

# The Village Report

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Comedy is BACK!!!

National Touring Comedians... These Comedians that have been on Bob & Tom, Comedy Central, Leno etc.



### Don't Miss our weekly Poker Tournament..

Get your poker face ready!

**Poker night is back!**

Tuesdays in Mulligan's Bar N' Grill at 7pm.

One time \$20 buy in. All money is paid out.

**Everyone Welcome**

*Must be at least 21 to play*



### Speeding

Speeding has once again become a major issue at CMV. It is critical that everyone abides by the posted speed limits. If you witness speeding please contact the front desk at 253-1000 immediately and we will do our best to track down offenders.

## CMV 4th of July Celebration

The 4th of July is fast approaching and once again we invite you to our annual celebration.

### July 3rd

We will also have lots of fun filled activities behind Mulligan's Bar N' Grill. (volleyball, horseshoes and much more.) The evening of the 3rd we will have Fireworks on the Mountain at 9:45 and music by "SwifKick" on the stage behind Mulligan's Bar N' Grill from 8pm-12am. We hope to see everyone for the Holiday Weekend Celebration!



### July 4th

Throughout the day Sunday July 4th we will have activities at the Clubhouse, including our annual parade. Come with a float, golf cart, bikes or even walk the route. The more the merrier! The parade will begin at 2pm on Sunday July 4th at the Clubhouse (meet at the Clubhouse at 1:30 for staging) prizes will be given for the best decorated.

(Please contact Shanda at ext. 3998 to inform her if you will be participating.)

### Safety News,

The Emergency Drill last month went very well. As many of you know the actual drill scheduled for last month was postponed however, someone with greater power decided otherwise and we had an unexpected fire drill that went off very well. The fire chief was very impressed with the actions taken by all staff members here at the resort. We contacted them with the correct information, we had someone meet them at the entrance to assist them with locating the emergency. We had associates from all departments, maintenance, housekeeping, accounting, sales and others all help with this emergency. Great Job by all! Additionally Scott Rao and I are working with the Fire Chief and Sauk County Emergency Management to make additional changes here at the resort to provide an even safer more organized emergency response procedure.

### From the Desk of Scott Rao~ GM

Carol and I would like to thank everyone in the Christmas Mountain community for all of their generosity. We have had many people pray for our son Andrew's recovery. After nearly a month in the Children's Hospital in Madison we have been truly blessed with balloons, flowers, cards, emails, voice messages, text's, baby sitting of our daughter, many meals, stuffed animals, our lawn mowed and many kind words. Carol and I realized what a wonderful community we have. It has been tough for us, but we really feel blessed to have felt the warmth and love that all of you have given to us. We have one more surgery scheduled for June 9th and then we will try to put our lives back together and move forward. So...Thanks to all of you for being the best community!

Sincerely, Scott Rao and family

\*Daily Lunch Specials and

Nightly Dinner Specials

at



\*All You Can Eat Friday Night Fish Fry

\*Saturday Night Prime Rib

\*Jolly's closed for the Season

### Maintenance Update:

The resort is getting spruced up!

Registration and Mulligan's is getting some extra sprucing up this time of year. We are landscaping much of these areas with new plants and trees, and most notably a water feature in the main sign bed area. The water feature is constructed out of sheer rock limestone and will have three cascading falls in it.

The front of Mulligan's will also be going under a transformation. The new walk is already in place with new plants and shrubs already on the way.

The 30,000 plants that have been produced on property have started to go into the flower and sign beds over the past few weeks and will continue for a few more weeks to come. The addition of hanging baskets and planters will soon be seen as well along with sign beds getting some summer color.

Bark mulch has been delivered for the first phase of delivery and will be put into many areas around the resort.

Make sure you drive around the property and see all of the beautiful landscaping.

### Mulligan's Bar N' Grill Update:

Now that summer is here, we are rolling out a brand new summer menu! Thinking seasonally, there are many new and exciting sandwiches, salads and entrees that we hope you will enjoy. Moving forward through the seasons, we would like to do at least 3 new menus each year, with each focusing on the great foodstuffs available, and items better suited to certain times of the year, along with always looking for foods indigenous to Wisconsin and as locally grown as possible. I had a great conversation with Scott Carlson recently about us growing more produce right here at Christmas Mountain in the future! Imagine a tomato slice on your Rao burger that was picked just before you arrived at Mulligan's; it doesn't get any fresher than that! With any menu change comes as much with the challenge of what to take off as much as it does with what to add. We hope you will try all of the new items that we are offering, but we will be more than happy to prepare some of the previous menu dishes if at all possible.

We also have a new wine list and beverage menu for the summer. We have added some great new summer drinks and we will be bringing in Maui frozen drinks. For beer lovers we added a new beer from Milwaukee, Louies Demise, as well as the Polish favorite Zyweic. **See you soon at Mulligan's!**

### Nature Walks with Ron

We would like to welcome back Naturalist Ron Marks. You are invited to join Ron on his nature walks. Together you will explore and experience the following:

\*Interesting plants and animals

\*The fabulous scenic beauty of Christmas Mountain Village

The walks begin in front of Mulligan's and follow an easy path up the mountain and takes about 60-80 minutes. To enhance your enjoyment you may want to bring your camera, binoculars, bug repellent and good walking shoes.

His evening program "The Real Dells", is a narrated slide program that covers the amazing history, geology, and natural beauty of the Wisconsin Dells. This program also runs approximately 60-80 minutes.\*Rock outcrops and the amazing story of the formation of the Dells area

Contact the Activities Department at 254-3998 or the Concierge at 254-3982 for dates and times of Ron's nature experience.

### Buzz of the Front Desk

Welcome summer!

Wow I would like to say how proud I am to be a part of the wonderful team that we have here at the front desk. We are constantly expanding and learning together and that is what makes us such an awesome team.

Not only is it an amazing thing to watch us grow and change but it is also an awesome thing to watch us all work together and make this resort such a great place to work. We all play our part and make Christmas Mountain run like a well oiled machine and that in itself is an amazing thing to watch. Thank you to all of you!

A warm welcome to Candy & Gadriel we are pleased to welcome you aboard and know that you will be a great asset to our team.

For the month of May we had 1880 check-ins with 510 of them being over Memorial Day weekend!!!! WOW!!!

## Golf Update:

### COURSE IMPROVEMENTS AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

As most of you have already seen, we poured new concrete outside of the pro shop entrance. This was the first part in improving the area around the pro shop to enhance the guest's first impression. Over the next few months, you will be seeing a series of changes to improve the landscaping around the building. The other project that started a few days ago involves the deck outside of Mulligan's. Jayson and I are very excited about this project and we are working towards creating a relaxing atmosphere on the deck involving food and drinks. The timing of the project also coincides with the new smoking law starting July 5<sup>th</sup>. On busy days we are planning on having a grill on the deck serving burgers, brats and refreshments for golfers making the turn and also finishing their round.

The new trim mower for our maintenance department was delivered on Thursday. Next week our greens roller and bunker machine will be delivered. Chuck, Russ and myself are very excited about this new equipment! For those of you that played the front nine on Friday, you may have noticed the grass around the greens and tees was much shorter. The new trim mower lifts the grass up while cutting it so we can get a closer and more consistent cut. This should help all of our short games!

### HUMANE SOCIETY AND CRISTEL HOUSE GOLF OUTINGS

The Humane Society has postponed their golf outing until **Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**. They are looking for more support. The cost for this event is \$75 per person and it goes to a great cause. They are also planning on having some pets out here that you can adopt after the round! If you are interested in participating in this great event please call the Humane Society at 608.356.2520.

The Cristel House Open has also been postponed until **Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**. In discussing this event with the membership, I have come to realize that there were not many people that paid full price for this event. I have spoken with the Cristel House committee in Indianapolis and we are in the process of coming up with different pricing for our members. Please stay tuned as there will be more information that will follow.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEEDS OUR HELP!

Please join us June 17<sup>th</sup> for the Habitat for Humanity Golf Outing! We have special member pricing for \$50 instead of \$75 for non-members. This includes awards and meal after golf along with many great prizes! Help us support this great cause!

You can sign up by calling or e-mailing me and I will make sure to get it to their headquarters. Thank you in advance for supporting this cause!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

The Mountain Cup signup sheet is located in the hallway outside of the pro shop. This event is limited to the first 24 players that sign up and is for men only. The cost for the event is \$40 per player and includes an Adidas team shirt and a steak dinner presentation following golf. The event is on **June 13<sup>th</sup>** starting at 1:00. Make sure you sign up soon as there is limited availability!

Fairways and Greens,  
**Caleb Turbett**

### **Suggestions:**

We are looking for suggestions of articles, information etc. that you would like to see in these Newsletters. Please feel free to e-mail me at Lisha.eckelberg@bluegreencorp.com or call me at 254-3990 with this information. Thank you Lisha

### **Housekeeping Update:**

Housekeeping has been very busy, as usual, cleaning all of the common areas and the units. MasterCorp cleaned 1923 units in the month of May! Pam would like to welcome a new second shift supervisor to her team. When you see Arlene Stanford Gorde please give her a CMV welcome.

### **Christmas in July**

It may not be a white Christmas, but it sure to be a warm one! You don't want to miss our Christmas in July celebration! Come join in the Yule Tide Fun in the SUN on **Sunday July 25th!!!** All day long at the Clubhouse, participate in Holiday Coloring Contests and Craft Times, Cookie Decorating with Santa and Pictures with Santa out by the Clubhouse Pool! Don't forget to come decorate your bikes and help us decorate our Holiday Float just in time for our Christmas in July Parade Sunday afternoon! Bring your golf carts, bikes, cars, 4 wheelers, motorcycles or just your feet and join in our PARADE! Prizes are awarded for best decorated contestant!

Stick around for some night time fun and join Campfire Kevin and Santa around the fire pit outside of Mulligan's Bar N' Grill for Caroling, marshmallow roasting and pictures with Santa! \* Don't forget to decorate your unit, RV or home and call the front desk with your information to enter our Christmas Cheer Contest! Judging will begin at 9:30pm! So put on your "Christmas Shoes" and "Silver Bells" and jingle all the way down for some Holiday FUN this year at Christmas Mountain!

### **Because Everyone Needs a Laugh:**

#### **35 Years**

A man and a friend are playing golf one day at their local golf course. One of the guys is about to chip onto the green when he sees a long funeral procession on the road next to the course. He stops in mid-swing, takes off his golf cap, closes his eyes and bows in prayer. His friend says, "Wow, that is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You truly are a kind man." The man then replies, "Yeah, well we were married 35 years."

#### **A golf club walks into a bar ...**

A golf club walks into a local bar and asks the barman for a pint of beer. The barman refuses to serve him. "Why not," asks the golf club. "You'll be driving later," replies the bartender.

#### **The Worst Caddie in the World**

Irate golfer, on his way to a round of 150: "You must be the worst caddie in the world!" Scottish caddie (dryly): "That would be too much of a coincidence, sir."



### **Pavilion Rental**

The summer season is fast approaching and with that the phone calls for reserving the pavilion are starting to come in. Residents and owners may rent the pavilion located by the activities building for a rental fee, payment is required in advance to guarantee the rental.

It is reserved on a first come—first served basis.

To reserve the pavilion please contact Lisha at 608-254-3990.