

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 will be making his next bi-monthly report to Prairie Village on Tuesday, March 14th, at 10:00 A.M.

GARBAGE PICKUP: March's bulky collection date is the second March 9th. 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 at the Community Center. 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, or deliver or mail a “hard” copy to 852 Acorn Ridge.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS

Thursday, the 2nd – Tall Grass Restoration, LLC, presentation (Multi-Purpose Room) – 10:00 A.M.

Prairie Chicks meet at the Community Center – 11:00 A.M.

Todd Touton musical program in Olm Fellowship Hall – 1:15 P.M.

Cribbage Club (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 4th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 10:00 A.M.

Monday, the 6th – Story Corps presentation in Olm Fellowship Hall – 10:30 A.M.

Tuesday, the 7th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Wednesday, the 8th – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.
Movie Night (Multi-Purpose Room) – 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 9th -- Bulky garbage/recycling pickup
Alice in Dairyland guest Bingo caller in Olm Fellowship Hall – 1:15 P.M.
Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.
Cheese Curds Sale in Piano Lounge – 2:15 P.M.
Ice cream sundaes in the Skylight Dining Room – 2:30 P.M.
Piano program by UW-Whitewater students in Olm Fellowship Hall – 3:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 11th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, the 12th – Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 A.M. – don't forget to turn your clock one hour ahead (spring ahead – fall back) before going to bed
Saturday night

Monday, the 13th – Piano program with Dr. J. Ian Nie and Zachary Petersen in Olm Fellowship Hall – 10:30 A.M.

Tuesday, the 14th – Paul Kuenning presenting his bi-monthly report (Multi-Purpose Room) – 10:00 A.M.
Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 16th – Free blood pressure screenings in Whitewater Conference Rom – 9:30 – 10:30 A.M.
Cribbage Club (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Friday, the 17th – St. Patrick's Day party (Multi-Purpose Room) – 4:30 P.M.

Saturday, the 18th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 10:00 A.M.

Monday, the 20th – Cowboy Bob in Olm Fellowship Hall – 1:15 P.M.

Tuesday, the 21st -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 22nd – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.
Crime Book Club (Multi-Purpose Room) – 6:30 P.M.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Thursday, the 23rd – Worship service with Rev. O’Donnell in Olm Fellowship Hall --
10:30 A.M.

Prairie Chicks meet at the Community Center – 11:00 A.M.

Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 25th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 10:00 A.M.

Monday, the 27th – Whitewater Warblers concert in Olm Fellowship Hall – 1:15 P.M.

Tuesday, the 28th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 29th – Wisconsin Historical Society presentation: 1989 Back to the
Future in Olm Fellowship Hall – 1:15 P.M.

Also please note that further information about all activities scheduled in Olm Fellowship Hall, Whitewater Conference Room, Skylight Dining Room, 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 meet at the Community Center at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 2nd, to carpool to The Brick House for lunch in Fort Atkinson. This is the event that was scheduled for the 4th Thursday in February but which was postponed due to inclement weather. Please contact Judith Moldenhauer to let her know that you will be attending.

The group will meet at the Community Center at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 23rd to carpool to lunch in Fort Atkinson. Please contact Elizabeth Asher for RSVP.

Upcoming Social Events:

Movie night will be on the second Wednesday this month, March 8th, at 6:30 P.M. The movie is “A DOG’S PURPOSE”. It is billed as an adorable and heartwarming film, based on the beloved bestselling novel by W. Bruce Cameron.

I’m also going to list next month’s film for HOLY week, Wednesday, April 5th.

It is the blockbuster film “THE PASSION OF OUR CHRIST”. Words can’t describe the emotions you experience as you watch this film.

A great St. Patty’s party is being planned for you on Friday, the 17th. Please read Elizabeth’s write-up for all the info on this fun event. Guinness beer, other stout beer, and Irish cream drink. What more could you ask for on St. Patty’s day!!!!!!! Judith Moldenhauer

Upcoming Social Events, continued:

St. Patrick's Day Party March 17th at 4:30 P.M..

Entertainment and food,

Menu:

Irish Stew and Soda Bread

Salad and Desert.

Guinness Beer, other Stout Beer and Irish Cream Drinks.

Sign up sheet in Community Center

Questions call Judith at 262-473-4055 or Elizabeth at 262-473-5783.

Elizabeth Asher

CRIME BOOK CLUB

In March we will be reading *The Searcher by Tana French*. I still have copies available at my house, 834 Acorn Ridge, if you are interested in picking up a book and joining us at our March meeting.

I am so sorry that we had to cancel our February meeting due to the weather conditions. It would have been an interesting discussion. Author, Lucy Foley, did a fantastic job of developing a mystery where we knew there was a murder at the wedding but not sure until the end who was killed and by whom – even though the perpetrator could have been any one of many characters in the book.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22nd, at 6:30 P.M. Hope to see many of you there.

Kathy Schumacher

Tallgrass Restoration, LLC

Presentation in the Community Center

Thursday, March 2nd - 10:00am

The Prairie in Your Backyard:

Q & A about the Past and Future of the Natural Areas at

Prairie Village

Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, presentation, continued



With Prairie Professional Rachel Lambert,
Ecologist and Assistant Project Manager with
Tallgrass Restoration LLC

Topics will include:

What makes your natural areas special?

What's growing out there?

Benefits to Mind & Body

Benefits to Wildlife & Water

What will happen in 2023?



Open Q &A for tough questions like:

Isn't it just a bunch of weeds?

Why is it so TALL?

The Ugly Duckling Phase

Library Update

Resuming Large Print Reading

Our neighbor Pat Smith okayed my sharing that after consultation with her eye doctor, she has been able to resume reading large print books. She'll be glad to tell you about her "wonderful experience" (her actual description) and has some lighting recommendations. And, of course, her first place to find books is our Library where Large Print editions have a bright green LP on their spines.

Library Update, continued

Don't forget that we have Sue Brey's collection of audio books – inside the wall-hung cabinet – in case such will help develop or supplement your reading.

Where to Possibly Get Better Exposure for Your Free Items, etc.

We had a great cd collection left on the Library table with a Free sign. We've had some information about trips left there, too. My sense is that it's best to put such either on the high magazine table on the way into the "big room" or on the table at the front door simply because more people – our neighbors and guests – will see them there. Hard to imagine, but not everybody goes to the Library!

Donations

Should you have books to donate, please leave them in the cooler on my porch (881 BOT), or I'll come get what you have. Please limit your non-fiction donations to history and biographies. You are welcome to leave your returns in that cooler, too. Puzzle donations are always welcome, too.

If you've questions about the Library, please let me know. Thanks to everyone who contributes in any way to this effort.

Kathy Ross

More Greeting Cards-and A Volunteer Opportunity

I'd thought we'd about finished with sorting cards donated to the Friends of Fairhaven by McCullough's Pharmacy but I was wrong. We have a supply of Easter cards (there are a few American Greetings ones but mostly Hallmark), more general cards, and graduation cards galore. I'll be putting the table back up with the Easter ones in mid-late March, and the others in a few week after that. Thanks again to all of you contribute to this seemingly ongoing effort. Valentine donations alone were \$38.00!

The Mini Mart only works because of our volunteers. The most public volunteers are those that give their time to help residents, staff, and others with their purchases during 12:30-3:00 on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, when the Mini Mart is open. Janet Morrow, the Mini Mart manager, is very willing to talk with anyone who might consider giving time to this important work. Give her a call – 262-215-2055.

Kathy Ross on behalf of the Friends of Fairhaven

Atmospheric Rivers! It's another recent buzzword in the news and social media worlds! Sounds pretty bad! Does it imply that all of us going to drown in a world-wide flood? The short answer is...NO!

Life as we know it will go on. In fact, atmospheric rivers have been around since weather on Earth was invented. The problem is the phrase "atmospheric river" has been over-hyped during the past few months.

Key Points:

- Atmospheric rivers are relatively long, narrow regions in the atmosphere – like rivers in the sky – that transport water vapor northward into the mid-latitudes (think of the USA).
- Every low-pressure system has an atmospheric river associated with it – found on the east or southeast part of the system in the northern hemisphere.
- Not all atmospheric rivers cause damage; most are weak systems that often provide beneficial rain or snow that is crucial to the water supply.
- Atmospheric rivers are a key feature in the global water cycle and are closely tied to both water supply and flood risks — particularly in the western United States.

To the right is an idealized drawing of an atmospheric river impacting the U.S. west coast:

Caution – The image to the right implies it rains/snows only over land.

Rain and/or snow can and does develop offshore out over the open oceanic waters!!! This precipitation eventually moves inland as the responsible low-pressure system moves inland.



Did You Know?...Now You Know, continued



Image to the left shows a typical rain band moving inland on the west coast of California during an atmospheric river episode.

If a series of low-pressure systems and their atmospheric rivers move inland during a couple week's time, then excessive total rainfall amounts result in flooding, landslides,

debris flows and severe beach erosion.

Below is a satellite picture of an atmospheric river. The long white band of clouds aiming for the west coast of the U.S. is the atmospheric river.

