

# Village Voice



## November Updates

Tom Huss

Thank you everyone that attended our quarterly meeting! The potluck food was amazing. We are fortunate to have residents that are wonderful cooks. A special thanks go out to all the resident board members for clarifying some of the questions concerning Olympic Village.

I just have a few items to mention that have come up since our meeting. There will be a Board of Directors meeting that will approve a budget for next year. The information will be available in the December newsletter.

A special thank you to Dave Mishka for his cleaning of the Club House carpet. He saved us a sizable amount of money and he did a fantastic job.

Please do not put branches or leaf bags behind the Club House garage. That area is an eyesore for residents as it hinders their nice backyards. Ask Jim at the Club House where to put those items.

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### Upcoming

#### Events:

- November 15:  
Tailgate Party
- November 28:  
Holiday Decorating of  
the Club House
- November 29: Portal  
Education Session
- December 7:  
Christmas gathering

Here is a list of upcoming events!  
November 15: Tailgate Party,  
November 28: Holiday Decorating of  
the Club House, December 7:  
Christmas gathering.

All of these events will need  
volunteers, so please sign up to be a  
volunteer on the bulletin board signup  
sheet inside the Club House.

There is a suggestion box inside the  
Club House. It is to the left of the  
double doors in the hallway.  
Remember, you do not have to sign  
any suggestions. I will answer any  
suggestions in the December  
newsletter.

One last thing. The outside bulletin  
board is finished! A special thank you  
to the anonymous donor for this  
generous gift. The bulletin board was  
assembled and put in the ground by  
volunteer residents Jeff Froh, Barry  
Strauss, Dick Wagner and our  
Maintenance employee Jim Falk.  
Without volunteers this project could  
not have been done.

## New Club House Bulletin Board



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## Portal Education Session

We will have a Resident Portal Education session on November 29 at 1:30pm in the Club House. Please bring your laptop, tablet or the device you will use to log in.

# **SOCIAL COMMITTEE – “Grab your coat and get your hat and leave your worries on the doorstep.”**

## **Nov 15 – TAIL GATE PARTY (5 PM with entertainment at 6:30 PM)**

1. Be sure to get your reservations in by Nov. 7 (\$5.00 per person dropped in the white drop box at the Club House with your reservation form). Donation of Hors d’oeuvres will be appreciated.
2. Dress in your favorite sports team attire. (Optional)
3. Arrive at the Club House at 5 PM to enjoy a vast array of beverages and Hors d’oeuvres, laughter and lies.
4. 6:30 PM we will settle down for entertainment by the never to be forgotten:

-- “ELVIS”--

## **Nov 28 – 9:30 am Christmas decorating by OV volunteers.**

Coffee and treats will be served.

## **Nov 30 – 10 AM members of the SP EMS and Staff from The Office of Aging and Disability will address OV residents, friends and family.**

Topics will include safety, mobility, falls, help in taking care of yourself, our family and neighbors etc. A PT will be attending.

## **Dec 7 – 6 PM Christmas Gala**



This will be a very beautiful evening of musical entertainment performed by artists from Studio Orchestra and Dimensions of Sound Band. Our own OV resident Joan Eggert will also be performing (Very Special Treat).

Beverages will be available.

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## **Living Safely**

Arthur Eggert

The safety of the village residents is a major concern of the Olympic Village Incorporated (OVI) board. Therefore, as the secretary of the board, I will periodically be writing a safety column. Having worked in chemical laboratories and on the railroad, I have had a variety of experiences with safety matters. This month we will look at outside holiday decorating.

Let’s consider three safety issues. The first two are electrical safety and trip hazards. These are related in the village, particularly during the holiday season. (*Continued on Page 4*)

To reduce the chances of people stumbling and falling outside their units, each unit has four exterior lights to illuminate the garage area and the entrance sidewalk. White bulbs should be used in these fixtures, and they should be on any time that people are expected to come to the unit after dark. These fixtures are not designed to hold additional weight, so please do not use them for hanging decorations. Additional weight may loosen the fixtures, creating a path for moisture and insects into the building. Over time it may also cause the internal wiring to deteriorate.

A second electrical and trip concern is the electrical cords used for outdoor lighting. Most electrical cords are not safe to use outdoors. Please only use cords that are rated for outdoor use. You do not want fires, shorts, and electrocutions to become part of your holiday tradition. Electricity in a damp environment can be quite shocking. For the same reason, if you use outdoor timers, be sure that they are properly rated and are protected from the weather.

Electrical cords are also a trip hazard. Therefore, the village prohibits the lighting of trees and bushes outside a unit's planting area. The lawns of the village can be crossed by anyone at any time and should not be obstructed by cords. Even around your own unit, please be very careful with the placement

of electrical cords. You may know where they are and always step over them, but visitors and friends may not know and trip over them. Because falls are a major cause of health deterioration in senior citizens, we must all work to prevent them.

Finally, when you lived in a residential neighborhood, you might have liked to attract attention to your home by having a spectacular holiday display. Keeping all of us safe means not doing that in Olympic Village. Because pedestrian and vehicle traffic share the same narrow street in the village, we do not want to encourage extra traffic. Second, we do not want to attract visitors to the village whose intentions are less than honorable, such as home invaders and car thieves. The village therefore desires you to keep your holiday displays modest, for example, no blowup figures, no flashing lights (a mild twinkle is okay), and no projections.

The OVI board wishes you a happy and safe holiday season.

**DON'T FORGET TO  
VOTE NOVEMBER 8TH!**

