



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT By: Joan Elliot



Dave Neptune

Americans watched in shock and horror as the Twin Towers came down on 9-11. That shock was especially meaningful for Civil Engineer Dave Neptune, who had overseen the construction and quality-assurance testing of the floor trusses that supported the building. "I couldn't believe what was happening; it didn't seem real," he said, looking back. "We had run fire-proofing tests at UL," he said, "but it's likely that the planes that hit the towers had jet fuel with higher ignition temperatures."

That was just one of many projects this HHR resident oversaw in his 43 years as a professional engineer. Others included the largest cereal plant built by Ralston Purina in Nevada and the largest soybean processing plant built by Bunge, in cooperation with Alberici, in Iowa. A graduate of Mizzou with a B.S. in Civil Engineering and M.S. in Construction Management, Dave knew he didn't want to calculate shear loads. "I wanted to build stuff," he said with a chuckle.

Dave's personal life was equally interesting. Raised as an only child, he and his wife Carol had seven children and he is now the proud grandpa of 20 grandchildren, ranging in age from 23 to 2. Sadly, his wife passed away in 2010 after 44 years of marriage. "Five of my children and their families live within 35 minutes of me," he said. "I want to be a good influence in their lives."

Dave was always interested in sports, as a participant as well as a spectator. A favorite memory was playing on an all-Black semi-professional baseball team, the St. Louis Diamonds. He coached 35 CYC teams from basketball to soccer to baseball; his children and grandchildren have followed in his footsteps.

Dave believes in the importance of giving back to his community and, as such, serves on the Architectural Review Committee; he attends Out-And-About trips, enjoys the Page Turners book club, Geek Meet and plays Bridge, Golf and Tennis. "I wanted to live with people my age in an active community where I could get involved and not just say 'hello' to my neighbors," he said. "HHR is perfect."

Kelly's Corner

Cosmetic changes and updates to the clubhouse bathrooms will begin later this month. We will work on the men's room first (week of Feb. 21st) and the women's room will follow. We strive to always have one restroom open and in full use. Please see the selection display board in the east hall to view the bath selections and colors. Many residents liked the Christmas lights across the lake bridge this season. We are investigating the cost of installing permanent year round lights on the bridge. In mid-late January all monument and landscape lighting has been repaired by the entrance, guard shack and along Hawks Landing Blvd. The Estates subdivision split the cost of these repairs with our HOA. Please report any pot holes or street repairs you notice to me. I am keeping a running list of street concerns to evaluate and have fixed this spring. Please remember, for the immediate future, we strongly encourage everyone to wear masks at the HHR clubhouse and pro shop.

Upcoming Events & Activities

See the flyers for all of the details.

ON-GOING WEEKLY ACTVIITES

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

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

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

T

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

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

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10am Billiards

Valentine's Dinner Dance -February 12 @ 6:30pm

\$8 a person, reserved seating. Register by 2/4.

Residents only. Sign up at the clubhouse to choose your table.

Dinner Catered by: West Allen Grill

Set-ups provided, BYOB.



2-22-22

Join us for Taco Twosday and Fun. Doors open at 5pm. Dinner served at 5:22.

Tea & Water Provided. BYOB

TWOstep lessons at 6:22

\$5, sign up on-line or at the clubhouse office by 02/15. Open seating, resident's only.

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Have you visited our website lately?



Our favorite GEEK (Larian Johnson) worked hard to make our new website more user friendly. Go look around on the pages. Can't find what you are looking for? Call the office and we will help you find it. If you don't have the code for the secure section, just call the office and we can get it for you.

Changes and additions are still being made, so let us know what you think.

PRINTED DIRECTORY—Many residents have asked us to print the resident directory for them. It is available on the website, but some want the paper. We hear you and are working hard on it. We will have a rough draft for you to edit very soon. So, if there has been any changes in your household (email, cell phones) let us know right away. More details coming soon.



Sign up on the board or call the clubhouse & we can put your name in.

One square per residents. Limited number of squares, get in early.



Wednesday, February 16
Movie Starts @ 5:30pm

Bring your own snacks & drinks. Or even a brown bag dinner.

Feature film: First Wives Club

Sign up on the bulletin board please.

Essential Oil

Make & Take Seminar

Thursday, Feb 24 at 4pm

Free to attend. Sign up on-line or at the office.

Friends/Family are welcome.



Save the Date

03/11 Blood Drive
03/13 St. Patrick's Day Dinner
03/25 Chocolate & Wine Pairing
04/09 Neighborhood Party
04/23 Spring Fling
05/06 Mother's Day Luncheon
05/21 HHR Birthday Party
07/04 Parade & More
07/16 Comedy Night
10/29 Halloween Party
11/05 Vendor Fair
11/11 Veterans Day Luncheon
11/19 Friendsgiving

Many more dates are in the works, watch for updates. These dates are subject to change.

What's Happening

Care and Concern Committee - we need your help!

Through the efforts of the Sunshine, Casserole and memorial sub-committees, CCC provides greeting cards, gifts, memorial reception for spouse in case of death, food to our neighbors who are ill (one time, if needed). We ask your help so that we don't miss someone! If you hear of a neighbor who you feel would benefit, please let us know by phone, email or text to one of the following listed below. It is also helpful to know when a resident returns home after hospitalization so that a meal can be delivered.

If you are interested in being part of CCC, please let us know. Our next general meeting is April 4, 11:30 am at the clubhouse.

Nancy Doerer, ndoerer@charter.net 314-265-5748 or Debbie Hoel, debbiehoel@mail.com 636-699-5238

BLOSSOM, A Gardening column by resident Ann Chandonnet

Now is the time to begin planning how or if you want to change your landscaping. April will soon be here, and that is generally the month that trees and shrubs can be safely planted.



Consider planting your side yard. Do you want a cypress that will block wind?

Do you want a forsythia hedge that can be shaped? Do you like spring flowering trees?

The redbud is very popular along our streets. It's adaptable and dependable, but its water needs vary by species. For a sideyard, the Chinese Redbud (10-12 feet tall) or the Western Redbud (10 to 18') works. However, remember, trees have width, and the ultimate width needs to be figured into your planting. The Western Redbud can grow to 10 to 18 feet wide, so if you dig it in next to a corner of the house, soon it may be bumping the front window. You also need to consider how wet the spot is; some HHR yards vary from dry to soggy.



*We are so happy
you are here.*

Gayle Smith—52 Toucan
Ben & Julie Shields—2056 HLD

Event & Clubhouse Reminders

We've noticed at a few recent events/activities that folks may need a reminder that it is up to EVERYONE to keep our clubhouse looking beautiful.

-You are responsible to clean up after yourself at events. (Throw your trash away, wash glasses/dishes if you used any, return furniture if you moved it). Do not leave dishes in the sink to be washed and please do not put wine glasses in the dishwasher because the lipstick doesn't come off.

-We often need volunteers to help with events, please consider helping with set-up or clean up if you are able.

Thank you for your help & cooperation, Maggie

HHR Golf Committee Corner – February 2022

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, Andrea Peebles, Dave Knopf, Steve Dix and Steve Schauer.

Although it's only February, it's time to start thinking about the 2022 Golf season. The Golf Committee is working on the 2022 Tournament/Event Schedule. We hope to have the schedule finalized in mid- February. In the meantime, check out the following 2022 information for leagues and groups:

The **Men's Wednesday Night Golf League** will start on Wednesday April 6. For more information about the league and how to sign up contact either Steve Aubuchon (314-578-7245) or Jim Surber (636-265-0977) or see the [Men's Wednesday Golf League](#) flyer.

The **Lady Hawks Golf League** is a fun-loving group of lady golfers that meet every Wednesday beginning April 13 to October 31, 2022 (weather permitting). We have different events each week - designed by our creative ladies and prizes are awarded at the end of the year. If you are a lady golfer and want to join in the fun, please print the [Lady Hawks Registration Form](#). The form can also be found on the HHRLifestyle.org website under Flyers and or Golf. A check for \$50 must accompany the form and must be in by March 1st. You don't have to be a great golfer to join us. We have 4 flights and many differing abilities, so you will be welcomed by all. For more information contact Jan Worley at 636-459-8550 or Connie Talmadge at 817-233-8790.

The **Monday Morning Men's' Group** will start on Monday April 4. For more information about the group contact Steve Aubuchon at 314-578-7245.

The **Saturday Morning Men's Group** will start Saturday April 9. For more information about the group contact Dave Knopf at 636-248-1595.

The **Friday Night Resident Golf** begins on May 6. This is a weekly 9-hole event of mixed, men and women, golf group. Your non-playing spouse or significant other is welcome to join us for dinner and a silly card game called "Pass the Trash". Sign up weekly in the pro shop by noon on Thursday, with check-in on Friday at 4:00 and play begins at 4:30. Contact Mary Ellen Klotz or Dick Faxon for more information.

We are looking for volunteers to run the **Putting-for-Fun League**. This is a fun event for all residents of all skill levels and a great way to meet your fellow residents. The event takes place on the putting green with the holes being set up similar to miniature golf course. The holes are designed by a group of residents and all can take part in designing holes. This event takes place every other Monday and starts usually in late May and runs through mid-September. If you are interested, please contact one of the HHR Golf Committee Members