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Village Voice

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Welcome to November.

"Peering from some high window, at the gold of November sunset and feeling that if day has to become night, this is a beautiful way."
– E. E. Cummings

I love this saying and how true it is!

As you all know, the OVRA Quarterly Potluck and Meeting was canceled, but not all is lost. In conjunction with our Olympic Village Veteran's Day celebration on November 10, we will have a dessert potluck and our quarterly meeting. During the meeting, in addition to providing both OVRA and Olympic Village financial updates and social committee updates, we will conduct the election of an OVRA Vice Chair and OVRA Treasurer. The potluck and meeting will be first followed by a guest speaker representing a veteran organization, and some of our veterans will be presented with a Quilt of Valor. More information about this event is provided later in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. And I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday season.

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

Take care and be well.

Sandy Kmiec, OVRA Chair

VILLAGE SCOOP

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.

As many of you know, Cris Eastin has been maintaining our library. This work includes reshelving books, removing books as needed to make space available for newly donated books, keeping puzzles neat, putting out seasonal items such as holiday books, seasonal books, and puzzles. Cris does a lot of travelling, so we are looking for someone that is either interested in taking over this position or someone that would be interested in sharing this position with Cris. If you are interested in helping to maintain our library and would like more information, please contact Sandy Kmiec or Cris. And Cris, thank you very much for doing such a great job in maintaining our library.

Later in this newsletter, you will find information about how to avoid scams during this holiday season.

Just a reminder that meeting minutes for OVRA are posted on the bulletin board in the club house.

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.

THE PUMPKIN PATCH

By Mike Hahn

Every Halloween night the pumpkin patch comes alive -
"THE GREAT PUMPKIN" awakes with fire in his eyes!

He screams and yells at the top of his ghostly voice -
The sounds of howling give the young ones no choice!

With hearts filled with fear, they run home into bed -
And the sheets are quickly pulled up over their heads!

They hope "THE GREAT PUMPKIN" will pass them by -
And they finally fall asleep with tears in their eyes!

The next morning when they wake and get out of bed -
The treats from last night erase the fear from their heads!

Their costumes will be stored until Halloween next year -
When again they'll wonder will "THE GREAT PUMPKIN" appear?

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

The elections were scheduled to be conducted during the OVRA quarterly meeting and potluck on October 13, but because of the meeting being canceled, it will be held on November 10, as indicated above. 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.

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 Sandy Kmiec if you are interested in learning more about any of these positions or the OVRA organization.

In summary, during the November 10 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.

“It Takes a Village…”

The OV Social Committee Page

<u>Mark Your Calendar Date(s)</u> & <u>SIGN UP</u>!

<u>NOVEMBER:</u>

Tuesday, November 10th - Veteran’s Day Celebration beginning at 1:30PM, Please sign up by Wednesday Nov. 4th and bring a dessert to share with our Veterans and neighbors. Coffee will be provided.
We will also have our Quarterly Meeting at this gathering.

Wednesday, November 11th - Teresa Anderson will begin the Knitting/Crocheting group, if you’re interested please join us as the “OV Knit Wits” gather Wed., November 11th to begin your “creations…”

No Wine & Dine is planned for November.

<u>DECEMBER:</u>

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…

No Wine & Dine is planned for December.

It Took a Village… **News and Thanks**

October: Our Quarterly meeting and some other activities were cancelled due to some health issues in the Village. We are now back to normal, thank you for your patience and understanding.

November Birthdays

1 – Sandy Kmiec #882
4 – Dave Suchomel #812
5 – Cheryl Beckman #832
13 – Bob Peterson #902
23 – Sharon Carroll #912



IF YOU HAVEN'T… 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 Cut & Fill Out and Place in the WHITE BOX in the Clubhouse. Extra forms are in the Clubhouse.

Thank you!

Please Join Us to Celebrate Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 10th at 1:30PM

A Sign-up Sheet is in the Clubhouse, please sign up by Nov. 9th



THANK YOU!

This day of celebration comes every calendar year -
"War is hell', but our soldiers set aside their fear!

So each year we salute the Patriots of our land -
They fought with their brothers to give freedom a hand!

And never forget the women soldiers that brave and loyal band –
They took the peace we treasure and held it safely in their hand!

Also keep in mind those who never returned –
And give them the thanks that they've truly earned!

Our veterans should be remembered for all 365 –
They've fought with valor to keep the spirit of freedom alive!

We've stayed free from the bonds of tyrants and evil men –
Our soldiers have held the line again and again!

So for every day of the year, we thank all of you –
You're the reason we have the country we do!

-Mike Hahn

Schemes & Scams

Beware Holiday Scams

Holiday scammers are exploiting consumer confusion on tariffs by using package delivery text scams. The scams claim you owe a tariff and it must be paid before your order can be delivered. Do not click or reply to texts saying your purchase is "stuck in customs" or "your order will not be delivered until a tariff is paid."

Tips to avoid tariff scams:

- Legitimate companies tell you up front about additional fees, or will include them in the purchase price.
- Check tracking numbers, and order details included that the merchant provided.
- Verify directly with the retailer you made the purchase from if there is a problem.
- Pay attention to resellers like Etsy and E-Bay.
- Never reply to unexpected text messages. Never click links in surprise text or emails.
- Look for specific information about tariffs on merchant websites before buying.

While the spirit of giving is upon us and you are making donations, beware of any unsolicited calls or texts for financial support. Unsolicited calls may be charity scammers who are impersonating real charities or organizations that are seeking money from unsuspecting donors.

Tips to avoid holiday charity scams:

- Make sure you are donating to trusted charities, verify phone numbers, and check any charities official website before donating.
- Check any social media requests for charitable donations before you give money.
- Never give account numbers, Social Security numbers, financial or social media passwords and PINs, or other personal information to unknown callers.
- Do not open suspicious emails or file attachments, or click email or text links.
- Remember, scammers are able to "spoof" phone numbers, to appear that their call has your same area code, or a charities name, a company name, even a government agency you are familiar with. If you answer a call you weren't expecting, simply hang up to play it safe. The longer you stay on the line with a scammer, the more likely you are to lose money. Have a safe and happy holiday and gift giving season.

https://www.fcc.gov/beware-holiday-charity-scams



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Committee Meeting 11:00 OVRA[1] 1:15 Exercise	3 Committee Meeting 1:00 OVRAC[2] Election Day	4 1:15 Exercise 2:00 Dominos	5 1:15 Euchre	6 1:15 Exercise	7
8	9 1:15 Exercise ***REMINDER:*** Signup for Quarterly Meet. & Vet's Day	10 Committee Meeting 10:00 OVSC[3] 1:30 OV Veteran's Day Reception & Quarterly Meeting	11 1:15 Exercise 2:00 OV Knit Wits Veteran's Day	12 1:15 Euchre	13 1:15 Exercise	14
15	16 1:15 Exercise	17 Committee Meeting 2:00 OVEB[5]	18 1:15 Exercise 2:00 Dominos	19 9:30 Coffee/Donuts 1:15 Euchre	20 1:15 Exercise	21
22	23 1:15 Exercise	24 6:00 Birthday Bingo	25 **No Exercise** No Wacky Wed.	26 **NO Euchre** Thanksgiving Day	27 1:15 Exercise	28
29	30 1:15 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

Please...
Remember to Sign up and pay when required for Gatherings, it helps us to plan for food, tables & chairs.