

# Village Voice



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## Holidays in Full Swing

Tom Huss

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and are excited about this Christmas season.

Everyone who attended the Tailgate Gala certainly seemed to have a wonderful time. The food and drinks were fabulous on its own but then, Elvis entered the building! The smiles on everyone's faces told me that Elvis was an enjoyment for all. I would like to thank Sue Stan and Sally Carpenter for putting together this uplifting event. There are a lot of volunteers that also made this event possible. Thank you volunteers.

We have a busy December for events! There is information on all events later in this newsletter. There is something for everyone. Please check out the information and put the dates of events on your calendar.

Just a reminder to try to park your cars in your garages. If you cannot park in your garage, remember to lock your car. There is an uptick in stolen or damage to vehicles.

There was a suggestion to change the dates of coffee hour. I have contacted Attic Angel to ask if they have noticed any problem with the coffee hour at the same time of Attic Angel discussing information concerning possible new resident's information given to them. I was told that no concerns have been brought up. They also advised that having the coffee hour at the same time may be good as possible new residents can see and hear the fun events that are available.

With this information the resident Club House has voted to keep the coffee hour on the third Thursday of the month at 9:00am.

There was a question concerning who is in charge of what is put in the outside bulletin board. At this time I have been the person in charge. If someone is willing to take over this responsibility, please let me know.

## Social Activities

### Upcoming Events:

Dec 7	Christmas Gala
Dec 14	Open Houses
Dec 15	Coffee at 9am
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Dinner at Erin's Irish Pub
Jan 19	Quarterly Meeting

There is no question that stars shined on OV when Sue Stan answered my calling to chair the Tailgate Party. What a wonderful evening.

Work has been long and hard to put together our Christmas Gala. Thank you, Mike Mullens, for your weeks of planning and making your dream come true. It is the second activity this year that he has stepped up to volunteer.

Plans are being made for a New Year's Eve dinner at Erin's Irish Pub. We will gather at 4pm for beverages and dinner. In the past, it has been a wonderful way to start the New Year. Signup sheet is posted at the Club House. Call Sally Carpenter at 608-235-1441 with questions.

Our quarterly meeting will be held January 19. We will meet for a potluck luncheon in lieu of an evening meeting.

The Coffee Volunteer signup for January – June is posted.

## HO HO HO – Open Houses are Back!

Please put this on your calendar now:

**WEDNESDAY, December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Time is 1:00-3:30pm**

The Open Houses will be at Barb Klintman (#878), Jeff and Marilyn Froh (#936), and Ron and Sharon Lostetter (#968).

These people are opening their homes to share the Christmas Spirit with all of us. Hopefully the weather will be nice so we can walk to each place. If you cannot walk to each place you can drive or call David Schultz (920-323-9637). He will drive you to each home you will visit with friends, have a snack, and a beverage. You can move on to the other homes whenever you wish. We are asking everyone to take a pair of slippers or a pair of socks along to slip on to protect the carpets.

After you have been to each home and you enjoyed the afternoon call Dianne Schultz to put your name on the list to host next year. (608-318-1778).



### ~ CHRISTMAS GALA ~



Some seating is still available, see Tom Huss to arrange for yourself, family and friends.

If you would like to attend but have issues with 'walking' to the Community Center and back home please consider asking for a ride from a neighbor or call Tom Huss who will arrange someone to so.

# Keeping our Community Safe and Looking Great

Please ensure the community stays safe and looks great by following these guidelines from your Agreement, Exhibit D and Addendum to Exhibit D.

39. Storage. All driveway and patio areas must be free of excess items. All belongings, except patio furniture and barbecue grills, must be kept inside your unit. Any items left in public areas (other than decorations acceptable to OVI) will be removed by the maintenance staff.

3. Patios may only be extended with the permission of the Olympic Village board. Any alterations to patios without permission must be removed and the patios returned to the original specifications at the resident's expense. Patios and the exteriors and rears of residences are not to be used for storage of any items other than grills, patio furniture, lawn chairs or benches, and water hose containers. No portable storage units can be added.

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## Living Safely

Arthur Eggert

The holiday season is coming, and even we seniors are getting excited. It will be a chance to see family, decorate our homes, and perhaps attend some religious activities. It is also a season when we need to think about indoor safety.

Decorating and preparing more elaborate meals will require objects that we do not regularly use during the year. We often store such items on top shelves and in the back of shelves and closets. They may not be within easy reach, so we will need to get out a stepstool or a ladder to fetch them. We have

always done it, so maybe it doesn't seem like a big deal. But it is. Each year we get older, and our balance and strength decrease. Getting up onto something to reach an object or twisting to extract it from its storage place can easily lead to falls. Falls can produce sprains, broken bones, and even death if you hit your head on a hard object on the way down. Therefore, think safety. Ask younger family members to drop by to get those things down that you will need for the holiday celebration. If you are married, ask your spouse to help by taking objects you hand down and by steadying your position on the ladder. If single, ask a friend or a neighbor to come over

for a few minutes just to be there while you retrieve what you need. If you are alone and fall to the floor, you may have trouble getting to a phone to call for help because you are either injured or unconscious. Swallow your pride, ask for help, and live to enjoy many more holiday seasons.

During the holiday season, many people light candles for various reasons. Open flames are dangerous, particularly during a season when there are far more ignitable substances setting about than normal. All you need to happen is a lighted match be dropped or a candle to fall over to quickly set neighboring items on fire. Therefore, you should always have platters or bowls under candles so that if one should tip over or a match drop while lighting them, the burning object will fall safely into the supporting vessel and not onto something flammable. Be careful if you have a wooden Christmas pyramid so that it does not stop turning when the candles are lit. This can cause the wooden vanes to get hot and start to burn. You should have a fire extinguisher. Know where it is, how to activate it, and point it at the base of the flames if you need to use it. You live in a building which also houses several other people. You would not want their holiday season ruined because

you were not careful with flames, and that caused a fire.

One of the pleasures of the holidays is the visit of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Still, such visits can be dangerous to those who are only a few years old. When you raised your own children, you undoubtedly “baby-proofed” your house to protect them. You probably have not done that to your residence in Olympic Village. Young ones are still prone to stick objects into electric outlets, put unfamiliar things into their mouths, try to pull themselves up on tablecloths, or to climb up furniture, drawers and shelves. They can pull these over onto themselves and become injured; they need close watching. In particular, young kids and open flames do not go together – ever!

On behalf of the Olympic Village Incorporated Board, have an enjoyable and safe holiday season.





## Attic Angel Management Services

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November 15, 2022

Dear Olympic Village Resident:

The Board of Directors of Olympic Village has reviewed and approved budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. The Resident Finance Committee and Board Members involved in the budget process worked to keep expenses down and address some of the items that have needed attention over the years. While the budget does not address all community concerns this fiscal year, it is a step in the right direction and lays the groundwork to manage those concerns over the next few years. This is one of the goals of the long range planning process.

The Resident Monthly Fee will increase \$30.00 to **\$565.00** per month.

- Monthly Operating Fee **\$450.00** per month
- PMS will be **\$15.00** per month.
- Facility Fund will be **\$100.00** per month.

The monthly assessment for PMS (Payment for Municipal Services) and the provision for the Facility Fund will be separately identified on the monthly bills. The PMS fee is the City of Sun Prairie charge for municipal services. The Facility Fund provision is a requirement of our loan agreement with Starion Bank. This Fund will provide reserves for the timely and orderly repair and replacement of the Olympic Village units (such as furnaces, flooring, roofs, driveways and windows). This is necessary to minimize the risk to residents of special assessments, deferred maintenance, or unfunded losses. Facility Funds are part of a long-term financial plan that helps strengthen Olympic Village's fiscal health and increase the market value of the units.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in creating the 2023 Budget. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (608) 662-8822 should you have any questions or comments. You may also contact me via email to [derek.buckley@atticangel.org](mailto:derek.buckley@atticangel.org).

Sincerely,

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