

Voice of the Village People

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MORNING COFFEES, GIRL TALK, 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, and for the Girl Talk gatherings (ladies only, please) on Fridays at 10:00 A.M. in the Library at the Community Center. Lively conversation is guaranteed at these activities. Fairhaven's CEO Paul Kuenning will be making his next bi-monthly report to Prairie Village on Tuesday, February 13th, at 10:00 A.M.

GARBAGE PICKUP: January's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, January 11th. A copy of the schedule has been posted at the Community Center.

MEALS, MEALS – DO YOU NEED MEALS? For short-term, due to an illness or accident, recent hospitalization, bereavement, etc., contact Colleen Endisch – 262-325-1460. And for Whitewater Meals on Wheels (MOW) long-term (\$10 per meal) contact Marguerite Willman, 708-822-0539.

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 at the Community Center at the back patio near the Fireplace 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, 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 – Hand and Foot (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.
Crime Book Club (Library) – 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 4th -- Prairie Village Choraliers (Multi-Purpose Room) – 11:00 A.M.
Cribbage (Conference Room) – 2:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Saturday, the 6th -- Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 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.

Rummikub (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Movie Night (Multi-Purpose Room) – 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 11th -- Bulky garbage/recycling pickup

Prairie Village Choraliers (Multi-Purpose Room) – 11:00 A.M.

Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 13th -- Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, the 16th – Brian Robinson at coffee (Multi-Purpose Room) – 10:00 A.M.

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

Wednesday, the 17th – Hand and Foot (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 18th -- Prairie Village Choraliers (Multi-Purpose Room) – 11:00 A.M.

Cribbage (Conference Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 20th -- Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

Monday, the 22nd – Chili Cookoff and Dump (Multi-Purpose Room) -- NOON

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.

Rummikub (Multi-Purpose Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Vagabond Diners – Dinner at Fanatico's – 4:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 25th – Prairie Village Choraliers (Multi-Purpose Room) – 11:00 A.M.

Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 27th -- Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

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

Wednesday, the 31st – Crime Book Club (Library) – 6:30 P.M.

Please note that information about all activities scheduled at Fairhaven can be found in the Fairhaven newsletter, copies of which are available in the lobby at the Community Center.

Brian Robinson from Fairhaven will be with us at coffee on Tuesday, January 16th, to explain the many options available for residents in “The Big House”.

Fun Times for Prairie Villagers!

We start the fun on Wednesday, January 10th, with MOVIE NIGHT at 6:30 P.M. Our movie is **“The Cheyenne Social Club”**. It’s a light PG comedy starring Jimmy Stewart and his sidekick, Henry Fonda, as two cowboys.

Stewart is told that his uncle died and that he has inherited property way up in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The movie also stars Shirley Jones. Drinks and Snacks, as always, will be served.

Vagabond Diners will be starting the New Year’s outings close to home at Fanatico’s restaurant here in Whitewater on Wednesday Jan. 24th. Our dining time is 4:30 P.M. If you are interested in dining out with a group of friendly people, just call me (Judith) at 262 473 4055 before 6:00 P.M. on Fri. January 19th.

New this Year! Let’s have a Chili Cook-off.

Who can make the best Chili in Prairie Village?

Cook up your batch and bring a quart and a half to the Community Center on Monday, January 22nd, at 12:00 noon. If you have a crock pot to keep your chili warm, that would be great. Attendees will taste each chili, and everyone will vote on their favorite. For those who do not want to be in the contest you may dump your chili into a roaster oven for our usual Chili Dump.



If you don’t like to make Chili perhaps you can bring an accompaniment. Please mark your calendar; sign up in the Community Center. Should be fun!

Join us in our FIRESIDE DINNER THEATRE PRAIRIE VILLAGE OUTING on Sunday June, 30th. The play I picked is a rousing comedy called “NUNSENSE”. The storyline involves the nuns trying to figure out how to raise enough money to bury six nuns who died in their kitchen from accidental poisoning.

I have once again reserved the best seats in the house, in the first and second rows.

We will indulge ourselves at the BIG Fireside brunch buffet prior to the show, which features a full array of wonderful food choices. You must contact me (Judith) at 262 473 4055 if you are interested in attending. I know this seems a ways off, but I have reserved only 28 seats, so we are limited in number, and it will be “first come, first served”. Right now, we’re just putting together a sign-up list. You will not have to pay anything at this time. Our deadline will be May 20th for payment. The full price (**including tax and tip**) is \$89.29 per person – and that includes the buffet. For folks that are new to the area and have never been to the FIRESIDE THEATRE in Fort Atkinson, you will truly enjoy the outing at our discounted group price.

CRIME BOOK CLUB

Just a reminder, our schedule for 2024 is as follows: January 3, January 31, February 28, March 27, April 24, and May 21. We will then take June, July, and August off for the summer of 2024.

Notice from the Kitchen Committee:

We are planning to organize the kitchen at the end of January, 2024. As part of this, we will be cleaning out the refrigerator and freezer. If you have any items in either, please label them and, if perishable, also date when they were placed in refrigerator/freezer. Anything that is not labeled will be thrown out. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions, please contact Jerri Stevenson at 920 723-5560.

The Kitchen Committee

Library Update January 2024

This that and the other....

So, how many Library books did we use in 2023? Hold that question until February, as I'll have counted our book usage by then.

Please see the article in the Fairhaven newsletter about some changes in that Library. We are welcome to use it, as Fairhaven residents are ours. The non-fiction sections there are more varied. The Large Print section is quite large. I'm not discouraging you from using ours, but you may want to check it out. Should you borrow books from the Fairhaven Library and want me to return them, I'll be glad to. Just leave them in the cooler on my porch!

You may have already seen the box of free DVDs on the entrance table. I'm hoping they will find homes since people who haven't seen them in the Library may be interested.

I have moved the audio books from the wall-hung cabinet to the top shelf of Mysteries. That creates space for some of our People books which I reluctantly moved to the bottom shelves of the Fiction section (to make more room for those books). Since moving them there, I have noticed a decline in how often People books are returned. Maybe having them higher up will encourage usage. Time will tell.....

The Christmas books will be out for a few more weeks. If you ever have any that you want to donate, you are welcome to any time of the year.

Fiction, mystery/thrillers, history, and people donations are always welcome. Leave them in the cooler on my porch or I'll come get them.

Thanks to everyone who supports our Library in any way – and that goes especially to Judith Moldenhauer who made it festive for Christmas! I'm open to your questions and/or suggestions.

Kathy Ross

Thanks from Friends of Fairhaven and Mini Mart

Greeting cards were made available again at the Community Center beginning in September and since then, your donations have totaled \$151. Thank you!

As you may already know, individual card prices at the Mini Mart, located on Fairhaven's Lower Level, will be \$1.25 each beginning January 1 – the only price increase in 60+ years. As a result, the requested donation for any more cards offered here will be \$1.25, beginning with Valentines.

We appreciate your support.

Kathy Ross on behalf of Friends of Fairhaven and the Mini Mart

Carenotes

The Carenotes website description describes their service as "Inspirations booklets on a variety of topics to help individuals heal mind, body and spirit. Covering topics on mental wellness, aging, illness, grief and loss for all ages." Having recently sorted through and organized our collection, I can say that there are booklets on all these topics and more. These are the booklets that you have seen on a rack as you walk into the Community Center.

I have put out as many of our collection as possible on the tables outside the Library. They will be there for the first couple of weeks of January, and then I'll put out more. During that time, please take any you want in any quantity. They are available for you, your guests, or any who might be interested in them.

I expect to move them to Fairhaven with the same offer to residents there. After we see what is left, I have been given the approval to offer them to any group(s) that might use them. If you have contacts with such groups, let's coordinate an offer to them.

Should you be unable to get to the Community Center or are in warmer climates for the winter, I'd be glad to save you some on the topics noted in this first paragraph – or literally one of each of the whole collection.

Kathy Ross

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

Rusty Kapela

The Ice Bowl - December 31, 1967 – NFL Championship Game in Green Bay, WI

Key points:

- Green Bay Packers beat the Dallas Cowboys 21-17.
- Brutal weather conditions.
- Coldest conditions experienced at any NFL game. At game time it was -13F with a wind chill of -46F.
- Temperature during the Packer's end-of-game winning drive was -20F.
- The band performances at halftime were cancelled. Nonetheless, 7 band members were treated at hospitals for hypothermia.

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

- Reports of some fans having frostbite and some fans outside the stadium fell on icy spots.
- In-ground field heating system malfunctioned, leading to a totally frozen/icy field by end of game.

So, now you know why Green Bay's Lambeau Field is known as the "Frozen Tundra." But, is Green Bay the coldest location for NFL games? Is it the snowiest? Let dig into the weather books and find out! While we're at it let's look up some other interesting facts about the NFL cities and teams.



City - NFC	Team	1 st Year in NFL	Core City Population	Elevation msl
Arizona	Cardinals	1920	1,644,403	1086
Atlanta	Falcons	1966	499,121	1050
Carolina	Panthers	1995	897,720	751
Chicago	Bears	1920	2,608,425	579
Dallas	Cowboys	1960	1,299,553	518
Detroit	Lions	1930	621,193	656
Green Bay	Packers	1921	106,817	581
Los Angeles	Rams	1936	3,769,485	305
Minnesota	Vikings	1961	418,075	1043
New Orleans	Saints	1967	364,659	-7
New York	Giants	1925	7,888,121	33
Philadelphia	Eagles	1933	1,527,886	39
San Francisco	49ers	1950	848,019	207
Seattle	Seahawks	1976	725,487	174
Tampa Bay	Buccaneers	1976	398,160	48

Washington	Commanders	1932	678,972	150
City - AFC	Team	1 st Year in NFL	Core City Population	Elevation msl
Baltimore	Ravens	1996	563,455	33
Buffalo	Bills	1970	274,618	607
Cincinnati	Bengals	1970	310,113	741
Cleveland	Browns	1946	360,040	705
Denver	Broncos	1960	717,630	5280
Houston	Texans	2002	2,264,876	50
Indianapolis	Colts	1953	871,449	718
Jacksonville	Jaguars	1995	962,970	16
Kansas City	Chiefs	1970	509,319	909
Las Vegas	Raiders	1970	653,843	2001
Los Angeles	Chargers	1970	3,769,485	305
Miami	Dolphins	1970	441,889	6
New England	Patriots	1970	675,647	46
New York	Jets	1970	7,888,121	33
Pittsburgh	Steelers	1933	295,793	764
Tennessee	Titans	1970	658,525	554

City - NFC	Team	Avg Jan Temp	Avg Jan Snow	Avg Yrly Snow	Avg Yrly Pcpn
Arizona	Cardinals	56.8	T	T	7.21"
Atlanta	Falcons	44.5	0.8"	1.7"	49.69"
Carolina	Panthers	41.7	1.9"	4.1"	43.53"
Chicago	Bears	24.2	12"	39.1"	37.85"
Dallas	Cowboys	46.8	0.1"	1.6"	37.01"
Detroit	Lions	25.8	13.9"	45.2"	34.29"
Green Bay	Packers	18.0	14.3"	56.2"	31.60"
Los Angeles	Rams	57.9	0	T	12.23"
Minnesota	Vikings	15.9	10.7"	52"	31.57"
New Orleans	Saints	54.0	T	T	63.29"

New York	Giants	33.5	8.7"	29.8"	49.51"
Philadelphia	Eagles	34.0	7.1"	23.2"	44.09"
San Francisco	49ers	51.1	0"	T	19.63"
Seattle	Seahawks	42.4	0.9"	4.3"	37.73"
Tampa Bay	Buccaneers	61.5	T	T	49.45"
Washington	Commanders	37.1	4.9"	13.8"	41.79"
City - AFC	Team	Avg Jan Temp	Avg Jan Snow	Avg Yrly Snow	Avg Yrly Pcpn
Baltimore	Ravens	34.2	6.4	19.4	44.98"
Buffalo	Bills	25.6	26.7"	93.1"	40.64"
Cincinnati	Bengals	31.3	7.7"	23.1"	45.23"
Cleveland	Browns	28.1	18.4"	63.6"	40.99"
Denver	Broncos	31.8	6.4"	50.6"	15.03"
Houston	Texans	53.4	T	0.1"	51.82"
Indianapolis	Colts	28.5	8.7"	25.6"	43.60"
Jacksonville	Jaguars	53.9	T	T	53.39"
Kansas City	Chiefs	29.1	4.9"	17.5"	39.27"
Las Vegas	Raiders	49.1	T	0.2"	4.16"
Los Angeles	Chargers	57.9	0	T	12.23"
Miami	Dolphins	68.8	0	0	67.38
New England	Patriots	30.2	14.2"	48.7"	43.42"
New York	Jets	33.5	8.7"	29.8"	49.51"
Pittsburgh	Steelers	29.0	13.2"	43.3"	39.58"
Tennessee	Titans	39.1	1.8"	4.6"	50.43"

Based on the above data, the coldest temperatures in January are experienced by the Minnesota Vikings. However, they played, for the most part, in a covered and heated stadium from 1982 to the present. Therefore, on average, the Green Bay area **today**, on average, has the coldest temperatures for **outdoor** football in January.

Due to lake-effect snow showers rolling in off of Lake Erie, the Buffalo area is the snowiest location for January outdoor football, followed by Cleveland and then Green Bay and Boston (New England). Obviously, the Buffalo area also averages the most snowfall for the entire cold season.

As far as overall wetness goes, the NFL city that gets the most precipitation (liquid & melted snow) throughout the year is Miami, followed by New Orleans.

The Arizona Cardinals and Las Vegas Raiders play football in the dry part of the country. The NFL teams in the southern part of Florida don't get any measurable snow, on average, and have the warmest January temperatures in the country.

Table legend:

1st Year in NFL – the calendar year the team for entered the NFL. Some teams have moved to/from other cities over the years.

Core City Population – 2023 estimated population in just the main core, excluding the suburbs.

Elevation msl – the land elevation, above mean sea level, in feet, at city hall or central part of core city.

Avg Jan Temp – average monthly temperature for January, in degrees Fahrenheit (F).

Avg Jan Snow – average snowfall for the month of January, in inches. T = Trace, not measurable

Avg Yrly Snowfall – average total snowfall for the entire year, in inches. T = Trace, not measurable

Avg Yrly Pcpn – average yearly precipitation (rain and snow melted down) in inches.



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We had a great turnout for the Gilbertson family concert on the 27th of December. The music presented was a mix of religious, secular, and even amusing music. A good time was definitely had by all.





A Fantasy of Naked Trees in Winter

The trees wait nakedly until
the sun rises high to warm
the soil at their feet.
They shift themselves
nervously in place,
holding off the night frost,
wrap themselves in gray
to hold in the heat of day.

At night they step out
to dance. At dawn they hurry
back to tuck their feet back in
to make us think they've not gone
anywhere. But look closely
and you'll see how some
stayed out too late in their
night's revels with the stars.

12/15/2023

From Gerry Bertsch

