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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Neighbors,

The temperatures may be cooler and the days are shorter, but it sure is nice to see neighbors out enjoying the Wisconsin fall. I hope you have a chance to say 'hi' and make some new friends.

Speaking of which, the annual Hawks Valley All Neighborhood Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8th at the Verona Public Library. We will start with a social at 6 p.m., followed by a business meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. See below for more details. Unfortunately, our alderperson has a meeting conflict and will not be able to attend. Please e-mail me if you have specific questions, and I will work to get them answered prior to the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all there!!

Warmly,

Jan Viney, Hawks Valley HOA President
HawksValleyPresident@gmail.com



Trick or Treat

Hawks Valley Neighborhood follows the City of Madison's recommended hours of 4 to 8 p.m. on October 31 for trick-or-treating.

Safety Tips for Kids

- Make sure costumes are visible to vehicles and others.
- Do not use toy weapons as part of any costume.
- Stay on sidewalks, and obey traffic signs.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Don't eat any candy until an adult can check it for you.
- Make sure costumes do not impede movement or vision.
- Have fun, but stay safe!

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Wednesday, November 8th
at the Verona Public Library
500 Silent St, Verona, WI 53593
Social 6-6:30 p.m.
Meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The social and meeting will be held in the Community Room, which is located to the left as soon as you enter through the main entrance of the library. Some snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring drinks or other refreshments.

Topics will include: 2024 budget, snow removal of common areas, board position openings, covenants variance process, and Kestrel Park development updates

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Thank you, Alex Dogaru, who has stepped in as the new chairperson of the Architectural Control Committee! Other members of the committee include Kayla McPherson, Jennifer Stark, and Taylor Thompson. See page 3 for more details or contact HawksValleyArcCommittee@gmail.com with any questions.

NEIGHBORHOOD SIGN GETS A FACE-LIFT

Thanks to Fred, Mary, and Nancy for giving the area surrounding the Hawks Valley neighborhood sign a much-needed makeover!

Fred and Mary cut back the plantings and removed many of the overgrown and unhealthy bushes. Nancy re-edged the garden, transplanted lilies, and planted a mix of new bushes and perennials that should prosper in the sunny area.

It is a community garden for all to enjoy. Let us keep it growing!

Pictured to the right: Fred, Mary, and Nancy in the revamped garden area surrounding the Hawks Valley sign.



MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS, MARY AND FRED

Interviewed by Peter Kaufman

What is your background, and what do you do for fun? Both are Wisconsin-born. Originally, Mary was a newspaper reporter and photographer in Green Bay. Then she covered technology and management for a trade association in Madison. Currently, she works on social media for a non-profit. She also volunteers with the Alzheimer's Association and enjoys crocheting.

Fred is a retired analytic chemist. He enjoys playing bass, guitar, and keyboards. He is the bassist for the band "Small Blind Johnny" and often plays at VFW 1318 in Fitchburg. Fred also volunteers for environmental advocacy and promoting sustainability for Wisconsin 350.

What appeals to you about the neighborhood? "It's a very nice, attractive neighborhood. We enjoy the style of the homes and being on the edge of the countryside. It's great being close to the Ice Age trail," Mary says. "People are approachable and friendly," Fred adds.

Do you have any pets? They have two indoor cats, one recently adopted in June.

Any travel plans? "Yes, definitely," they say. During the pandemic, traveling came to a near standstill. Last winter, they enjoyed a trip to California. They are planning their next adventure.



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR, CHARLIE

Interviewed by Peter Kaufman

What do you appreciate about the Hawks Valley Neighborhood? I appreciate the friendliness of all my neighbors. I have made some very good friends in the neighborhood, and on my frequent neighborhood walks, everyone loves to chat with me. I have always felt welcomed in the neighborhood.

What's one thing you like about your home? I like all the natural light that I have, especially in the open front (park) and back (farm field) portions of the yard. I added 7 windows above and beyond what the builder typically includes with the house to take advantage of the sunlight.

What keeps you busy? I worked as an implementation specialist at Epic for 5+ years and am now enjoying less travel and working from home as an Amwell Telehealth software implementer.

Any plans you're looking forward to? I love travel and am traveling to visit my cousins in Australia and New Zealand over the winter.

Any hobbies? Photography!

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Emergency: 911

City of Madison

- www.cityofmadison.com
- Non-emergency Dispatch: (608) 255-2345
- Police Department
 - West District: (608) 243-0500
- Fire Department: (608) 266-4420
- District 1 Alderperson, John W. Duncan
 - (608) 620-3395
 - district1@cityofmadison.com
- Streets & Recycling
 - West: (608) 266-4681
 - Forestry: (608) 266-4816
- Water Utility: (608) 266-4651

Utilities

- Madison Gas & Electric: (608) 252-7222
- Alliant Energy: (800) 255-4268
- TDS Telecom: (888) 225-5837
- Spectrum: (608) 274-3511

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DISTRICT 1 UPDATES

John Duncan, alderperson for District 1, invites you to check out his blog to stay informed about what is happening in the City of Madison! Access and subscribe to his blog at cityofmadison.com/council/district1/blog.



ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC), in conjunction with the Developer, is responsible for reviewing, interpreting, and enforcing the architectural guidelines stated in the Hawks Valley Covenants and Restrictions. These guidelines set the standards for uniform, visual aesthetics of the community. Residents who wish to make any architectural modifications to their property must secure approval from the ACC first. To begin the approval process, please contact the ACC at HawksValleyArcCommittee@gmail.com.



2024 HOA DUES

Annual HOA dues remain at \$200 for the upcoming year and must be paid by January 31, 2024, via Venmo or personal check. Please refer to the included invoice for additional details or e-mail HawksValleyTreasurer@gmail.com with any questions.



If you see a QR code anywhere in this newsletter, scan it with your smart device for more information! The camera app on some smart devices can act as a QR code scanner, otherwise, you may need to download a separate app.

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HOLIDAYS AND IMPORTANT DATES

9: INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY
31: HALLOWEEN

5: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
7: ELECTION DAY
8: ALL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
11: VETERANS' DAY
23: THANKSGIVING DAY

8: FIRST DAY OF HANUKKAH
21: WINTER SOLSTICE
24: CHRISTMAS EVE
25: CHRISTMAS DAY
26: FIRST DAY OF KWANZAA
31: NEW YEAR'S EVE

GO PAPERLESS

If you wish to opt out of receiving hard copies of the Neighborhood News, e-mail HawksValleyNewsletter@gmail.com and include your name(s) and house address. All e-mail addresses on the Hawks Valley Neighborhood contact list will continue to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter.

CYBER SECURITY TIPS

Since today's society relies heavily on technology and the internet, nearly anyone can be a target of online predators. Cyber criminals count on you thinking you are not a target, and they will cast as wide a net as possible to get to as many people's personal information as they can. So, how can you reduce the chances of becoming a cyber victim? Start with these 4 basic steps of "cyber-hygiene" to protect yourself online.

1. **Turn on Multifactor Authentication.** It goes by many names: Two Factor Authentication. Multifactor Authentication. MFA. 2FA. They all require verification of two or more forms of information, such as something you know (e.g., password or PIN); something you have (e.g., authentication app or a confirmation text on your phone); or something you are (e.g., fingerprint or faceID).
2. **Update your software.** Turn on automatic software updates if they are available.
3. **Think before you click.** If you receive an e-mail or text message that seems a little off or asks you to verify personal information, always be cautious before clicking any links.
4. **Use strong passwords.** Strong passwords are at least 15 characters long, unique, and randomly generated (computers are better than humans at being random).

For more tips and information, scan the QR code below or visit the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency website at www.cisa.gov.





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