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MEET OUR NEW REALTY TEAM

Voyager Village Partners With Hames-McDonough Real Estate

We are excited to announce that Voyager Village has partnered with Hames-McDonough Real Estate. Hames-McDonough will be handling real estate and land sales, following the closure of Voyager Village Realty, LLC.

The Hames - McDonough group is thrilled to be working with us and their goal is to increase memberships and showcase all that this great community has to offer. Their team consists of four members, three of whom are licensed agents in both Minnesota and Wisconsin. They have over 45 years of combined experience under their belt, and the knowledge and expertise to help you navigate any real estate transaction.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to them for all your real estate needs.



THIS IS US... (left to right)

ANDREA

Has a love for life and making the most of it! Genuine, driven & loves her community. She loves getting her hands dirty in her garden and taking camping trips with her family and friends.

ANGIE

Dedicated & goes above and beyond in her work. Always connects with clients to figure out the best solutions. She's full of energy, loves riding her horse Victory (plus has 3 dogs at home) & loves to crochet when she gets the time!

SHANNON

Strong passion for real estate & investing. She loves bringing her community together. She thrives on helping others set goals and succeed at a high level. She is a proud wife and mom of 4 kids. She loves lake life and time at their cabin in Webb Lake, WI!

NICOLE

A creative sponge always up for any task! Her creative mind extends from marketing in her job to experiments with new cooking recipes. She loves to get lost in a good book & cuddle with her dog.

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THE UNSEEN OF VOYAGER VILLAGE

by Claire Johnson, multimedia and branding communications coordinator

Last month, Voyager Village was hit by a snowstorm that dropped widespread snowfall amounts of six to twelve inches across parts of northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin—with parts of Bayfield county getting over two feet. At times, the high winds made travel through the storm extremely hazardous. From the gray sky, cold and strong, bloomed a wintry confetti that assaulted exposed skin and kissed the inside of your lungs so cool, as if a sky-dam had burst. Across those two days, there was little activity in the Village; many folks stayed in their homes, or cautiously ventured out to head to and back from work. Schools were cancelled, plans were rescheduled, and a heavy white blanket draped across the landscape as if to put us to bed.

And the Village slumbered, albeit momentarily.

And yet, quietly, diligently, unseen staff would mobilize in their trucks like clockwork, and begin the process of maintaining the roads, driveways, and walkways within the Village. They would plow. They would salt. And they would get up early the next morning to do it all again. Members who opted into member services would wake to find their driveways cleared, and those who made their way to the clubhouse after the snow had ceased falling found it shoveled and accessible.

Something that is surprising to many people that I meet is that snow also falls in Africa, the hottest continent on Earth. Africa is the second-largest continent, with rich biodiversity and a vast array of biomes. What comes to most people's minds when they think of the continent are vast savannas and huge jungles, and yet many parts

of Africa receive snow regularly. South Africa, in fact, is home to several top skiing resorts. Permanent glaciers sit on the border of Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Despite being worlds apart, with a myriad of differences between us, it is a humble reminder to think that as we roll a snowball here in Voyager Village, there is a chance that someone in Africa might be doing the same. Even though we do not see the same horizon, all of us live under the same sky.

There is a proverb attributed to various African cultures that is applicable to all of us in Voyager Village, and not only on days where we bare the brunt of a winter storm. "It takes a village to raise a child" is a proverb that means that a child doesn't only grow up in one home; they are shaped and grown by the interactions of the entire community, and that it is the responsibility of everyone around that child to ensure they grow in a safe and healthy environment.

What we have here is not

just the successes of our managers, our committees, or our board members. It is also the successes of those who work unseen; those who believe in Voyager, those who push Voyager, and those who always try and improve Voyager. It's the people like Jerry, Dave, Jason and Mitch in our Maintenance Department—who get called to fix that shower that isn't working in the locker room, maintain our pool, monitor the beaches and docks, and go out during the worst snowstorms of the season to plow. It's the team we have on the grounds crew, who ensure the golf course is pristine, handle all of the gardening and decorating at Voyager, and clean up debris after a storm. It's our cleaning crew, Pam, Bonnie, and Deanna, who meticulously make sure that our bathrooms, locker rooms, beach houses, hallways, offices, restaurant, event center, the Kilcare Lodge—and many other places, are all clean and ready for another day. It's people like you, who volunteer your time for projects like decorating the clubhouse or helping out

with one of the numerous events we put on at Voyager Village. This month, Robyn is heading up a crew once again to represent Voyager Village in the St. Patty's Day parade.

Sometimes, if you are lucky, you might catch one of these otherwise unseen people on your way to the club. They can be found upstairs in the clubhouse gathering for coffee in the morning, all smiles and laughter and comradery, before heading to go about their day. Their roles are locked in endless cycles of both progress and deterioration. The two processes are perhaps the same.

These are just some examples of people who work unseen positions. All of them are vital to our success. Our community cannot thrive without each of their roles and all of their dedication. It takes far more than just a board president or general manager to keep everything going at Voyager, and Voyager is far more than just their contributions. It takes all of us, seen and unseen—it takes a village.



THE BENEFITS OF COOKING WITH HERBS AND SPICES

by Geoffrey George, Voyager Village Executive Chef

There are many who don't realize the added benefits to cooking with certain herbs and spices. These are some of our oldest commodities; the spice trade developed throughout the Indian subcontinent by at earliest 2000 BCE with cinnamon and black pepper, and in East Asia with herbs and pepper. Today, I would like to share some of the many benefits that cooking with these spices have outside of making your food taste good. Some civilizations have used these and other herbs and spices for centuries in other applications than those known to us.

The use of cinnamon is known to reduce your systolic blood pressure. It has helped treat viral infections, and is loaded with antioxidants. Rosemary has shown to help improvements in memory and is a high source of antioxidants and anti-inflammatory compounds. Along with its pungent odor and attraction to the nose, it does add an original taste when used in cooking. When using rosemary for the first time,

you should add slowly and test the recipe if you can, as long as you don't have a raw egg or an item that needs to be cooked before tasting.

Thyme is a herb and a relative of oregano. Both are indigenous to the same region. Thyme has some original qualities about it, it is a naturally occurring class of compounds known as Biocides. Biocides are compounds known to destroy some infectious bacteria. When blended with other Biocides, it has shown to increase the potency and effect of thyme.

Lemongrass, here's one that not many have probably heard of or used! This plant/herb is quite versatile, along with being tasty. Lemongrass has many antioxidants and anti-inflammatory agents in it. This plant is also used in cosmetics, soaps and deodorants, as well as in the production of vitamin A.

When blending certain spices, you can create your own home remedy of sort for certain ailments. A blend of garlic, turmeric, black pepper, cinnamon, cloves, saffron and ginger has been known to have an effect on some people that suffer from arthritis. Always talk to your physician before implementing a herbal supplemental diet to your life if you aren't already on one.



LOOKING AHEAD AT 2022

by Brent Linnemeyer, Food & Beverage General Manager

We've had a wonderful start to the year as we continue to service our members and local guests, as well as hosting several food and beverage events the last two months. Chef Geoffrey put together a fantastic menu for Valentine's Day. Our Back of House Staff executed the menu to perfection while our Front of House Staff took outstanding care of all those who joined us that evening. Most recently, we held a "Taste of the Nations" dinner at the Bar & Grill. The four-course dinner featured dishes from all around the world to celebrate the Olympics.

As we begin welcoming warmer weather, we are putting our sights on what's to come this season. Starting in May until the end of summer, we will be featuring a monthly Member Only Event. Keep an eye out for more details in the near future. We are excited to welcome back many of our returning staff as well as welcoming numerous great new hires who will be starting over the next several months. The long-anticipated Snack Shack will be ready to service all our golfers late Spring with both food and beverage offerings. At the Bar & Grill, our menu is continuously evolving. New, seasonal items featuring fresh ingredients will be added to our menu as we move into Spring.

We look forward to an exciting year and having all of you be a part of it.



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 us 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

- Wednesday, March 9th – March Dinner Club, 5pm-7pm, Bar & Grill
- Monday, March 14th – Cooking with Chef Geoffrey, 11am, Bar & Grill
- Saturday, March 19th – St. Patty's Day Parade Celebration & DJ, Bar & Grill
- Sunday, March 20th – Monthly Sunday Brunch, 9am-Noon, Bar & Grill
- Thursday, March 31st – Paint Night with Jellybeana's, 5:30-7:30pm, Bar & Grill

MARCH DINNER CLUB

Come grab a drink and take part in this new monthly opportunity to socialize and gather at Voyager Village. The first installment of our new Dinner Club will take place on Wednesday,

March 9th, from 5pm to 7pm, and will feature a half hour reception, a forty-five minute period to enjoy a two-course lasagna dinner, and a special guest speaker for the remaining time. The price per person is \$25; reservations are required, call 715-733-7006 to make your reservation today.

NANCY'S CORNER



And I mean open! The shield is gone, the door is open, and we are here to show off

our newly remodeled POA office. Gail Salo and Claire Johnson reside here. We have booted Nancy Brandt and Kamee Cole out! Just kidding... Nancy is located across the hall in Ryan's old office. Kamee is in Brent's old office, and we have converted the conference room into office space for Brent and the F&B team.

Oh, so you may be wondering, "where did Ryan go?" I am very sad to say that

Ryan has left the Village to move closer to family near Madison, Wisconsin. I talked to him last week and they are doing great.

POA Office Hours of Operation

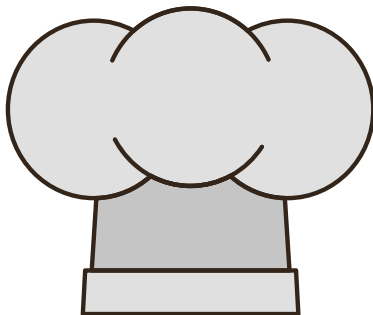
Monday - Saturday
8am - 4pm

That's correct, we are here all day on Saturdays to better serve you!



COOKING WITH CHEF GEOFFREY

Lets get cooking! Learn tips and tricks in this new reoccurring workshop class taught by our own executive chef, Geoffrey George. In his first class, Geoffrey will go over how to cook Southwest cuisine. The cost is \$35 per person, and the hands-on class will be held at the Voyager Village Bar & Grill on Monday, March 14th, beginning at 11am. Call 715-733-7006 to reserve your spot.




COOKING WITH CHEF GEOFFREY

LEARN TO COOK LIKE A PRO
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WORKSHOP COOKING CLASS MONDAY MARCH 14TH TOPIC: SOUTHWEST CUISINE	11AM VV BAR & GRILL \$35 PER PERSON
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OUT AND ABOUT

by Steve Johnson, General Manager, Golf Course Superintendent



March can be an exciting time of year for all of us in the north; there is a blend of things one can do or enjoy as the winter and spring seasons blend. Early March usually leads to more favorable temperatures to enjoy outdoor activities; it can be a great time to ski, sled, snowmobile, ice fish, and even on rare occasion get to swing a golf club.

March can also be a time to start some garden vegetables and flowers in preparation for the season as some types take a long time to get established. Seeds and supplies like most things have been hard to come by in recent times, so don't wait to the last minute to decide that you want to garden this year. Another

great activity to get done in March is to do any needed pruning of trees, shrubs, and fruit trees that you might have on your property. Please be mindful that oak wilt is becoming way more prominent in Burnett County in recent years and generally no pruning or removal of oak trees between April-July is recommended for this reason. I like to be even more specific and say once temperatures start approaching or exceeding 50 degrees you should halt any pruning or activity that could create wounds on these vulnerable oak trees. I've seen some cases where someone will cut down a tree next to an oak tree and break off branches from the oak tree during the felling process.

Lastly, I think of March as the start of the maple syrup season which I have come to enjoy over the years. For sure it's a labor of love and should not be attempted unless you have read about it and understand what lies ahead of you. With that said, there's no better feeling for me than to work alongside nature, trying to understand her complexity, while creating something with her help. When you are done and you pour that syrup over those pancakes, I know it will instill a feeling of satisfaction that you may have never felt before if you haven't taken on a project such as this. I can almost assure you that you will make sure that every ounce of it is cleaned up on your plate: one because it tastes so good, and two

because you will feel the effort and love that went into producing it.

First, you'll need to tap your trees when the weather is just right. It needs to be freezing cold at night, and warm and sunny during the day. Next you'll need to find a tree that's old enough: you can tap any species of maple tree, and even birch trees. If a child can wrap their arms around the trunk and touch their hands, it's probably too young. You can use a small bit to drill about 1.5 to 2 inches deep in the tree to reach the sapwood, be careful not to drill too deep. From there, it's just a matter of hammering in a spout and hanging a bag or bucket. About 40 gallons of sap will boil down into one gallon of syrup. A beginner's mistake is not taking care to preserve the sap once it's been collected: it will spoil if it gets to warm, so it's best to find a way to keep it cool or boil it down soon after it's been collected.

I encourage you all to read, understand and try new things. If you decide to take this "March Madness Challenge" as I call it, seeing those blue bags or pails hanging from the trees will mean so much more to you. They will instill memories that you will cherish for a lifetime whether your maple syrup adventure was a success or not. Appreciate the time to be had on that journey would be my last words of advice on this beautiful March day.



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JOIN A COMMITTEE

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

a committee, please contact Gail in the POA office for an application. You can also receive an application by emailing membership@voyagervillage.com. 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: the Nominating Committee, the Covenants and Bylaws Committee, and the Architectural and Environmental Control Committee. All of our Committees are made possible by volunteers, and we thank them for their time.

ASK THE BOARD PRESIDENT

This month, Voyager Village Board President Dave Heiss answers two questions rooted in the Architectural and Environmental Committee.

I would like to know if there are any noise policies for the common ground.

What type of flags, statues, decorations, etc. am I allowed to have at Voyager?

These two questions are related and the type of issues the Architectural and Environmental Committee (AECC) deals with as concerns arise from members. If there are restrictions related to these issues, they would be covered in the Voyager Village Covenants and Restrictions.

Discussing these questions with the AECC Committee Chairperson, these issues have not been subject to past committee investigation based on the request of a member, however in reviewing the Covenants and

Restrictions, there is no wording specifically addressing these questions. Should a member have issues related to these topics, once the appropriate form is completed (available in the P.O.A. office) each situation is reviewed by the committee for approval or denial. The Township or County may have policies that address these issues and I recommend you reach out to them for input. Relative to the noise question, the county has a 10pm-6am sound ordinance.

We are all part of the Voyager community and members should be aware of things we may do that can negatively impact our neighbors and try to accommodate each other's needs. By working together, we can elevate the community as a place that members enjoy and want to remain, and where guests and prospective new members want to visit and live.

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.



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, who-ever you think goes above and beyond.

2022 JANUARY PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

This month, you decided the winning January entries to our photo contest. Congratulations to Gayle Sheahen for her photo, of a Pileated woodpecker winning first place. The runner-up was a photo taken by Gwen Stephan, who submitted a photo of a winter bonfire she had at Voyager Village.

Submissions for the month of March are now open! Public voting for our February entries has begun: go to our website to cast your vote for your favorite!



VOYAGER VILLAGE

2022 AT A GLANCE

JANUARY

1st | Super Raffle
15th | Luminary Ski Event

FEBRUARY

13th | Super Bowl Party
14th | Valentine's Day
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
5th | Couples Chapman Tournament
Spring Dinner Series
18th | Annual Meeting
19th | Father's Day Brunch
Craft + Paint Event

JULY

9th+ 10th | Voyager Shoot Out
16th | Beach Party
15th + 17th | Men's Senior Club
Championship
15th | Ladies Senior Club
Championship
24th | Couples Club Championship
Summer Dinner Series

AUGUST

7th | Mixed Doubles Derby
13th + 14th | Men/Women's Club
Championship
Outdoor Concert
Summer Dinner Series
Cooking with Chef Geoffrey
Summer Trail Walk

SEPTEMBER

3rd + 4th | Arts & Crafts Fair
7th | Bocce League Tournament
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 website | voyagervillage.com
Event dates and details are subject to change