

Voice of the Village People

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MORNING COFFEES, GIRL TALK, HAPPY HOUR, and MEN’S GROUP: 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. And, finally, the men gather for conversation on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 A.M. Lively conversation is guaranteed at all of these activities.

GARBAGE PICKUP: January’s bulky collection date is the second Thursday, January 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 front porch at the front door and at the back side of 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.

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.

Please note that the **DEADLINE** for submitting info, photos, etc., for the February issue is Tuesday, January 28th.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS

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

Saturday, the 4th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

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

Wednesday, the 8th – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.

Dick Haney's lecture at the Seniors in the Park – 1:00 P.M.

Hand and Foot (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 9th – Bulky garbage/recycling pickup

Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Chili Dump (Multi-Purpose Room) – 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 11th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, the 14th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 15th – Dick Haney's lecture at the Seniors in the Park – 1:00 P.M.

Rummikub (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 16th -- Cribbage (Conference Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 18th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

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

Wednesday, the 22nd – Dick Haney's lecture at the Seniors in the Park – 1:00 P.M.

Rummikub (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Vagabond Diners at Fanatico – 5:00 P.M.

Crime Book Club (Library) – 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, the 23rd – Prairie Chicks (Multi-Purpose Room) – 12:30 P.M.

Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.

Hand and Foot (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 25th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

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

Wednesday, the 29th -- Dick Haney's lecture at the Seniors in the Park – 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. In the event that the supply at the Community Center has been depleted, additional copies are available at the front desk at Fairhaven.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS:

Time for a Chili Dump: bring a pan of chili to dump together with others. Or bring your favorite and share it as is with friends and neighbors. If you aren't a Chili Cook, bring something to add to the meal: salad, dessert, your choice. We will have cheese and sour cream and hot homemade bread.

Our regular meeting date will be the 2nd Thursday of the month; that means we will meet on January 9. Let's gather at 4:30 and plan to eat at 5:00. Storyteller Jim Winship will entertain us after we eat with, of course, Stories. Mark your calendar and sign up at the Community Center by Tuesday, January 7.



Vagabond Diners

Wednesday January 22, 2025

For our January dinner, we will enjoy Italian cuisine at Whitewater's Fanatico Restaurant, located at 162 W. Main Street. Seating is at 5:00 P.M. No worries about night driving on highways, as Fanatico is so close by. We will carpool there. If you are interested in joining us for this event, please call me, Judith Moldenhauer, at (262) 473-4055. If I do not answer when you call, please leave a message on my answering machine. I will get back to you ASAP. Deadline for sign up is January 17th, at 6:00 P.M.

Prairie Chicks...2025

We will meet at the Prairie Village Community Center on the 4th Thursday, January 23rd, at 12:30 P.M. for a Taco Salad lunch.

Please bring a "finger food" dessert to share. We will use this time to share our thoughts and plans for the coming year.

Please R.S.V.P. to Sue Brey #262-458-2311 by Monday, January 27, 2025.

DR. HANEY'S LECTURES ON HISTORY

The Seniors in the Park is once again hosting a series of lectures by Prairie Village's own Richard Haney. The lectures will be at 1:00 P.M. on four Wednesdays in January. Please see *The Park Bench* for more information. Dick's lectures invariably prove to be not only interesting and informative, but also entertaining.

CRIME BOOK CLUB

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas, and I am looking forward to our meeting on Monday evening, the 30th. Our read for the month of December, *House Rules*, by Jodi Picoult was certainly an interesting read, and our discussion should be enlightening.

Jim went to the library to pick up our books for January, and they were not ready, so I am hopeful that we will be able to get them on Monday in time to hand them out at our meeting. If not, other arrangements will need to be made for me to distribute the books. I have not been able to talk with Susan to find out why the books were not available. They are always ready and waiting for us to pick up. Maybe there was a crime involved.

See you Monday at 6:30. Happy New Year!

In Crime, Kathy Schumacher

The Fairhaven Bell Choir is looking for new members. We rehearse on Friday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. We present concerts several times a year in the Olm Fellowship Hall. If you would like to play, contact the Fairhaven office or Tom Ryan at (608) 201-2004. All levels of music reading are acceptable!

Tom Ryan, Director, Fairhaven Bell Choir

Bethel House needs sheets, pillow cases, blankets, and towels. Looking for dressers.

Call Elizabeth 262-473-5783 for more information.

I am still collecting egg cartons.

Elizabeth Archer

WE WANT TO EXTEND A BIG

WELCOME

To Tom and Judy Schemm, who moved into 907 Acorn Ridge

The time has come to replace the Community Center Christmas tree in preparation for next year. With the help of my son, I have worked hard to maintain the old, donated tree, but it is tilting more and more, and bending in the middle. We desperately need a new 12-foot-high narrow silhouette tree. The price for a new, decent quality Christmas tree is truly shocking. My hope by putting out this appeal to our Prairie Village community is that we can work to collect over the next few months' time the necessary monetary donations to cover the cost of a new tree. I hope to buy a pre-lit one on sale before next season. If you would have some money to share, PLEASE put it into an envelope marked 'Christmas tree fund' and drop it into the donation box at the Community Center entrance, on the right-side table. I hope you have an enjoyable Christmas with your friends and family. If you have any questions about the Christmas tree fund, please call me, Judith Moldenhauer, at (262) 473-4055.

Library Update January 2025

Christmas Collection

Every Christmas since the Community Center opened post-COVID, we've had our Christmas books out for several weeks. 2024 was the year more were taken, and hopefully read, than any other year. I failed to ask for donations for our collection in 2024 but will certainly take those any time during the year. The collection will be out until mid-January. If you get a yearning for such during the year, I can show you where you can find them anytime.

Fiction, mystery/thrillers, history, and "people" donations are always welcome for our Library. Leave them in the cooler on my porch (881 BOT), or I'll come get them. And, it goes without saying, I hope, that it's always good to see neighbors walking home with books from our Library or when I find the return box full.

If you've got suggestions or questions, let me know. Thanks to everyone who supports our Library in any way.

Etc.

Thanks to those of you who donated Christmas items to Bethel House.

Thanks to those of you who continue to donate empty, unlabeled, and clean prescription bottles.

Friends of Fairhaven/Mini Mart thank you for the \$288 in donations for greeting cards, etc. That's from mid-August through early December. I hope to have Valentines out in January.

Two Opportunities to Share Your Story

We know that at least eight of you can share your military experiences, thanks to our Veterans Day program. It's almost certain that others of us also have tales to tell about our lives. And you have two opportunities to share those with a larger audience.

#1 Contact Brian Robinson at Fairhaven. He is always extending an offer to all residents to participate in a "get to know you" presentation at Fairhaven. You get to talk about your personal/professional/whatever history in a 25-minute segment of what is usually an hour program held in Olm Fellowship Hall. Prairie Village and Fairhaven residents are asked to participate and attend these programs.

#2 Community Voices of Jefferson and Waukesha Counties/Story Corps: You are invited to share and record a conversation with a family member or friend for generations to come with the new Bridges Library System's Community Voices of Jefferson and Waukesha Counties. Community Voices of Jefferson and Waukesha County aims to preserve and share stories in order to build connections between people. We also do this to create an online archive for future generations. With your permission, stories will be shared to StoryCorps' Online Archive and preserved at the Library of Congress. Contact Amy Christian at the Fort Atkinson Library for more information, 920-563-7790 or achristian@fortlibrary.org. (This is the program that can insure your voice is kept for years to come for your family and friends.)

Thanks, Kathy Ross



This turkey has been visiting my backyard several times a week lately. This photo was taken on December 3rd.

Nelda Bergsten

I Can See Clearly Now

The holiday scene is fixed in my mind—
a stable, workers, travelers, a new mother,
a bewildered father. The migrants waiting
at the border know how precarious their
situation is. It's not a friendly world.

I look again and see the actors are the
same. Their clothes are different. They're
trying to find a way to charge their phones.
They look lost but their eyes reveal purpose.
They'll rest a bit but won't stop or go back.
There's only death behind them. There's
uncertainty ahead. It's an easy choice.

12/7/2024 (G. Bertsch)

Unstable

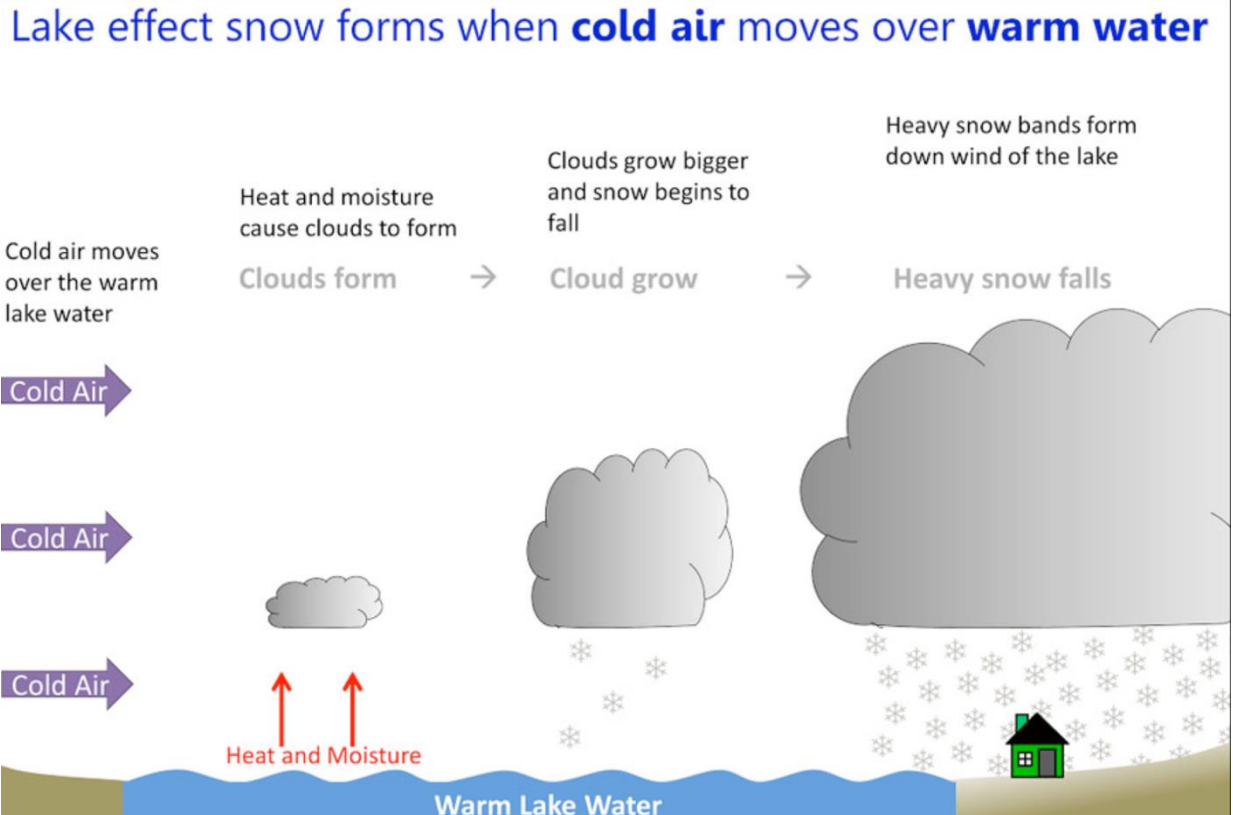
The sun rises in the east but the moon
keeps its own time and has more faces
than I care to count. The cosmos hides
constant changes. We can't account for
them. But there's one stable scene we
can't erase. It's set in stone. It doesn't
change. We cement the scene in joyous
winter songs. We make it real even if its
implausible. We can't unstable it. Dirty
Shepherds arrive without gifts while
we spend too much remembering.

12/12/2024 (G. Bertsch)

Lake-Effect Snow! Are You Familiar With That Term? Who Gets It?

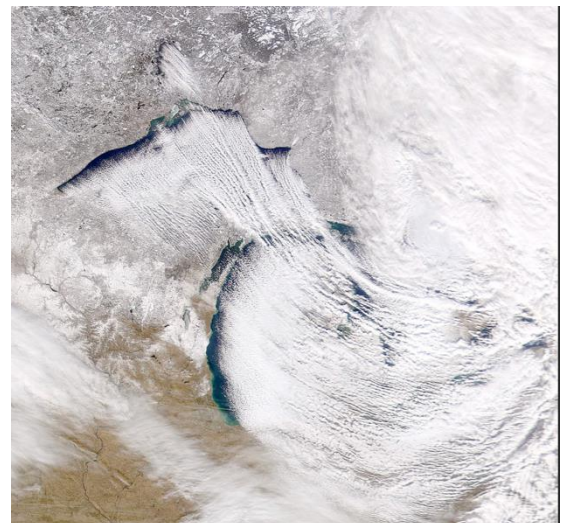
First, Let's Define Lake-Effect Snow!

Definition: Snow, that is caused by a flow of cold air over a relatively warm lake, which falls over the lake and nearby, downwind areas. Moisture from the lake evaporates into the cold air forming clouds that grow and produce snow.



Key Points:

- Lake-effect snow typically consists of moderate to intense, convective snow showers.
- Accumulation rates can range from 1 to 4 or 5 inches of snow per hour.
- The snow showers typically form in narrow bands of 1 to 3 miles wide.
- Visibilities in the more intense snow bands can be less than ½ mile and even down to near zero (blizzard).
- Wind speeds typically increase and become quite gusty in the more intense snow showers, often in the 15-30 mph range, or higher.
- Weather conditions can vary greatly over a short distance in the vicinity of lake-effect snow bands.



- Lake-effect snow can extend 10 to 50 miles inland and downwind from the lakeshore. Downwind areas south and east of the lake are most affected since the cold air is flowing out of the west, northwest or north.
- Lake-effect snow tends to be more fluffy and lighter than snow generated by low-pressure systems, but not as fluffy as the snow that typically falls in the Great Basin area and Rockies in the western part of the U.S.
- Some lake-effect snow events can last for 2 to 3 days over the same location if the wind flow doesn't change.
- The colder the air flow is and the longer the wind fetch is over a lake the more intense the lake-effect snow showers become.
- In extreme cases, lightning and thunder can occur with the most intense snow showers!!!

Where Does Lake-Effect Snow Occur In The U.S.?

- Primarily around the five Great Lakes in the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York.
- East of the Great Salt Lake of Utah into the Wasatch Mountains.
- Around Lake Tahoe.
- Around Lake Champlain on the border of New York State and Vermont.
- Around the Finger Lakes in New York State.
- Around Pyramid Lake in Nevada.
- Around any other sizable lake (man-made or natural) in any state assuming air is cold enough and cold air fetch over that body of water is of sufficient length and duration. Lake-effect snow has occurred as far south as the Gulf of Mexico shoreline and northeastern Florida as far south as Cape Canaveral! However, lake-effect or ocean-effect snow over the southern states usually doesn't result in accumulations. <https://weather.com/news/weather/news/weird-bodies-lake-effect-snow-2017>



What A Typical Lake-Effect Snow Shower Band Looks Like:



Photo taken during Bills-49'ers Dec 1, 2024 game

By Adrian Kraus/AP

Other photos taken from National Weather Service web pages

Image taken during the early December, 2024 lake-effect snow event in the Ashtabula, Ohio to Buffalo NY area. Snow totals ranged up to 2 to 5 feet over a 2-3 day period!



Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen, right, scores past San Francisco 49ers linebacker Fred Warner, bottom, during the second half of an NFL football game in Orchard Park, N.Y., Dec. 1, 2024. Adrian Kraus/AP