



Fall 2020

# The Villager

## Make Your Plans to Vote.

Information gathered by Judy Stuthman

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
How will you cast your ballot?

**Show up at your polling place on Election Day.** Greenhouse Village residents vote at Roseville Lutheran Church, 1215 Roselawn Ave. W.

**Absentee Ballot.** Covid-19 will still be with us on Election Day. If you are concerned about waiting in line with a large group of people for what could be a couple of hours you can request an Absentee Ballot be mailed to you by going to the website [Mnvotes.org](https://Mnvotes.org) or by calling Ramsey County Elections Office at 651-266-2171.

The ballot will be mailed to you (beginning Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>). Fill it out following the directions exactly! You will be placing it in **3 separate envelopes**, you do not need a witness' signature. Place it in the mail box as soon as you have it filled out, preferably 1 to 2 weeks before Election Day. It needs to be postmarked on or before Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> but can be received up until Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. You can track your ballot at the [Mnvotes.org](https://Mnvotes.org) website and see if it was received. A letter to the editor at the Star Tribune indicated that the biggest problem with mail-in ballots is the incorrect usage of the three envelopes. The purpose of the exact envelope is so that your ballot does not identify you as the voter.

**Early Voting.** Voters may also vote in person from Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> to Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Ramsey County Library, 2180 Hamline Ave. N. Additional early voting sites will be

available from Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> to Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Ramsey County Elections at 651-266-2171 or go to [elections@co.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:elections@co.ramsey.mn.us) for information.

**Have you updated your voter registration** since moving to Greenhouse Village? This can be done by going to the [Mnvotes.org](https://Mnvotes.org) website. It needs to be done before Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, the close of pre-registration. After that date you may register to vote at the polling place on election day.

Judy Stuthman is a member of the league of women voters and is active in the process to register new citizens.



**Greenhouse Village** presented a plaque to honor the service of Kathy Engholm to the library. This plaque is mounted on the East wall by the magazine rack

## Humidifiers

A Humidifier is a device to increase the humidity in the air and should be used with a humidistat to measure the humidity in a room. If you have asthma or suffer an occasional nosebleed, you need to consider a humidifier in your unit.

More information can be found at:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Humidifier> , or just doing a google search for humidifier.

There are basically these 3 types of humidifiers in use here at GVC:

### 1. Evaporative

The most common portable humidifier, an "evaporative", "cool moisture", or "wick humidifier", consists of just a few basic parts: a reservoir, wick (filter media) and fan.

The wick is made of a porous material that absorbs water from the reservoir and provides a larger surface area from which the water evaporates. The fan is adjacent to the wick and blows air onto the wick to aid in the evaporation of the water.

The wick or filter needs to be changed at least monthly. A humidifier with control of fan speed, humidity level and water level will also have a control to indicate when the filter should be replaced. This is the recommended type for use in GVC, as other types tend to produce a white dust which clogs the air filter on the furnace. Our experience is that it takes about 1 gallon of water a day to keep the air in the bedroom at 45 to 50% relative humidity. Under normal conditions, tap water should work just fine as long as heat or ultrasonics are not used.

In doing research for this article, I found over 300 different models. If anyone is looking for a unit, Robert or I would be available to answer questions.

### 2. Vaporizer

A vaporizer (steam humidifier, warm mist humidifier) heats or boils water, releasing steam and moisture into the air. A medicated inhalant can also be added to the steam vapor to help reduce coughs. These are designed for medical purposes to aid in cold and flu suffering but they should not be used to increase the humidity in the unit as a general implement.

### 3. Ultrasonic (These should not be used at GVC)

An ultrasonic humidifier uses a ceramic diaphragm vibrating at an ultrasonic frequency to create water droplets that silently exit the humidifier in the form of cool fog. This type must be used with distilled water to eliminate the white dust problem which clogs the furnace filter.

### The Bathroom Fan Control

The bathroom fan is designed to remove humidity caused by the shower or bath. There is a wall switch to turn it on or off and a humidistat control above the switch that will also turn it on or off depending upon the settings. The bathroom fan is used to remove moisture and to prevent the buildup of mold. It has a dial and a control knob that goes counter clock wise to the highest humidity number and clock wise to the lowest number. The numbers range from 80 to 20. I find that if I set the knob to 70 in the summer, the fan will start up if I turn on the shower and it will turn off again after about ½ hour after I finished. In the winter, I usually set the knob to 40 or 45. I use the wall switch to turn on the fan when I shower and then turn the wall switch off when I finish. The fan will run until it reaches the humidity level that I set.

Information by Robert Kelsey and Dennis Sullivan

### DVDs for All

A recent contribution of DVDs has filled the cabinet in the Club Room to capacity. These DVDs are for all Greenhouse members. Feel free to borrow whatever you want. If you don't have your own DVD player, you may watch films in the Club Room as long as no other group is scheduled there. Instructions for the DVD player are taped to the cabinet under the TV. If you have problems, call Joanne at 651-645-1363. (This collection of DVD's are in the left side of the cabinet)

#### *Halloween Submitted Stories*

#### **1991 Halloween Snowstorm – Duluth**

\by William Johnson

Following our usual Halloween tradition, we took our excited kids out for their trick-or-treat candy extravaganza. The weather in Duluth was typical for that time of year, cool and rainy. We started our usual four block journey under light sprinkles. About half way through our trek, the rain changed over to snow. By that time we were saying Merry Christmas, trick-or-treat. When we arrived back home, snow was ankle deep. We knew schools would be closed so the kids stayed up swapping candy. Little did we know that we would have 39 inches of snow. A Halloween trick we didn't expect.

#### **Holiday Romance – by Rose Pinomaki**

While in college, about 1958, a friend invited me to a house party of single friends, one was at Dick's home. That was the start of our romance and the start of other romances and years of celebrating Halloween, and New Years. At the Halloween parties, we would all wear costumes. One year we and another couple dressed as the Rock Group Kiss. Those were good times. Rosie actually submitted a picture but somehow it got lost. Think of White Faces with eye

shadow and lots of lipstick. I thought the description was more likely to be the grateful dead, but the internet had pictures of Kiss and that is who her group looked like.

#### **Holiday Traditions by Bev Liebenstein**

New traditions often blur our memories of “yester” years, and each succeeding generation frequently “bemoans” our stories of how it was in our day. Despite the moans, these are my stories and perhaps yours too.

Of course, we all remember old Halloween trick or treats with home parties where a ghost story was told as girls screamed and hands were held – to popcorn balls, to the smell of burning leaves, to roasting marshmallows on a stick.- with eyes alert for goblins about.

**Thanksgiving Day** dawned crisp and clear as we awakened to the aroma of a turkey roasting and the frenetic whirl of preparing all sorts of delectable treats to fill the table around which three generations gathered in harmony and thanks.

**Christmas activities** began to blossom quietly as little signs appeared – maybe it was the gathering of ingredients for special cookie making and decorating or nuts and fruits for the obligatory fruit cake, or maybe it was the planning of the children's Christmas program where we all said our parts as stars, angels or shepherds. Excitement with choosing and decorating the tree. Once the star was placed atop by the tallest family member, we stood in awe to light the tree holding our breath that all the lights would go to illuminate the joy in our eyes. The days of anticipation and waiting began-whether it was for Santa or the Christ Child.

Those holidays are gone as are those who gathered with us, but safe and alive are the gifts to be simple and the warm glow of unspoken love.

### GVC Commemorative Tree and Landscape Fund

Have you ever thought about planting a tree, a bush, or ornamental grasses to benefit present and future generations? Members of Greenhouse Village Cooperative have planted trees and shrubs as living memorials to friends and loved ones in the past but to make it easier for those of us who would like to do the same, the GVC Grounds Committee is formalizing a gifting program that will accept commemorative donations from members and their families. These donations can be given on behalf of the member themselves or in the name of family or friends.

**The Commemorative Tree and Landscape Fund** is being created to support and enhance the tree, bush and ornamental grasses landscape of GVC. Members who are so inclined may designate a contribution to the fund on behalf of themselves, a loved one such as children and grandchildren, or in tribute or memory of a family member or friend.

The basics of the Fund are simple. A GVC member or family member decides to give a gift to the Fund. The GVC Board of Directors accepts the gift and deposits that money into the Commemorative Tree and Landscape Fund. The Grounds Committee works with the donor to review current landscaping plans regarding new plantings. To recognize those who give to the fund, a record of those gifting and for whom will be maintained and displayed in the GVC Library or another appropriate public area. It is important to note that the fund can only be used to enhance the grounds and landscape of GVC through the purchase of trees,

bushes, or other landscape features. If you are interested, the process is easy. First, pick up an information flyer from Jeff, Mary Ann Billotta, or Kathy Bergenheier. Mary Ann and Kathy will work with you, explain the fund, and provide information about the donation process. The Grounds Committee is welcoming all donations which will be pooled with others to purchase a tree, bush, or ornamental grasses. Thank you for considering a gift to the GVC Commemorative Tree and Landscape Fund.

### Life “grows” in GVC

The “Rebels” started eight years ago by Lee Brotherton with two key boards (pianos) and five players. We now have eight keyboards and up to fourteen pianists (with up to eight practicing at a time plus a drummer and a flutist.

Some of us play instrumentals (trumpets, violins, accordions, trombones, etc) on our keyboards so that at times we can sound like a small orchestra or a band.

We practice at 11 am three days a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. If you care to stop by and listen to us playing the “Oldies” It’s been so much fun, I wish you all could join us!

Submitted by Darlene Amlotte

***This is the last issue that I will serve as editor. Thanks to the writers, Joanne Karvonen, Robert Kelsey, and Marlyss Burch.***

***Dennis Sullivan***

### Board of Directors

0 Facility Manager

Jeff Welle

651 488-9997

0 President

Therese Rothman

0 Vice President

Tom Kuhfeld

0 Treasurer

Larry Engholm

0 Secretary

Dennis Sullivan

0 At Large

Dorothy Tostengard Marlyss Burch Jan Schmidt

**Greenhouse Village Cooperative**  
**1021 Larpenteur Ave W**  
**Roseville, MN 55113**

**Web: [www.greenhousevillage.com](http://www.greenhousevillage.com)**