

PUTTERINGS NEWSLETTER February 2024

Jen's Corner

Weather. What a difference a year makes! To date in 2024, crews have been called out six times. When it snows two inches or more, the service is automatic and expected. However, with ice that is not the case. The event of January 21-22 is proof that the decision is not always an easy one to make, and in the end, it may not make a difference.

Mid-day on the 21st, it did not appear we would be impacted. By 4pm, after numerous weather checks and consultation with our snow captains, I was on the phone with the snow removal company scheduling trucks to treat the streets. They were here twice within 12 hours, and our streets were still treacherous.

By comparison, the snow removal company treated the streets once throughout the winter of 2023.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during inclement weather. Let's hope the worst is behind us for another year.
- Jen

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT By: Joan Elliott

Ron and JoAnn Rychwalski

Ron and JoAnn Rychwalski smile broadly as they recall Milwaukee's Million Dollar Ballroom; dancing the night away to the music of Glenn Miller, Les Brown and other "Big Bands." It was the activity they enjoyed most in the early days of their 65-year marriage, while square



dancing in matching outfits later kept the dancing flame alive.

Ron served in Germany during the "Cold War," then took advantage of the G.I. Bill to study production and purchasing management. That landed him a job with Delco Electronics, maker of parts for Apollo and Polaris guidance systems. Later, for 20 years, he worked as purchasing manager at Bucyrus-Erie.

During those years JoAnn was a happy "stay-at-home" Mom, enjoying time with their two sons, now successful men who have blessed them with five wonderful grandchildren. Later she worked in purchasing at a local hospital.

As their sons contemplated prospective jobs (David as an engineer; Paul, an ophthalmologist) the Rychwalski's made a request that became quite auspicious. They said, "If you decide to move away, please pick a place that will be fun for us to visit."

That's exactly what happened when Paul, who worked at the Cleveland Clinic, was assigned to Abu Dabi to help select equipment for a Cleveland Clinic "satellite." The Rychwalskis visited for three weeks, which included Christmas. Ron's eyes lit up as he talked about the outdoor Christmas Eve service they attended with thousands of people representing various religious denominations on each corner of a huge block. "There were 5,000 people at the service we attended," he said. "And, in spite of the fact that most people there are Muslims, they put out a sign that said 'Happy Birthday, Jesus.'"

In general, they found the Saudi people to be friendly and, with great wealth at hand, very progressive. "I was shocked," said JoAnn, "when we walked into a mall and saw 'The Gap.'"

The two have always loved playing Marathon Bridge but now just JoAnn plays. "I enjoy staying home and reading," Ron said. "We take good care of each other and we're happy and contented just to be here in this lovely community."

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Upcoming Events & Activities See the flyers for all of the details.

ON-GOING WEEKLY ACTVIITES

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10 Video Exercise
11am Exercise MP
1:00 Bible Study
1pm Low Roller Poker
1pm Page Turners (2nd)
6:30 Cribbage Beginners
(2nd/4th)
6:30 Texas Hold 'Em 3rd

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9am Pinochle
9:30 Cardio with
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10am Chess Club
1:30 Line Dance
2pm Billiards
3 Heritage Singers
3-5 Bridge 101
6pm Texas Hold 'Em
6:30 Men's Poker

6:30 Open Bridge

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9am Bocce
11am Quilters (2nd)
12:30 Open Bridge
1PM Low Roller
Poker
1pm Diamond Dot
2pm Ask a Geek
(2nd)
4:30 Rosary (2nd)
6pm Mexican Train
(1st & 3rd)

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10am Video Exercise 11am Exercise MP 1pm Men's Pinochle 1pm Hand & Foot 6:30pm Pass the Trash

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9:30 Dance Aerobics 10am Billiards

2024 FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	Scott & Karl 6pm	3
Metro Brass Band 3pm	5	6	7	8	9 Valentine's Party 5pm	10
11 Super Bowl 4pm	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	Margarita Day 7pm	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		© BlankCalendarPages.co

Upcoming Events

SOUPER MONDAYS continue for the month of February at noon. What is Souper Monday? Several residents sign up in advance to bring a pot of soup. Other residents often bring dessert. No need to sign up to attend. Just come on up and enjoy a yummy lunch and great conversation with your neighbors.





Scott Laytham & Karl "Trickee" Holmes

Friday, February 2—6-9pm

Light snacks provided.

\$7 per person. Registration is closed.



Saint Louis Metropolitan Brass Band

Sunday, February 4 from 3-4pm

Once again we are honored and grateful to welcome this amazing ensemble to our clubhouse for an incredible concert.

No registration necessary. Light snacks provided. Open to friends and family.





Friday, 02/09

Doors open at 4:30 5:00 Dinner Served 5:30-8:30 music by Matt Gagnepain

Registration is now closed.



Super Bowl Watch Party

Sunday, February 11

Doors open at 4:00 - Game starts at 5:30
Chili & fixin's provided
Bring your favorite Super Bowl Snack to Share.
Set-Ups Provided – BYOB
Open to Friends/Family.
\$5 per person - All must REGISTER by 02/06

More Happenings

BLUES-ARITA

Thursday, February 22

7:00 Puck Drop Doors open at 6:30 We can't miss a chance for Margaritas & the BLUES!! Chips/Salsa and Margaritas included! \$7 per person, residents only REGISTER by 02/16









Sunday, March 10 — 5-8pm, doors open at 4:15

HHR is honored to feature THE IRISH AIRES to help us celebrate the Irish!

4:30 Baked Potato Bar Opens

\$9 per person, residents only. Wear your best Green & Gold!

Register by 3/1

The EggMazing



Saturday, March 23 6pm Doors Open

6:30 Race Begins

It's a challenging game that is part scavenger hunt and part escape room! We will have teams of 4 people. You can sign up as a team or we can add you to a team.

Registration opens 02/05. All must register at the clubhouse by Mon, 03/11 to allow time for us to prepare the game.

\$12 per person. Event is limited to 60 people. Light snacks and set-ups provided.

Chick Flick

Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13)



Wednesday, February 21

5:30pm

Come on up and join in on the fun. Bring your own drinks & a brown bag dinner if you'd like.

No need to register.

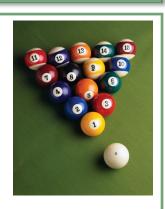


NEWS

Looking for more men and women interested in joining us for pool in the clubhouse pool room.

We play both 8-ball and cutthroat at 2 p. m. each Tuesday and 10 a. m. every Saturday for an hour, sometimes a little more.

New bumpers will be installed and the pool table will be recovered this spring. Cue sticks will be re-tipped or replaced as well.



Present players will introduce house rules as we play. If you've played before, never played or haven't played for fifty years, please join us and try it out.

Questions? Call or text Bill Sparacino, (314)496-1783 or e-mail bill.sparacino@gmail.com

HHR Whiskey Club

Who wants to taste different whiskeys at a great price? If you do, then come to the first meeting/tasting of this newly formed HHR club on Thursday, March 21, at 7PM in the clubhouse ballroom. You can sign up for the club by submitting a check for \$10 per person for initial/annual dues,



made payable to HHR Whiskey Club. We already have 30 people that have signed up. Typically, we will taste 4-5 whiskeys each month (3/4 ounce pours) with a knowledgeable presenter discussing information about each whiskey. Tastings will be \$10 per person. Guests of residents can attend as well. We will be starting off with tasting 4 Irish whiskeys.

If you are not sure and would like to get more information before becoming a member, please send an email to the club email - hhrwhiskeyclub@gmail.com. It's going to be a fun and informative group. And where else will you be able to taste 4 or more whiskeys for \$10.

Have you—

- 1. Sent a photo for the photo directory? You can update your photo anytime. Send it to Maggie, events@heritageofhawkridge.com
- 2. Signed in to our Facebook page?
- 3. Signed up to receive text messages? Text JOIN to 636-200-2106



GOOD TO KNOW

From the Pro Shop & Hawkeye Grill...

From the Pro Shop...

Happy February! Pro Shop & Golf Course hours will continue to be Wednesday-Sunday 9am-4:30pm; the Hawkeye Grill will be serving Wednesday-Sunday, 11am-4:30pm. (all times are subject to weather conditions)

The Hawkeye Grill will offer specials during Lent. We will start the specials on Ash Wednesday, February 14th and continue every Friday through Lent. Specials will include fish, tuna salad or egg salad sandwiches and variety of meatless soups.

While supplies last, 35% off all outerwear.

Spring will be here soon!

The HHR Story-Tellers Group Is "Alive & Well" and You Are Invited

Join us Wednesday February 28th at 1 P.M.

Write your own story to share or come listen to one of ours.

This month's topic ideas include, but are not limited to:

What I learned in kindergarten and still use.

A moment in our country's history - and I was there.

A family tradition I miss - or still carry on.

A poem I wrote or one I read that speaks to me.

Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many story loving neighbors to plan for.

Event Registration Update

Best way to register? Open the flyer that is found on the website hhrlifestyle.org.. Then click on the registration link that is embedded in the flyer.

Watch for your confirmation emails/texts so you know what you have registered for already. It might be helpful to create a folder in your email to save all your HHR receipts.





HHR Golf Committee Corner – February 2024

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 your thoughts on to one of the Committee Members: Barb Rogers (Chairperson), Elvira Johnson, Sally Paland, Gary Dyrek, Beth Beckfeld, Mike Feldewerth, or Steve Schauer.

Although it is only February, it is time to start thinking about the 2024 Golf season. The 2024 Calendar of Golf Events can be found on the HHRlifestyle.org website under 'Golf', or click the following link: 2024 Calendar of Golf Events

Also check out the following information for this year's leagues and groups:

Men's Monday Morning Group will start on Monday April 1. Check-in at 8:30 am, play begins at 9:00 am. For more information about the group, contact Steve Aubuchon at 314 578-7245.

Wednesday Night Men's Golf League will start on Wednesday April 3. Check-in at 4:30 pm, play begins at 5:00 pm. For more information about the league and how to sign-up, contact either Steve Aubuchon (314 578-7245) or Jim Surber (636 265-0977). Information about the league can be found on the HHRlifestyle.org website under 'Golf', and then scroll down to 'February 2024'. Or click the following link: 2024 Wednesday Night Men's Golf League

Men's Saturday Morning Group will start Saturday April 6. Check-in at 8:30 am, play begins at 9:00 am. For more information about the group, contact TBD

Ladies of Leisure (LOL) is a group for all golf levels, beginner thru experienced. This is a weekly event, every Tuesday (weather permitting) starting on Tuesday May 14th. Check-in at 9:00 am and play begins at 9:30 am. The LOL group provides a great venue for those that want to learn the game of golf or those that want to improve their game and enjoy a fun day! For more information about the group, contact Connie Talmadge at 817 233-8790.

Lady Hawkes Golf League is a fun-loving group of lady golfers that meet every Wednesday beginning April 10 thru October 23 (weather permitting). Check-in is 9:00 am, play begins at 9:30 am. You don't have to be a great golfer to join the Lady Hawkes. There are 4 flights and many differing abilities, so you will be welcomed by all. There are different events each week designed by our creative ladies, and prizes are awarded at the end of the year. If you want to join in the fun, please print and send in the registration form. The form can be found on the HHRlifestyle.org website under 'Golf', and then scroll down to 'February 2024'. Or click the following link: 2024 Lady Hawkes Golf League Registration Form A check for \$60 must accompany the form and must be in by March 15th. For more information contact Sandy Wirtz at 314 438-7792 or Sandy Dyrek at 815 307-6874.

Friday Night Resident Golf begins on Friday May 3. This is a weekly 9-hole event for mixed, men, and women golf groups. Your non-playing spouse or significant other is welcome to join us for pot luck dinner and a silly card game called 'Pass the Trash' after golf. Sign up weekly in the Pro Shop by noon on each Thursday. Check-in on Friday is 4:00 pm, play begins at 4:30 pm. For more information about the group, contact Dick Faxon.