



### Resident Spotlight by Deb Lindell

#### Laurie Feldman

Laurie Feldman was born and raised in a small town in northern Iowa, where from an early age her father instilled in her the values of hard work, humility, faith, as well as a life purpose to make the lives of those around her better.

Initially interested in becoming a doctor, she found her passion and calling in education. After earning her education degrees at the University of Northern Iowa, she moved to the St Louis area and worked in the field of special education until the early 2000s. She was truly a pioneer, developing tools and activities to aid in the development of her students and helping families understand the abilities of their children.

In 2007, she ran for and won a seat on the St Charles city council, where she served for 10 years. She found that her organizational and people skills helped her serve the community well.

In 2015, a tragic accident changed Laura's life forever. While attempting to move a flower box, she fell 12 feet to the ground. When she came to, she was able to use the cell phone in her pocket to call 911, undoubtedly saving her life. Injuries included 13 broken bones, a lacerated liver, ruptured spleen and, punctured lung. The experience was both physically and spiritually life-changing. A life-long Presbyterian, her faith, in her words, "went from the background to the foreground," as she let God take over and became more determined to bring joy to others.

Laurie's life has been full. She is an avid golfer, a worldwide traveler, and grateful to have daughters and grandchildren nearby. However, in 2023, she realized she needed a busier, more active community. She visited HHR and bought a home here at Hawk Ridge just 1 year ago. Since then, she has fully embraced the community and activities. She loves being involved with people who look forward to tomorrow. Life here at Hawk Ridge, as she says, offers the opportunity for a new beginning!



#### From the Pro Shop & Hawkeye Grill...

It's hard to believe golf season is coming to an end. We've had a great season and already making plans for 2025.

If you're out and about, stop by to see the new patio. Furniture will be coming soon.

Starting December 1st our winter hours will be Wednesday-Sunday 9am-4:30pm; tee times will be available 9am-3pm. The Hawkeye Grill will be serving Wednesday-Sunday, 11am-4:30pm. ( All hours are based on weather conditions)

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful residents, members and golfers for the support of our staff and operation over the years. I will be retiring at the end of the year and passing the torch to our new Pro Shop Manager, Gabbe Keefe. Please give Gabbe a huge welcome.

May your holidays be blessed with family and friends. Ellen, Gabbe & Staff



## Upcoming Events & Activities

See the flyers for all of the details.

### ON-GOING WEEKLY ACTVIITES

M	T	W	T	F
8-12 Pickleball 9am Aerobic Exercise 10 Video Exercise (B) 1pm Bible Study (M) 1 Low Roller Poker (B) 1pm Page Turners (2nd) (C) 6:30 Cribbage Beginners (2nd/4th) (C)	9am Pinochle (M) 9:30 Fit For Life 10am Chess Club (C) 1-3 Bridge 101 (C) 2pm Billiards (C) 2pm Heritage Singers (B) 6pm Texas Hold 'Em (B) 6:30 Men's Poker (B) 6:30 Open Bridge (C)	8-12 Pickleball 10 Video Exercise (B) 12:30 Mahjong NL (C) 1pm Genealogy (2nd) (AR) 1pm Mahjong (M) 1pm Story-Tellers Group (4th) (A) 2:30pm Line Dance (B) 4pm Pom (B) 6:30 Hand & Foot (C)	9am Pinochle (M) 11am Quilters (2nd) (A) 12:30 Open Bridge (C) 1PM Low Roller Poker B 2 Ask a Geek (2nd) (V) 2pm Table Tennis 3:00 Rosary (2nd) (C) 6pm Mexican Train (1st & 3rd) (C) 7 Whiskey Club (3rd)(B)	8-12 Pickleball 10am Video Exercise (B) 1pm Men's Pinochle (M) 1pm Hand & Foot (C) 6:30pm Pass the Trash (B)
				<b>Sat</b> 8:30 Yoga/Pilates (B) 9:30 Aerobic Fitness 10am Billiards
				<b>Sun</b>

**Clubhouse Rooms**

Ballroom (B)    Card Room (C)  
 Meeting Room (M) - outside the library  
 Activity Room (A) - formerly the craft room

# DECEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Annual Meeting 5:30	3	4 Ellen's Party 3-5	5	6 Clubhouse Closed for Tea	7 Cup of Tea 10am
8	9 Ladies Night 5:30 No Christi	10 No Christi	11	12	13	14 No Christi
15 Cookies with Santa 1-3	16	17	18	19 Holiday Pageant 6:30	20	21
22	23 Office Closes @ noon	24 -----Office	25 Closed-----	26 Office Closes @ noon	27	28
29	30 Office Closes @ noon	31	1 Office Closed	2	3	4

## Upcoming Events

See the flyers for all the details.



### HHR LADIES NIGHT

#### HHR Annual Holiday Ladies Night

Monday, December 9 — 5pm Doors Open 5:30-7:30 — Show & Dinner

Set-ups provided, BYOB. Registration is closed



#### HHR CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR—Thursday, 12/12 5-8pm

Come one, come all! Residents, your friends & family, the more the merrier. Your \$20 donation will be used to benefit the USO at St. Louis Lambert International Airport and the Mid America Veterans Museum.

Pick up maps at 5pm at the clubhouse. All homes are in the HHR community.

\$20 per person checks payable to Trish McCullen. Turn in at the office or cash at the door.



Sunday, 12/15

1-3pm

Grab your camera and the kiddos to visit with Santa.

Silly Jilly the Balloon Artist will be here too!

Free, please [REGISTER](#) all attendees by 12/10.

HHR residents are asked to donate cookies. See the flyer for more.

**“A Night at The Races” will be held on January 18, 2025** hosted by the Care and Concern Committee. Beat the Winter Blahs and join us for a fun night. There will be heavy hors d’oeuvres, set ups, Soda, water, coffee. BYOB. Doors open at 6pm and races start at 7pm.

There will be 12 races with a Lady’s Hat Contest, 50/50’s, specialty drinks, and attendance prizes and much more. A flyer will be available on 12/7/24 with more information. \$20 per person check only, made payable to Care and Concern. Reserve a table of 8 for \$150. Name a horse in a race for \$5 or entire race (6 horses) for \$25. **Reservation forms will be available at the club house on 12/9/24.**



#### Christmas Morning Potluck Breakfast

10:30am

Join your neighbors to celebrate the holiday.  
Residents only. Please sign up on the bulletin board and bring a breakfast dish to share.



## Here's the Scoop



**Tuesday, December 31**  
**7:30-12:30am**

Featuring: The Charlie Mann Band  
Sit Down Dinner provided by Valenti's.  
Choose your entrée at registration.

Resident's only. Reserved seating — tables of 8.  
\$55 per person

You may register individually or up to a table of 8. Checks to HHR or credit card accepted at registration.

Tables still available! Registration/Cancellation ends 12/09.



**SOUPER MONDAYS**— Noon in the ballroom. Starts Monday, 1/6.

Join us every Monday in January & February for some warm soup and neighborly conversation. No need to register, just show up. We can eat until the pot is empty. We need a few others to pick a date to bring a pot too. Please sign up on the bulletin board to bring soup.



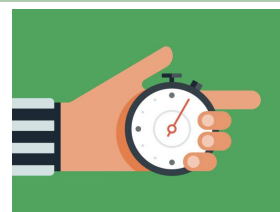
**GAME NIGHT**

**January 11**

**6:30pm**

Join us to play silly Minute to Win It type games, eat snacks and have fun with your neighbors. Residents only. FUN volunteers needed to help with games.

[REGISTER](#) and pay \$10 each by 01/02.



**Wine Tasting**

**Wednesday, 01/15**

**6pm**

Christine with Scout & Cellar will be here to teach us a thing or two about wine and let us try them to find out what we like. Light snacks and set-ups provided. Open to friends & family over 21. \$5 - [REGISTER](#) BY 01/07.



**Northern Lights**  
**Party**

**Saturday, 01/25**

**6-9pm**

Let's DANCE the night away with [Julie & Drew](#) while we celebrate the beauty of aurora borealis!

Residents only. Open seating.

[REGISTER](#) & pay \$10 by 01/20



# Holiday Happenings at HHR

## Holiday Luminaries

For the past 20+ 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 for \$1 each. **This is the one time we take cash.** To be consistent, we use luminary candles only. Do not use votive candles. This year we are using battery powered luminary candles. The new candles have been tested and have stayed lit for over 1 week. But, we ask that you bring them in on 12/25. You can likely use the batteries again next year. 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 clean them and 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. If you are not home on 12/24, please try to make arrangements with a neighbor to put out your luminaries.



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. There is a sample at the clubhouse office.

**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

## 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 16. Please be sure your lights are on by 5pm that evening. The winners from last year, can not win again.



## Christmas Ornament

It is HHR Tradition for each household to add an ornament to the clubhouse Christmas Tree.



Please write your name & the year you moved to HHR on the ornament.

Put it on the tree anytime you like.



## Clubs & Activities

### HHR Whiskey Club

Due to conflicting event schedules and the numerous other holiday activities, there will not be a whiskey club event in December. We will resume our monthly tastings on the 3rd Thursday in January.

The club has had a great first year, tasting and learning about a variety of whiskeys. We have had 30-50 people attend our tastings each month and the club continues to grow. The Whiskey Club Committee is making plans for next year and have already lined up some guest speakers. See next month's Putterings for what we will be tasting in 2025. As it was this year, the cost to join the club is \$10 and each monthly tasting is \$10. Guests of members are always welcome and spouses/friends can also come as a non-taster for no charge if they just want to observe. They can even bring their own beverage of choice to sip on while the rest of us try out the 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](mailto:hhrwhiskeyclub@gmail.com). It continues to be a fun and informative group. And where else will you be able to taste 4 or more whiskeys for \$10.



### HHR Genealogy Club 2.0

Next Meeting – 11 December 2024 1 – 2:30 p.m.  
HHR Clubhouse Ballroom (this month only)

Subject: Using Ancestry and FamilySearch: Questions and Answers

All subsequent meetings will be on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the HHR Clubhouse Activities Room from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Please let Bill Scroggin ([wdsrog@aol.com](mailto:wdsrog@aol.com)) know if there is a subject of interest to you for upcoming meetings. If you plan on attending, please let Bill know.



### The Board of the Lady Hawkes Golf League

wants to extend its sincere appreciation to the ladies (and their spousal support) who contributed to the success of the 2024 season. Mark your calendar for the 2025 season beginning with brunch on March 26. May your holidays be blessed, and your New Year happy.



WELCOME  
to the neighborhood

*We are so happy you are here!*

Cathy Grady 48 Toucan Drive  
Renee & Jerry Lambert 335 Myna

## Good to Know

### SNOW BIRDS . . .

Be sure to watch your emails and the HHR website to stay informed while you are away. You can always register for events via phone or online.



### Hello All- Sharing a few City updates.

Officer Dickens of Lake Saint Louis has been honored with an award! See the news story here: [KMOV](#)

MODoT will begin a 600 million dollar, multi year project in the spring of 2025.

A map is attached and a link with more detailed information can be found [here](#).

This is public knowledge, so feel free to share. Wishing All a Happy Thanksgiving!

Jackie Schauer, Alderman, Ward 1



**Are you in the HHR Directory??** When was the last time you updated your picture? Or contact information? Please take a moment and make sure you are updated. If you need help, come see Maggie or Jen.



### We can help!

Would you like helping getting the **HHR website** on your home screen on your phone? Doing so will make it much easier to find documents, register for events and more.

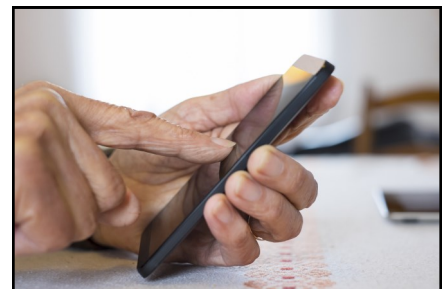
Would you like help getting the **Resident Directory on your phone?**

Once it's downloaded to your phone, it's so easy to use.

Pop in and see Maggie on either of theses dates, between the times shown and she will help you

**Wednesday, 12/4 10:30-11:30am**

**Monday, 12/16 1-2pm**



### Poms

December rehearsals will be at 4pm:

Tuesday Dec. 3rd, Wednesday Dec. 11 & 18.

We'll be on break until Jan. 8th.



## Tidbits

### Flag Detail

A special thank you to all the members of the HHR Flag Detail. Our neighborhood was beautifully decorated 3 times this year with flags in front of homes for Memorial Day, Independence Day and of course, Veterans Day. The front entrance and clubhouse were decorated for the above dates plus Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Labor Day, Patriots Day and Election Day. The front entrance was also decorated for POW/MIA Recognition Day. This year we added the birthdays of each of the 6 branches of the Military at the entrance with their service flags. The following neighbors are on the Flag Detail: Ed Aderman, Frank DeCarlo, Dick Faxon, Mike Feldewerth, Jeff Ford, Bob Gray, Tom Haga, Dan Hasken, Charlie Horton, Sue Huck, Kathleen Johnson, Tom Kraft, Dave & Colette Meagher, Joe & Ellen O'Coin, Bill Sparacino, Mike Stassi, Steve Ward, Larry Wilhelm and to all those who help them. Steve Strubel continues to honor our military by decorating the entrance gate. If you see one of them, be sure to thank them in person.



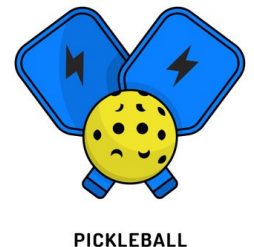
### Crafts

Do you have a craft that you like to do and can do it in a small space? Would you like to have companionship while doing your craft? Then starting Jan. 9th from 1-3, we'll be meeting every Thursday in the Activities Room. Maybe one week you can bring your cross-stitch or card making, or the next week bring your diamond art or coloring/painting. Maybe knitting or crocheting. As long as your craft can be done in an area about the size of a school desk, come and join. Any questions, contact Kathleen Johnson at [swimfit@charter.net](mailto:swimfit@charter.net).



### Pickleball Club

Looks like playing outside here at HHR is going to be hit and miss for the next few months, but you can still find many of us playing at AAA, PaddleUp, YMCA, Wentzville or other indoor facilities. However, your Pickleball Committee (Gerry Callahan, Jeff Ford, Jeff Haliburton, Sean Mahon, Mary Perkins, Mike Schuemann, Joyce Skitt, and Karen Vendetti) will be planning for next year. So stay tuned for future announcements. And feel free to contact any of the committee members if you want more information about the club.



As another year closes, we would like to thank everyone who helped out around the clubhouse/golf course. We appreciate your help, input and commitment to making HHR the best neighborhood around. We wish you a wonderful holiday season and a healthy and happy 2025.

*With Gratitude, Jen, Maggie, Lana, Mary Ann, Charlie & Mike*





## **HHR Golf Committee Corner – December 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, or Mike Feldewerth.

### **2025 HHR Golf Committee and HHR Golf Membership**

If you are interested in joining the Golf Committee for 2025, please reach out to one of the current golf committee members listed above for more information.

2025 HHR Golf Membership information and registration forms are available at the pro shop, and will be made available on the HHR Golf web page.

### **Season Wrap-up and Golf Committee Accomplishments**

The 2024 golf season was a great success. Following are some of the highlights:

This year we had eleven events, fielding a total of 449 golfers. All of the tournaments were well received with positive comments.

All tournament/event flyers and results were made available on the HHR golf web page and announced in the Putterings. Consistent email communication was adopted to provide pertinent information to tournament participants and to reduce calls to the pro shop.

There was good attendance in our Lady Hawkes, Ladies of Leisure League, Ladies Monday night play, Men's Wednesday Night League, Men's Monday and Saturday play, and Friday Night Resident Golf.

There were new residential golf cart parking spaces added to ease congestion in the parking lot. Golf car covers have been ordered and will be used to protect our carts during winter and bad weather.

We received continuous positive on-line reviews commenting on the great condition of the course and the helpful and friendly pro shop staff. The pro shop staff began wearing name tags to create a more personal atmosphere, which was well received by the residents and guests.

HHR is growing the game for our young golfers by hosting organizations such as CYC (Catholic Youth Council), Gateway Junior PGA, and many area high schools.

The golf committee worked with the HHR Board on identifying phases for the Hawkeye Grill expansion project, and other golf course projects for the five-year reserve. Phase 1 of the expansion project, construction of a new outdoor patio at the pro-shop, will be completed by the end of this year.

The Golf Committee thanks all who participated in these events, and also great thanks to Ellen, Tammy, and their staffs for making our golf club a big part of the community. We look forward to a fun and exciting season in 2025!