

Village Voice



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Hello and welcome to June. It is such a special time of year with everything blooming. When I look around Olympic Village, I think about how fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful place.

In May, in addition to the many regular activities of Euchre, Bingo and Exercise, we enjoyed a delicious taco meal in celebration of Cinco De Mayo. This celebration originated in Puebla, Mexico and two of our residents, Faith and Bill Krug, had lived nearby Puebla. So, Bill was our in-house guest speaker. He talked about how Cinco De Mayo is celebrated in Puebla and brought pictures that he and Faith had taken of this celebration. A special thanks to Faith and Bill for sharing your experience with us.

June is guaranteed to be another busy and fun month at OV. You will find all the details later in this newsletter.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the many people who help produce the Village Voice. Jerry Cap produces the OV calendar each month. Karen Oehrlein and Tom Huss create the Social Committee activity pages. Sue Stang and Hank Ruff possess a wealth of knowledge and experience and answer many questions plus review some information before it is published. And Derek Buckley answers questions from the OV management side, in addition to adding to the newsletter to share information with all of us. Plus, Derek pulls together the documents that make up the newsletter, converts to the final file format, and places it on our portal.

To all our friends and neighbors who are facing health issues, please know that we are all wishing you well.

Without further ado, I will sign off so you can start reading this month's edition of the Village Voice. You will find a few new and fun additions to this edition.

Take care and be well.

Sandy Kmiec, OVRA Chairman

VILLAGE SCOOP

Welcome to our new neighbors Margaret and Jim Zimmerman. They just moved into unit 906.

Everyone is welcome to come and sit under the trees at 928 Hunters Trail every Saturday, weather permitting, around 3:00 o'clock. Bring your chair and beverage of your choice. We sit around and visit and sometimes solve big problems. You can come around 3 and leave whenever you want. Even if we are not home you can still come and visit with your neighbors. Hope to see many of you on Saturday afternoons. David and Dianne Schultz.

Recently, Jeff Froh and Tom Huss hung a new flag by the clubhouse. This flag was received by Jeff and his family in honor of their father serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Jeff's father, Milo D. Froh, was born on October 24, 1915, and died on August 11, 2005. Thank you, Jeff, for donating the flag to Olympic Village and allowing all of us the opportunity to honor your father's service and patriotism.

There is some history behind the Olympic Village flagpole. In the clubhouse to the left of the front door as you are exiting the building, there is a small plaque stating that the Olympic Village flagpole was donated by Dennis Burke in memory of Staff Sergeant Michael John Burke. Dee and Dennis Burke lived at Olympic Village a number of years ago. At that time, they were allowed to erect a flagpole in front of their unit in honor of Dennis' brother Michael who was missing in action while serving in the United States military. After both Dee and Dennis passed on, their family agreed to allow OV to replace the existing flagpole at the clubhouse with the Burke's flagpole with the promise of a plaque inside the clubhouse in honor of Dennis's brother.

Did you notice the flags placed on every mailbox? A special thanks to Tom Huss and Jeff Froh for placing a flag on the mailboxes.

The OV landscaping committee has asked for our help. If there are any new plantings in your yard such as grass or bushes, they ask that you water them. We realize that not everyone can help with this, so if you have new plantings, but cannot water, please let Derek know.

Recently, Jim Falk installed a new keycode lock on the front door of the clubhouse. The previous one stopped working. The entry code is unchanged. If the keycode lock ever fails and you must get into the clubhouse outside normal business hours, please contact Hank Ruff. He has keys that can be used on the side doors of the clubhouse. If Hank cannot be reached and it is urgent that you have access due to a planned event, please contact the emergency maintenance number. There may be another key to the clubhouse that was issued. If you have it, please let Sandy know.

Thank you, Karen Oehrlein and Tom Huss for hosting Coffee and Donuts on May 21. Vicki Kaufman will host coffee and donuts on June 18. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board at all times for anyone interested in hosting this event.

Don't forget we have a drop off for donations to the food pantry. It is located on your right as you enter the clubhouse. This remains in place year-round. Thank you, Kay Oestreich, for taking care of donations on behalf of Olympic Village.

A reminder that in the event of emergencies such as frozen pipes, sewer backup, water leaks, heating or cooling issues, electrical problems, etc., call OV Maintenance at 608-400-5126.

This is your newsletter, and you are always welcome to add something. If you wish to do so, please forward to Sandy Kmiec at sandykmiec@yahoo.com or call me at 608-516-6199.

RESIDENTS' CORNER

This is a new revised section in the Village Voice. Dennis Snyder recently suggested that it would be fun to publish statements from residents talking about why they like living at Olympic Village. Dennis volunteered to go first. If you would like to share your statement in an upcoming edition of the Village Voice, please email your statement to sandykmiec@yahoo.com or give Sandy a handwritten note. Thanks, Dennis, for this great idea.

WHY I LIKE LIVING AT OV

What Does Olympic Village Mean to Mary and me? As newcomers to Olympic Village, it's hard to put into words. Olympic Village isn't just a place; it's a community within a community. A beautiful, well-groomed environment. A feast for the senses. We entered as strangers but were accepted as family. It quickly became apparent that everyone we've met here goes the extra mile to look after one another and to extend a helping hand. We see little acts of kindness all the time. Our generation is old school. Our heads are up and everyone greets each other. No staring at cell phones, no lack of a smile for one another. A genuine camaraderie. OV is an example of how neighborhoods should be. Step outside of our community and that somewhat disappears. Thank You to everyone we've met so far who have served as proof that our decision to move here was the right one. May OV continue to be a positive place to live for others in the future. Dennis and Mary Snyder

RULES OF RESIDENCY REMINDERS

In commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence, we are providing an update to the exterior holiday decoration rules. Currently, no political, religious or commercial signs or flags, or in-ground flagpoles are permitted. A standard American flag that is 3X5 may be flown if securely attached to your home.

For this special celebration, throughout this summer you may also display exterior patriotic decorations. Just remember that no blow-up decorations, flashing lights, spotlights, or projecting lights are permitted.

The OV Social Committee Page – “It Takes a Village...”

We're happy to share that we've chosen “It Takes a Village” as the slogan for the Village and Social Committee—we feel it captures the spirit of our community perfectly.

Mark Your Calendars! We have many exciting future plans, so please read on...

- **June:** June is Dairy Month... We're planning an Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, June 9th, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM; there will be No Charge, just come & enjoy! We'll be serving Sassy Cow ice cream with plenty of toppings. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board the first week in June, please sign up so we can plan accordingly.

Wine & Dine This month's Wine & Dine will be at The Dump in Cambria on Tuesday, June 23rd, arriving at 10:45 AM. Please add your name to the sheet on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. The drive is about 45 minutes, carpooling is encouraged. If you need a ride, please note that next to your name on the sign-up sheet or ask someone who is going—we are neighbors, and that's what neighbors do. The sign up sheet will be posted the first week of June.

- **July:** We will celebrate America's 250th birthday at our Quarterly Meeting, Tuesday, July 14th. We will gather at 4:00 PM, enjoy a Picnic Potluck at 5:00 PM, Meeting at 6 PM. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board the first week in July, please be sure to sign up. OVRA will provide (at no cost to you) grilled chicken to complement the picnic dishes.

Wine & Dine on July 23rd will be at the Varsity Bar on Main Street in Sun Prairie at 11:00 AM. Please sign up on the signup sheet on the bulletin board in July if you plan to attend, as we need to provide a headcount for table setup.

- **August:** Our Olympic Village Independence/Perseverance Celebration will be on Sunday, August 2nd. Our menu: brats and burgers (served with Plaza Sauce), along with baked beans, potato salad, chips, and other picnic favorites. A DJ will provide entertainment, so come ready to request a song or two. Sign up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in July.

New Mailbox Flags! Flags will be put out just before every holiday and removed after the holiday is over. Please thank Jeff Froh and Tom Huss for making & adding the new flag holders to the mailboxes.

A Big THANK YOU to the following residents for all their help in May...It Definitely “Took a Village!” for May Baskets: Thank you to Phyllis Orsburne and her grandson for providing the beautiful and unique flowers for our May baskets. We also thank all the ladies who helped

make baskets and donated candy. Special thanks as well to the residents who helped deliver the baskets this year, without the rain: Peggy Bertone, Pat Hahn, Tom Huss, Sandy Kmiec, Sue Marking, Judy Mueller, Karen Oehrlein, and Dianne Schultz. We sincerely hope everyone enjoyed getting their baskets.

For Doce de Mayo: Thank you to all the residents who gave their time and energy in the kitchen and helped decorate, set up, and clean up. We especially appreciate Peggy Bertone, Mary Davison, Sue Eckert, Tom Huss, Ric & Jane Jilot, Karen Kepper, Sandy & Paul Kmiec, Bill & Faith Krug, Ann Lalko, Jack & Sue Marking, Karen Oehrlein, Kay Oestreich, Phyllis Orsburne, Bob Peterson, David & Dianne Schultz, and Nancy Veenendaal...It Took A Village!

Just a note...As you probably already have noticed, we've been trying to reduce the use of plastic silverware and tablecloths at all our large gatherings. Instead, we are using metal silverware and paper placemats to help keep plastic out of our landfills. It may be a small step, but every effort can make a difference for the future of our planet, and our families.

June Birthdays

7 - Hertha Faber
11 - David Schultz
12 - Ted May
15 - Buzz Lassow
18 - Carol Bursaw
22 - Mary Scholidon
24 - Yvonne Mischka
29 - Rose Meffer



And Now This...

It is growing season in our community and we have plans to replace many dead bushes and trees that did not survive the initial planting along the entryway. Also, we are grass seeding many areas that were either torn up from winter snow plowing or need help. If you are able, we ask that you please water any area that is seeded or has new plantings in your yard. It will go a long way in ensuring healthy growth.



**Come, Join Us At the Clubhouse
For Sassy Cow Ice Cream & Toppings**

**Tuesday, June 9th
1:30 to 3:30 PM**

No Charge, Just Come & Enjoy!

Please sign up on the Clubhouse Bulletin Board by June 2nd.

Join Us!

We will be meeting at **The Dump
in Cambria** for Lunch.

Tuesday, June 23rd at 10:45 AM

***Please sign up on the Clubhouse Bulletin
Board by June 16th if you'd like to attend.***



***If you need a ride, please note that next to your name below or
ask someone who is going; we are Neighbors, & that's what neighbors do.***

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Committee Meeting 1 11:00 OVRA ¹ 1:15 Exercise	Committee Meeting 2 1:00 OVRAC ²	3 1:15 Exercise	4 5:45 Euchre	5 1:15 Exercise	6 3:00 Sitting Under the tree Unit 928
7 1:15 Exercise	8	Committee Meeting 9 10:00 OVSC ³ <i>1:30-3:30 Ice Cream Social at the Clubhouse</i>	10 1:15 Exercise	11 5:45 Euchre	12 1:15 Exercise	13 3:00 Sitting Under the tree Unit 928
14 1:15 Exercise	15	Committee Meeting 16 2:00 OVEB ⁵	17 1:15 Exercise	18 <i>9:30 AM Coffee</i> 5:45 Euchre	19 1:15 Exercise	20 3:00 Sitting Under the tree Unit 928
21 1:15 Exercise	22	23 <i>10:45 Wine & Dine at The Dump</i>	24 1:15 Exercise 2:00 Wacky Wednesday	25 5:45 Euchre	26 1:15 Exercise	27 3:00 Sitting Under the tree Unit 928
28 1:15 Exercise	29	30 6:00 Birthday Bingo				

¹ OVRA Olympic Village Residents Assoc.
² OVRAC Residents Advisory Committee
³ OVSC Olympic Village Social Committee
⁴ RCM Resident Community Manager
⁵ OVEB Olympic Village Executive Board

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