

Village Voice



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I want to give a shout out to Sue Stang, Bill Dille and all the volunteers for the wonderful brat picnic. The food was delicious! Thanks for all the hard work.

There are a lot of fun things coming up, so, please see the upcoming events posted in this newsletter.

It was brought to my attention that not many residents open up the online portal. There is a lot of important information on the portal that is not in the newsletter. Please check it out! If you need to reset your log in information, please contact Janelle Taylor.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have concerns. I will take all the information seriously and will do everything I can to resolve the concerns. I cannot help you if you don't contact me. I want to help find solutions for you!

Just a reminder that the October quarterly meeting is the meeting that we vote on a new President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Social Committee Chair for Olympic Village. Please be thinking of someone you would like to nominate, or consider nominating yourself. It is a chance to help keep Olympic Village a wonderful place to live. There are people that will explain and answer any questions you might have. Our committees are vital to move us ahead. Please consider helping.

Tom Huss, Resident Association President

Attic Angel Place Information Session and Tour; September 12th 10:00a

Summary:

Join Janelle Taylor, RCM and Kelly Cheramy, AAP Outreach Coordinator, for an information session at the OV Clubhouse that summarizes what Attic Angel Community has to offer. Following the session, a group of up to 12 OV residents can join us for lunch at the Arbor Café at AAP. Following lunch we will be a tour of the various service levels at AAP, including the assisted living and memory care. The lunch and tour will require a pre-registration. The sign up will be posted at the clubhouse on the bulletin board. The sign up will close at noon on Friday September 8th. If you are unable to sign up for the tour this time, please note that individual tours can be set up at your convenience by contacting a member of our marketing team. Their contact information is listed below.

Schedule of Events:

10:00AM-Olympic Village Clubhouse

Information Session: Learn about the levels of service within Attic Angel Place and the priority placement option for residents at Olympic Village. There will be an opportunity for questions.

11:00AM- Depart Olympic Village and head to Attic Angel Place (8301 Old Sauk Rd, Middleton, WI 53562)

Residents will need to drive separately. For those who sign up for the afternoon portion of the day, we recommend a car pool.

11:45AM- Lunch at Arbor Café in Attic Angel Place

A menu is attached to the sign-up sheet. Please note your order on the sign up. Participants will pay for their meal the day of when receiving their order.

Immediately Following Lunch-Tour of Attic Angel Place levels of service

Marketing Contacts

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Introduction to SAIL Presentation- Tuesday September 26 10:00AM; Clubhouse

SAIL stands for Supporting Active Independent Lives and that's what they do. They bolster senior independence with community. We are a family of fascinating people sharing our passion for life. The nonprofit membership program provides older adults throughout the Madison area with a vibrant senior community of learning, activity, socialization, and support for one another.

**ATTIC ANGEL OFFERS FREE
CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR
SENIORS**

The Continuing Education Programs of Attic Angel Association are held **Monday mornings at Attic Angel Place, 8301 Old Sauk Road, Middleton, WI.** The programs are open to the public. **Coffee is served at 10 a.m. and the program begins at 10:30 a.m.** There is no charge, and no reservation is required.

Monday September 11

“Lake Mendota’s Cultural and Natural History”

Dr. Marjorie Rhine, Professor and Coordinator for the Japanese Studies Program – University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Monday September 18

“Wisconsin State Journal Opinion Cartoons”

Phil Hands, Editorial Cartoonist – Wisconsin State Journal

Future Events

Tuesday Oct 10th Quarterly Meeting with election of officers. Gathering at 4:00 pm and Pot Luck dinner at 5:00. If you want to nominate someone for an officer’s position, you can submit this to Tom Huss, President.

Tuesday Nov 14th A fun evening with the theme of **Those Were the Good Old Days.** Entertainment by **Smith & Binder Jazz** with **Hors d’oeuvres and cocktails.**

Monday Nov. 27th Time to decorate the club house for the Holidays. Something new this year, there will be **Cookie and Bake Goods** for sale.

Tuesday Dec. 12th **Holiday Celebration**



9/4 Karen Kepper

9/6 Jeff Froh

9/9 Arthur Eggert

9/19 Tom Huss

9/20 Dick Wagner

Committee Reports

Resident Advisory Committee

The changes for the Portal are still being worked on by AAMS.

There are still plans for painting an area in front of the club house for a loading zone.

Work is still in progress to reorganize residential rules.

Insurance inspections found minimal to no hail damage and will likely not be covering any costs for roof replacements at this time.

Landscape Committee

A lot of shrub trimming took place the first part of August. They concentrated on the front area and anything touching the buildings.

Social Committee

Wednesday September 13th The Craft Group is resuming for the winter months. They will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 2:00pm.

Thursday September 14th The last day to sign-up for the Stepping On Workshop. Sign-up sheet on the board inside. There is a limited number of spots available so please sign-up right away.

Resident Corner

BOOKS, MAGAZINES AND PUZZLES

David and I moved into OV in 2011 and about a year later I asked who takes care of the library? No one. I volunteered to alphabetize the books and take care of the magazines which turned into being the in-house Librarian. Karen Mullins stepped into help about 2 years before she moved this last June. At that time, Phyllis Osburne stepped in to volunteer her time to help me. Since then another resident volunteer stepped up to help with the books, magazines and puzzles. There comes a time when new volunteers need to be at the helm. Phyllis Osburne and Cris Eastin will be those volunteers taking over the duties in the library.

I want to personally THANK everyone who have donated books, magazines and puzzles. Our library has grown into something we should be proud of.

Working together is always good.
Dianne Schultz

Thank You

Thank you all for the cards and kind words during this difficult time, for the loss of my son.

Dave Suchomel

Maintenance Reminder-

Work Orders

As a reminder, residents need to be completing work orders for maintenance needs. Work orders apply to general maintenance needs for both the interior and exterior of your unit. There are two ways you can complete a Work Order, either on-line through the OV Portal or a paper form you can get at the club house. If you complete the form through the portal Jim will receive it to review and respond. If it's a paper form, please give it to Jim or slide it under the door. Jim will enter it into the computer for review and respond. Work orders are completed in the order of urgency.

FOOT CARE CLINIC

The next clinic is scheduled for October 5th.

For an appointment call Jane Miller - 608-318-0856

Announcements from the OVI Board of Directors

Requests for Improvement

Per the Resident

Agreements, residents of OVI cannot alter the interior or exterior of their unit without formal approval from the Residential Community Manager.

To inquire for project approval, please submit an Exhibit J: Request for Improvement before you start a project in or outside of your unit. If you need a copy of the form, you can find them in your Resident Agreements, on the Portal, or contact Janelle Taylor, RCM.

To alter the interior or exterior of your unit without prior approval is an intentional breach of the Resident Agreement, which can result in financial liabilities and involuntary termination of the Resident Agreement.

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Announcements from the OVI Board of Directors

Stump Grinding

There has been extensive research and discussion this year involving the landscape committee, AAMS, outside contractors, and the OVI Board of Directors all in regards to stump grinding/removal at Olympic Village. In these discussions it has become apparent that some stumps, particularly those from the arbor vitae, are in locations that will be difficult to navigate for contractors and thus, incredibly expensive to remove.

What we have found, is that the stumps located in the planting areas close to the units could cause further damage to siding and concrete if removed. Additionally, contractors have noted that the rock beds are damaging to their equipment. Even if the surface rocks are removed, the rocks are now embedded in the root systems of the stumps.

There is an ongoing effort between AAMS and OVI to address a large amount of deferred interior and exterior maintenance that was mismanaged over the years. Some of these items we have been able to address proactively and others come unexpectedly. Due to this the Board of Directors is required to take caution when approving funds.

At this time, a decision has been made regarding stump removal. Arbor Vitae and other stump removal in the unit planting areas will not be performed by OVI due to safety and cost issues. Discussion regarding stump removal in open areas is ongoing. We will continue to investigate alternative options to provide the best landscaping services possible.

Safety Article

It has been unusually hot this summer, and the heat seems to keep going on and on. Yet, we know Wisconsin weather, and the cold and snow will be with us before we are aware if we do not prepare.

One of the things that must be done in preparation for fall is cleaning out the gardens and flowerpots around our living units. If you have planted little, this will be simple. However, if you have more extensive plantings, it may take you longer and be harder than you remember from previous years to clean everything up. Aging makes life more difficult in so many ways. Therefore, plan enough time to tidy things up so that you do not feel pressured by approaching cold weather to try to do too much too quickly, and injure yourself in the process. Then too, you will need a place to put the things you bring in from outside, and your garage seems to get smaller every year. It might be a good idea to clean out your garage before dismantling your gardens. If you have family members who can help, do not be shy about asking for that help. They want you to be with them for many years to come, so they should be willing to do some of the heavy lifting for you.

This time of year brings out hostile critters, such as yellow-jackets, so be careful not to get stung. Try not to provide them with a friendly environment in which to feed and breed. Other creatures, such as ants, will soon be looking for a comfortable place to spend the winter. If you find that your unit has been invaded by creepy things planning to make it their version of Florida, contact the RCM so they can be dealt with before they do serious damage.

Arthur Eggert

Unit 994

Janelle's September Office Hours

Tuesday 9/5 8:30a-4:30p

Tuesday 9/12 8:30-9:30a

Tuesday 9/19 8:30a-2:00p

Tuesday 9/26 8:30-4:30p

If questions arise outside my office hours, please contact me via phone or email.

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