

Voice of the Village People

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GATHERINGS WHICH TAKE PLACE ON A WEEKLY BASIS:

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. The knitting/crafting/jigsaw puzzling group meets in the Sun Room at 2:00 P.M. every Thursday afternoon. 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: June's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, June 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.

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 July issue is Friday, June 27th.

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.

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

Knitting Group (Sun Room) – 2:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

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.

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.

Ham Dinner (Multi-Purpose Room) – 4:00 P.M.

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

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

Knitting Group (Sun Room) – 2:00 P.M.

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

Wednesday, the 25th – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.

Rummikub (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 26th – Prairie Chicks outing (Meet at the Community Center) – 11:00 A..M.

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

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. 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:

Ham Dinner!

Delicious Boneless Ham from Jones Dairy Farm! Hot escalloped potatoes!

Join us on Tuesday, June 17th, for a Ham and Potato Potluck. The Social Committee will provide the ham and potatoes, and we ask you to bring the rest of the meal as pot luck items. A donation box will be available to cover the cost of the ham and other expenses for the meal.

4:00 -- Walk-n-Talk Cocktail (Beverage) Hour to Meet and Greet your Neighbors

OR 4:30 -- Bring your potluck dishes

5:00 -- Dinner

After dinner: Price is Right Game

We extend a thank you to Bob Cunningham for helping us pick out a great ham and giving us suggestions on how to cook it.



CHAIR YOGA RESUMES

We will resume chair yoga exercise sessions on Monday afternoon, June 9th, at 1:00 P.M. All are welcome to join us in this fun, low-impact exercise program. We will be meeting every Monday, but there is no commitment needed in order to join us – if you are interested, please feel free to join us even on an occasional basis if that works best for your schedule.

PRAIRIE CHICKS

We will be going to the Citrus Cafe in Janesville on June 26th and then to Lincoln Tallman House. RSVP to Elizabeth by June 20th (262-473-5783). Meet at the Community Center at 11:00 A.M. for carpooling.

Mark your Calendars: July 24 - Lake Mills Golf Course; August 28 - Coachman's in
Stoughton Elizabeth Asher

CRIME BOOK CLUB

Our book selection for the month of May was *The Spy Coast* by Tess Gerritsen. This book was a good old fashion spy story set in current times. We will see how the group enjoyed the read.

This is the last book selection until fall. We will meet again on August 27th at the Community Center so that I can hand out our new book. I have a request in for our first read in the fall, but Susan was not sure if we could get enough copies for September, as it is still in high demand. Let us keep our fingers crossed because I have read the book and enjoyed it very much. It is one that my daughter's book club read, and she highly recommended the book and the author.

I hope you all have a great summer that is relaxing and healthy. It would be great if we could out-grow the space in the Library at the Community Center so keep looking for new members. We are very, very close. In Crime, Kathy Schumacher

Regarding the question about including School District event info in our newsletter, I have decided, in conjunction with responses that I received, that if someone desires to make Prairie Village residents aware of school, university, Amish, Girl Scout activities and sales, etc, etc, etc., those notices could be posted on the hallway bulletin board at the Community Center.

June 2025 Prairie Village Library, Etc. Update

The Louis L'Amour Collection

Our neighbor Betty Murray has donated our late friend and neighbor Lee's 22-volume The Louis L'Amour Collection. Since I've yet to find as big a reader of Westerns as Lee, Betty understands that these won't find a home in our Library. We are asking, however, if any of you would want the collection. The print is a reasonable size. The books are brown leather bound with the spine name in gold (in other words, they are good-looking books). If you are interested, let me know.

If you did not receive my May 21 email....

I sent an email on May 21st to everyone that I know who has donated to the materials for our bookcases and has agreed for their name(s) to be on the eventual signage in the Library. If you donated and want your donation acknowledged, please send me your information.

All bookshelves are being used

Since no one told me that a fifth shelf on the new bookcase in the Puzzle Room was a problem, you may have noticed that it has that extra shelf. My daughter and I moved the unused top shelves in fiction and mystery/thrillers down, so that we are using a fifth shelf there, too. This, along with Bookcase #3's fifth shelf, gives us all the shelf space we'll ever have.

Latest book moves

Our recent donations are now on the cabinet top. Many months ago, when I put the card table in there for our "new" books, I moved a lattice barrel table into the sunroom. You'll see that it's back in the Library which makes that a more welcoming area.

You will find two rows of mystery/thrillers on the bookcase in the Puzzle Room. When Bookcase #3 is installed, you'll see some of those moved, but that's it for now.

Donations

Fiction, mystery-thrillers, history and people (biography, autobiography, and memoir) are always welcome. It works best for my "system" that donations are left on my porch in the cooler-881 Burr Oak Trail.

Thanks to all of you who support our Library in any way. Questions and/or suggestions, let me know.

ETC.

Prescription Bottle Collection

Yes, I am still collecting – thanks for leaving them in the cooler on my porch.

Kathy Ross

Wrapped in Swadling Winds

Ancient distances and depths
surround our infinity of tiny objects,
almost all invisible, except in theory.
Cosmic winds breathe energy into
meager existence. We're touched
lightly, then with unsettling force.
They swaddle us with cosmic power.
Without them we're nothing, mere
clumps of unformed stuff. Chaos
roiled, rolled and shaped us until we
discovered ourselves made, created.

4/14/2025

More Wind Words

It seems an unsettled day is
fitting for unsettled times.
Clouds tumble overhead.
Mixed greys that color the sky are
carried aloft by fearless winds.
Small birds hang on to a branch
with a tightened grip.
Playful crows ride the waves.
I can feel windy intensity on the
inside of the vibrating windowpane.

4/21/2025

Gerry Bertsch



Seen about 7:30 P.M. on April 28th.
Might be checking out the Village
for a home. But ... not sure they
will be able to meet the Prairie
Village 55+ age requirement.

Tom Ganser

Several ladies from Prairie Village attended English High Tea at Bassett House on Sunday, May 4th. Attendees were encouraged to wear hats, and Pat Smith didn't disappoint when she wore a hat which she has had since she was sixteen years old! A lovely time was had by all in attendance.

Thanks to Tom Ganser for the photos



The Science of Hail

All of us have experienced a thunderstorm that dropped some hail. Most of the time it's of the small variety and more of a novelty. However, sometimes the hailstones are large and result in damage that is reported in the local or national news!

Key Points:

- Officially, hail is a form of frozen precipitation in the shape of small balls or lumps usually consisting of concentric layers of clear and/or cloudy ice and compact snow.
- Hail has been reported world-wide except in the cold Arctic and Antarctica polar regions.
- Hail is most often associated with thunderstorms.
- Hail ranges in size from peas to grapefruits or larger!
- Hailstones can damage structures and injure or kill people and livestock.
- In the USA the states with the most hail reports are Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska.
- Officially, the largest hailstone in the world, with a measured diameter of 8 inches, fell in Vivian, South Dakota on July 23, 2010. Its circumference was 18.62 inches. It weighed in at 1 lb 15 ounces (1.9375 lbs). <https://www.weather.gov/abr/vivianhailstone>



- The heaviest hailstones ever recorded fell in Gopalganj, Bangladesh, weighing up to 2.25 pounds. This event occurred in April 1986 and tragically resulted in 92 deaths. While the exact size of those hailstones wasn't measured, anecdotal reports described them as the size of "pumpkins". Another significant hailstorm occurred in Moradabad and Beheri, India, in 1888, killing 246 people, [according to Weather Underground](#).

How does hail form?

Basically, hail starts off as a rain drop (blue arrows in diagram below) that freezes after the storm's updraft (red arrow) takes it on a ride back up to the middle or upper reaches of a thunderstorm where temperatures are well below freezing.

The frozen raindrop (now called hail) then falls back down to the base of the thunderstorm and gets coated with a thin layer of liquid water in the lower portion of the thunderstorm.

Then, somehow, our new, small hailstone gets caught in the thunderstorm's updraft, yet again, and is taken back up to middle and upper reaches of the thunderstorm where temperatures are well below freezing. The added layer of liquid water freezes.

Our now double-layered hailstone falls to the earth again and gets coated with yet another layer of liquid water in the lower portion of the thunderstorm.

Our hailstone, somehow, gets caught by the thunderstorm's updraft and is taken up, yet again, to the middle and upper portions of the thunderstorm and the added layer of liquid water freezes. Our hailstone is getting bigger!

Eventually the hailstones become too heavy for the storm's updraft to support, or keep aloft, and the hailstones fall to the Earth's surface.

The thunderstorm's updraft consists of warm, moist buoyant air rising rapidly up to altitudes of 30,000 to over 70,000 feet above the ground. Updraft air rising at speeds of about 50 mph is capable of supporting and developing hail that is quarter-size. Development of 4-inch diameter hail requires updraft speeds of 100 mph. So, we're talking about fast-moving air in a storm's updraft. Lots of energy!!!

The number of concentric layers of ice seen in a hailstone corresponds to the number of round trips a hailstone has taken up and down within the storm.

