Putterings

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Kelly's Corner –

I wanted to remind everyone that decisions on what snow/ice treatments to have done, are not made lightly. If we receive 2 inches or more of snow, the contracted services are automatically done. When a judgement call needs to be made. I work with three Board members, the snow service company and watch weather alert notices. We try to lean on the side of safety first, but each weather system is unique, so please be patient with the decisions made. Our snow removal company is purchasing 6 additional snow blowers (for a total of 10), so we hope this speeds up the time they can clear everyone's driveways, walks and porches.

The lake dredging project is scheduled to begin this month. The first step of the project will be digging the 2 or 3 (approximately 1 acre) basins on the adjacent farm field property where the lake silt will eventually be pumped. This process will take about three weeks. Once ready, the 20 ton dredge will be unloaded with a crane and moved into the lake and the shoreline will be protected with cribbage. Our contractor anticipates very little disruption to golf play (if weather conditions allow) or damage to the turf. The actual dredging will take approximately 5 weeks during weekdays (10 hr days). The water should return to the lake from the silt basins through return line pipes fairly quickly so the lake level will not get too low. -Kellv

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Resident Spotlight

Cheryl Verel & Kathy Loesch

They call themselves "military brats from a large family" but, far beyond that, Kathy Loesch and Cheryl Verel are sisters with deep love and respect for



each other. They have lived together at HHR since 2014 when Cheryl came to help Kathy with her critically ill husband. At the time they didn't think the "visit" would be permanent but it worked so well that now they wouldn't have it any other way.

The sisters love reminiscing about growing up in a family of 10 kids although, because of an age difference, they weren't as close back then. Kathy was a teenager when Cheryl, the oldest, married and moved out. "But we both took care of the 'little kids," said Cheryl. "I passed the 'daycare' baton to her," noting that their Mom was pregnant with twins at the same time that Cheryl was pregnant with her first child.

They look back on very different careers – Kathy, assisting her husband in their State Farm Insurance Agency; Cheryl, as an administrative assistant. Today, Kathy stays active with volunteer work at Busch Rifle Range while Cheryl enjoys many HHR activities.

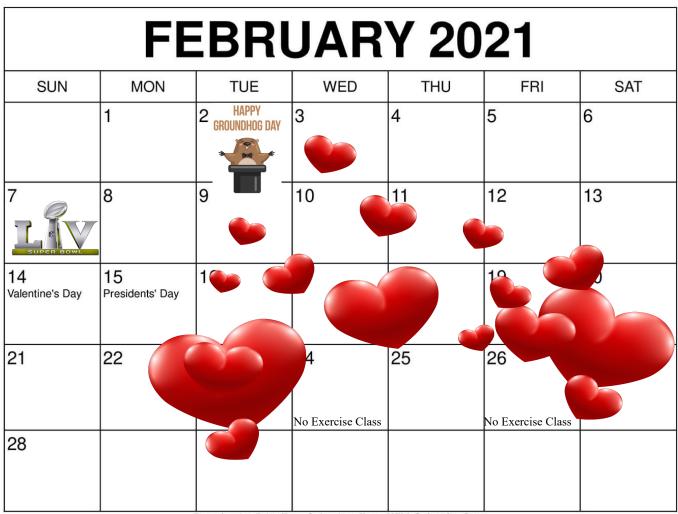
Kathy's blended family includes six children, 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Cheryl's includes two children, two stepchildren, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The two have defined their chosen roles that keep the household running smoothly. Cheryl is the cook while Kathy loves keeping a spotless home. They each have their own space and get together for meals, church and traveling, which they have continued, with great caution, during the pandemic. Recent travels with friends, have included State and National Parks, Blue Ridge Mountain Parkway, Hawaii and Hot Springs.

Sharing their lives has been everything the two could have hoped for. "We have mutual respect," said Cheryl, "and, even though we might disagree about some things, we've never had an argument!"

--By Joan Elliott





Weekly On-Going Events Listed Below

Monday

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

Tuesday 9am Mens Pinochle 11am MahJong

Wednesday

Thursday 9am Mens Pinochle 12:30 Open Bridge 1pm Low Roller Poker

Friday

9am Cardio Dance 10am Chair Stretch 1pm Mens Pinochle

<u>Saturday</u> 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!



What's Happening

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.



Super Bowl LV Squares

Squares are free, all you have to do is call the office and we will add your name to the board. See the flyer for all of the details. Deadline is February 5 at 1pm.

1. If you played any of the weekly HHR football pools, your name has already been added to the board. Do not add your name again. If we have blank squares after the deadline, we will fill in spots with the football pool players (drawn out of a hat).

2. Each resident is allowed to put their name on ONE square. Duplicate names will be erased.

3. The numbers will be drawn when the board is full.

4. A picture of the completed board will be on the HHR Facebook page.

5. To pick a square, call the office and we will add your name. Or come up to the clubhouse and fill your name in on the board.



February

There is still time to register for the RECIPE OF THE MONTH! The recipe this month is a sweet breakfast cake. The cost is \$5. Register by this Friday, 02/05. Your recipe will be delivered on Friday, 02/12. Click <u>HERE</u> to register on-line.



Alice Malzahn's Bible Study Group is starting a new session on Monday, February 1. We meet in the cardroom from 1-2:30pm. The subject is "Worry Less, Live More" God's prescription for a Better Life. Tables are distanced and masks are required.



Welcome to the HHR Family!

Colette & Larry Wilhelm Judith &John Cunningham Christopher & Geralyn Blomberg 93 Avian Court2035 Hawks Landing Dr.611 Falconcrest

HHR NEWS

BLOSSOM—A Gardening Column by resident, Ann Chandonnet

An HHR resident told me that she had used a well-known plant spray to fight pests, and the spray killed all the greenery. (This is the spray banned in some areas.) There are less expensive and less toxic plant sprays that can be whipped up right in your kitchen. Frontier housewives (in the days pre-sink) used soapy dish water in times of drought to moisten plants without harming them. Today, however, a tub of soapy water is not as accessible as it once was.



Neem oil will not harm your plants. Buy a bottle of the oil and mix as directed. I find this useful for rose bushes threatened by Japanese beetles. Apply every 2 or 3 days.

A mixture of 5 tablespoons dish soap with 4 cups water makes a good deterrent. But be sure not to use a soap that contains chlorine.

The insecticide pyrethrum is derived from marigolds. Some gardeners swear by planting marigolds as an insect-repelling border. An oil spray coats insects so they cannot breathe. Mix 1 cup vegetable oil, 1 tablespoon dish soap. Shake well. When ready to apply, mix 5 tablespoons with one quart water.

Saucers of beer (or near-beer) will entice slugs to drown.

CityBeat By: Gary Turner, Resident of HHR and Alderman, Ward I During January the Board of Aldermen held one meeting..

One of the most interesting items was the presentation made by an owner developer of a proposed apartment complex behind Walgreens, Imo's and First State Bank. The apartments will be 3 stories,, with a large pool and clubhouse. It backs up to I-64 and the architecture will be in keeping with that of the Meadows. The architectural elevations that were presented were in keeping with resident input in the city's approved comprehensive plant from 2 years ago. The part owner, investor in this project also has developed the Junction in Wentzville, and is part of the investor group that owns Imo's and Prados in Lake Saint Louis.

Audit Committee

Last week, Fred McGavran, the HHR Board Treasurer had a second meeting with the Audit Committee. This committee was established following the resident sessions where questions were raised concerning the need for an audit of the HHR funds and the accounting



procedures and processes. While the committee is continuing to do some research, they unanimously decided that a formal audit is not necessary, and the cost could not be justified. With that decision, the primary purpose of the committee has been met. In the future, the Board may consider a similar committee of residents with financial backgrounds to serve as a Financial Advisory Committee to help provide resources, if needed for special financial situations the HHRCA may encounter.

Golf News

From the Pro Shop...

1st day of spring is just 48 days away...be ready with an unlimited golf package! If you still need to register your personal golf cart, avoid the rush and stop in before golf season starts. Be sure to bring a completed registration form, insurance information and current photo of the golf cart.



February hours continue to be Wednesday – Sunday, 9am-4:30pm and the

Hawkeye Grill serving 11am-4pm. (Hours are subject to change based on weather conditions). We still have ladies outerwear and men's shirts—all 30% off while supplies last. Golf season will be here before we know it!

Ellen & Staff



We invite all HHR ladies interested to join or rejoin the Lady Hawks Golf League for 2021. If you were a member in 2020, registration forms have been emailed to you.

New member forms will be available at the proshop beginning 02/15. Due to the COVID-19 situation, the membership fee will be \$25, payable to Lady Hawks Golf League.

Registration forms can be turned into the Proshop beginning 02/15. We hope to begin play on April 15th.

Questions?? Contact Mary Ann Ginocchio-636-856-0463

Wednesday Night Men's League

The Wednesday Night Men's League will begin their 2021 season on 7 April. Reservations are now being accepted for this new season. Residents of HHR will have the first opportunity to sign-up their teams before registration is open to the new HHR residents. Teams will consist of two individuals and one substitute player. Team play uses an 18-point quota system to create team handicaps and; is played as a scramble with 20 weeks for 20teams.



Sign-in begins each Wednesday at 5pm.with play beginning promptly at 5:30pm; as a twoman scramble using the 18-point quota system.

To register, your team must do the following steps before Sunday, 14 March

- 1. Email your teams player's names to Steve Aubuchon at sja@centurytel.net to secure your team.
- 2. Send (or drop off) a payment of \$40 per team (to Steve Aubuchon or Jim Surber). We will use this down payment for the end-of-season awards and pizza dinner.

We look forward to our 15th season in 2021!!

Sincerely, Steve Aubuchon sja@centurytel.net Jim Surber jfsurber@charter.net If you have any questions, please call either Steve Aubuchon (314-578-7245) or Jim Surber (636-265-0977)