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April Showers bring May Flowers and Mosquitos

Acting President: Sue Stang

Another great turnout for the Quarterly Meeting and Pot Luck. We had 34 signed up, set the tables for 42 and ended up with 43. We are not complaining about the higher number, we can accommodate many more. We just want to set enough places. For the Quarterly Meetings, please sign up no later than the day before.

When we have a large group at the Club House parking is at a premium. The driveways across the street should not be used unless you have made arrangements the day of the event. This happened the night of the Assoc. Meeting. A family member was staying over and couldn't get into the driveway.

Something we haven't had for a while, The Birthday Section. This was started in April but a number of birthdays were missing. I think we have this problem solved. A Belated Happy Birthday to Bill Dille, Lyle Suchomel and Shirley Hargraves and all the birthdays missed in January, February and March.

David Peterson gave a Treasury Report. Of 69 units, we have received 47 Association Payments. We have as of March 31st cash balance \$1,759.53.

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At a Thursday coffee a few months ago, Mark Miekush from Sun Prairie Fire Department talked about a grant they received. This grant the SPFD were given only so many Stovetop FireStops. The FireStops go above the stove near the vent and if you were to have a stove fire this releases a chemical to extinguish the fire. The offer went to 16 people who were attending the Coffee/Meeting. Since this was from a grant to the Fire Department the number available was limited. Mark has since left SPFD but has made arrangements with Natalie Courtier, who was with Mark at the meeting and will be making arrangement after May 10th to have them installed. She has the list of residents that signed up.

I stopped by the SPFD to ask about the **Knox Box** that is mounted on the outside of the Club House. A master key to our units is locked inside the box for emergency entrance. The Fire/EMS and Police are the only ones that have the key to the **Knox Box**. If they don't know the type of call other than a person down or a fire in the unit, they may not stop and get the key or send someone back to get the key. With their training and frame of mind, all emergency calls could be a **Life or Death Emergency**. The time it takes for them to stop or go back to get the key, can take those precious minutes needed to save a life or get someone out of a burning building.

Fire units and EMS units each have a **Knox Box** key onboard. For police only the Sargent/Supervisor on duty has the key.

If this is **not** a **Life Threatening EMERGENCY** such as you fell and can't get up, or your back goes out and you can't get out of your chair etc. **Please tell the Dispatch Operator** in hopes they get the word to Fire or EMS personal before they need to use damaging force to enter you unit.

I would like to Thank You Carol Huss for all the time you spent as our Sunshine Person. Job well done.

Marilyn Breunig will be taking on this duty after May 4th once she returns from Sunny Florida. If you know of someone who is going through a rough time with an illness, surgery or a death in the family, please let Marilyn know. She can be reached by phone or phone message at **608 837-2194**.

Social Committee: Sally Peterson/S. Stang/K. Mullins/D. Schultz

Upcoming May Social Events:

- Wed 5/3** Last day to sign up for Car Pool to Arlington
- Tues 5/9** 10am Car pool to Arlington
- Thur 5/18** 9:30 Coffee Host Nancy Veenendaal
- Fri 5/26** Game Day 2pm to 4pm
- Tue 5/30** Birthday Bingo 4pm Bingo, 6pm Social, 7pm ELVIS

The guide lines for the May Birthday Bingo

Be there before 4pm. Doors to the meeting room will be close by 4pm and Bingo begins

The cost for Bingo is the same, 2 cards for \$5.00. All the money collected will go into the prize money.

When you pay your money and get your cards, you will receive a ticket for drawings for special prizes during the games

It will be only be STRAIGHT Bingo except for 1 Black Out at the end.

Future Social Events:

- June 13th Salad Luncheon, It won't be just SALADS..
- July 11th Quarterly Meeting and maybe a Theme Pot Luck
- Aug. 8th Picnic Style Dinner at the Club House

Q&A #1

- Q.** Why 2 Pot Luck dinners in a row?
- A.** We try to spread out the different events. Catered dinners are not just a phone call away. A lot of time is spent in planning a catered dinner. For many years we had a Chef from Independent Living who would more or less plan everything. There were 4 times that they catered. Without them, we now have 8 dinner type events each year besides the 4 normal potlucks for us to plan.

Q&A #2

Q: How do we handle Soliciting Activities?

A: If someone is at your door, tell them it is posted that NO Soliciting allowed, ask them to leave, and close the door.

If you see someone placing a flier in your mail box, retrieve it. You can either call the stated number and report this unlawful activity to the organization, or give Sue a call 608 335-3812. She will report it.

Q&A #3

Q: Is there a list of what needs to be done to prepare Pot Lucks or other activities?

A: There will be a revised list of what needs to be done and when posted on the cabinets above the old ice machine. If you would like to volunteer your help, we can help with training.

Rules of Residency Reminders

At the April Executive Board meeting a resolution was brought up and approved, that there is NO fishing by Residents or Non-Residents in any of the ponds in Olympic Village.

53. No fire pits of any kind are permitted to be used in Olympic Village.

46. No artificial flowers are to be displayed outside of residents' homes.

15. Planting flowers in boxes or containers on the patio is allowed and encouraged. Please use natural materials such as clay pots for patio plantings. Please do not plant vegetables in patio pots or foundation plantings. If you have any special landscape or gardening plans or requests, please submit your proposal in writing to the RCM.



- 5/4 Jack Davison
5/7 Abby Butler
5/7 Sharry Fucile
5/7 Verna Rimrodt
5/9 Anne Aumann
5/9 Ross Oestreich
5/12 Bob Otto
5/21 Jan Retrum
5/23 Pat Fowler
5/28 Phyllis Orsburne

If your Birthday is missed, give
Sue a call 608 335-3812.

Foot Care Clinic:

Thursday June 1st

Thursday August 3rd.

Call Jane Miller 608-318-0856
for appointment or questions

RESIDENTS CORNER: A new place to post: Thank You Notes, invitations, Residents moving in or out and other miscellaneous news from you, our residents.

Carol and I would like to thank everyone in the Olympic Village family for all the kind words, prayers and the wonderful food brought to us.

We take each day as a blessing. We have no idea where this disease will take her next, but she is a fighter. We are so thankful that we moved into such a kind and thoughtful community.

Tom and Carol Huss

Residents on the move:

Just recently we had 2 of our residents move, Tom Skinner and Barb Charovano. We wish them the best with this new chapter.

Janelle's May Office Hours

Tues 5/2 8:30a-4:30p

Tues 5/16 8:30a-4:30p

Tues 5/23 8:30a-4:30p

Subject to change

Living Safely

Arthur Eggert

Unit 994

The weather is getting warmer, and there are so many things of spring to see. The flowers are coming up, and the trees are blossoming. But please be careful! As you walk around, remember neither the pavements nor the lawns are level. When you step from one type of surface to another, they might not meet flush. Because of this unevenness, it is easy to trip and fall. Your ability to catch yourself is less than it once was. If you fall outside, you might not be able to get up by yourself, even if the only thing you injured was your pride. So, although the plants are lovely, keep your eyes on the place where you will put your feet as you walk, and take your cell phone with you so you can call for help if you do fall. One last thing; don't fall on your cell phone!

The beautiful Wisconsin scenery is also filled with ticks and other creatures that do not have your best interest at heart. If you take your pets outside, ticks and their unpleasant pals can get on your pets and be brought into your home. If you take yourself outside, they can crawl on or fall on you. Ticks can cause various diseases, so it is important to check yourself and your pets every time you come in from wandering in grassy or wooded areas. You can reduce the chances of becoming involved with ticks by using appropriate repellent sprays for yourself and good flea-and-tick collars for your pets. However, do not rely only on this first line of protection. Check yourself and your pets whenever you or they might have been exposed. Ticks are small and very good at sneaking past your defenses. You do not need a tick-borne illness to complicate the summer that you have been so eagerly awaiting.