

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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Meet Beth Graves

While many of us have taken on a new look with three or four inches of roots showing – or at least longer hair – Beth Graves has been the envy of everyone at Bergen during this pandemic. Her hair has stayed short, trim, and the same color (naturally gray). It's the length that makes her so noticeable. She cuts it herself. "Four fingers," she explains when I ask how she manages to do the back.... You can ask her yourself what that means.

Beth moved here from Florida in 2016, renting first before purchasing a unit in Bergen. As with many residents at Rocky Mountain Village, she moved to Colorado to be closer to her daughter, helping her with three grandchildren. "I'm here when they need me." She obviously loves being a grandmother. She'd visited her daughter's family a number of times before making the change and admits, "I never would have found Evergreen without them."

She'd been the broker of a real estate company in New Smyrna Beach, Florida for more than 20 years, defining that position as one who sells but who also has the responsibility of the rest of the agents in the office, making sure their licenses are correct and current, among other things. "You get the call when something doesn't go right," she elaborates. As the overseer, she was involved in numerous arbitrations, seeing the industry transform from doing business on a handshake to one where everyone wants to sue everybody. "It's so legal anymore ... it's not worth the risk."



Over her lifetime, she called the central part of the east coast of the Sunshine State home for 30 years just prior to Colorado. She spent her college years in the southwestern part of Virginia at Virginia Intermont and lived awhile in Tennessee during her 46-year marriage to her high school sweetheart. She hails from Columbus, Ohio where she spent her formative years.

"It was a nice little suburb-type area," she says of growing up, "where we walked to school and rode our bikes without worrying ... it was perfect." She recalls growing up with lots of family around and participating in active sports like tennis, racquetball, and volleyball in addition to water sports like boating and water-skiing.

It was the stint in Tennessee that turned her into a card player and crafter-type person. "It was a dry county, so you learned home entertainment," she explains. "Restaurants couldn't serve alcohol and couldn't make money on food,"

so there weren't many options for going out. She still enjoys playing games – Skip-bo, Euchre, bridge. "I'm a movie person," she adds.

Beth enjoys being around people and misses the pot-lucks since activities have been minimized at Rocky Mountain Village for the past six months. "They help us meet the newcomers who've moved in," she explains, saying newsletters have also helped her learn about others so she could fit in faster.

She'd lived in townhomes before this. "They give a little bit of closeness but it's not like being here in the condo. I like having people around. In

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"Joy is a natural phenomenon, misery is your creation."

-Sadhguru

Memo from the Manager

If you do not know where all the exits are in the building you live in, please take the time to walk around and get familiar with your surroundings so you know how to get out in case of an emergency. It's IMPORTANT!

Reminder to check your mail addressee before opening an envelope - we are still experiencing mail being delivered to the wrong address. Also, please don't deliver packages unless you have been asked to do so. Thanks.

Thank you for wearing your masks. Almost all of you are wearing your masks each time you leave your unit and are in the common areas and we appreciate it. We would like to ask you to also wear it the entire time you are in the elevator.

The guest suite is open for use. We ask that you make sure your visitors have not been sick or showing any symptoms of COVID-19 prior to their arrival and be sure they wear their masks and physically distance from residents any time they are in the common areas.

There is a Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 17 and it will be held on ZOOM at 5:30. If you have not yet asked to have your email address added to the ZOOM list so you get invited to attend the Board meetings, just send me a message asking to be added and provide the email address you'd like me to use.

-- Kathy

Reopening of common areas....

In an effort to exercise a cautious, gradual reopening of common areas, the Board has agreed to allow visitors to use the guest suites, providing they adhere to guidelines about wearing masks and distancing. Residents with guests are asked to make sure their guests are not arriving with any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 and not having knowingly been in recent contact with someone with the virus.

Earlier, the exercise rooms reopened with limited usage for the exercise class previously held as well as residents wishing to use the facilities privately. Participants are asked to wear masks and distance. All using the exercise rooms should wipe down any equipment they use before leaving the room.

Likewise, the Community Rooms will be utilized for giving flu shots, recognizing that it will be more important than ever for our residents to be immunized this year.

Foot clinics will resume in October. Watch for notices on the bulletin boards for details.

We have been reluctant to permit activities that bring in numbers of non-residents.

We appreciate the cooperation of the vast majority of residents in following the guidelines posted. So far, it has kept us safe. Thank you — and stay safe!

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It's not too early to start thinking about running for next year's board of directors. Ron Pieffer, who has served so ably for a number of years, announced at the annual meeting that he will not be running again when his term expires. Pat Eskew's term is also expiring. Applications are due in November for the two openings.

Beth Graves continued

a 55-plus community, you're around your peers, so you've got something in common right away. I love living on the first floor and seeing over the parking lot.... I can lean over the balcony and talk to people and see activity. I don't feel so alone. I didn't think I'd like it but I love it."

"I like the trees here and enjoy the fresh air coming in through the windows," she says. "I can't imagine being anywhere else."

Profile and photos by Linda Kirkpatrick.

WELCOME

Linda Pierce - 110 G

Anne Gates - 215 G

Vaunie Hensley - 323 G

Bill Trujillo - 218 B

Mary Ann Evans - 113 B

Marcia McConnell - 209 B

FREE FLU SHOTS

Safeway will again offer a Flu Shot Clinic in each of our buildings on Monday, September 14th -- 9:00 in Bergen and 10:00 in Genesee. There is no cost unless your insurance plan requires a co-pay.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin boards to ensure we have no more than 8 people at a time in the room.

Bring your insurance card. As before, Kaiser members are required to follow protocol by obtaining their shots directly through Kaiser.

Thanks to Jeanne Lewis for making these arrangements.

REASON TO CELEBRATE: The recent vote for the conveyance agreement to reclaim RMVE land received a resounding unanimous YES vote -- 110 in favor, 0 opposed. The signed paperwork has been recorded at the county!