

Putterings

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Kelly's Corner –

I am happy this year looked a little more back to normal here at HHR. Every year I have to say it, we are extremely fortunate to have wonderful employees and staff and I thank them for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. I am looking forward to another productive and fun year ahead. Please remember to complete your ballot to vote for new Board members. The ballot drop box is in the clubhouse lobby. They are due by Dec. 3rd. Plan to join your neighbors at the annual Town Hall homeowners meeting on Dec. 15 at 6:00 pm. We will review accomplishment from the past year, new things planned for 2022, as well as discussions on the budget and assessments. The new HHR board members will also be introduced.

Have a wonderful holiday season. — Kelly

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Resident Spotlight

After the umpteenth person suggested that I write about myself . . . I caved. December seemed like a good month to do so since it's my 2nd anniversary at HHR and I can look back at two years of fun and friendship, reminding myself that this was an excellent choice.

I'm originally from Long Island but came to St. Louis in 1965, left in 2015 to spend four terrific years in North Carolina before returning to the "Show Me State". I have two sons and four grandchildren in NC; one son and five grandchildren here. All wonderful!!

Educational pursuits took me to SUNY-Potsdam and, after earning degrees in Education and French, I married and taught until my first son was born. During the ten years I was home with my kids I saw "All the President's Men" and knew, in my heart of hearts, that I was a "wannabe journalist." I did my journalism studies at Lindenwood and the "career of my heart" began.

I so love hearing people's stories – some happy, some incredibly sad – and sharing those stories with others. I've also been a travel writer – sharing the wonders of such far-away places as Germany, Switzerland and Mexico; but also, nearer-to-home . . . Indiana's covered bridges and Hot Spring's "baths." But my unabashed favorite was Paris, the "City of Lights," where I was blessed to have spent Christmas 2013, waking to the sound of Notre Dame's bells.

So, when someone at HHR asked me if I'd think about writing the Spotlight column my immediate response was, "I don't have to think about it; I'd love to."

Often, when I ask people to be in the Spotlight, they say, "No, I haven't done anything interesting in my life." Not true; we all have a story to tell. So, when I ask if you'd like to be the next Spotlight, please just say "Yes!" or better yet . . . call me and volunteer!

--By Joan Elliott



2021 DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 No Exercise	2	3 Tea Set-up No Exercise	4 Cup of Christmas Tea
5	6	7	8	9	10 CPR 3pm	11
12	13 Ladies Night 6pm	14	15 Town Hall 6pm	16 Holiday Pageant 6:30	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Luminary 4:30 No Exercise Office Closed	25 Potluck Breakfast
26	27 No Exercise	28	29 No Exercise	30	31 No Exercise	

Weekly On-Going Events Listed Below

Monday

9:00 Strength Training
10am Chair Cardio
1pm Low Roller Poker
1pm Bible Study
1pm Page Turners (2nd)
6:30 Cribbage (2nd/4th)

Tuesday

9am Pinochle
10am Chess Club
1pm Beginning Line Dance
2pm Line Dance
2pm Billiards
3pm Mahjong
3pm Heritage Singers
6:30 Men's Poker
6:30 Open Bridge

Wednesday

9am Piyo
10am Chair Strength
1pm Quilters (2nd)
1pm Mahjong (1st/3rd)
4pm Pom Pom
6:30 Hand & Foot

Thursday

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

Friday

9:00 Dance Aerobics
10:00 Chair Stretch
1pm Men's Pinochle
1pm Hand & Foot
6:30pm Pass the Trash

Saturday

10am Billiards



UPCOMING EVENTS

COVID-19 ADJUSTMENTS for upcoming activities

If you or your guests are not vaccinated, you are required to wear a mask indoors and strongly encouraged outside during activities and events.

Please do not come to activities if you are feeling ill.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 3PM

CPR is instructed very differently than many of us learned in the past. Kyle from St. Charles Ambulance District will be here to teach us the current techniques.

Sign up on the bulletin board to attend.



LADIES NIGHT

Monday, December 13 5:00pm

Ladies of HHR let's get together, eat, drink and play some silly games.

Wear your favorite comfy clothes, pajamas, anything goes!

This is just a casual evening among friends.

\$7 per person, residents only. Register by 12/9

Seating is limited. See the flyer for all of the details.



HOLIDAY PAGEANT

Thursday, December 16

6:30pm (doors open at 6:15)

This is HHR's Annual Holiday Show. It's a fun, low-key evening. No need to register. Come witness some of our very own neighborhood talent!

Light snacks and set-ups provided. Residents only.



CHRISTMAS
MORNING
POTLUCK
BREAKFAST
DEC 25
10:00AM

Please sign up on the bulletin board to attend. Free, but please bring a breakfast dish to share. Residents only.

Volunteers are needed to briefly help with set-up and clean up.
No staff will be on hand during the breakfast.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SNOW BIRDS . . .

Be sure to watch your emails and the hhr website to stay informed while you are away.



SOUPER MONDAYS

Back by popular demand this January!

Watch your emails for more information!



We are so glad that you are here.
Bernadette & Andrew Schneider—676 Falconcrest
Barb & Jim Surrell—2076 HLD
Evan & Janette Connell—357 Myna
Kim & Matt Weick—673 Falconcrest

Holiday Luminaries

For the past 18 years, 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 the clubhouse.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with the common areas. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help.

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

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



GOOD TO KNOW

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 Monday, December 20. Please be sure your lights are on by 5pm that evening.



Snow Events

Snow removal occurs if we have 2 inches of snow or more. We have 3 neighborhood snow captains who help determine when/if to have the roads treated and driveways shoveled.

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.



BLOSSOM—A gardening column by resident Ann Chandonnet

As I was reminded when taking a brief tour of the new Dierberg's store, fresh herbs are important to many fine cooks.

The display there is amazing--bigger than any other I have seen in this area.

Every year I grow five different herbs in my back yard.. One of them, rosemary, is a semi-evergreen, so I can harvest year round. The others are tender annuals. My sage does live over on its own. There is a wonderful appetizer using sage: Butternut Squash won tons served in a browned butter-sage leaf sauce. (The recipe can be googled.)

This column is meant to suggest that an appropriate gift for the home cook is a collection of herbs. I have been dealing with White Flower Farm for nearly 50 years now. What sold me on them was that I planted 100 of their tulip bulbs in Chugiak, Alaska, and 99 came up the following spring!

White Flower offers two assortments of tender herbs--both intended for growth in a kitchen during the winter.

The Farmhouse Kitchen Herb Collection (\$79) contains rosemary, sage, thyme and oregano in an attractive box. Care means only a south-facing window and the occasional watering. Their second offering is the Cook's Herb Trio (\$49): three embossed white ceramic pots in a matching tray. The herbs are Golden Sage, rosemary and English thyme.

Address: whiteflowerfarm.com. or 1-800-503-9624.



Golf News

From the Pro Shop.....

Happy Holidays from the Pro Shop...

...December hours will be Wednesday-Sunday, 9am-4:30pm; the Hawkeye Grill will be open Wednesday-Sunday, 11am-4pm.

(Course and Pro Shop hours will be dependent on the weather)

...Happy Hour will be Wednesdays, 3-5pm. Stay tuned for the special each week.

...Need some ideas for Christmas? We have you covered with gift certificates or a 2022 golf membership. Take advantage of 30% off all clothing merchandise. (While supplies last)

THE PRO SHOP



HHR Golf Committee Corner – December 2021

Since the HHR Golf Course is a big part of our community, your HHR Golf Committee is always looking for feedback and suggestions. If you have a suggestion or comment, please pass on your thoughts to one of the Committee Members: Steve Becherer (Chairman), Elvira Johnson, Connie Talmadge, Steve Dix or Dave Knopf.



In November the HHR Golf Committee expanded to seven members. The new members are Andrea Peebles and Steve Schauer.

The 2021 golf season was a great success. Below are some accomplishments to mention:

This year we had twelve events/tournaments participated by 524 golfers.

There was good attendance in our Lady Hawkes and Men's Golf Leagues, Men's Monday and Saturday Morning Play, Friday Night Resident Golf and the Monday Night Putting for Fun.

The monthly HHR Golf Committee Corner is now published in the Putterings.

New faucets were installed in the Pro-Shop restrooms in April to address the water pressure problems.

Repairs were made to the Pro Shop exterior in June and landscaping improvements in July.

Repair work and sealing of the cart paths started on June 6 and was completed in July.

A dedicated web page "HHR Golf" was added to the HHR Web Site in July. This page includes HHR Golf Committee information, the HHR Golf Guide, golf event flyers and the monthly HHR Golf Committee Corner.

Hole yardage was verified for the new hole signs and score cards were updated in July/August.

A new Hawkeye Grill sign was installed in August.

Lake dredging completed in August.

New shingles were installed on maintenance building and pump house in October.

A French drain was installed on hole #8 in November.

Thanks to all who participated, and to Ellen, Tammy and their staffs for making our golf course a big part of our community. We look forward to an exciting season in 2022.