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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome to autumn and the beautiful foliage!

I hope this newsletter finds you well, but for residents who are ill or still in recovery, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

September was another busy month here in Olympic Village. There were the monthly coffee and donuts gathering, a tail gate party, lunch at Monk's, weekly Euchre and sitting under the tree every Saturday at Diane and David Schultz's place. In addition to all of these fun gatherings, there are many volunteers that worked behind the scenes to help make Olympic Village such a special place to live. I wish to thank all the volunteers for the work they did and continue to do. And I thank all of our residents for being such great neighbors and friends.

October is shaping up to be another busy month and you will find all the details later in this newsletter. One of our big events is the October quarterly potluck and Olympic Village Residents' Association, Inc. (OVRA) membership meeting on October 14. The agenda for this quarterly meeting will be packed with numerous items including an election for two OVRA officers and updates for OVRA, Olympic Village Advisory Committee, the Envelope (siding and windows) project and the 2026 Olympic Village, Inc. budget process. There will be a sign-up sheet posted by October 1 for this event. I hope you can join us.

Please read on through the rest of this newsletter. There is a lot of information that you will find interesting and useful.

Take care and be well.

Sandy Kmiec, OVRA Chair

OCTOBER 14 POTLUCK AND MEETING INFORMATION

As mentioned in the *President's Letter*, we will have a potluck and quarterly Olympic Village Residents' Association, Inc. (OVRA) membership meeting on October 14. In addition to many informational updates, you as members will be asked to vote on the following:

- 1. Approval for new OVRA bylaws.
- 2. Nomination and vote for a Chair and Secretary.

At the end of this newsletter, you will find a copy of the new bylaws along with a summary of the changes made from the previous bylaws. A few copies of the new bylaws and summary of changes will also be available on October 14.

There will be an election for Chair and Secretary. These two positions will be for two-year terms. The Chair is the position that I was elected to when Barry left at the end of July and it ends on December 31 of this year. I plan to run again for this position, but that should not stop you from expressing interest in either position. If you have questions or would like to nominate someone for the position of Chair or Secretary, feel free to contact me or Hank Ruff.

Just a note, the two-year terms for positions of Vice Chair, currently held by Karen Oehrlein, and Treasurer, currently held by Jeff Froh, will not end until December 31, 2026. So, during the October 2026 OVRA membership meeting there will be a nomination and vote for those positions.

Open Position on the Olympic Village, Inc.

Above and beyond, for the past 5 years Dave Schultz served on the Olympic Village, Inc. Board of Directors and as a resident Board member he was assigned the position of Chair for the Olympic Village Advisory Committee. Dave will be retiring from the Board, but plans to continue to work on projects in our community. We the residents wish to thank Diane and Dave for the time and effort they have given during the past 5 years. One of our residents has expressed interest in assuming Dave's responsibilities, but if you are interested in serving as a resident Board member, please contact Hank Ruff. Up to three residents may serve on the Board of Directors.

VILLAGE SCOOP

Mum's the word. A big THANKS goes out to Kay and Ross Oestreich for arranging to purchase and deliver mums to interested residents. Between the mums that residents got on their own and the mums Kay and Ross picked up, Olympic Village looks beautiful.

Clubhouse Carpet. Another big THANKS goes out to Dave Mischka, Dave Schultz, Jeff Froh and Paul Kmiec for cleaning the clubhouse carpeting. We all truly appreciate your hard work.

Lazy days of summer. For most Saturdays since May, weather permitting, we were all welcome to sit under the trees on Diane and Dave's lawn to visit from 3:00-5:00. The turnout was great with anywhere from 6 to 15 residents showing up. The last gathering for this year was September 27. We wish to thank Diane and Dave very much. It was very enjoyable and we look forward to doing this again next year.

Helping our community. Did you know that the Sun Prairie Food Pantry distributed 1,648,629 pounds of food and personal care items in 2024 serving over 4,000 households across 10 zip codes with 2,913 located in 53590? This was a 260% increase since 2020. They also provided 22,585 warm meals through on-site service; 16,180 food bags were given to kids through the Food for Kids Program and over 450 free meals were served weekly. Nearly 50% of the food distributed by the Sun Prairie Food Pantry serves children and elderly. In addition to food, they provide additional services including housing navigation, legal aid and emergency assistance. We can help. There is a food pantry donation basket just to your right as you enter the clubhouse. Every week or two Kay Oestreich takes the donations to the Sun Prairie Food Pantry. Please join us in helping our neighbors in need. All donations of food and personal items are appreciated. At this time peanut butter and cereal are especially needed. Thank you, Kay.

Foot Care Clinic Is Thursday October 2. From now on, if you need an appointment, please call **Gail Owens at 608-215-7223.** Gail is the person to talk to, if you have any question regarding what you should bring, the cost and how long it will take.

FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

October Social Events...



Friday, October 10

- 10 AM arrive at Lapacek's Apple Orchard
 - Lunch gather at Hookers.

Please sign up on the Bulletin Board by October 3 if you'd like to join us.

Olympic Village Quarterly Meeting

October 14 at 4 PM

Gather at 4 PM, Dinner at 5 PM, Meeting & Voting after Dinner



Potluck - Please Bring a Dish to Share

Please Sign-up on the Bulletin Board by October 7 if attending.

Wacky Wednesday
Oct. 22 at 2 PM
Featuring
Mary Davison
"Making and Baking a Kringle"



A Step-by-Step Demonstration for a Homemade Kringle

Kringle is a Scandinavian pastry, most associated with Danish and Norwegian traditions. Known for its flaky layers, sweet fillings, and beautiful oval shape, Kringle makes a delicious treat for breakfast, brunch, or dessert. This demonstration will walk you through the process of making and baking a traditional Kringle from scratch.

Please Sign-up on the Bulletin Board by October 15 to attend.

November Sneak Preview

There will be an event in the Clubhouse on November 11 honoring our resident veterans on Veteran's Day. The details will be in the November newsletter. The monthly coffee and donuts gathering will be on Thursday, November 20. There will be **NO** Wacky Wednesday in November or December.

Seasonal Rules of Residency

All exterior lights on buildings shall remain a neutral color. No colored lights are permitted.

Exterior holiday displays are permitted, but must not include items such as blowup decorations, flashing lights, spotlights, or projecting lights. Electric cords should not be strung across lawns or sidewalks posing a safety hazard and must be appropriately rated.

Residents are responsible for keeping their plantings in good condition, including weeding them and removing dead materials as necessary. They are also responsible for keeping any decorative objects in good condition. Residents may be asked to remove anything that has not been maintained or appears cluttered. Residents are responsible when they move out of the village for the cost of the removal of any of their plantings and outdoor decorations that the next resident of their unit does not desire to keep.

BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Glenna Wetmore
- 12 Sue Stang
- 19 Linda Lassow
- 27 Gloria Hanon
- 28 Sue Marking
- 29 Paul Beckman



NEW RESIDENTS

There are a few new residents planning their move to OV in the next couple of months. Jim has been working nonstop to get the renovations for the three units that are vacant. These units are 868, 896, and 824.

Many Good Thoughts, Prayers, and Well Wishes for: Jane Miller and Barb Swenson

If you are going through some medical issues, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Not everyone wants to be mentioned.

Just an update on a few of our residents. Jerry Cap is back and playing cards on Thursday. Julaine Stroede says she is planning on playing cards this week.

Thank You

Thank you for taking time out of your day to join in my 80th birthday festivities and for making the occasion so memorable. Your presence, warm wishes, and thoughtful gestures made my celebration even more special than I could have imagined. I am sincerely grateful for your friendship and support throughout the years. Tom Huss

Olympic Village Residents would like to THANK Jane Miller for the many years of coordinating and taking care of the Schedule for the Foot Care Clinic. Jane has not been well for a number of months. This service has been so important for so many residents. It has saved all those trips outside of the Village to see another Provider. Thanks, to Jane for asking Gail Owens the Nurse if she would do the coordination for the taking the appointments in future. Her information was mentioned earlier in the Voice and will be on the bulletin board.

Thursday Euchre will be starting the Winter Day time, November 2. The time for this 1:15pm.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES to the New Bylaws

The New Bylaws are the last three pages.

- 1. Under Purpose of Organization, we removed 3B 'Act as liaison between Attic Angel, Inc., or its successor, and the residents. So, section 3 in the bylaws now only consists of 3A and 3B.
- 2. Under 4A Chair, removed the wording 'The Chair coordinates with Attic Angel, Inc. or its successor, regarding Club House furnishings or permanent decor.'
- 3. Under 5 Appointed Heads of Permanent Committees, not elected officers, removed 5B Activity Leader and redefined as '5C. Olympic Village Social Chair: Plans and coordinates activities and events for the Olympic Village Residents. Publishes activities and events in the monthly Olympic Village newsletter.'
- 4. Section 8 Meeting Rules were completely removed from the old bylaws. In the old bylaws Meeting Rules stated that 'Robert's Rules of Order' would be followed. The bylaws will not dictate the format. We will follow a standard business format.
- 5. Under Section 8 in the new bylaws no longer states that 'a voluntary dues payment of \$10 per person or \$20 per couple is requested. Instead, it states 'The Olympic Village Residents' Association, Inc. Board will determine the dues at their discretion on an annual basis. Payment is requested to be made by the end of January.' Any changes to the bylaws must be re-filed with the State and costs \$50, so wording was changed to allow flexibility.
- 6. Section 11 Special Activities under the old bylaws was completely removed. Any needed reference to activities is covered in the new bylaws section 5C Olympic Village Social Chair.
- 7. Section 12 Revisions to Bylaws in the old bylaws was completely removed. In the old bylaws all revisions must be voted on at the annual meeting in October. Since changes are rarely made and usually involve minor changes such as grammar, punctuation and clarifications, it was determined that a vote is not needed. However, the residents will be informed of changes and current bylaws will always be posted in the club house. During the October 14 meeting it will be the last time you are asked to vote on bylaw changes.
- 8. Section 12 Upon dissolution of Olympic Village Residents' Association, Inc. any funds left shall be donated to Olympic Village, Inc., a 501C3 non-profit corporation was added to meet the legal requirement for our new status of 501.

THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, INC. BYLAWS

Revised 9/25/2025

- 1. The name of the organization is: Olympic Village Residents' Association, Inc.
- 2. Membership consists of resident life-lease holders in Olympic Village, Inc.
- 3. Purpose of the organization:
 - A. Fellowship and social activities
 - B. Provide information to residents about activities in Olympic Village via newsletters, bulletin board postings, etc.
- 4. The Olympic Village Residents' Association, Inc. Board is made up of Officers and shall be elected by voice vote, show of hands, or paper ballot at a meeting of the general membership held at the Olympic Village Center (Clubhouse). Elections shall take place at the October membership meeting on an annual basis. Officers shall be limited to two consecutive terms but may be re-elected after one year out of office. All officers are to be elected to a two-year term. The Chair and Secretary shall be elected in odd numbered years. The Vice Chair and Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years. If an officer is unable to complete his or her term of office, a special election will be conducted at the next scheduled general membership meeting to fill that post. In the interim, the Chair may appoint a resident to carry out the duties of the vacant office for the remainder of the term. The Olympic Village Residents' Association, Inc. Board may make decisions regarding activities and expenditure of funds. Each Olympic Village Residents' Association, Inc. Board officer should provide an oral report at general membership meetings as needed.
 - A. Chair: Coordinates with the Olympic Village Residents' Association, Inc., establishes meeting agendas, conducts meetings, and acts as liaison on issues affecting Olympic Village Residents' Association, Inc.
 - B. Vice Chair: Works closely with the Chair and carries out the duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence. The Vice Chair is to maintain and replenish supplies such as cups, coffee, paper items, etc. The Vice

Chair will submit the receipts for these items to the Treasurer for reimbursement. The Vice Chair or a resident appointed by the Chair is responsible for collecting the refreshment monies and transferring those monies to the Treasurer.

- C. Treasurer: Maintains detailed records of the organization's funds and completes and files required federal and state tax and/or information forms in a timely manner and recommends to Olympic Village Residents' Association, Inc. Board a disbursement or investment of any surplus funds at the end of each calendar year.
- D. Secretary: Records the minutes of the Olympic Village Residents' Association, Inc. quarterly meetings, keeps a file of all the minutes, produces copies of minutes for viewing at the Olympic Village Center (Clubhouse), and keeps a file of all correspondence and documents related to the organization.
- 5. Appointed Heads of Permanent Committees, not elected officers:
 - A. Olympic Village Sunshine Chair: Provides appropriate cards on behalf of the organization to families for the loss of family members or the illness of a resident.
 - B. Olympic Village Security Chair: Coordinates volunteers to ensure that the Olympic Village Center (Clubhouse) is properly shut down and locked each night.
 - C. Olympic Village Social Chair: Plans and coordinates activities and events for the Olympic Village Residents. Publishes activities and events in the monthly Olympic Village newsletter.
- 6. Ad-hoc committees may be formed from time to time to work on specific projects. When projects are completed, the committees are disbanded.
- 7. Meetings: General membership meetings shall be held quarterly on the second Tuesday in January, April, July and October at the Olympic Village Center (Clubhouse). The Olympic Village Residents' Association, Inc.

- Board should meet at an established monthly date and time. Special meetings may be called as needed.
- 8. It is necessary to maintain a positive balance in organizational funds. The Olympic Village Residents' Association, Inc. Board officers will determine the membership dues at their discretion on an annual basis. Payment is requested to be made by the end of January.
- 9. To keep all members informed, a monthly newsletter called "The Village Voice" will be produced by a volunteer appointed by the Chair.
- 10. If Olympic Village Residents' Association, Inc. Board modifies the bylaws, the modification will be reported to the residents at the quarterly meeting following the modification. The Olympic Village Residents Association, Inc. Bylaws will be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway of the Olympic Village Center (Clubhouse).
- 11. Conflict of Interest: Whenever an officer has a financial or personal interest in any matter coming before the Olympic Village Residents' Association Inc., the affected person shall fully disclose the nature of the interest and withdraw from discussion, lobbying, and voting on the matter. Any transaction of vote involving a potential conflict of interest shall be approved only when a majority of Olympic Village Residents' Association, Inc. Board officers determine that it is in the best interest of the Olympic Village Residents' Association Inc. to do so. The minutes of meetings at which such votes are taken shall record such disclosure, abstention and rationale for approval.
- 12. Upon dissolution of Olympic Village Residents' Association, Inc., any funds left shall be donated to Olympic Village, Inc, a 501C3 non-profit corporation.