

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 all of these activities.

GARBAGE PICKUP: September's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, September 12th. 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.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR SHORT-TERM LEASE: An updated list of Medical Equipment for short-term lease is posted in the Community Center office. A reminder that this is for short-term loan only. If you or your family is in need of any of these items, or you have any items to add to the list, contact Steve Lade at 262-458-2261.

HOME RESPITE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE -- Please be reminded that if you or a loved one would like a break from caregiving, this committee can furnish a volunteer to visit at your home while you can have time away. Dates and times are flexible. If you would like to utilize this service, contact Steve Lade at 262-458-2261.

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 3rd -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 4th – Hand and Foot (Game Room) – 2:00 P. M.
Movie Night (Multi-Purpose Room) – 6:30 P.M.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Thursday, the 5th -- Cribbage (Conference Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 7th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

Monday, the 9th --- Chair yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday, the 10th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 11th – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.
Rummikub (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 12th – Bulky garbage/recycling pickup
Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Friday, the 13th – Vagabond Diners gather at the Community Center at 4:00 P.M. to carpool to dinner at The Fireside

Saturday, the 14th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

Monday, the 16th --- Chair yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday, the 17th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 18th – Hand and Foot (Game Room) – 2:00 P. M.

Thursday, the 19th -- Cribbage (Conference Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 21st – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

Sunday, the 22nd – Whitewater's Half-Marathon – in Prairie Village beginning at 8:00 A.M.

Monday, the 23rd --- Chair yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday, the 24th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Gather at the Community Center at 10:30 A.M. to carpool to Edwards Apple Orchard

Wednesday, the 25th – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.
Rummikub (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.
Crime Book Club (Library) – 6:30 P.M.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Thursday, the 26th – Prairie Chicks gather at the Community Center at 11:45 A.M. to carpool to lunch at the Olive Garden

Saturday, the 28th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

Monday, the 30th --- Chair yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 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.

PRAIRIE CHICKS

The Prairie Chicks will be going to the Olive Garden in Janesville for our Thursday, September 26th, lunch outing. We will meet at the Community Center at 11:45 A.M. to carpool to Janesville.

Please RSVP to Sue Brey at 262-458-2311 by Tuesday, September 24th if you plan to join us.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS:

Movie Night -- Wednesday, September 4th, at 6:30 P.M.

“The Boys in the Boat”

This movie is new, having been released last Christmas.

This film is based on the nonfiction book of the same name by Danial James Brown. This takes place in depression-era 1930s Seattle. The movie centers on Joe Rantz (Callum Turner) a hardscrabble but dedicated kid. Abandoned by his family and scraping by on his own - working where he can and living in a car - Rantz goes out for the Huskies' (University of Washington) eight-man rowing team in hopes of earning meals and a warm bed. What unfolds is very remarkable. You will truly enjoy this movie and end up cheering for them.

Fresh popcorn, beer and soda are always served.

Vagabond Diners Friday, September 13th

If you like eating a fish fry in elegant surroundings, please join our September outing to the **Fireside**. Sue Brey will be leading this outing. Please call her for a reservation at (262) 458 2311 by the September 9th deadline. We will carpool from the Community Center at 4:00 P.M. Also, a free dessert because you are being seated before 5:00 P.M. Have fun browsing in their wonderful shops while you are there.

Do you want to see fall color and have some apple cider? We will go to Edwards Apple Orchard, Poplar Grove, Illinois, which is 52 minutes south of here, on September 24th. Meet at the Community Center at 10:30 A.M. to carpool. We will have lunch there. You can get apple cider (cold or hot), donuts, apples, etc. There is also a gift shop, too. A sign-up sheet will be in the Community Center. Please sign up by September 19th. Call Elizabeth if you have any questions – 262-473-5783.

HANDBELL CHOIR TO RESUME REHEARSALS

The Fairhaven Handbell Choir will resume rehearsals on September 13th, from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. **New members are welcome!** Please contact Tom Ryan at 608-201-2004 before September 1st or after September 9th.

CRIME BOOK CLUB

We will already have met on August 28th for me to distribute the first book for the new “crime” year by the time you receive this newsletter. Hopefully you all received my email reminding you of this very important meeting!

Our read for the month of September will be *A Stranger in the House* by Shari Lapena. We have read a book authored by her before and I hope we enjoy this book as much as we did the last one. Looking forward to starting a new year of exciting reading. Our meeting to discuss this book about the stranger in the house will be on September 25th at 6:30 P.M. in the Library at the Community Center.

I hope you have had a fun and relaxing summer!

Kathy Schumacher

WHITEWATER’S 12th ANNUAL HALF MARATHON

The Whitewater Half Marathon will be conducted on Sunday, September 22nd. 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 A.M., 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 22nd.

As in past years, there will be **Water Station D** located on Fremont Street just north of the entrance to Prairie Village. Volunteers from Prairie Village and Fairhaven, as well as from the community at large, have traditionally manned this station. For more information or if you are interested in volunteering for this event, please see runwhitewater.com.



MODEL TRAIN OPERATION

Dick & Dolores Piehl decided we needed to have folks over to participate in a morning or afternoon of running trains with timetables and car destinations. If you would be interested, Dick will provide the trains and guidance on how things will work. If you are interested, please email, text or call (turfan2@charter.net, 262-753-3696) to let Dick know and what days and times would fit you. We will set a date and time when the most can come.

Looking Ahead: Veterans' Day 2024 in Prairie Village

As you may know there are many U.S. Veterans in our Prairie Village family. This year for Veterans' Day (Monday, November 11th) we are planning a program to acknowledge and honor those Veterans living among us. At this point, we just need to know who all our Veterans are. *So if you are a PV resident and fall into one of the categories below, we are asking that you self-identify to Bob Behrens, Gary Fry, or Kathy Ross:* (participation is voluntary)

- Are a Veteran of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard
- Are a spouse of a deceased Veteran
- Are a close family member (parent, child, sibling) of a Veteran who was killed in action

More information about this event will be forthcoming. *The program will be held in the Community Center on Monday afternoon, November 11th.* All Villagers are encouraged to attend. Please mark your calendar.

Thank you.

Bob Behrens, Gary Fry, Kathy Ross

Library Update and More

Book Check-Out Cards

We all remember having to write our names on cards that were in library books before check-out systems were automated. That system was used at Fairhaven for years until our neighbor and Fairhaven Librarian Lori Stoneking and other volunteers agreed to discontinue it. Lori has given us a huge supply of these cards, which I will use for our bookmarks when the current supply is exhausted. These are 2 ½" by 4 ½" lined cards – very similar to index cards. Should you have any use for some, please let me know. There's no way we'll ever need this many for bookmarks!

Bookcase Update

We have received donations that will more than pay for the materials for the first bookcase that Jim Schumacher is creating. The following neighbors have donated and okayed their contributions being publicly acknowledged:

- Val Banker in memory of her husband Al
- Barbara Jaquith in memory of her husband Clyde
- Sue Mealy in memory of her husband Michael
- Steve and Melanie Ryan
- David Yochum

If you have donated and your name should be listed above, that's my error – please correct me. If your name is listed above, this is not the only acknowledgement of your contribution. We will have signage in the Library with your names and designations, once the project is complete.

Should you want to donate, please make your check to the Fairhaven Foundation noting that it is for Prairie Village bookcases. You can leave it at Fairhaven's Front Desk, give it to Shannon, or I'll take it to Fairhaven to give to her. Should you want a tax receipt, please include that request with your check.

Book Donations/Suggestions

Fiction, mystery/thrillers, history, and "people" donations are always welcome. Leave them in the cooler on my porch (881 BOT), or I'll come get them. If you've suggestions or questions, let me know. Thanks to everyone who supports our Library in any way.

Etc.

Thanks to those of you who continue to contribute empty, clean and unlabeled prescription bottles for a local clinic. I'd prefer you leave them in the cooler on my porch or let me come get them from you. I don't always see them when they are left in the Community Center (thanks to those of you who have told me they're there).

Another thanks to those of you who donate to the Friends of Fairhaven/Mini Mart with your card selections. You'll soon see seasonal cards.....

Kathy Ross

Construction Update from Whitewater Library

"We will be under construction soon!"

Preparations will begin September 9th, and the Library will close on September 16th. We expect to reopen in mid-October. Please check our website for updates!

Sorry for any inconvenience caused!

Emergency Contact Law

This information is from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation website, which is:

[Wisconsin Department of Transportation Emergency contact law \(wisconsin.gov\)](http://wisconsin.gov)

Starting June 1, 2024, Wisconsin residents will have the option to add one emergency contact to their record. This contact information could be available to law enforcement agencies in the event that you are in a collision or are experiencing a medical emergency. This information may save crucial time if ever it becomes necessary to contact your family members or other loved ones.

As part of every application for a Wisconsin driver license or ID card, the applicant will be asked if they would like to include emergency contact information in their file. Adding the information is voluntary. If you would like to have an emergency contact listed, you will be required to provide the contact's name, residential address, phone number and their relationship to you. This information will not be printed on the driver license or ID card.

If you would like to add an emergency contact to your file, visit the above website.

You will need to enter:

Your first and last name, Your Wisconsin Driver License or ID Card number, The last 4 digits of your Social Security number, Your date of birth

AND Your emergency contact's name, Your emergency contact's address, Your emergency contact's phone number, Your relationship to the emergency contact.



Thanks, once again, to the decorating "crew", as the autumn tree looks great, as do other areas of the Community Center.

AUGUST FLUFF

Summer plants select when to
sow the fruits of their labors. They
release their hidden seeds to fly in
tiny parachutes for the wind to
carry them to a good pace for the
next generation to make their own
beginning. Each seed has its own
built-in calendar to guide them.
From the vantage of my porch,
I watch small puffs of white fluff
sail lazily in the wind waiting for
the Great Gardener to plant them.

(8/20/2024 – Gerry Bertsch)

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

Rusty Kapela

30 Percent Chance of Rain Today – What Does That Really Mean

You've heard of many weather forecasts calling for a 30% or 60% (percent) chance of rain, snow, showers, freezing rain for today, tonight or tomorrow. But what does that really mean? How is it officially defined? Let's dig into the definition and set the record straight!!!

The Definition: 30% chance for rain today in the Chicago area means there is a 30% chance for measurable rain (at least 0.01 inch) today (7 am CDT to 7 pm CDT) for any and every single point or location within the city of Chicago.

Key Points About the Definition:

- The percentage is known as “Probability of Precipitation – PoP).
- The location can be any village, city, county – basically any defined area.
- We’re talking about measurable rain of at least 0.01 inch (pavement/sidewalk wet with only a hint of a puddle.
- The time period is usually define92d as a 12-hour period or can be defined as any time period.
- The percentage value doesn’t refer to the amount of precipitation expected – only that at least 0.01 inch is a possibility.
- The percentage value doesn’t refer to how long the rain or snow will last (time duration) within a defined time period.

Common time periods:

| Time Period | Eastern | Central | Mountain | Pacific |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Today | 8 am EDT – 8 pm EDT | 7 am CDT – 7 pm CDT | 6 am MDT – 6 pm MDT | 5 am PDT – 5 pm PDT |
| | 7 am EST – 7 pm EST | 6 am CST – 6 pm CST | 5 am MST – 5 pm MDT | 4 am PST – 4 pm PST |
| Tonight | 8 pm EDT – 8 am EDT | 7 pm CDT – 7 am CDT | 6 pm MDT – 6 am MDT | 5 pm PDT – 5 am PDT |
| | 7 pm EST – 7 am EST | 6 pm CST – 6 am CST | 5 pm MST – 5 am MDT | 4 pm PST – 4 am PST |
| Tomorrow | 8 am EDT – 8 pm EDT | 7 am CDT – 7 pm CDT | 6 am MDT – 6 pm MDT | 5 am PDT – 5 pm PDT |
| | 7 am EST – 7 pm EST | 6 am CST – 6 pm CST | 5 am MST – 5 pm MDT | 4 am PST – 4 pm PST |

Notes: time periods defined as “morning” or “afternoon” are 6-hour subperiods of the 12-hour time periods as defined above.

The table below shows common descriptive words usually associated with the percentages (PoP).

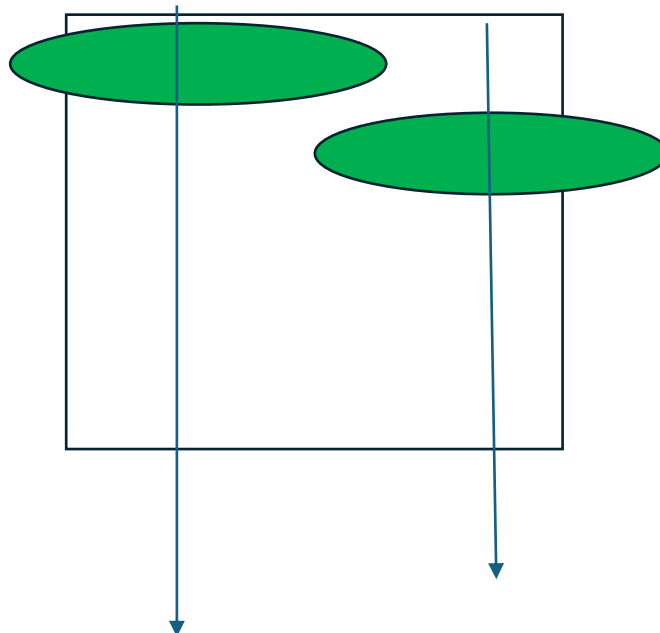
| Descriptive Word (s) | Percentages (Pop) |
|--|-------------------|
| Isolated | 10% |
| Slight Chance | 20% |
| Chance | 30% |
| Good Chance | 50% |
| Likely | 60% |
| Occasional or periods of.. | 70-80% |
| (no descriptive words – just “rain tonight”) | 90-100% |



Game time! Let’s play “Weather Forecaster for the Day.”

What chance of rain would you forecast for the defined area (box below) shown below for the 12-hour period of tonight? Additionally, how would you word your forecast?

- The rain echoes (green elliptical shapes) are about to move directly down (relative to the page) from top to bottom, through the entire box area (your defined forecast area).
- Assume every location within the precipitation echo receives at least 0.01 inch of rain.
- The shape of the rain echoes don’t change.
- It takes only 15-minutes for the rain echoes to pass through the entire box. Afterwards, no other rain affects your forecast box area during the “tonight” time period.



Trivia Night and Good Old-Fashioned Potluck – September 19, meet at 4:30, eat at 5:00, Trivia game following.

Trivia: What is a tangelo?

- a. Cross between an orange and a tangerine
- b. Cross between a grapefruit and a tangerine
- c. Cross between an ugli fruit and a tangerine
- d. Cross between a lemon and a tangerine



We will play as table teams and have prizes!

Please sign up at the Community Center and select the part of the meal you would like to contribute. We will be serving ice cream sundaes with left-over supplies from the ice cream social—and cake and cookies! Mark your calendar!