

Village Voice



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I'm going to start by asking you all a question. Have you ever had a real SENIOR MOMENT? Well, I had a dandy holding our July Quarterly Meeting. When the meeting was over, I even mentioned to a number of people I now know how President Biden felt after the debate. I knew that it was felt pretty disjointed and seemed like everything was out of whack. A week after, I received an anonymous letter pointing out all the things that I forgot and that I hadn't followed the Roberts Rules etc. I couldn't agree with them more. All I can say is, I need to be better prepared and have a very clear outline to follow for the meetings. I apologize for putting all of you through that disjointed meeting.

I want to apologize to our Secretary, Dianne Schultz for not calling on her to read the minutes from our last Quarterly meeting. I will be highlighting what she had in her minutes later in the Voice. I will also be posting her minutes and also Dave Peterson's Financial report on the inside bulletin board.

On to something a little lighter, the Village is slowly but surely looking pretty spiffy. All the rain was a blessing for all the new plantings and the grass seeding. I don't remember so many beautiful flowers all around the Village.

At the Quarterly Meeting, Ron Lostetter told a very interesting true story that happened at his resident a few weeks back. He and his wife Sharon, went for a short walk. They always lock their doors but on this one occasion they realized that they forgot to do that. Coming back from the walk and close to the Club House, Ron noticed a car in his driveway that he didn't recognize. Just then a woman he didn't recognize walked out of their house. Ron asked, were you just in the house and why? She said she was delivering a meal to someone here in the Village, and when they didn't answer the door, she thought they were resting. Being nice she went in and put the meal in the refrigerator for them. The person this was intended for does live in the Village just at a different address. Yes, Ron went in with her to retrieve the meal so she could deliver to the right address. This is a good reminder. Make sure you lock your door for however long you are going to be away.

I sure hope you have Saturday August 17 marked on your calendar for our 3rd annual Celebration Picnic. The Menu and Reservation Form is part of the Voice. The reservation form needs to be completed by Friday August 10th and put in the White Box with your payment. We will be having some entertainment starting at 6pm in the Club House. You might want to have some dancing shoes on.

Have a great month. Sue Stang, President

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

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| 5 | Vickie Peterson |
| 7 | Dianne Schultz |
| 9 | Cathy Anderson |
| 13 | Katherine Farmakes |
| 25 | Donna Cap |
| 27 | Sherry Otto |



RESIDENTS CORNER

We posted pictures to bulletin board by the sign-up calendar for reserving the Club House. These pictures, show the normal set-up of the three main rooms that residents would normally be using.

Dave Suchomel wants to THANK you all for the cards, well wishes, food and the visits during his recovery. He is home and so happy for that. He says he really appreciates living in this community.

I stopped for a few minutes to say HI to Marty Kepper. Then I walked in and there he was with that big smile. I thought, I have never seen him without that smile. He still is having a lot pain at times. As I was leaving, he called me back and asked if I could put something in the Voice to thank everyone for all their prayers and everything they have done or are doing not only for him but for Karen.

Our Sun-Shine Lady, Polly Ruff has been going through a rough time for the last couple of weeks. She went to the St Mary's ER because she couldn't swallow to talk. After 5 hours they gave her a prescription and sent her home. The prescription really didn't seem to make any difference. She got in to see her primary doctor, and kind of the same thing, really no answers and no improvement. Hank and Polly made the decision to go to Columbus ER on Wednesday July 24th.

No 5 hours wait there. After initial tests and exams they admitted her and started trying to find the cause of what was going on. They found she has a touch of pneumonia. Around that 9:30 that night they admitted her to ICU because her heart rate really became elevated. With medication, they got that under control. Thursday the hospital made the decision she needed to be transferred to ST Mary's. Columbus doesn't have the Neurology specialist they thought she needed. They found a small mass on the left side of skull that they think its pressing on the nerves to the tongue. They met with Neurologist. This mass is something called Arthritis Cyst.

It mostly has been developing for some time. It's on the nerves that control the left side of the tongue, voice box and her swallowing. It's near the carotid artery and the spine.

The really sad story there is not much that can be done. She will need a feeding tube from now on. They don't think her eating ability will be enough for her to get the nutrients to maintain her health. They will be working on her getting stronger and with speech therapy and other things they will be doing to restore the affected areas. Like Hank says, this is going to be a new norm for them. Its one day at a time now. Polly, we are there for you and Hank. We are all wishing you a speedy recovery.

At Coffee Hour, Sally Carpenter said she is going to check into another Pontoon Boat ride this year. Everyone who went last year really enjoyed the ride around Lake Monona. She mentioned she would check to see if there is something for Lake Mendota.

A number of months back, a few ladies went through all the dishes and glasses, and there are a lot of them. Most of these have been here since the Club House was built. Everything was sorted, counted and then the extras dishes and glasses boxed and labeled. All these boxes are just sitting in the kitchen. For a time, there was talk that someone at Kessenich's might be able to help us sell these to a business. Well, that didn't work out. We now have many boxes of these kitchen items that if nothing else we can donate to an organization that's there to help people in need. If you have any ideas, please let me know. We can always donate to St. Vincent's.

Short version of the April 2024 Quarterly Meeting. (The full report will be posted on the inside bulletin board).

Dave Schultz, Chair of the Advisory Committee and Resident member of the OV Inc. Board gave his report. Carrie Hoppman accepted an open position on the OV Inc. Executive Board. The seat was open because of a retirement.

The new Residents Rules were hand delivered to each Unit. The biggest change going into effect May 1st is that Olympic Village is totally SMOKE FREE. The dog weight remains the same 20-pound limit. We can plant in a planter a couple of Tomato plants and keep on our back patio or deck.

Old Business

March 12th, Ron Lostetter had a presentation to explain the budget for 2024. This was for all residents.

March 19th OVI Board meeting, Ron Lostetter handed out a copy of the 5 year Long Range Plan to the Executive Board. A copy for the residents is in the library on the counter. The copy is meant to stay in the library for all to read.

New Business

The 3 outside French Doors are being looked at to replace. One door the glass panels are ready to fall out and other 2 are getting harder and harder to secure properly.

There was information about the snow plow company coming back to repair the damage they caused and replace the rocks where they belong.

REMINDER

October is when officers are elected for the Residents Association. This year there are 3 positions that will be open. All these are 2 year terms that will begin January 1st 2025.

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| Secretary | Dianne Schultz | 608 318-1778 |
| Vice President | Mary Davidson | 608 837-4924 |
| Treasurer | David Peterson | 608 480-9570 |

Please consider for yourself or someone you feel would be a good candidate. If you would like more information regarding what the duties are for a position, I'm sure the best person to answer your questions would be the existing officer. I would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. My number is 608 335-3812.

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

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| Thursday August 1st | FOOT CARE CLINIC |
| Saturday August 17th | 4:00pm Let the PICNIC Begin |

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

At this time there is only the normal scheduled activities on the Calendar. The preliminary activities scheduled fell through. If you have any ideas, please let myself, Dianne Schults or Mary Davidson know. This could be a group trip to a restaurant or some other place of interest. This could be Happy Hour at the Club House. Let us know.