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CALL FOR CANDIDATES

As we head into 2022, many of the standing committees at Voyager Village have spots that we need filled.

The Voyager Village Board of Directors is currently supported by nine standing committees; these committees handle an important aspect of our association and are responsible for advising the Board of Directors and membership. The eight current committees are: Architectural and Environmental Control Committee; the Airport Committee; the Election Committee; the Finance Committee; the Golf & Greens Committee; the Lakes & Beaches Committee; the Trails Committee; the Nominating Committee; and the Covenants & Bylaws Committee.

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact Tiffany in the POA office for an application. You can reach her at Tiffany@voyagervillage.com, or by calling 715-733-7004. The chairperson for each Committee and their email is listed on our website; if you had any questions about the committee, its duties, or what being on the committee is like, reach out to the chairperson and they will get back to you with the information you need.

Currently, we are seeking members for three committees

in particular: the Nominating Committee, the Covenants and Bylaws Committee, and the Architectural and Environmental Control Committee. All of our Committees are made possible by volunteers who truly care about our organization, and we thank them for their time.

The Nominating Committee was only recently reinstated by the Board of Directors. The primary responsibility is to solicit qualified candidates to run for the Voyager Village Board of Directors.

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SEEKING COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

VOYAGER VILLAGE

JOIN THE COVENANTS & BYLAWS COMMITTEE



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ABOVE AND BEYOND: TOM AND RENEE McDONOUGH

by Randy Shimanski, Voyager Village Staff



Tom and Renee McDonough

This month's Above and Beyond highlights Tom and Renee McDonough, founders of the Bryan McDonough Military Heroes Foundation.

Tim and Renee's foundation is dedicated to helping wounded Minnesota and Wisconsin soldiers and their families. It is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization founded in 2006, and has been supporting soldiers adjusting to life with the physical and psychological wounds of war ever since. To date, through their foundation Tom and Renee have been able to provide training for multiple service dogs to help veterans cope with PTSD, purchased a hand bike for a veteran who lost his leg in Iraq, and donated \$60,000 to the Dairyland Outdoor Vacation Retreat, to build two additional cabins just north of Danbury. The foundation has also donated over \$700,000 to the Fisher House: a foundation that builds comfort homes where military and veteran families can stay free of charge while a loved one is in the hospital. Their donations helped the Fisher House build a second facility,

dedicated to Tom and Renee's son Bryan—the namesake of their foundation.

Bryan McDonough laid down his life during Operation Iraqi Freedom on December 2nd, 2006.

Bryan McDonough grew up in Maplewood, MN. He loved to fish, hunt, and play hockey and lacrosse. He graduated from



Bryan McDonough

Roseville Area High School in 2002. A charismatic young man, he had hundreds of friends as well as a large loving family. When war broke out in Iraq in 2003, Bryan saw that some of the early casualties of the war were men with families, and felt that instead, the people fighting the war should be like him: young and single.

He enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard in September of that year, knowing he would be deployed to Iraq sooner or later. Deployment came in October of 2005. He spent six months training at Camp Shelby, MS, and was sent to Iraq at the end of March 2006. Bryan proudly served his country, never doubting his duty and became an exemplary soldier. He was chosen as the Soldier of the Quarter for his Company and, subsequently, as Soldier of the Battalion in November 2006.

On December 2nd, 2006 the Humvee he was driving near Fallujah was destroyed by an Improvised Explosive Device. The blast killed Bryan and his friend Corey Rystad of Red Lake Falls, MN, and took the legs of another close friend, John Kriesel, MN. Bryan will never be forgotten by all those who were honored to have known him. His legacy will live on in many ways, one of which is Bryan's Bar, a labor of love dedicated to Bryan, located in Tom and Renee's home on Long Lake.

Fundraising events that Tom and Renee have put on for their foundation include the Bryan McDonough American Heroes Golf Classic, held annually at Oak Glenn Golf Course in Stillwater, MN. In addition, there is an annual snowmobile ride

and a winter fundraising event in Northeastern Wisconsin. This year, the annual winter fundraiser will take place on February 4th at 7:00pm at the Webb Lake Tavern. All proceeds from this year's event will be donated to a local vet from Spooner who has been battling brain cancer and needs money for cutting edge treatment not covered by the VA. There will be raffles, live auctions and 50/50 boards. In addition, you can

purchase a 2022 Tavern Discount Card. This card will get you a discount of \$5 off a tab of at least \$20 at all participating taverns listed on the card—including the Voyager Bar & Grill.

Finally, we would like to thank Bryan for his service, and to thank Tom and Renee for keeping the memory of their son alive through their foundation.



Tom McDonough presenting a check to Brian Gawn, from Fisher House



Todd Everton, John Kriesel, and Tim Nelson; they were all part of the same unit as Bryan



EATING RAW VS COOKED VEGETABLES

by Geoffrey George, Voyager Village Executive Chef

Last month I talked about "nightshade" foods, which if you remember were all vegetables except the tomato, which is classified as a fruit. This month, I will be discussing the advantages of eating our vegetables raw instead of cooking them.

Many do not know that by eliminating the cooking process of our vegetables, you are going to increase your intake of vitamin C dramatically.

This is because the cooking process causes the vitamin to leach out into the water, and other chemical reactions can cause it to break down. Eating vegetables raw such as brussel sprouts, kale, broccoli, green beans and lettuce will increase your vitamin C levels. A proper diet which includes 1 to 2 cups of vegetables daily will help in battling many health issues, including cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. Believe it or not, having a fresh vegetable and fruit diet will aid in lowering your blood pressure and sugars.

One way to include these benefits daily into your life is by making smoothies. These drinks combine ice, sometimes dairy,

fruits and vegetables, along with some herbs and spices if desired? I have included a couple of different recipes for your pleasure to try. Do keep in mind that you can add or subtract any amount of ingredients in these. Just take note of any alterations that you make and what your end result is. The smoothie recipes I have shared below have two totally different functions for me and others. Keep in mind that results may vary according to one's body and other factors (rate of absorption and digestion, if you are taking any medications—in this case please consult your physician).

Energy Smoothie

2/3 C. Frozen Blueberries
 1/2 C. Milk (I use almond milk)
 1/3 C. Greek yogurt vanilla flavored
 1/2 Banana-peeled
 1 Tbls. Rolled oats
 Pinch cinnamon
 1 Tbls. Peanut butter (optional)

Basic Detox Smoothie:

1 C. Coconut Water or filtered water
 1 medium green apple-skin on, cored and quartered
 1 raw red beet peeled and diced
 1 C. Frozen Strawberries
 1 C. Frozen Pineapple
 1/2 small avocado peeled and pitted
 1 C. Baby Spinach
 1 Tbls. Fresh Lemon Juice
 Pinch Cayenne Pepper
 1/2 C. Fresh Broccoli (optional)
 Zest of 1 Lemon (optional)



VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

Treat your significant other to a special date night out this Valentine's Day! Voyager Village will be offering a four-course dinner the evening of Monday, February 14th. Our regular dinner menu will not be available that evening. Reservations are required. Call 715-733-7006 to reserve your preferred dining time. We have availability between 4pm and 8pm.

Please visit our website for the full Valentine's Day dinner menu.

WEEKLY BAR AND GRILL ACTIVITIES

Sunday: Broasted Chicken Special, 4pm - Quarter or half chicken served with coleslaw and choice of potato.

Monday: CLOSED

Tuesday: Corn Hole League (Open House), 3pm
 DJ Trivia, 6pm

Wednesday: Date Night, 4pm - Join every Wednesday evening for our Surf & Turf special!

Thursday: Wing Night, 4pm - 99 cent bone-in wings served with choice of two sauces.

Mahjong Card Players Group, 12pm
 Trivia/Pictionary (alternating every week), 6pm

Friday: Friday Night Fish Fry, 4pm - All you can eat beer battered or broiled haddock served with coleslaw and choice of potato.

Saturday: Meat Raffle., 3pm
 Prime Rib Special, 4pm - 12oz or 16oz prime rib served with choice of vegetable and choice of potato.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, February 13th - Super Bowl, Bar & Grill
- Monday, February 14th - Free Sleigh Rides, 3-5pm, Clubhouse
- Monday, February 14th - Valentine's Day, 4pm-8pm, Bar & Grill
- Thursday, February 17th - Board Meeting, 3pm, Bar & Grill
- Sunday, February 20th - Monthly Sunday Brunch, 9am-Noon, Bar & Grill
- Sunday, February 20th - Free Sleigh Rides, 9-Noon, Clubhouse
- Wednesday, February 23rd - Winter Dinner Series, 5pm, Bar & Grill

Member Maintenance

Offering driveway plows, yard cleanup, tree pruning/removal, home wellness checks, and snowman building services to all Voyager Members this winter. Submit a work request form through our website on the Member Resources page to schedule your member maintenance services, or pick up a form from the POA office.

LUMINARY EVENT RECAP

We had a few hardy souls come out and enjoy moonlit Hanscom trail last month for our luminary event. This is the second winter season that we have done this event, and if the weather and trail conditions continue to be kind to us, we might have a couple more evenings where we can do more luminary nights. Mark Sisson is the creator of this event at Voyager, and has placed over one hundred of these luminaries for everyone to enjoy so far. You can classic ski, snowshoe, or even walk (only on the Hanscom Trail), so this event can be for anyone who enjoys the winter outdoors. Thank you to our volunteer trail groomers; they make the trails as nice as possible for us, and sometimes during the coldest of conditions.



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YOU TO HELP PICK OUR

Above and Beyond Nominees

Send us your nominations for someone who goes above and beyond in our community, and they might be chosen for our Above & Beyond feature!

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NOMINATING FOR ABOVE AND BEYOND

Our "Above and Beyond" column was established to help inspire our readers by sharing the stories and accomplishments of our community members that go "above and beyond". The subjects of our articles are individuals who have made

outstanding contributions in their daily lives to our area and demonstrate positive behaviors that we would like to recognize. However, our writing staff by no means can see everything that goes on, and so we invite you to submit nominations for our column to recognize. Please submit details about their efforts via the form on our website, www.voyagervillage.com.

In describing the rationale for why we should consider them

for our monthly column, please include how the nominee goes "above and beyond". In our everyday life, it seems that negativity tends to grab the attention more than positivity; let's give the recognition that the shining examples of our community deserve!

Nominations do not need to reside in Voyager Village but should be local. Nominations might include local businesses, charities, volunteers, veterans, whoever you think goes above and beyond.

NANCY'S CORNER

by Nancy Brandt, POA Office Manager

Hello everyone! Please stay tuned for some exciting changes to the POA Office coming in the next edition. We hope that you are just as thrilled to see what we have in store as we are!



ASK THE BOARD PRESIDENT

This month, Voyager Village Board President Dave Heiss tackles two hard-hitting questions submitted by members.

I would like to know how are we measuring our success at Voyager Village?

The Board and Voyager Management have created a vision statement (to be known as a premier recreational community by providing exceptional experiences to all) and the goals required to achieve this Vision. Our progress towards these goals is used to measure success at Voyager Village.

These Goals are:

1. Provide products and services that meet or exceed the expectations of our members, their guests, the public and our employees.
2. Increase market awareness of Voyager Village.
3. Maintain and improve our facilities and properties: Hire, manage and develop qualified personnel.
4. Continually improve Voyager Village's financial situation.

On a quarterly basis each Voyager Village Department Manager establishes their top objectives that impact the above goals, and success is measured against those objectives. The Board receives monthly reports on the progress by each manager to ensure the Voyager's goals will be achieved.

In all my years of living up in Northern Wisconsin, I've never seen anything have as widespread of an impact in our area as COVID-19. I've seen a lot of friends up here struggle to keep their doors open, and these are folks across numerous job sectors. What do you see as the

biggest challenge that Voyager faces right now? How are we going to stay relevant for another 50 years?

COVID-19 is an issue everywhere, including Voyager. The Management team has done an excellent job in dealing proactively with it at Voyager. Processes have been implemented to make our members and guests feel more secure and offer options to meet their needs. For example, curbside and carryout food service was implemented. Our biggest challenge right now is hiring staff, especially in the restaurant. This has been and continues to be a challenge most other businesses are tackling along with COVID. Additionally, Voyager Village is in its 51st year and as a result significant maintenance will be required to the many Voyager owned facilities and properties. The labor and financial burdens of keeping these assets in excellent condition presents a significant challenge to Voyager. On a positive note, the capital reserve fund has grown from around \$50,000 3 years ago to almost \$400,000 today. Also, Voyager will have invested about \$870,000 during 2021 and 2022 in maintenance and improvement projects. The best way for Voyager to achieve relevance in the next 50 years is to utilize effective & ongoing planning that will enable it to meet the goals I stated in question #1 above and to be able to over time continue to offer amenities that are attractive to members and guests. Volunteers have been a major contributor to the last 50 years successes and are needed to make Voyager just as relevant in the next 50 years.

Got a question? Forms for submitting questions and comments for consideration in this column can be found on our website at <https://www.voyagervillage.com/member-resources/> or at the POA Office.



WORD FROM A&E

from Tom Heenan, chairman of Architectural & Environmental Committee

This month we decided to talk about one of the issues that effects nearly all Voyager members. A commonly misunderstood provision at Voyager is what can we or cannot do on common property.

It is important to understand that Common Property is owned by Voyager and is meant to be enjoyed by all of us property owners and our guests. In keeping with the long-

held principal that "your right to swing your arm ends at my nose," you should not do anything that creates a problem for others or alters the common property unless authorized by the Board of Directors. This means you must know where your property ends and where Common Property begins; this ignorance has been costly for members who have built structures over their property lines into Common Property. Specifically, prohibited activities on the Common Property includes things like tree cutting (with the approval of the Voyager Property manager you can collect dead wood on Common Property), trail

making, installing items such as swings, docks, deer stands, benches, patios, disposing garbage and refuse, etc.

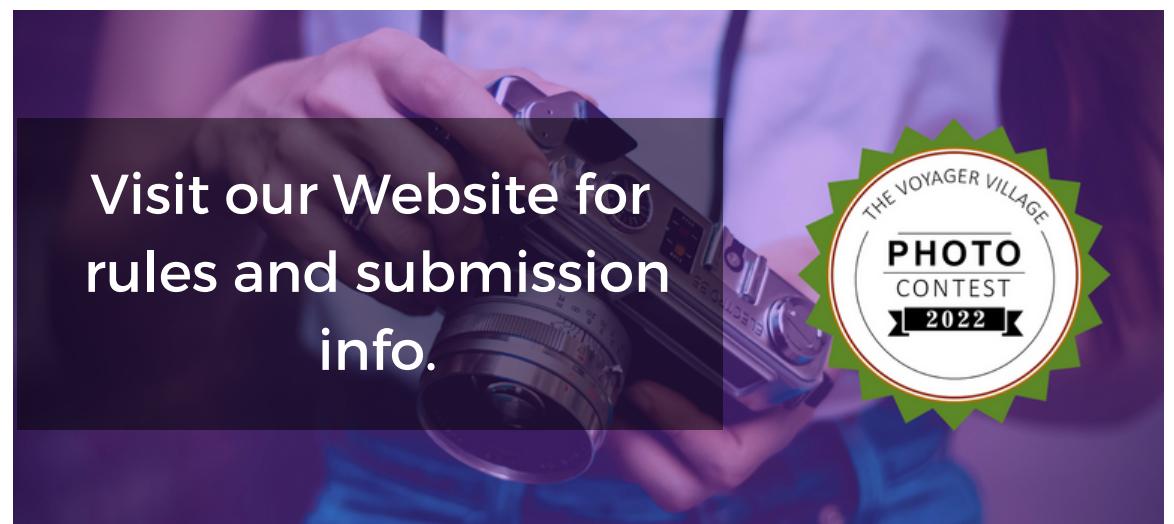
What can you use the Common Property for? The Common Property is for all members to enjoy the natural beauty of our area. Feel free to hike, birdwatch, bike, and any other similar activity that won't disturb the Common Property. The Board has authorized a trail system on Common Property so if you are so inclined join the Ski Club or the Trails Committee and contribute to the ambience. A full map of our trail system can be found on our website, VoyagerVillage.com.



The Architectural and Environmental Control Committee is currently looking for new alternates and a full-fledged member to be on the A&E committee. The Architectural and Environmental Control Committee ("AECC") is established for the purpose of protecting and preserving the values, amenities, and qualities of Voyager Village. Architectural and environmental control shall be administered by the AECC. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact the Tiffany in the POA office for an application. Tiffany@voyagervillage.com or 715-733-7004



VOYAGER VILLAGE 2022 PHOTO CONTEST



Visit our Website for rules and submission info.

Public Voting for the top three January submissions has begun.

VOYAGER VILLAGE

2022 AT A GLANCE

JANUARY

1st | Super Raffle
15th | Luminary Ski Event

FEBRUARY

13th | Super Bowl Party
14th | Valentine's Day
14th + 20th | Sleigh Rides
20th | Sunday Brunch
23rd | Winter Dinner Series

MARCH

9th | Dinner Club
14th | Cooking with Chef Geoffrey
19th | St. Patrick's Day Parade
20th | St. Patrick's Day Brunch
23rd | Winter Dinner Series
31st | Craft + Paint Event

APRIL

Golf Course Clean Up
Spring Dinner Series
17th | Easter Brunch
21st | New Member Orientation
Birdhouse Build Day
Spring Trail Walk

MAY

8th | Mother's Day Brunch
Spring Dinner Series
Cooking with Chef Geoffrey
Spring Fling
29th | Annual Triathlon

JUNE

4th | Cheese Fest
Spring Dinner Series
18th | Annual Meeting
19th | Father's Day Brunch
Craft + Paint Event

JULY

10th | Voyager Shoot Out
16th | Beach Party
Summer Dinner Series

AUGUST

Outdoor Concert
Summer Dinner Series
Cooking with Chef Geoffrey
Summer Trail Walk

SEPTEMBER

3rd + 4th | Craft Fair
Fall Dinner Series
Annual Car Show
20th | Fireworks
Oktoberfest
Craft + Paint Event

OCTOBER

Fall Dinner Series
Fall Trail Walk
15th | New Member Orientation
21st + 22nd | Fall Fest

NOVEMBER

Fall Dinner Series
Cooking with Chef Geoffrey
24th | Thanksgiving Brunch

DECEMBER

2nd | Light Up the Clubhouse
Winter Dinner Series
Craft + Paint Event
24th | Tom & Jerry Party
31st | New Year's Eve Dinner



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Event details will be shared with membership via email
and on our company website | voyagervillage.com
Event dates and details are subject to change