

# Putterings

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## Kelly's Corner –

This year has been challenging to say the least. My staff and I are as anxious as you all to get back to the fun and vibrant community that HHR was set up to be. As health and safety allow, we will do so. Again, I want to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful employees here at HHR for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. I am proud to work at such a beautiful and friendly community.

Please remember to complete your ballot to vote for a new Board member and 2021 budget ratification. The ballot drop box is in the clubhouse lobby. They are due by Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Keep your eye out for the ballot to vote for changes to the HHR governing documents in the next weeks as well as information and details on the lake dredging project slated for late winter/early spring. Have a wonderful holiday season.

-Kelly

## Heritage of Hawk Ridge

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## Resident Spotlight

### Bob and Barb Gersey

Covid, a word that's on everyone's mind these days, has special significance for Bob and Barb Gersey. The HHR couple know they had the virus once, believe they had it twice and are participating in a two-year Pfizer Covid research study. "We feel like professional Coviders," Barb said with a nervous chuckle. But this couple of 33 years faced it together, just as they have everything else in their lives. They had met in church, married a year later and lived in both Chicago and the Lake of the Ozarks before moving to HHR. They have four kids and nine grandkids, ranging in age from 3 to 19, and treasure their time together.

Professionally the two enjoyed fulfilling careers -- Barb as a Special Ed teacher, working with both gifted and special needs children; Bob as finance manager for United Airlines. "That job afforded us the 'perk' of free airline travel," said Bob, noting that they have traveled extensively, sometimes on a whim -- a weekend in London; Halloween in Salem, Massachusetts. Recently, after learning that there was no notary public at HHR, Bob trained and is now our "resident notary."




The Gerseys moved here 3 ½ years ago and have totally loved it. They knew they wanted to live close to an airport and stumbled onto HHR while attending their grandson's hockey tournament. They found a home for sale and the rest is history. They both love golfing and Barb enjoys "crafting" at home -- wood carving, knitting and soap making.

"In a way our hobbies, as well as years at the lake, prepared us for this 'stay-at-home' time," said Barb. "We've always been able to entertain ourselves at home. But, still, this isn't easy. We have to take it a day at a time, and just hope the world comes out better from the lessons we've learned from Covid."



--By Joan Elliott

# 2020 DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10  Happy Hanukkah	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Decorating Contest	21	22	23	24 Office Closed	25  MERRY Christmas	26
27	28	29	30 Office Closed	31  Happy New Year	Office Closed	

## Monday

9am Strength Training  
10am Cardio Chair  
1pm Bible Study with Alice

## Tuesday

9am Mens Pinochle  
11am MahJong  
2pm Billiards  
7pm Open Bridge

## Wednesday

9am Piyo  
10am Chair Strength

## Thursday

9am Mens Pinochle  
12:30 Open Bridge  
1pm Low Roller Poker  
7pm Mexican Train (1st & 3rd  
7pm Rummikub (2nd/4th)

## Friday

9am Cardio Dance  
10am Chair Stretch  
1pm Mens Pinochle  
7:30pm Pass the Trash

## Saturday

9am Billiards

Please do not come to the clubhouse if you are ill or have a fever.

Masks are required when in the clubhouse. We appreciate you bringing your own mask. But, masks are available if you forget yours. **Please take one, keep it and reuse it.** Thank you!



# HHR NEWS

## COVID-19 ADJUSTMENTS for upcoming activities

We are closely following advice from the CDC and health department regarding our upcoming events. **Social distancing is required at all activities.**

All residents will be expected to follow the guidelines below:

- Social distancing is required. 6 feet between residents not living in the same household.
- Masks are required when inside the building. Please wash your hands.
- Please DO NOT come to the clubhouse if you have a fever or are feeling ill.

The danger of exposure to the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 exists.



### HHR Football Pool

Winning continues through the month of December. Each week we give away a \$25 gift card. The pick sheet is available on the website and at the clubhouse each week. Don't miss your chance to win!!



### DECEMBER

This month we are making an appetizer! The cost is \$5.

Register by Friday, 12/04 to receive your recipe & supplies on 12/11.

The details for the January craft & recipe of the month will be coming soon.

## HOLIDAY LUMINARIES

For the past 17 years, to celebrate Christmas, HHR residents have had beautiful luminaries in their front yards and on the common grounds on Christmas Eve.

The candles are available at the HHR clubhouse M-F 9-1pm. To be consistent, we use luminary candles only. Do not use votive candles.

The candles remain lit until they burn out...approximately 8 to 12 hours.

Homeowners set out luminaries on Christmas Eve, December 24. The luminaries are placed next to the street in front of the home, approximately 15-20 feet apart. Executive homes put out 3 to 4 luminaries and villa homes put out 1 to 2 luminaries depending on the size of the lot. Each homeowner lights their candles around 4:30 pm on Christmas Eve. Our container is a gallon milk jug or gallon water jug. Start saving your milk/water jugs or have someone save them for you. If you have extra jugs, please leave them in the foyer of the clubhouse for a neighbor to use. For residents who are unable to obtain one-gallon jugs or to cut them, there will be some available at Dick Faxons house. You will have to put 1" sand/gravel/or kitty litter in the bottom of the jug to hold the jug and candle in place.



Special thanks to Dick Faxon for being Captain of the Luminary Project this year!!

If people have questions or need a couple of jugs, please have them contact 1) Dick Faxon 956-202-5453 [dfax77@gmail.com](mailto:dfax77@gmail.com) or 2) Bob Gray 636-699-2272 [bobgray01@charter.net](mailto:bobgray01@charter.net)

## More NEWS



By: Gary Turner, Resident of HHR and Alderman, Ward I

The Board reached a consensus that no Further apartments will Be allowed in the new Commercial Office (CO) zoning of which the Hawk Ridge Business Park is a part of. An ordinance will be passed in December that will implement this zoning change as well as implement other land use changes that were recommended in the city comprehensive plan passed approximately 2 years ago which was the result of several public hearings and various resident planning committee inputs.

In other action the Board:

1. Appointed a new city administrator, George Ertle (current Assistant City Administrator). Paul Markworth, the current city administrator for over 20 years will be retiring the end January 2021.
2. Approved the submission on the April 2021 ballot the proposition of imposing a local use tax at the same existing city tax for purchases from out-of-state vendors that exceed a total of two thousand dollars in a year. Such revenue will be used to fund the hiring of 4 additional patrolmen to increase police patrolling of the city.
3. Approved restoration of previously held funding to city departments for fiscal year 20-21 that held been withheld due to expected revenue shortfalls due to the previous Covid shut-downs of businesses. Sales tax revenues thus far this year have remained steady or in some cases increased that allowed this restoration.
4. Awarded a contract to Aztec Construction for services related to the 2 Picardy Drive Stormwater project.

After 3 terms and 6 years as your alderman, I will step down this coming April And not seek another term. It has been a privilege serving you and hopefully I have helped to keep this city and our HHR community a safe and wonderful place to live. It is my hope that one of you will step forward and be willing to serve like I have. Filing for the April election starts on December 15.

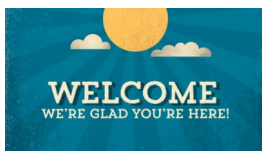
May you all have a blessed Christmas and a happy and safe 2021.

### Snow Events

Just a reminder, when they are forecasting snow or ice, please make sure to park cars in your driveway, not in the street. The plows and salt trucks can maneuver easier and do a better job when the streets are clear.

At times, if heavier snow is predicted, the front gates may be left open to allow for plowing.

Keep in mind that there are board member snow captains who will work with Kelly to make specific arrangements for snow removal if more than 2 inches of snow is accumulating.



**Welcome to the HHR Family**

Beth & Gary Riggle—2157 HLD



# What's Happening

## Exterior Holiday Decorating

HHR will again be hosting a decorating contest. We will have a daytime decorations winner and a nighttime decorations winner. The contest will be judged on Sunday, December 20. Please be sure your lights are on by 5pm that evening.



**BLOSSOM**—A gardening column by resident, Ann Chandonnet  
Working in your HHR yard, you tread on the results of countless years of geological changes, including four successive ice ages.

The mud, sand and rock that one finds digging a here are the remnants or deposits of the Western Interior Seaway, a shallow, tropics-warm body of water. At one time, this sea laid over the (future) Mississippi River basin—an area of 1.2 million square miles, covering 40% of the United States. Swimming dinos, sharks and flightless birds inhabited these waters. Considered as an arm of the Gulf of Mexico, the Gulf was lapping the shores of southern Illinois by the late Mesozoic—just beyond the Major Event that spelled the end of the dinosaurs.



At its largest, this sea separated the North American continent into book ends, Laramidia on the west and Appalachia to the east. With great pressure and no deadline, sand is compressed into sandstone. Peer carefully at the surfaces of rocks you unearth, because fossils wait to be discovered. One common form is the clam or mussel fossil, which often appears as an indentation in the shape of a bivalve.



Congratulations to all those who participated in the HHR Turkey Trot! It was a fun motivation to get outside and move a little.

Additionally, we raised \$1600 for our charities. Thanks to all who donated for your generosity.

Thanks to Gayle O'Neill for this great idea.

## FROM THE PRO SHOP...

Countdown to Christmas!

Christmas is just 3 weeks away!!; Need a last minute gift idea? 25% off all regular priced clothing merchandise; gift certificates are also available.

The Pro Shop & Golf Course will be open with winter hours Wednesday-Sunday, 9am-4:30pm. Tee times are available on those days 9am-3pm. (all hours are based on weather conditions).

The Hawkeye Grill will be open Wednesday-Sunday serving 11am-3pm. We will continue to offer burgers, brats, dogs, chicken wings, chili and everyone's favorite fries and onion rings! Have a wonderful holiday season and stay warm!

Ellen, Stan, Phil, Nolan and Sydney

