When we had cards out earlier this year, your donations totaled more than \$120. That went to the Friends who recently voted to fund \$2500 for a Med Tech scholarship for an eligible Fairhaven employee.

Thanks, Kathy Ross

**WE WANT TO EXTEND A BIG**

# WELCOME

to Russell and Avis Johnson, who moved into 865 Acorn Ridge

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

**Rusty Kapela**

### Stars & Planets!!!

You've probably heard of the pictures being sent back from the James Webb Space Telescope. Extraordinary!



How about the rings around Neptune!?





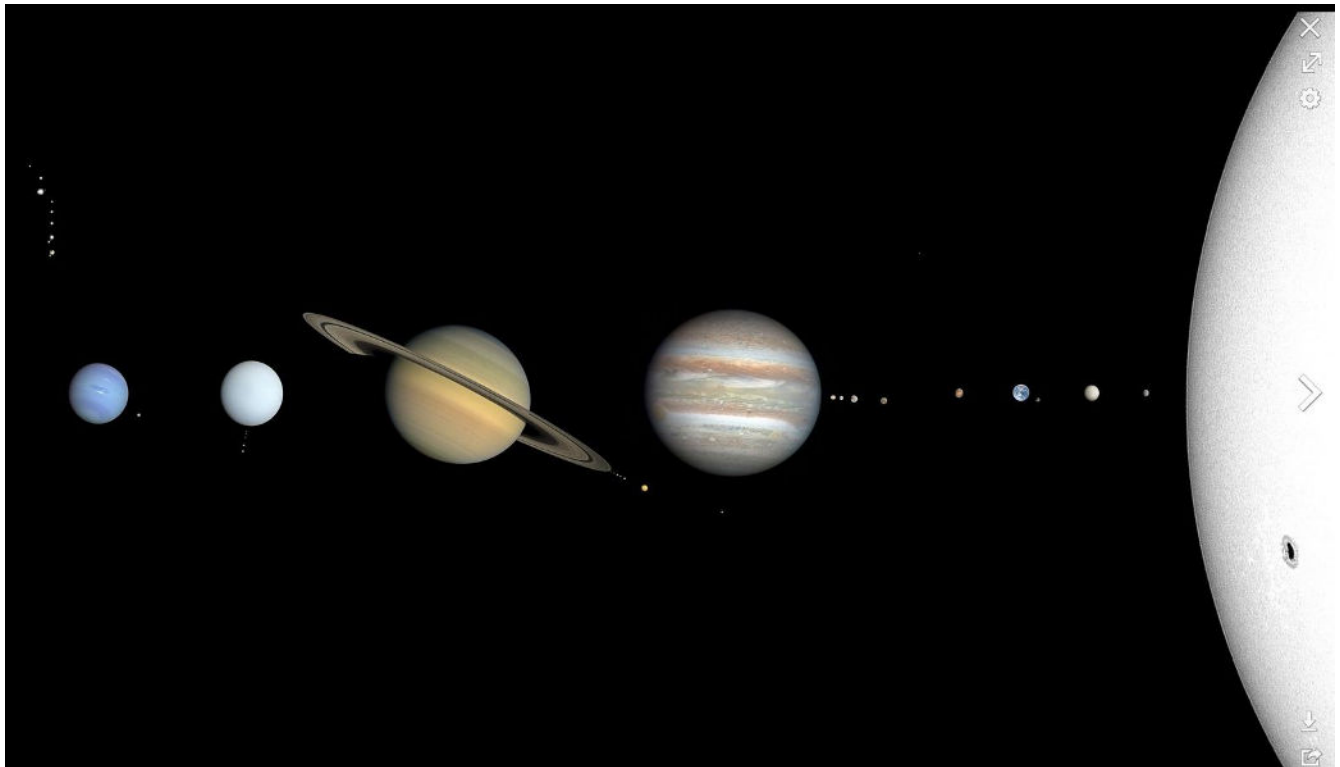
## Did You Know?...Now You Know! continued

If you wish to see more Webb images, use these links:

<https://www.nasa.gov/content/goddard/webb-telescope-image-galleries-from-nasa>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nasawebbtelescope/albums/with/72177720301006030>

The Webb images reminded me of the vast distances in the Universe so I decided to surf the Internet and come up with some numbers for us to chew on. Below is an image showing the planets in our Solar System, with planets to scale. However, distances between planets are not to scale. Remember, the Earth is the 3<sup>rd</sup> rock from the Sun!



\*Earth's diameter – 7,917.5 miles

\*Sun's diameter – 865,370 miles

\*Average distance from Earth to Sun is 92.956 million miles

\*It takes 8 minutes and 20 seconds for the Sun's light to travel to Earth

\*Earth's orbital speed around the Sun is 66,616 mph

\*Sun is 26,745 light years from center of Milky Way Galaxy (Speed of light is 186,000 miles per sec or 671,000,000 mph)

\*Our Sun's orbital speed around center of Milky Way is 536,865 mph

\*Our Sun's trip around the center of the Milky Way takes 225 million years!

\*Milky Way galaxy has an estimated 100–400 billion stars and at least that many planets

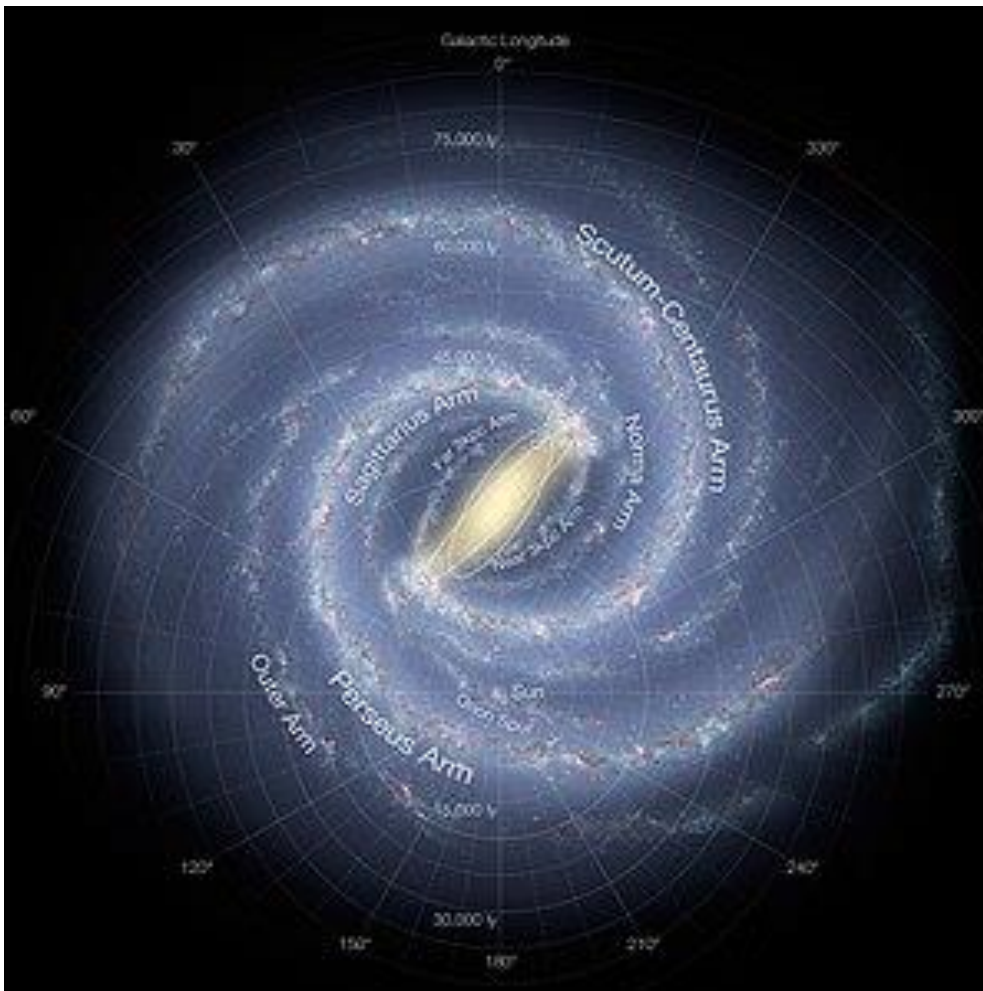
\*Milky Way Galaxy is moving through space at about 1,305,000 mph toward the constellations of Virgo and Leo!

## Did You Know?...Now You Know! Continued



Image of Milky Way Galaxy from Earth

Below is an artist's rendering of what our Milky Way Galaxy looks like. We can only see it "on-edge" from the Earth.



Our Sun is located in the center of the lower half of the image.

So, with "things" moving so fast through the Universe, why don't humans fall off the Earth?  
...Gravity!

**Now you know!**



Barb Dosemagen says "we have a loner."

And I caught this mama turkey with four chicks near the intersection of Fremont and Burr Oak Trail. The same group were in our back yard a couple days later.

Nelda Bergsten



This is our "Clean Up Crew" for our bird feeding area.

Bev Aulik

