

# **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 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, October 9. 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](mailto: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 November issue is October 29.**

**Wednesday, the 1st - Hand and Foot (Game Room), 2:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, the 2nd - Cribbage (Game Room), 2:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, the 4th - Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) 9:30**

## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued**

**Monday, the 6th - Chair Yoga (Multi-Purpose Room), 1:00 P.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.  
Rummikub (Game Room), 2:00 P.M.**

**Thursday, the 9th - Poker (Conference Room) - 2:00 P.M.  
Knitting/Crafting/Jigsaw Puzzling Group (Sun Room) - 2:00 P.M.**

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

**Monday, the 13th - Chair Yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) - 1:00 P.M.**

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

**Wednesday, the 15th - Hand and Foot (Game Room) - 2:00 P.M.**

**Thursday, the 16th - Cribbage (Game Room) - 2:00 P.M.  
Knitting/Crafting/Jigsaw Puzzling Group ( Sun Room) - 2:00 p.m.**

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

**Monday, the 20th - Chair Yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) - 1:00 P.M.**

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

**Wednesday, the 22nd - Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) 1:00 p.m.  
Rummikub (Game Room) - 2:00 P.M.**

**Thursday, the 23rd - Poker- Game Room) - 2:00 P.M.  
Knitting/Crafting/Jigsaw Puzzling Group ( Sun Room) - 2:00 P.M.**

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

**Monday, the 27th- Chair Yoga (Multi Purpose Room) - 1:00 P.M.**

## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued**

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

**Wednesday, the 29th -Hand and Foot (Game Room) - 2:00 P.M.**

**Thursday, the 30th -Knitting/Crafting/Jigsaw Puzzling Group ( Sun Room) - 2:00 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:**

#### **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.

There were no expenses for Name That Tune and there was no donation box.  
The treasury balance is \$967.68

## **Prairie Chicks - Elizabeth Asher**

October 23 we will meet at the Community Center at 11:30 a.m. to go to the Brick House in Fort Atkinson. RSVP to Bunny Sheahen at 262-458-2641 by October 21.  
November 6: Meet at the Community Center at 12:00 noon. We will have pizza, salad, and dessert. Cost will be determined.

## **Community Bulletin Board - Elizabeth Asher**

I have posted activities for the University through December, Young Auditorium events through May 2026 and Crossman Gallery Exhibits

**WE WANT TO EXTEND A BIG**

**WELCOME**

**To Kay and Kendal Nordstrom who live at 738 Burr Oak Trail**

## **Fairhaven Lecture Series - Fall 2025**

Mondays at 3:00 p.m. in Olm Fellowship Hall

Standing the Test of Time: Join the group to learn about the traditions, institutions and artifacts that have stood the test of time.

Transportation is available for Prairie Village Residents for the Fairhaven Lecture Series. 2 pickups -- 2:35 P.M. (driveway of 829 Burr Oak) and right after (875 Acorn Ridge). Transportation will return immediately following the Lecture

**Think Turkey! Think November 17!**  
**Think join us!**



The Social Committee invites you to a catered Thanksgiving-like turkey dinner with all of the customary fixin's. Come to the Community Center on Monday, November 17 at 4:30 (meal at 5:00) and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Travis Zahn. You pay \$10.00 per person and the Social Committee pays the rest! Because Travis needs numbers, we must sign up sooner than usual. Please sign up by Monday, November 10. Sign up sheets are already at the Community Center. For sure, mark your calendar!

# TRUNK OR TREAT 🎃🎃🎃🎃🎃🎃🎃

OCTOBER 25th, 1:30 P.M.

It's been six years since our first Trunk or Treat here at Prairie Village. The first year we decorated our car trunks in our driveways and walked around the Village collecting treats--staying six feet away from each other. Since 2021, we've trunked and treated in the parking lot of the Community Center.

For all of our newcomers, this is how Trunk or Treat works:

--decorate the trunk of your vehicle or the back of your golf cart

--drive to the Community Center and park in two lanes with trunks open and facing each other

--add a bowl of "treats" to share; it can be anything from candy to tea bags to wine, or whatever sounds friendly to you (anything goes in PV).

After we've visited everyone's trunk, all are welcome in the Community Center for hot cider and even more treats! This is totally casual; there's no program; just time to visit with your neighbors. Costumes are welcome but optional. If the weather turns out terrible, we'll set up a long table in the Community Center to display all the treats.

If you have questions that a neighbor can't answer, call Gary or Lyndia Fry. Hope to see everyone there--guests are welcome!!

p.s.-bring a bag for your treats

p.p.s.-you don't have to decorate a vehicle to come



## PO-KE-NO ALERT

Good Morning Prairie Village Friends.

PO-KE-NO game night October 8, 2025--5:30 dessert with game to immediately follow – done by 7:30 or so .

Nelda Bergsten has graciously offered to make the desserts for this occasion and Rich Schilt and Curt McCulley have offered to assist with logistics. It will help if someone would volunteer to be the Banker. I will again read the numbers and Dick, I promise I will try to slow down.

Again, we will only have room for 24 players so it will be a first-come-first-served sort of situation. If we fill up again Jim and I will get more boards before we schedule another PO-KE-NO game night. There are also a couple of other changes we have in mind to make the game a little more interesting per a suggestion from Carla.

Please call (262-473-3351), (262-903-3651), or email to [schumacher4044@gmail.com](mailto:schumacher4044@gmail.com) to reserve a spot as soon as possible. Hope to see you on the 8th of October. Thanks.

Jim and Kathy Schumacher



I have attached three images of unusual creatures spotted at my house. I thought someone might find them interesting. The black bird with the unusual coloration has me stumped. Curt McCulley

# **October 2025 Prairie Village Library, Etc. Update**

## **Favorite Authors?**

Some of you have told me what authors you prefer, and every now and then, I find a book or two that we don't already have in the Library by those authors. Should you have a preferred author, let me know and I'll add your preferences to my search list.

## **Donations**

Fiction, mystery-thrillers, history and people (biography, autobiography, and memoir) are always welcome. It works best for my "system" that you leave your donations in the cooler on my porch – 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, this continues – from the cooler on my porch to the Whitewater Methodist Church to Health Net.

## **Community Space Needs**

As the weather changes, the need for blankets, quilts and coats increases. Non-perishable protein, pasta and cereal are always welcome. I deliver whatever is left on my porch. You can drop items off during the hours that the Space is open (Tuesday and Saturday mornings and late Wednesday afternoon).

## **Mini Mart Volunteers Are Always Needed**

What do our neighbors Bev Aulik, Sue Brey, Mary Ellen Deloach, Margaret Hancock, Shirley Kurth, Donna Marshall, Binnie Malewicki, Beth McCulley, Judith Moldenhauer, and Bunnie Sheahen have in common? They are all volunteers at Mini Mart. They can answer questions about volunteering or give Janet Morrow, the Mini Mart Manager, a call - 262 215 2055. Although this is an all-female list, we welcome men and couples, too! (Apologies to anyone who volunteers, and your name is not here. Let me know and I'll publicly apologize next month!).

## **Greeting Cards**

By the time you read this, Halloween cards will be out in the Community Center. You'll also find Sweetest Day Cards (October 18) and a history of what it's all about. Remember there are always cards available in the Mini Mart at Fairhaven (open Monday and Wednesday, 12:30-3:00).

## **“Improved Health for Seniors” on YouTube**

As the weather changes, some of you may be interested in indoor exercise options. “Improved Health for Seniors” is my long-time go-to when I walk indoors. Videos for all fitness levels and interests range from 8 minutes to an hour and a half. You can sit, you can walk or jog, you can use weights, etc., etc. It's free and, of course, available 24/7. This comes with a five-star rating from me! (And is broadcast at Fairhaven.)

Kathy Ross

## **CRIME BOOK CLUB**

It was fun to see so many of you at our meeting on the 22nd, our new meeting time. The reviews of the book *The Teacher*, were mixed. Your leader (?) liked the book and does recommend others by the same author. You will notice I say “your leader” with a questionmark. My picks have not always been the best.

Our read for the month of October is *Everyone In My Family Has Killed Someone* by author Benjamin Stevenson. This book was picked by Susan at the library so it will most likely be a good and interesting read.

As a reminder to you all (and to me) we will be meeting on October 27th at 2:00 p.m.-- Community Center—Library. Make sure you mark the time change on your calendar. We certainly welcome a new member, Donna Marshall, to our group. So glad she will be joining us as she brings a beautiful breath of fresh air to our meeting. WELCOME DONNA!

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

## Our Cosmic Ride

I can imagine that we've traveled far through our small portion of cosmic space-time during our brief ride. I try not to think too much about where we began. My sight fails me. Scholars make calculations. Their instruments have limits but can't see beyond the reach of light as the cosmos spins. They take readings and do their best. They account for the variables. Some admit uncertainty. I'm willing to take their word for it. My sight is dim. I'll ride along while I'm allowed.

9/22/2025 Gerry Bertsch

## Local Nuts

Rarely am I successful in provoking local nuts to sprout. I grew a date tree once from a seed I planted in a pot. I've gathered hickory and walnut nuts, Acorns, too. They're spread-out waiting on my work bench. I'll freeze them before I plant them. I'll dream of trees growing although I'll never sit in their shade.

9/22/2025 Gerry Bertsch

## Immunizations Fall 2025

In preparation for the coming season, you may want to get a flu and/or Covid shot:

Fairhaven: Tuesday, October 7, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Prairie Village: Tuesday October 7, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Community Center

Fairhaven (Only): Thursday, October 23, 2:00-3:45, Fellowship Hall

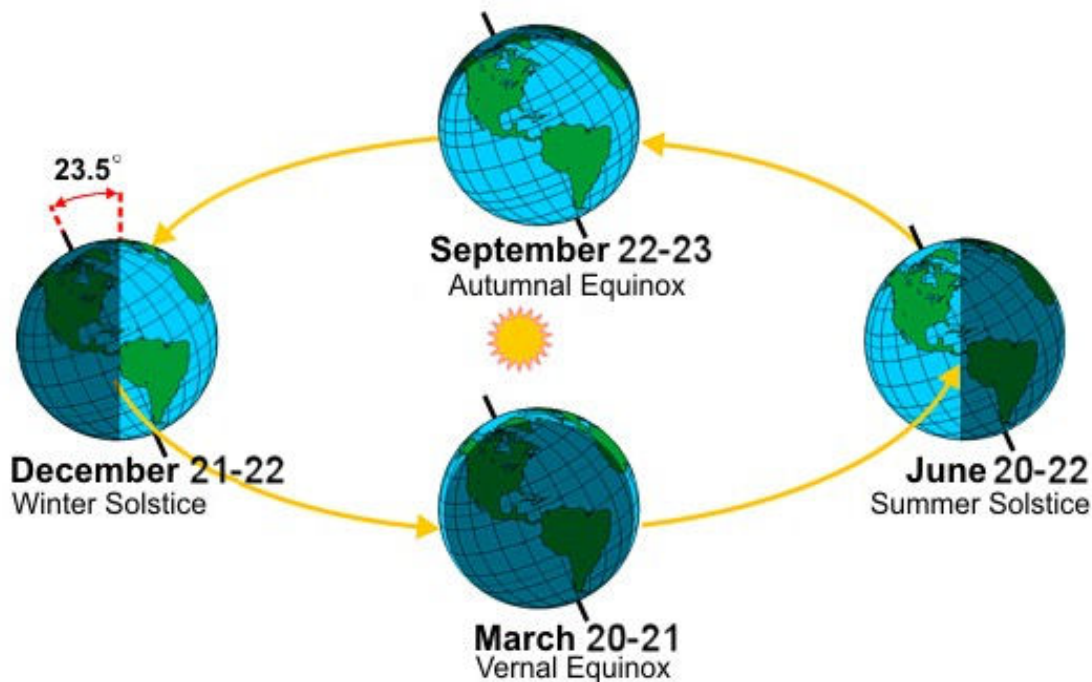
Prairie Village Residents are invited to get shots at Fairhaven if that fits your schedule better.

### **We Just Passed an Equinox Time!**

Each year we experience the Spring (Vernal) Equinox around March 20-21<sup>st</sup> and the Fall (Autumnal) Equinox around September 22-23<sup>rd</sup>. The exact day varies over the years because the Earth's orbit around our Sun isn't always a perfect circle or elliptical

#### **Key Points on the Fall Equinox:**

- At noon the Sun's rays are directly overhead at the Equator.
- All points on the Earth have equal amounts of sunlight and darkness...about 12 hours.
- The sun sets at the North Pole, ushering 6 months of continuous darkness. Meanwhile, the South Pole experiences a sunrise, ushering 6 months of continuous daylight.
- It is the start of the fall (cool) season in the Northern Hemisphere while the opposite is true south of the Equator where the spring (cool) season starts.



Since we mentioned the North Pole and South Pole above, let's dig into additional interesting facts about those locations.

#### **Key Points about the North Pole:**

- It's in the middle of an ocean...the Arctic Ocean. There is no land at or near the North Pole.
- Ice does form in the Arctic Ocean every winter and varies in thickness from 1 foot to 15 feet or so.
- There is no building at the North Pole, therefore no one lives at the North Pole.
- Temperatures range from 20F to 40F in summer but can drop to -40F to -50F in winter.
- There are polar bears on land and along the shores of the continents that border the Arctic Ocean such as North America and Asia. There are no penguins.
- There are marine animals in the Arctic Ocean such as fish, whales and seals.



### Key Points about the South Pole:

- It's in the middle of a continent...Antarctica.
- The "surface" at the South Pole is 9300 feet above sea level.
- The "surface" at the South Pole is flat and consists of snow and ice that is 9000 feet thick.
- There is a scientific-research building at the South Pole with seasonal or 1-year staff. The station was built by and is maintained by the United States. No one lives permanently at the South Pole.
- Summer temperatures (December-January) can rise to -10F to +10F but can fall to -90F to -115F in winter (June-July-August).
- There are no polar bears or animal/bird life at the South Pole...it's too cold and too far inland.
- Along the coastline of Antarctica there are penguins and birds.
- There are marine animals in the oceans that surround Antarctica such as fish, whales and seals.

