

Village Voice



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Hello and welcome to October. Autumn is my favorite time of year. As I look around Olympic Village, the autumn colors look beautiful, and the Harvest Moon just peaked on September 26. I hope you are enjoying everything this season has to offer.

Recently, sixteen residents enjoyed the perfect excursion to lead into this beautiful season. We visited the Ski-Hi Fruit Farm in Baraboo and then enjoyed a wonderful lunch at the Log Cabin.

In October we have a couple of events planned. I look forward to seeing you at the OVRA Quarterly Potluck and Meeting and at the fun, new event Take the Cake. You will find detailed information about these events later in this newsletter.

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

Take care and be well.

Sandy Kmiec, OVRA Chair

VILLAGE SCOOP

A special thanks to Dave Mischka and Tom Huss for removing all the spots on the clubhouse dining room carpet.

And another special thanks to Tom Huss for cleaning the clubhouse parking lot a few weeks ago. The geese made a mess. Within a few days of getting cleaned, it was a mess again, but it was good to get a clean start. Let's hope the rainy weather keeps it cleaned for the remainder of this year.

A message from Dianne and Dave Schultz - *We wish to thank everyone for another wonderful year sitting under our tree. We will do this again next year. Even if we are not available, please continue to visit in October if the weather permits.*

A message from the neighbors that enjoyed this event - *Dianne and Dave, many of us have enjoyed visiting on Saturdays and truly appreciate you allowing us to gather in your yard. And we thank you for the delicious candy treats on September 26.*

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. All donations are welcome. Currently, there is a great need for turkey gravy packets, instant mashed potatoes, cream of mushroom soup, stuffing mix, sweetened condensed milk and canned sweet potatoes/yams. 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 inside your home.

The small American flag that is displayed on your mailbox will be removed sometime in October before the inclement weather sets in and will be displayed again before Memorial Day next year.

We have a resident listing on the Portal, but a few times each year a copy of the listing will be attached to the newsletter. You will receive the next listing with the January newsletter. In the meantime, please let Derek know if your cell phone number or email address changed during 2026.

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.

REFLECTIONS

As many of you know, Mike Hahn writes some beautiful poetry. Thank you, Mike, for sharing your poetry with us.

AN ODE TO GARDENERS

Written By Mike Hahn

For most of my life, I've taken nature for granted -
Think of the trees and flowers I might have planted!

By never making the effort to help nature grow -
I've missed being a part of nature's lovely show!

I missed the enjoyment of giving birth to a tree -
And the fun of watching it grow in front of me!

I wish I had created a garden of lovely flowers -
I could've worked wonders with a few spring showers!

The time that I could have spent nurturing her land -
Passed too quickly – I only hope nature understands!

I realize now what the gardeners have always known -
Working in nature gives you pride in what you've grown!

If everyone just took time to plant a single tree -
Think of the beauty that the world would see!

So, whether your garden fills a large vacant lot -
Or maybe just exists in a single flowerpot!

Your care has helped create these beautiful things -
And allows the bees to buzz and the birds to sing!

RULES OF RESIDENCY REMINDERS

Bird feeders are permitted, but filled only during winter months, November 1 through March 31. Hummingbird and Baltimore Oriole feeders may be hung and filled with no more than two feeders per unit.

Residents are responsible for keeping their plantings in good condition including weeding and removing dead materials as needed.

Exterior holiday displays are permitted but may not include items such as blow-up decorations, flashing lights, spotlights, or projecting lights.

All outdoor belongings, except patio furniture and barbeque grills, must be kept inside your unit.

Residents are responsible for snow removal where equipment cannot access an area due to personal belongings.

OLYMPIC VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (OVRA) ELECTIONS

Just a reminder that during the OVRA quarterly meeting and potluck on October 13, there will be an election for Vice Chair, currently held by Karen Oehrlein, and Treasurer, currently held by Jeff Froh. 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 residents 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.

In summary, during the October 13 meeting you may nominate a candidate for the Vice Chair and Secretary positions. After the nomination, you will be asked to vote for one candidate for each position.

MISCELLANEOUS

Olympic Village strongly encourages you to purchase renter's insurance to protect your personal property in the event of damage or loss. Olympic Village insurance policies do not cover your personal items. Several residents have stated that their insurance agents insist they need condo insurance. We do not recommend purchasing condo insurance. Olympic Village is not a condominium and the policy may not cover you. You do not own the unit or the real estate. A typical renter's policy should suffice. If your agent does not understand the relationship between resident and community, please have him/her call me at (608) 662.8822 or email derek.buckley@atticangel.org.

The Olympic Village Wait List is currently at thirty-four residents and growing. We require a fully refundable deposit of \$1,000 and a completed application to be on the list. Prospects that choose to remove themselves from the Wait List for any reason typically see a refund check within ten to fifteen business days.

In the Spring of 2027, we will continue our landscaping efforts around the units with the goal of having an appealing and consistent look throughout the community. This will involve the removal of some plants and items that extend beyond the rock perimeter in the front and the concrete slab porch in the back. The area will then be covered with grass seed. Larger trees will be assessed for health, trimming needs or possible removal. At this time we are recommending you make plans for any plants or items you would like to transplant or give to someone before we begin removal. Please refer to the pictures for reference.



“It Takes a Village...”

The OV Social Committee Page

Mark Your Calendars & SIGN UP!

- OCTOBER:

Tuesday, October 13th Quarterly Meeting & Potluck

Please sign up on the sheet in the clubhouse and note next to your name whether you'll be bringing a Main Dish, Salad, Vegetable or Fruit.

The Social Committee will be making & bringing apple desserts, pies, crisps, etc. from our trip to Sky-Hi orchard in September.

No Wine & Dine in October.

Wed., Oct. 28th Wacky Wednesday... “You Take The Cake” please read...

You Take the Cake

On Wednesday, October 28, at 2:00, Wacky Wednesday brings you a culinary adventure. We call on you to bring your favorite cake in the pan you baked it in (not on a plate). **Before you come**, cut your cake into small (about 1 ½ by 2 ½ inch pieces. Put a note on it telling what kind it is and your first name. When you arrive, there will be tables on which to place your cake. There may be signs indicating what type it is, i.e., No Nuts. Feel free to check them all out! Then find a table.

You will be called by table and given a container. A time limit will be given during which you may get pieces of cake.

Remember, no cake, no take!

- NOVEMBER:

Tuesday, November 10th Veteran's Day Celebration, more details in the upcoming newsletter.

- DECEMBER:

Friday, Dec. 4th at 9AM Holiday Decorating at the Clubhouse, more December information in the coming newsletter.

Save The Date... A Holiday Dinner is being planned for **Dec. 8th**, please mark your calendars...

It Took a Village... News and Thanks

- September:

September Wine & Dine: 16 residents made the trip to Baraboo and visited the **Sky-Hi orchard and lunched at the Log Cabin**. We hope you had a good time and enjoyed a great lunch along with lots of laughs and great conversation. *We hope you enjoy these outings as much as we do!*

Wacky Wednesday: Thank you Teresa Anderson for presenting the Knitting/Crocheting group idea. If you're interested please join us as the "OV Knit Wits" gather Wed., October 14th to begin their "creations..."

October Birthdays

5 - Mary Snyder
10 - Glenna Wetmore
12 - Sue Stang
19 - Linda Lassow
22 - Jane Jilot
27 - Ric Jilot
27 - Gloria Hannon
28 - Sue Marking
28 - Paul Beckman



Please Help Us by Filling Out this Questionnaire.

We would like your input on the following:

Simply Check Yes or No, your response is appreciated.

What Do YOU Think, Should We Continue...

YES

NO

1) ... giving birthday cards to residents?

2) ... a monthly Wacky Wednesday?

3) ... a monthly Wine & Dine?

4) ... placing flags on the mailboxes next year?

5) ... would you be interested in participating in

an Olympic Village Directory?

-For 2 people or couples answering the questions PLEASE MARK WITH 2 X's

Please Fill Out and Place in the WHITE BOX in the Clubhouse. Extra forms are in the Clubhouse.

Thank you!

2026				October				2026					
Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
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	4		5	Committee Meeting	6		7		8		9		10
		1:15 Exercise		1:00 OVRAC2		1:15 Exercise		1:15 Euchre		1:15 Exercise			3:00 Sitting Under the tree Unit 928
				REMINDER: SIGN UP for Quarterly Meeting		2:00 Dominos							
	11		12	Committee Meeting	13		14		15		16		17
		1:15 Exercise		10:00 OVSC3		1:15 Exercise		9:30 Coffee/Donuts		1:15 Exercise			3:00 Sitting Under the tree Unit 928
				4PM Quarterly Meeting & Potuck		2:00 OV "Knit Wits"		1:15 Euchre					
		Columbus Day											
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						2:00 Dominos							
						REMINDER: SIGN UP for Wacky Wednesday							
	25		26		27		28		29		30		31
		1:15 Exercise		6:00 Birthday Bingo		No Exercise		5:45 Euchre		1:15 Exercise			3:00 Sitting Under the tree Unit 928
						2:00 Wacky Wednesday "You Take the Cake"							Halloween
				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					
								Please... Remember to Sign up and pay when required for Gatherings, it helps us to plan for food, tables & chairs. Thank You.					