

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: July's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, July 10th.

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 August issue is Monday, July 28th.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS

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

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

Thursday, the 3rd -- Cribbage (Conference Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Knitting/Crafting/Jigsaw puzzling Group (Sun Room) – 2:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Saturday, the 5th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M

Tuesday, the 8th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 9th – 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 10th – Bulky garbage/recycling pickup

Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Knitting/Crafting/Jigsaw puzzling Group (Sun Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 12th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M

Tuesday, the 15th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 16th – Cookout (Multi-Purpose Room) – 11:30 A.M.

Hand and Foot (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 17th -- Knitting/Crafting/Jigsaw puzzling Group (Sun Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Friday, the 18th – Dick Piehl open house for his model train layout – 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.

Saturday, the 19th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M

Monday, the 21st – Chair yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday, the 22nd -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 23rd – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.

Rummikub (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 24th – Prairie Chicks outing (meet at the Community Center) – 11:00 A.M.

Knitting/Crafting/Jigsaw puzzling Group (Sun Room) – 2:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Saturday, the 26th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M

Monday, the 28th – Chair yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday, the 29th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 31st -- Knitting/Crafting/Jigsaw puzzling Group (Sun Room) – 2:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS **NO CHAIR YOGA** ON THE FIRST AND SECOND MONDAYS IN JULY. CLASSES WILL RESUME ON JULY 21ST.

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:

Movie Night Wednesday July 9th, at 6:30 P.M.

This “Miss Potter” film is based on the life of Beatrix Potter, author of the beloved children’s classic “The Tale of Peter Rabbit”. Renee Zellweger stars as Miss Potter, a sheltered writer whose passionate romance with her publisher, played by Ewan McGregor, changes her life forever. The spectacular scenery is of the northwest lake country of England, where Wordsworth, the author, was also inspired to write. Her home at Hilltop, surrounded by beautiful vistas, is a pleasure to view.

Join us for buttered popcorn, soda or beer, as you view this delightful film.

Open House Friday, July 18th -- 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Dick Piehl invites you to see his model train layout which fills his basement. Some have seen it, but many of you newer folks haven't had the opportunity. The photo shows a small part of the layout. Come see it all at 871 Burr Oak Trail. Dick Piehl



July is Cook-Out Time! Brats and Chicken fillets on the grill at the Community Center -- July 16th

11:00 - Walk and Talk
(come early, find your seat, then mingle with your neighbors)

11:30 - You may choose to arrive at 11:30 if you are bringing a dish to pass

12:00 - Lunch will be served at 12:00



The social committee will provide the entire meal, but you are free to bring a dish to pass if you would like. A donation box will be available.

Sign up at the Community Center; you will select the meat that you would like and will have a chance to sign up for potluck if you so choose.

After dinner, the Schumachers will tell us about their years living in Haiti. Living in a culture unlike our own has its challenges and rewards. How did the Schumacher make it an experience of growth? Come find out.

PRAIRIE CHICKS

Prairie Chicks will meet at the Community Center on July 24th at 11:00 A.M. to go to Lake Mills Golf Course for Lunch. Then we will visit Aztalan Museum. Cost is \$3 /person. RSVP to Elizabeth by July 17.

August 28th we will drive to Coachman's at Stoughton for Lunch and visit the Norwegian Museum and Fosdel's Bakery.

FIRESIDE DINNER OUTING

Join us for Prairie Village's Fireside Dinner Theatre outing to see Rodgers and Hammerstein's "OKLAHOMA". This fabulous show opened on Broadway in March 1943 and ran for 5 years, with 2212 performances! Over the years this show has been revived on Broadway several times and been seen all around the world. Our Prairie Village group will have great seats at a discounted ticket price. Our show date is Sunday, October 19, 2025. Our group will arrive at 10:30/10:45 for the Sunday Matinee Brunch. I know this date may seem far in the future, but these great seats with our discounted price will only be available until our deadline, more than a month prior to the event. As is the case with most Fireside productions, only limited seats are available.

Our Prairie Village show's price is \$89.55 per person, which includes the show & brunch as well as tax and tip. Please call me, Judith Moldenhauer, 262-473-4055, or my cell, 262-273-0350, if you are interested in attending. If I don't hear from enough of you telling me about your interest in attending, I will be canceling this event.

**WE WANT TO EXTEND A BIG
WELCOME**

To Steve and Beth Eberhardt, who moved into 829 Burr Oak Trail

Medical Equipment Available for PV Neighbors at No Cost (updated 6/10/2025)

Call these Neighbors to Obtain Them. *Contact information in your PV Directory.*

1. Judith Moldenhauer – Canes, Chair Cushions, Walker with brakes and basket, Walker with rear legs and front wheels, Bedside chair convertible to table, Shower chair with back, Ice therapy machine.
2. Don and Jo Norman – Walker with four wheels, Walker with back legs and front wheels, Toilet seat with lift-assist rails, Toilet Seat mountable.
3. Gary Fry – 4-wheel transport chair.
4. Tom and Karen Christofferson – Wheelchair.
5. Bob and Binnie Malewicki– Walker with basket and 4 wheels, Walker without wheels, Portable commode, Shower chair, toilet assist with grab bars, Bed rail grab- bar.
6. Sue Brey – Electric Scooter.

Also, Fairhaven has a comprehensive list of available medical equipment for short term RENT. Contact Mary Loomis, Director of Environmental Services, 262-473-2140 (Ex. 1142).

Or ask around. Word of mouth works, too.

If you need help finding things to use or have equipment to add to the list contact Gerry Bertsch 920-960-1306 (leave a message) or email gwbertsch@charter.net.

July 2025 Prairie Village Library, Etc. Update

Please read this

This information will be hung in our Library. It serves two purposes: an immediate thanks to many neighbors and Fairhaven staff and gives Prairie Village residents historical context about our Library and this project. Should you have any edits for the following, please let me have them by July 10th. Paul intends to share it at upcoming Board meetings.

“We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Jim Schumacher for his dedication in designing and building three bookcases and this frame for the Prairie Village Library. Each piece is identified with a plaque acknowledging his valuable contribution.

We are also deeply appreciative to the following Prairie Village residents and six others, who collectively donated \$2140 for the materials required for this project:

- Val Banker, in memory of her husband Al
- Bob and Carolyn Behrens, in memory of Norma Slaback
- Tom and Karen Christoffersen
- Hans Hahn and Carla Cheek
- Barbara Jaquith, in memory of her husband Clyde
- Sue Mealy, in memory of her husband Michael
- Dick Piehl, in memory of his wife Dolores
- Kathy Ross, in recognition of Jim’s work and the support from the Fairhaven Foundation
- Steve and Melanie Ryan
- David Yochum

Additional recognition goes to:

- The Fairhaven Foundation for their generous support of this project
- Paul Kuenning for his invaluable support and consultation
- The Fairhaven maintenance team, including Steve Cawkins and Bruce Lutz, who delivered the bookcases. Special thanks to Steve for securing them to the wall immediately upon delivery.
- Shannon Schoville for recording and acknowledging these donations on behalf of the Foundation
- Kelly Davis for designing, printing, and mounting the bookcase signs, and Shannon for laminating them.
- The Whitewater Library, Fairhaven librarian Lori Stoneking, and Betty Schelb, Director of Environmental Services, for donating book ends

The first Library at the Coffee House 854 Acorn Trail, established by early Prairie Village residents, is the foundation of our Library. We appreciate the Fairhaven Board providing a dedicated space for it in the Community Center. Most important of all, thanks to every Prairie Village resident who uses our collection and helps it grow with your donations.

Prepared by Kathy Ross, July 2025

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.

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Whitewater Library is Closed Until the End of the Year

These are the libraries closest to us where you can use your library card or obtain one that will also be valid at the Whitewater Library when it reopens in November: Jefferson, Fort Atkinson, Palmyra, and Eagle. Check out the Libraries’ websites for more details.

I recently got a sneak peek at what’s already been done inside the Whitewater Library. Once the construction is done, we will certainly have a larger, more open facility.

Friends of the Library Membership

Some of you may have already seen the Friends of the Whitewater Library mugs and information about how to become a Friend in our Library. Funds raised by the Friends support programming activities and other needs where there is a limited or no budget. Consider joining!

Prescription Bottle Collection

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

Deliveries to the Community Space

I’m volunteering at the Community Space this summer. Should you have items, including non-perishable food items, that you want to donate, feel free to leave them on my porch. I’ll take them next time I go.

Kathy Ross

The Toad and Turtle

As citizens of the same pond, they
live together in peace. Vertebral by
nature and cold-blooded. They sleep
alone through the winter under the
mud. They’ll emerge in the spring
and are quick to hide when waylaid.
Neither causes the other trouble.
They don’t speak the same language
but understand each other perfectly.
If their home were an English pub
by that name, they’d enjoy
a convivial evening together
while sipping a hand-drawn draft. 6/20/2025

While I rarely have trouble, this was a recent visitor to my feeder. Got to give the little guy credit. Even when I took the top off to release him, he was still chomping away. Eating like that he won't be a problem much longer.

Bob Ehrike



Just in case you might be interested ...

June 11, 2025 -- First photo (orange) taken at about 9 P.M. shortly after moon rise. Taken with what amounts to the equivalent of a 510 mm lens.

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Second photo taken at about 2:35 A.M. at the full moon's brightest.

Interesting to see how the image of the moon's surface is different in the two photos, as the moon is rotating.

ADDITIONAL INFO

Strawberry Moon – June 2025

Named After Ripening Strawberries

June's Full Moon is named after the wild strawberries that ripen this month and could be gathered by the Native American tribes. Other native names are Berries Ripen Moon, Green Corn Moon, and Hot Moon.

The Celtic names are Horse Moon, Dyan Moon, and Rose Moon. Other English names are Flower Moon and Planting Moon. Other sources quote Mead Moon as the Anglo-Saxon name because this was the time for mowing the meads, or meadows.

PORTLAND, Ore. — The first full moon of the summer, coined the strawberry moon, will light up the sky starting Tuesday night. It will be the lowest full moon in decades and one that astronomers have said won't happen again until 2043.

The moon will appear full for about three days, from June 10 through the morning of June 12, according to NASA. Despite its name, the moon won't visually look pink or red in color.

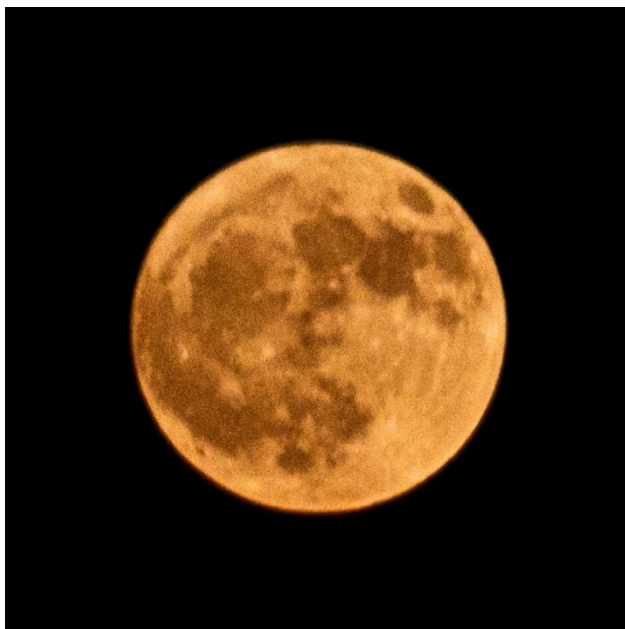
Its name is attributed to the Algonquin tribes, where "strawberry moon" refers to the time of year when fresh berries are harvested. In Europe, it can be referred to as the "rose moon."

What's special about this June's full moon?

It will be the lowest full moon of the calendar year and the lowest it's been in the sky in nearly two decades. The moon's low position in the sky gives it a larger appearance, a term known as the "Moon Illusion."

NASA's interactive map for observing the Moon each day of the year shows the strawberry moon will actually be a few thousand miles closer to Earth during the full moon phase.

Tom Ganser



Examples of Large Hailstones

The picture on the left shows the official, largest hailstone in the world, with a measured diameter of 8 inches, which fell in Vivian, South Dakota on July 23, 2010. The picture on the right is one of the large hailstones that fell near Vigo Park, Texas on June 2, 2024 (see table below).



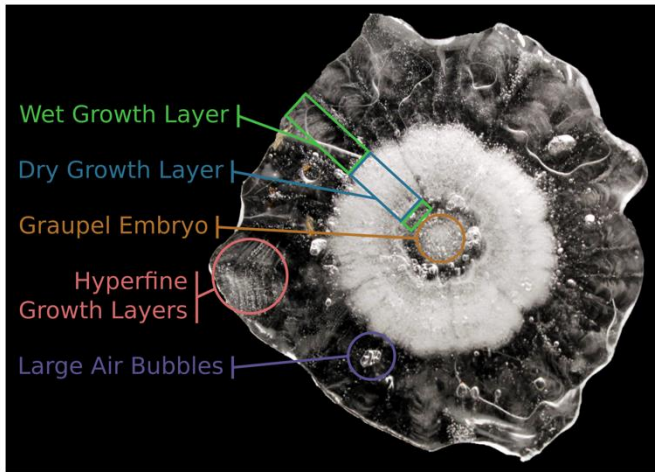
Here's a partial table of some of the state record largest hailstones:

State	Size – diameter inches	Location	Date
South Dakota	8" (may have been 9-10" but melting occurred due to freezer losing power)	Vivian	July 23, 2010
Kansas	7.75"	Wichita	Sep 23, 2010
Texas	7.25" (There is an unofficial report of 8" in Gay Hill in 1892)	3 WNW Vigo Park	June 2, 2024
Ohio	7"	Anna	July 20, 2003
Iowa	6 to 7" (unofficial)... live small frogs were embedded in some of the hailstones!	Dubuque	Jun 16, 1882
Oklahoma	6"	Kiowa Co. near Gotebo	May 23, 2011
Montana	6" 6"	Rosebud County Powder River County	July 11, 1965 June 3, 1971

Minnesota	Almost 6" (over 5.75")	4NW Chokio	July 31, 2024
Wisconsin	5.7"	Near Wausau	May 22, 1921
Alabama	5.38"	Enterprise	March 19, 2018
Colorado	5.25"	8 ENE Kirk	Aug 8, 2023
Arkansas	5"	? ? ?	Jan 21, 1999 April 2, 2004 May 4, 2020
Florida	5"	Fort Meade, Polk Co.	April 29, 2021
Mississippi	5"	Lafayette Co. Brooksville	April 10, 1962 June 14, 2023
North Dakota	5"	Mercer Co. Sioux Co.	1909 2010
Virginia	About 5"	?	1968
Illinois	4.75"	Minooka	June 10, 2015
Arizona Pennsylvania Maryland Virginia North Carolina South Carolina Kentucky Tennessee Georgia	All around 4.5"	-	-

Note: it appears that the largest hailstones in most states are at least in the 4-inch range, although some states may have smaller record-size hailstones. Proper documentation and measurement accuracy varies from state to state. A thorough, in-depth investigation wasn't conducted for this article.

Hailstones can have many layers of ice which gives you an idea of how many up and down trips the hailstone took inside the thunderstorm cloud. See images below.



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Words of Caution:

- Large hailstones can injure or even kill people! Stay indoors!
- Large hail can smash vehicle and home windows!
- Hail can accumulate to several inches or even feet in low areas as rain washes it downhill.

If you experience very large hail:

- After the storm has ended, put a pair of gloves on and grab the largest hailstone you see and immediately put it into your freezer. This action will minimize melting. Take pictures!
- Contact your nearest National Weather Service Forecast Office (telephone, email, Facebook, X, letter) and tell them you have very large hail in your freezer. A NWS employee will visit you to verify if you have a new state record for hail sizes. Your local TV meteorologist or County Sheriff or police can assist you in contacting the NWS.

