

Village Voice



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Hello and welcome to August. In July we enjoyed a couple of special events. On July 14 we had the OVRA Quarterly Potluck and Meeting. We celebrated the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence with a picnic style meal. A special thanks to Jeff Froh, Paul Kmiec and Ric Jilot for grilling the delicious chicken and Tom Huss for serving it. And a special thanks to all the residents for bringing wonderful side dishes and desserts. It was a great meal and great company!

On Sunday, August 2, we will have the Sixth Annual Perseverance - Independence Celebration. If you had hoped to sign up, but missed the deadline, please contact Tom Huss and you should plan to attend. And I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, August 25 at Rex's Innkeeper for our August Wine and Dine. Paul and I really look forward to these events and spending time with all of you. We feel very fortunate to have you in our lives.

There is so much to share with you in this edition of the Village Voice, so keep reading for the detailed information.

Before I close this letter, let's take a few moments to wish well to our friends and neighbors who are facing health issues and take a few moments of silence for the passing of our neighbor Judy Mueller in unit 842.

Take care and be well.
Sandy Kmiec, OVRA Chair

VILLAGE SCOOP

Recently, Sharon and Ron Lostetter moved to the Baraboo area to be closer to family. Ron has served on the OV Board of Directors and served as Treasurer on the Board for over 5 years. He continues to help Olympic Village until we find a person with a financial background who is interested in serving on the Board and taking his place. If you know of a person that may be interested in this volunteer opportunity, please provide their contact information to Hank Ruff at 608-837-7221.

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.

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.

This is just a reminder for safety and security reasons to keep your garage door down when you are staying inside your home.

For safety reasons, when traveling to and from home, if possible, please avoid traveling past the construction areas in OV where siding and windows are being replaced. The construction vehicles take up a lot of space and obstruct visibility.

Word on the street is that the wildlife in Olympic Village truly appreciates the flowers, fruits and vegetables you grow for them! Please report to Derek if you ever see non-wildlife also enjoying the fruits of your labor.

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.

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.

MEMORIES RETURNED

By Mike Hahn

Twenty geese were on a leisurely walk-
Through our backyard, my how they talked!
I couldn't quite make out what they said-
But the way they waddled- they were well fed!
It was quite a surprise to watch them stroll-
Although they were orderly and under control!
I wondered if this was a gaggle of geese-
And if their honking would ever cease!
They took their sweet time leaving our yard-
With feet made for swimming – walking was hard!
They seemed to be peaceful I never saw one peck-
And their heads were held erect by their long necks!
My wife and I don't see much wildlife these days-
So she ran to the window-she was quite amazed!
By the time I wheeled over, they were gone-
I guess they found water - it's where they belonged!
Seeing them provided memories of long ago-
When we lived in the land of lakes and snow!

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. A special thanks to Tom Huss, Jeff Froh and Karen Oehrlein for their work on putting up the flags and maintaining them. They look great and are such a nice addition to Olympic Village.

OVRA ELECTIONS

During the quarterly meeting on July 14, residents were notified that during the OVRA quarterly meeting in October two positions are up for election. The positions are Vice Chair, currently held by Karen Oehrlein, and Treasurer, currently held by Jeff Froh. Both are serving terms that end on December 31, 2026. Both Karen and Jeff have served one two-year term, and both are interested in serving another two-year term, so both will run for re-election in October.

The OVRA officers may serve up to two consecutive terms. Each election is open to any resident interested in running for an open position. The Chair and Secretary positions are elected during the October quarterly meetings during odd numbered years, with the term starting in January of the next year. The Vice Chair and Treasurer positions are elected during the October quarterly meetings during even numbered years, with the term starting in January of the next year. Contact Sandra Kmiec if you are interested in learning more about any of these positions or the OVRA organization.

The following is a high-level overview of the responsibilities of each position. The creation of a comprehensive description of each position is underway and will be posted later this year.

CHAIR is currently held by Sandra Kmiec. Sandra's first term ends on December 31, 2027.

- Facilitate monthly OVRA meetings with the Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Social Committee Chairman.
- Attend the monthly OVRAC meetings as a voting member providing input into appropriate topics, plus bringing to the attention of OVRAC any requests or comments that were given to OVRA, but should be under the OVRAC umbrella.
- Attend the monthly Olympic Village Board of Directors' meeting and provide input when appropriate as a representative of the Residents' Association.
- Work with each of the OVRA board members for various initiatives such as social events, financial activities, and all other activities related to the documentation maintained by OVRA such as bylaws, elections, minutes, agendas, correspondence, resident communications, etc.
- Coordinate the creation and publication of the Village Voice, the monthly Olympic Village newsletter. This requires keeping track of events, discussions, and activities at OV throughout the month to capture data needed for the newsletter.
- Facilitate a quarterly OVRA meeting with all residents.
- Facilitate OVRA elections.

SECRETARY OVRA is currently held by Sharon Wagner. Sharon's first term ends on December 31, 2027.

MONTHLY:

- Attend monthly, and/or if any additional OVRA meetings are needed, take notes at all meetings.
- Send the OVRA Chair a copy of notes to review. Once the Chair approves the notes, send the OVRA committee a copy of the notes taken.
- Keep all meeting agendas and meeting notes in a binder under each month's tabs.

QUARTERLY:

- Attend and take notes at each OV quarterly meeting.
- Send the OVRA Chair a copy of notes to review.
- Once the Chair approves the notes, save a copy of the agenda and meeting notes in the OVRA binder, save a copy of the meeting notes in the OV black binder, and post a copy on the OV bulletin board found in the hallway of the OV clubhouse for residents to see.

VICE CHAIR is currently held by Karen Oehrlein. Karen's first term ends on December 31, 2026.

- Keep Kitchen stocked with cups, napkins, plates and other essentials.
- Keep Bulletin Boards inside and outside up to date monthly and change as needed.
- Help with any gatherings at the clubhouse as needed including planning, setting up and cleaning up.
- Help with the newsletter, write articles, etc. as needed, make and post notices/posters for the resident gatherings, etc.
- Work closely with the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Social Committee on anything that may come up.
- Perform Chair duties in the event the Chair is not available.

TREASURER is currently held by Jeff Froh. Jeff's first term ends on December 31, 2026.

- Collect membership dues.
- Collect money for all functions that require an additional fee.
- Keep an accurate journal of all debits and credits.
- Make deposits to the OVRA bank account.
- Give a financial report at the quarterly meetings.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR is currently held by Tom Huss and this is an appointed, not elected position. The OVRA Chair appointed Tom to this position for an unspecified period, so Tom may serve in this position for as long as he wishes.

- Participate in all OVRA meetings as an advisor.
- Facilitate monthly Social Committee meetings, which includes creating an agenda.
- This facilitation includes creating an agenda, leading discussions on the planning of upcoming events, facilitating the voting of decisions made by committee members.
- Assist the OVRA members in gathering or conveying information from or to OVRAC and Board of Directors when needed.

MISCELLANEOUS

If you have thoughts about having a Resident Directory that includes pictures of residents along with addresses, contact information as well as other biographical information, please contact Derek. This is just an idea and we would like to know if there is any interest.

RESIDENTS' CORNER

“Why we like living at Olympic Village” from Yvonne and Dave Mischka

So much to love at OV, besides the wonderful residents at OV, I have to say I love the ponds. Where else can you go whitewater rafting in your backyard 😊? The beautiful ponds charm with their ever-changing kaleidoscope of color and wildlife.







“It Takes a Village...”

The OV Social Committee Page

Mark Your Calendars & Save The Date(s)!

August:

Our 6th Annual 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. The cost is \$10 per person, payment should be placed in the WHITE BOX in the Clubhouse. A DJ will provide entertainment, so come ready to request your favorite songs.

If you would like to attend but didn't sign up on the bulletin board by July 24th please let Tom Huss know ASAP.

Wine & Dine will be held on **Tuesday, August 25th** at **Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee at 11:00 AM**. Please sign up on the signup sheet on bulletin board by August 18th if you plan to attend so we can give the restaurant a headcount for table setup. ***Note: Most places do not open until 11:00 AM, so please plan accordingly.***

Reminder...

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

September:

Wine & Dine we will be traveling to **Sky Hi Fruit Farm in Baraboo Tuesday, September 29th** and will enjoy lunch at **Log Cabin Family Restaurant** after the orchard visit. *Details in the September Newsletter.*

October:

Quarterly Meeting, Tuesday, October 13th, *more details in the September Newsletter.*

It Took a Village - News and Thanks...

The Quarterly Meeting & USA's 250th Birthday Celebration Tuesday, July 14th was well attended. Approximately 40 people gathered to enjoy the potluck and meeting. Thank you to everyone who joined us—we hope you all had a wonderful time.

Wine & Dine at the Varsity in Sun Prairie Thursday, July 23rd was a success. 25 residents came to enjoy the food and company of each other.

Wacky Wednesday Thank-you to the following ladies for sharing their time and thoughts for our July 27th Wacky Wednesday project: Peg B., Jane J., Karen K., Sue M., Judy M., Karen O. & Phyllis O.

Our Project was Name the Pros and Cons of living in Olympic Village:

Pros

1. Jim Falk, (our Maintenance Man)
2. Friendly Residents
3. No Grass to Mow
4. No Snow to Shovel
5. Great Gatherings
6. No Stairs
7. Appliances are replaced when broken
8. Pond Aerators

Cons (Only ONE!)

1. Goose Poop!!!

August Birthdays

- 1 - Joe Bertone
- 5 - Vickie Peterson
- 7 - Dianne Schultz
- 9 - Catherine Anderson
- 18 - Sue Eckert
- 25 - Donna Cap



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 3:00 Sitting Under a tree Unit 928
2	Committee Meeting	3 Committee Meeting	4 Committee Meeting	5 1:15 Exercise	6 1:15 Euchre	7 1:15 Exercise
6th Annual Perserverence / Independence Celbhation*	11:00 OVRA ¹ 1:15 Exercise	1:00 OVRAC ²				8 3:00 Sitting Under a tree Unit 928
9	10 1:15 Exercise	11 Committee Meeting	12 1:15 Exercise	13 1:15 Euchre	14 1:15 Exercise	15 3:00 Sitting Under a tree Unit 928
16	17 1:15 Exercise	18 Committee Meeting	19 1:15 Exercise	20 9:30 Coffee/Donuts 1:15 Euchre	21 1:15 Exercise	22 3:00 Sitting Under the tree Unit 928
23	24 1:15 Exercise	25 6:00 Birthday Bingo 11:00 Wine & Dine Rex's Inkeeper in Waunakee	26 1:15 Exercise 2:00 Wacky Wednesday	27 1:15 Euchre	28 1:15 Exercise	29 3:00 Sitting Under the tree Unit 928
30	31 1:15 PM Exercise	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		NOTES		
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