

Village Voice



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Hello and welcome to July.

As I sit down to write this letter to you, I wonder what I should say because the constant message that comes to mind every month is wanting to thank all of you for making Olympic Village a great place to live. From our beautiful homes and landscaping to all our residents, Board of Directors and Attic Angel employees, we thank you.

In June we enjoyed a couple of special events. The Ice Cream Social and the luncheon at The Dump were both big hits. The turnout for both events was outstanding. And July and August are shaping up to be just as fun. Our Olympic Village Residents' Association, Inc. (OVRA) quarterly potluck and membership meeting will be held on July 14. For this potluck, we will celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence. And, on August 2, the 6th Annual OV Independence/Perseverance Celebration will take place.

There are so many things to share with you regarding what is happening here at Olympic Village, so please continue reading this newsletter and calendar to learn more. I hope you have a wonderful July. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.

Before I close this letter, let's take a few moments to wish well to our friends and neighbors who are facing health issues.

Take care and be well.

Sandy Kmiec, OVRA Chairman

VILLAGE SCOOP

Starting on August 6, Euchre is permanently scheduled for every Thursday at 1:15. This schedule will remain year-round. Arrive at the clubhouse by 1:15. Playing will start at 1:30.

Remember that everyone is welcome to come and sit under the trees at David and Dianne Schultz's place, 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 David and Dianne are not home, you can still come and visit with your neighbors.

On June 24th, wacky Wednesday was totally different and lots of fun thanks to Sue Markings. Sue and Jack have visited many of our national parks and based on their travels Sue put together a fun game. Nine people participated, so Sue wrote the name of nine parks, each on a separate sticky note and placed one on the shoulder of each participant. The participants gave clues to each other until everyone guessed the name of the park attached to their shoulder. Then everyone shared stories of their travels to the parks. Sandy K., Karen K., Peg B., Judy M. (1), Kay O., Nancy V., Ann L., Levon D., Sue M., and Sandy K. participated. Just a reminder that Wacky Wednesday is held on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Please join us for some fun times.

As previously reported, Jim Falk recently 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, we have access to keys that will open the side doors by the large patio outside of the kitchen. Contact Hank Ruff, Sandy Kmiec, or Jeff Froh for a key. The keys currently held by Sandy and Jeff will remain with whoever the OVRA Chair and Treasurer are. If Hank, Sandy, and Jeff cannot be reached and it is urgent that you have access due to a planned event, please contact the emergency maintenance number.

Thank you, Vicki Kaufman, for hosting Coffee and Donuts on June 18. July Coffee and Donuts will be on July 16. 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 special thanks to Dave Mischka for continuing to take care of the clubhouse security and all the residents who have volunteered to help with security checks. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for anyone interested in helping. Contact Dave if you wish to know more about this opportunity.

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

WHY WE LIKE LIVING AT OLYMPIC VILLAGE

This is the second time this section has appeared 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. Sandy Kmiec volunteered to go second. 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.

Paul and I moved to Olympic Village on February 7, 2025. After moving in we participated in activities and got to know many of you quickly. We immediately felt welcomed and part of a wonderful community. We felt at home. This sense of community is hard to find these days. So, we thank all of you for making this such a special place to live. - Sandy and Paul Kmiec

NATURE'S CORNER

As many of you know, Mike Hahn writes some beautiful poetry about many things, including nature. Some editions of the Village Voice will now include this section devoted to some of his poetry. Thank you, Mike, for sharing your poetry with us.

NIGHT AND DAY

By Mike Hahn

The forest sounds that echo under the dark of night -
Are quite different than those found in the sunlight

Open the window of the room as well as your mind -
And the mysteries of the night, you will surely find!

The silence of the darkness allows their echoing call -
The joy of these nighttime sounds is free for us all!

As the sounds of the night, come out to play -
The sounds of the past day gently slip away!

Their songs are a chorus of mysterious sounds -
Walk outside and hear their voices all around!

Nature lovers have been given two separate joys -
The Sun's bright rays, and the night's chorus of noise!

The variety of the day's beauty never tires your eye -
And the sounds of the nighttime continue to multiply!

Be thankful for ears and eyes that take in nature's glory -
Nature and her gifts have created this wonderful story!

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.

A small American flag will remain on each mailbox until late fall.

MICELLANEOUS

Several residents have asked where they can donate items they no longer use or need to dispose of when they move. While several local charities accept drop-off donations, there are few that advertise pick-up services.

- **Habitat for Humanity of Dane County:** Offers free pickups for gently used furniture, appliances, and building materials. They operate two local ReStore locations.
 - ✓ **How to schedule:** Call (608) 663-1191 or book via the Habitat ReStore of Dane County page - <https://habitatdane.org/restore/>
- **Society of St. Vincent de Paul (St. Vinny's):** Provides free home pickups across Madison, Monona, Fitchburg, and surrounding Dane County areas. They accept high-quality, clean furniture.
 - ✓ **How to schedule:** Call (608) 278-2920 ext. 1, Monday through Friday between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, or schedule through Society of St. Vincent de Paul Home Pickups - <https://svdpmadison.org/home-pickups/>
- **Goodwill of South Central Wisconsin:** Partners with *ReSupply*, a veteran-operated logistics organization, to offer low-cost, paid home pickups of furniture, clothes, and electronics.
 - ✓ **How to schedule:** Enter your items for a quote and book through the Goodwill of South Central Wisconsin Home Pickup page - <https://goodwillscwi.org/donate/home-pickup/>

“It Takes a Village...”

The OV Social Committee Page

Mark Your Calendars!

July:

Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, July 14th. We will celebrate America's 250th birthday at our gathering which begins at 4:00 PM, the Picnic Potluck starts at 5:00 PM, and the meeting begins at 6:00 PM. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board during the first week of July. **Please sign up by July 7th and bring a dish to share.** OVRA will provide barbecue grilled chicken at no cost to complement the picnic meal.

Wine & Dine will be held July 23rd at Varsity Bar on Main Street in Sun Prairie at 11:00 AM. **Please sign up by July 16th** on the bulletin board if you plan to attend so we can give the restaurant an accurate headcount for table setup. *Note: Most places do not open until 11:00 AM, so please plan accordingly.*

August:

Our **Olympic Village Independence/Perseverance Celebration** will take place **on Sunday, August 2th.** We will gather at 4 PM, dinner will be at 5 PM. The menu will include brats, burgers with Plaza Sauce, baked beans, potato salad, chips, and other picnic favorites. A DJ will provide entertainment, so come ready to request your favorite songs. **Please sign up on the bulletin board by July 24th.** The cost is \$10 per person; ***please put your Name & Unit # on an envelope with cash or check made out to OVRA and place in the WHITE BOX in the Clubhouse.***

Wine & Dine in August will be at Rex's in Waunakee on Tuesday, August 25th at 11:00 AM. A signup sheet will be posted in August, please be sure to add your name if you plan to attend.

September: We're still working on it, please check back next month.

October: We will have a Quarterly Meeting Tuesday, October 13th.

It Took a Village... News and Thanks

The Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, June 9th was a great success. More than 50 people attended to enjoy ice cream and toppings and to celebrate David Schultz's 85th birthday. Thank you to everyone who joined us—we hope you had a wonderful time. Special thanks to Marilyn Gorsuch-Froh, Pat Hahn, Tom Huss, Paul & Sandy Kmiec, Sue & Jack Marking, Karen Oehrlein, David & Dianne Schultz, and Dennis & Mary Snyder for helping with setup and or cleanup and Kate Hahn for capturing all the “Kodak moments!” We truly appreciate everyone's help!

Wine & Dine at The Dump in Cambria on June 23rd drew more than 30 attendees. We enjoyed great conversation and a delicious lunch.

Wacky Wednesday A big thank-you to the following ladies for sharing their time and talents for our May 27th Wacky Wednesday project: Cris E., Pat H., Faith K., Sue M., Karen O., Kay O., Phyllis O., Dianne S., and Nancy V.

Mailbox Flags: It has been decided that the mailbox flags will remain up until just before winter, as we have received many positive comments about them. They will be collected in late fall.

A Reminder...

Please Be Sure to Sign-up for Gatherings. The number of people that sign up helps us plan for food, tables and chairs. **Thank You!**

July Birthdays

- 1 - Marilyn Gorsuch-Froh
- 2 - Patty Horstmeier
- 2 - Margaret Zimmermann
- 2 - Martha Wickert
- 3 - Vickie Kaufman
- 4 - Julaine Stroede
- 7 - Sue Knudson
- 12 - Dave Mischka
- 21 - Cris Eastin



Don't Forget...

BIRTHDAY BINGO is the LAST Tuesday of EVERY Month!

In August...

Thursday Euchre will be in the afternoon at 1:15 PM Beginning in August.

FOR EMERGENCIES CALL MAINTENANCE: 608-400-5126

AND PLEASE...

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1:15 Exercise	2 5:45 Euchre	3 1:15 Exercise	4 3:00 Sitting Under the tree Unit 928
5 Committee Meeting	6 11:00 OVRA ¹ 1:15 Exercise	7 Committee Meeting	8 1:15 Exercise	9 5:45 Euchre	10 1:15 Exercise	11 3:00 Sitting Under the tree Unit 928
12 1:15 Exercise	13 Committee Meeting	14 10:00 OVSC ³ 4:00 Quarterly Meeting & Pot Luck	15 1:15 Exercise	16 9:30 AM Coffee/Donuts 5:45 Euchre	17 1:15 Exercise	18 3:00 Sitting Under the tree Unit 928
19 1:15 Exercise	20 Committee Meeting	21 2:00 OVEB ⁵	22 1:15 Exercise 2:00 Wacky Wednesday	23 5:45 Euchre 11:00 Wine & Dine Varsity Bar & Grill	24 1:15 Exercise	25 3:00 Sitting Under the tree Unit 928
26 1:15 Exercise	27 6:00 Birthday Bingo	28 1:15 Exercise	29 5:45 Euchre	30 1:15 Exercise	31	
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