

Voice of the Village People

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We all know what a gift this Newsletter is. We look forward to it each month as it helps us develop our personal calendar. We know who built this Newsletter from a two-page offering into what it is today; a missive that brings us information and brings us together. Nelda has earned our gratitude for a job well done and we appreciate all of the thoughts and many hours that have gone into her work. I am flattered that I was asked to try to replicate her professional work and I hope I can do half the job Nelda has always done. Carolyn

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 the Girl Talk gatherings (ladies only, please) on Fridays at 10:00 A.M. in the Library at the Community Center. The kitting/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: September's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, September 11. A copy of the schedule has been posted at the Community Center.

MEALS, MEALS - DO YOU NEED MEALS? For long-term, due to 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 an interest in sharing information with other residents - either e-mail to Carolyn at behrecar@gmail.com or deliver or mail a "hard" copy to 833 Acorn Ridge.

Please note that the DEADLINE for submitting info, photos, etc., for the October issue is September 28.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS

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

Tuesday, the 2nd -Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, the 3rd - Hand and Foot (Game Room), 2:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Thursday, the 4th - Cribbage (Conference Room) - 2:00 P.M.

Knitting/Crafting/Jigsaw Puzzling Group (Sun Room) - 2:00 P.M.

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

Monday, the 8th - Chair Yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) - 1:00 P.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.

Thursday, the 11th - Bulky Garbage/Recycling Pick-up

Poker - Game Room) - 2:00 P.M.

Knitting/Crafting/Jigsaw Puzzling Group (Sun Room) - 2:00 p.m.

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

Monday, the 15th - Chair Yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) - 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday, the 16th = Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) = 1:00 P.M.

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

Thursday, the 18th - Cribbage- Game Room) - 2:00 P.M.

Knitting/Crafting/Jigsaw Puzzling Group (Sun Room) - 2:00 p.m.

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

Monday, the 22nd - Chair Yoga (Multi Purpose Room) - 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday, the 23rd - Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) = 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 24th - Rummikub (Game Room) - 2:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Thursday, the 25th - Poker- Game Room) - 2:00 P.M.

Knitting/Crafting/Jigsaw Puzzling Group (Sun Room) - 2:00 p.m.

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

Monday, the 29th - Chair Yoga (Multi Purpose Room) - 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday, the 30th - Tuesday Bridge (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:

Name That Tune! - Monday Sept 15th 4:30pm

Please join us for another edition of Name That Tune! No worries, this is the Prairie Village version of that famous TV game. We stay seated the entire time and play as teams, not individuals. The DJ plays a song, asks a question, and each team comes up with an answer. Pretty simple, right? Come and find out. This time we will focus on hit songs from the '50s, '60s, and '70s that were also featured on TV

shows, movies, and plays. We'll keep score and in the end declare a winning team. Study up! About halfway thru we'll take a break and have snacks & hors d'oeuvres, so those that wish can bring something to contribute.

A note from the Social Committee:

As you know, this year the Social Committee has planned some Bring-Your-Money events for which we ask for a specific contribution to cover the entire cost of the meal/dessert. For other events, we do not charge a flat amount because we include pot-luck items and items provided by the Social Committee (brats, chicken, buns). Instead, we ask for free-will donations that will cover the cost of the food items purchased by the Committee (as well as napkins, beverages, cups, dish soap, etc). All money collected is put in the treasury and is used to cover individual expenditures by the committee. Extra monies may be used for replacement items for the kitchen or for holiday meals for residents. It should be noted that we independently support our social events. We receive no monies from Fairhaven or any other organization.

Expenses for Banana Split Day: \$78.39. Income from money collection: \$115.00. Treasury Balance: \$995.

Trunk-or-Treat; a heads up!

The date for our annual Trunk or Treat celebration is October 25th, as stated on the event calendar. HOWEVER, the time will be 1:30, not 11:30. This is a change from past years. Be sure to tell your new neighbors about it, and more information, as well as an explanation, will be in next month's newsletter.

Prairie Chicks

On September 25 Prairie Chicks will go to Moy's in Elkhorn and then go the Webster Museum. Meet at the Community Center at 11am. RSVP to Elizabeth by September 22: 262-473-5783. All single Ladies Welcome.

WE WANT TO EXTEND A BIG

WELCOME

To Donna Marshall who lives at 734 Burr Oak Trail

Special Coffee Hour with Paul:

Paul will join us for the Coffee Hour at 10:00 on September 16. Note that this is the 3rd Tuesday of the month, not the 2nd.

September 2025 Prairie Village Library, Etc. Update

Images of America Series

What do these titles have in common: Wisconsin Antietam, Agawam and Feeding Hills Revisited, Capital Region Motorcycling, Whitewater, West Allis, Early Whitewater Industry, Camp Dodge, and Wisconsin Army National Guard? All these local or state histories are in our Library, currently standing up on the cabinet top. Help yourself!

Book Box

Jim Schumacher's latest addition to the Library is a unique Book Box, located on the table between the two chairs in the Library. It provides solid support for these current three volumes and ample space for others in years to come. Directions for its use are inside the door on the right. We thank Jim again!

Bookcase Project Is Complete

Each of the three bookcases that Jim built for us now has a plaque above the top shelf. The framed signage is posted to the immediate left of the first bookcase of mysteries. One last thanks to everyone who helped with this!

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

Take it as a sign that we are using fewer prescription drugs since we had very few donations this month. Should you have clean, unlabeled bottles you want recycled to HealthNet of Rock County, I will gladly get them to the Whitewater Methodist Church drop off bin. Please leave them in the cooler on my porch.

Deliveries to the Community Space

I will gladly take your donations to the Community Space – just leave them on my porch.

Greeting Cards

By the time you read this, the Birthday Cards provided by the Mini Mart will have been replaced by get well, thinking of you, sympathy, etc. cards. If you didn't get around to looking at the birthday cards, I'll get them to you so you can select what you want. Thanks to all who donated. Remember there are always cards available in the Mini Mart at Fairhaven (open Monday and Wednesday, 12:30-3:00).

Kathy Ross

CRIME BOOK CLUB

Welcome back to a new year of our Crime Book Club. I will have handed out our new selection for September on August 27, 2025. Hard to believe that fall is just around the corner. I will not miss the super-hot weather and I love fall weather but I do not especially like what follows.

Our selection for our kickoff is *The Teacher* by Freida McFadden. Susan was able to get us enough copies but no tapes. Sorry, we will have to read this book. I have read the book—and many others by this author—and I think you will enjoy the book.

Remember, from here on we will be meeting on the fourth Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the Library at the Community Center. I hope we can all adjust to the new time.

I hope you all had a great summer that was relaxing and healthy and are looking forward to more great reads and intellectual discussions. That is certainly said with 'tongue in cheek'.

In Crime,

Kathy Schumacher

MENDING SERVICES -

Do you have articles of clothing that need repair and/or alteration? I would be pleased to offer my services to handle those problems. Please contact me at 854 Acorn Ridge or call me at 651-341-4264 if you have such items and I will repair or alter them for you Caroline Forster

Where's Waldo?



Can you find the card tables in this picture? Neither could about 10 of our fellow Villagers last Tuesday when the afternoon Bridge Group was setting up, which set off a series of phone calls seeking their whereabouts, and later an email requesting their return. Wednesday morning they were discovered hiding behind the stacked folding chairs in the above picture. Someone of the female persuasion remarked that everybody on Tuesday "boy-looked", as opposed to girl-looked which would have quickly found them. I hesitate to point this out, but the majority of the 10 searching on Tuesday were female. Just sayin'.

Gary Fry

A Poem for Gardeners

Wild critters go where they will
when hunger calls; and like us,
they have their preferences.
Lettuce, carrots, beets and beans
for rabbits, sweet corn for raccoons.

Groundhogs pick among sweet roots.
The conflict arises because humans
like them, too. The growing season is
short; its only a few weeks, really. A
perfect metaphor for a crowded planet.

8/25/2025-Gerry Bertsc

I thought Prairie Village residents might be interested in seeing these photos that I took of a hawk in the bird bath. I apologize that the pictures aren't as clear as they might be, but I had zoomed in as far as my phone would permit. Curiously, as I was studying one of the photos, trying to ascertain whether it was a red-tailed hawk or a Cooper's hawk, SIRI volunteered that it was a Cooper's hawk, without my having made any inquiry about it. Perhaps this was AI at work?

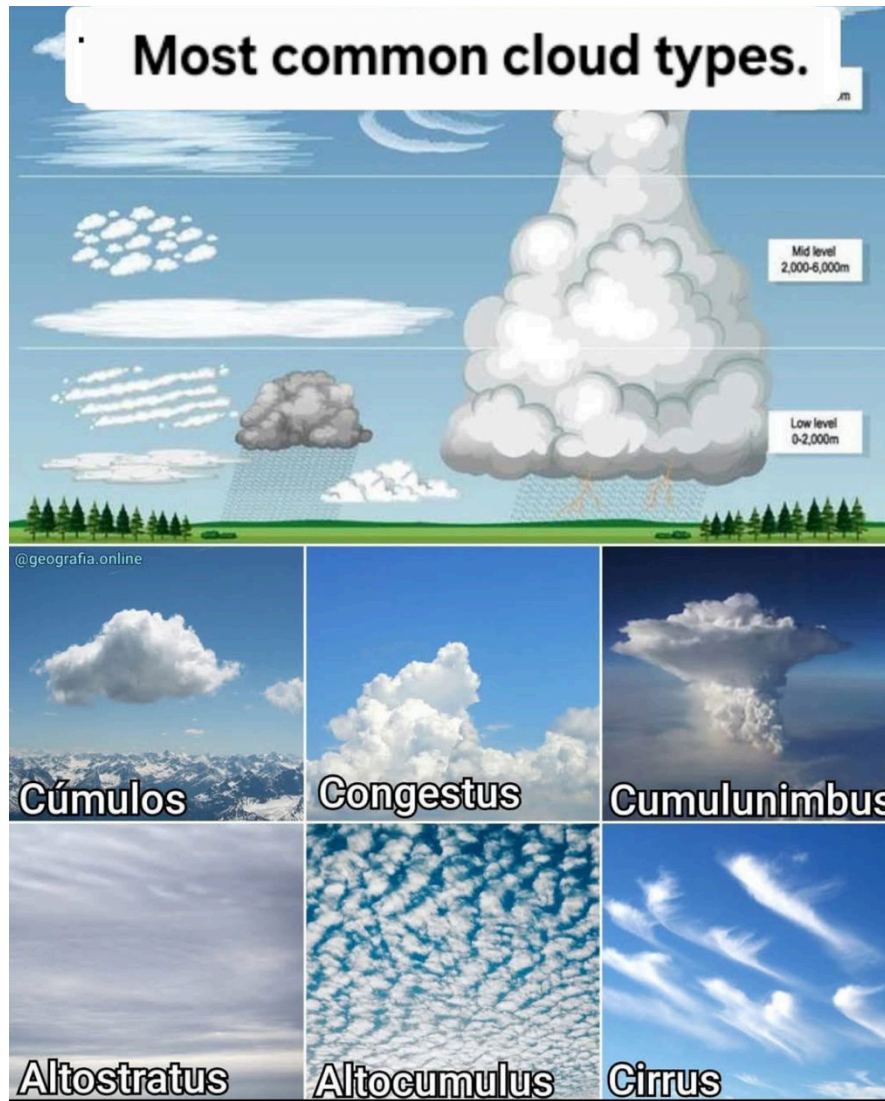
Nelda Bergsten



Deadline for October Newsletter: September 28

Clouds...Clouds...Clouds Everywhere!

There are many kinds of clouds and they can be incredibly beautiful and mysterious at the same time. Let's take a look at the basic classes and types of clouds.



High Level...above 20,000 feet above the ground

Mid Level...6,500 feet to 20,000 feet

Low Level...zero to 6,500 feet

Besides cumulus clouds at low levels there can be strato-cumulus (cumulus clouds in a layer, and fractus clouds (fragments of non-lumpy, low clouds)

Alto refers to mid-level clouds

At high levels, besides cirrus clouds there can be cirrostratus and cirrocumulus clouds

Image to the right: Undulatus Asperatus

They indicate mid or high-level turbulent, wave-like, flow, usually after a storm has passed through. They can be highly textured and scary-looking. They are not tornadoes.





Image to the left: a cumulus congestus cloud almost at the cumulonimbus stage producing rain. The dark streak from cloud base to the ocean surface, under the central part of the cloud, is a rain-shaft consisting of moderate to heavy showers. The straight up-and-down appearance of this cloud (it's not leaning over at a slight angle) indicates there is no wind shear in the atmosphere at that location. Wind shear is needed for a storm to become severe.

Remember...EVERY rain drop starts off as a snowflake!



Image to the right: a mature, most likely, severe storm. Some severe storms can grow up to a height of 70,000 feet, but most storms grow only to 35,000 to 45,000 feet. Really scary-looking!



Image to the left: Front side of a line of thunderstorm. The layered, lower portion of the storm is called a **shelf-cloud**. In many cases it resembles a shelf (or even a snow plow!) when looking at it from the side.

After the **shelf-cloud** passes through you'll experience gusty winds (possibly strong or severe with trees/powerlines down), hail of various sizes and rain of varying intensities. Tornadoes rarely form on the shelf cloud. The **shelf-cloud** normally indicates outflow...winds, hail and rain. However, the **shelf-cloud** can be dark and scary-looking to some folks.