

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 or deliver or mail a "hard" copy to 833 Acorn Ridge.

Please note that the DEADLINE for submitting info, photos, etc., for the December issue is November 27.

Saturday, the 1st - Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) 9:30

Tuesday the 4th - Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, the 5th - Hand and Foot (Game Room), 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, the 6th - Cribbage (Game Room), 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, the 8th - Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) 9:30 a.m.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Tuesday, the 11th -Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) - 1:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, the 12th- Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) 1:00 p.m.
Rummikub (Game Room), 2:00 P.M.**

**Thursday, the 13th - Poker (Conference Room) - 2:00 P.M.
Knitting/Crafting/Jigsaw Puzzling Group (Sun Room) - 2:00 P.M.**

Saturday, the 15th - Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) - 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, the 18th - Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) = 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 19th - Hand and Foot (Game Room) - 2:00 P.M.

**Thursday, the 20th - Cribbage (Game Room) - 2:00 P.M.
Knitting/Crafting/Jigsaw Puzzling Group (Sun Room) - 2:00 p.m**

Saturday, the 22nd - Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) - 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, the 25th - Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) - 1:00 P.M.

**Wednesday, the 26th - Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) 1:00 p.m.
Rummikub (Game Room) - 2:00 P.M.**

**Thursday, the 27th - Poker- Game Room) - 2:00 P.M.
Knitting/Crafting/Jigsaw Puzzling Group (Sun Room) - 2:00 P.M.**

Saturday, the 29th - Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) - 9:30 A.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:

Paul will join the Village for Coffee Hour on Tuesday, November 10, 10:00.

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 Trunk or Treat and there was no donation box. The treasury balance is \$952.48

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 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.

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!



**WE WANT TO EXTEND A BIG
WELCOME**

Richard and Karen Nelson, 850 Burr Oak Trail

Change your time! Sunday, November 2nd. Turn your clocks back one hour.

Prairie Chicks - Elizabeth Archer

We will meet November 6 at the Community Center for pizza, salad, beverage and desert at 12N.

Cost will be determined. Bring your ideas and your money. RSVP to Elizabeth by November 4. 262-473-5783.

Deadline for the next Newsletter will be November 27

Stretched

My endurance gets stretched
beyond its limits sometimes.
Yours does, too, but we go on. We
gather our strength and resources,
put one foot ahead of the other.
“Why not?” Sometimes we change
direction. That’s not a bad idea.
We find ways to not let the stress
get us down. When it does, we sigh,
breathe deep, then find another path.
No use repeating worn out choices.
It’s more fun to go adventuring.

8/11/2025 Gerry Bertsch



Seen at the corner of
Fremont and Burr Oak,
Binnie Malewicki

All Saints Day, Prairie Village

On Wednesday, November 5 at 11:00 a.m. in Olm Fellowship Hall we will observe All Saints Day. At this time, we’ll remember all those from Prairie Village and Fairhaven who have died in the past year. We will remember Jesus’ promise of the resurrection and the gift of eternal life made possible through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will also have a time for those present to speak the names of loved ones who they want to remember and give thanks for their lives.

(This invitation comes to us from Fairhaven Chaplain Luke Boucher. Should you not be able to attend and want your loved one(s) name included in the service, please send that information to Kathy Ross by email or leave a note in the cooler on her porch – 881 Burr Oak Trail by Monday, November 3.

Notes from the Prairie Village Care Team:

Guests at PV Social Team events

Over the past few months we’ve had several instances of PV residents bringing guests (family or friends) to Social Team events. While this is not prohibited, it does require that we establish some guidelines for bringing guests to Social Team events. The biggest concern is space in the CC Multi-Purpose Room. Currently we have 107 residents in Prairie Village - not counting 899AR which is vacant. In the Multi-Purpose Room we have

chairs for 98 people only (50 stacking, 48 folding). However, if we add a buffet table in the room, and then space the round tables for easy access by folks with mobility issues, our maximum capacity drops to about 80. As you can see, if we have a well-attended meal event (such as we expect with the upcoming Turkey Dinner on Nov. 17th) there is simply no room for guests.

We have discussed this issue with the PV Care Team, and have come up with the following guidelines for dealing with guests:

1. Having guests at our events is a good way to share our wonderful community with others who may someday be looking to join us.
2. The safety, comfort, and enjoyment of our residents is of utmost importance. Only to the extent that our facilities and resources allow guests to participate without negative impact on that enjoyment will they be permitted at our events.
3. The Social Team will decide, on an event-by-event basis, whether guests will be permitted. Generally speaking, at “meal” events (potlucks, kitchen-prepared meals, catered dinners, etc.) guests will not be permitted. Generally speaking, at “non-meal” events (game night, movie night, name-that-tune, trunk-or-treat, ice cream social, music-only events, etc.) guests will be permitted.
4. Sign-up sheets in the CC for each event will continue. If guests are permitted for an event, the sign-up sheet will have a column for the number of guests.

Funding of Events

As you know, we are an independent living facility and therefore Fairhaven does not provide funding for our social events. They do provide the wonderful Community Center, housekeeping twice a week, and free coffee. Everything else is on us. Funding for social events comes from the free-will offering box that is displayed at every event. This year, we started presenting Bring-Your-Money events where each meal has an exact cost. We will continue that practice for some meals. However, for other meals we will calculate a suggested donation based on the expenses incurred by Social Team members to prepare for the event; expenses such as food, drink, and consumables. It is expected that each attendee will contribute at least the suggested amount. The money collected from the box after each event is given to our treasurer (Colleen Endisch) who later cuts a reimbursement check to those who have provided receipts for incurred expenses.

Note: Each guest is also expected to donate the specified amount.

Due to the generosity and faithfulness of our residents, the offering box has

worked well for us. We expect it will continue to do so.

Prairie Village Care Team

Howdy!

Possible photo to include in next PV newsletter.

I call it October Harvest Super Moon - Partly Cloudy. Which was true when I was taking the pictures.

Carry on!

Tom



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It was a cold and rainy day but our smiles were bright! Trunk or Treat, 2025. Thanks Gary and Lyndia!



Did You Know?....Now You Know!

Rusty Kapela

What Location in the Lower 48 Has the Most Pleasant Temperatures Year-round?

Well, the answer to that question depends on one's personal point of view. Every one of us is wired differently...some like it hot, some like it cold, some like it humid, some like it cloudy, some like it snowy and some like a little bit of everything.

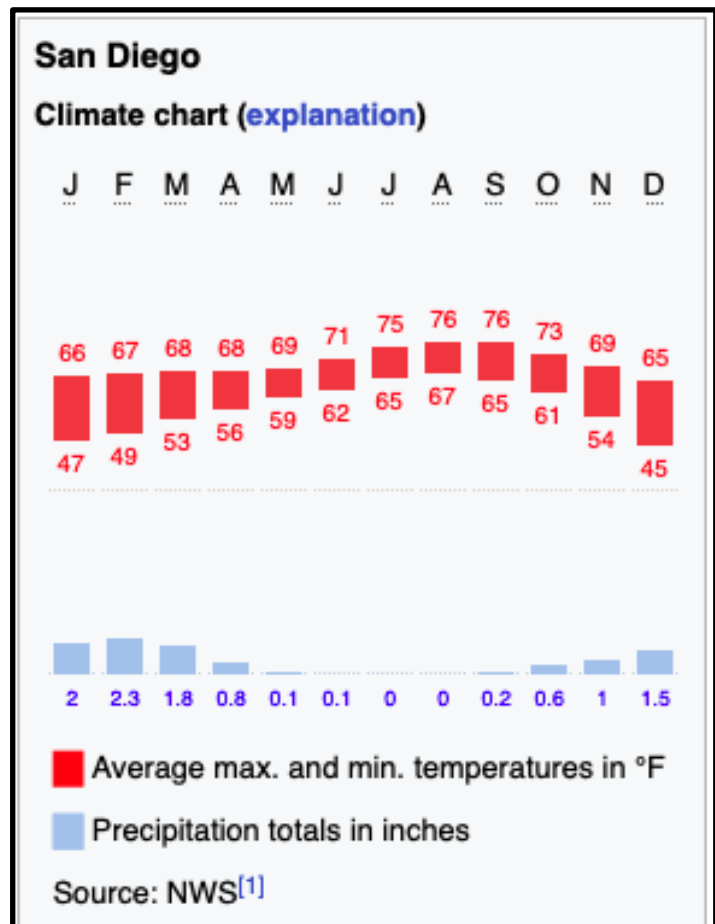
Removing our emotions from the equation, and strictly looking at extremes in temperatures and lack of snow/ice, **the most pleasant place to live in the Lower 48 is the San Diego, CA** area. Yes, San Diego! Yes, I know it's expensive to live the San Diego area, but we're talking only about a location in the Lower 48 that doesn't experience extremes in temperatures, snow storms, ice storms and severe thunderstorms.



Key points:

- In most years the coldest temperature in San Diego ranges from the upper 30s to mid-40s, and only for a day or two.
- In many years the hottest temperature in San Diego ranges from the upper 80s to lower 90s, only occasionally peaking around 100F...and it's a dry heat.
- Unofficially, it has snowed (snowflakes, ice pellets or graupel) only 10 times in San Diego going back to 1847, and 3 of those events were official. However, ground accumulations have never been officially reported. Snow accumulations do occur in the mountains east of San Diego.
- Summers are mostly dry and the rainy season occurs during the winter months. This pattern is typical of a Mediterranean Climate.
- Tornadoes in the San Diego area are rare but the peak month tends to be February during the rainy season. Going back to 1950, twenty-seven weak tornadoes (EF0 or EF1) have been documented with no related deaths.
- The Pacific Ocean waters greatly modify San Diego's weather – keeping winter temperatures warmer and summer temperatures cooler than what would normally be expected for that location. Consequently, heating and cooling utility bills are not as extreme as in other parts of the country.
- Due to the cool Pacific Ocean waters off the coast of San Diego that area does experience a fair number of foggy mornings, mostly in the late spring and summer months. Locations within 5 miles of the coast have more foggy mornings. This fog does burn off from the east as the sun rises in the sky.

To the right is a chart created by the National Weather Service showing the average maximum and minimum temperatures for each month in San Diego. Note there is no extreme change in temperatures going from summer to winter compared to other parts of the country. At the bottom the chart is the average monthly rainfall.



Below is a chart showing the average monthly maximum and minimum temperatures in International Falls, MN. This city is located in extreme northern Minnesota. Note the extremes in temperatures going from summer to winter. This is due to the fact that Minnesota is well inland and away from the moderating effects of the Pacific Ocean or the Atlantic Ocean.

