

# VILLAGE VOICE

## Message from the President

In June and after 20 years of loyal service, most of which was as the Manager of RMVE, Kathy Crump took a new position in Evergreen with GEO Water.

RMVE hired the HOA management company KC and Associates to handle non-facilities HOA business. Our local off-site Manager at KC&A is Brittany Bazon.

Brac Burford has been promoted to RMVE Facilities Manager.

Brac's new part-time employee is Del Prouty. Del's focus is on the Bergen



House, although he and Brac both maintain the entire complex.

Board Secretary Madeline Olney sold her unit and has moved back to Maine. Her seat on the Board has been re-placed by long-time resident and past HOA President Marlin Ekiss.

The process of fire mitigation continues at RMVE. The current emphasis is to rid the RMVE property of the highly flammable Junipers.

*Pete MacKay*

## Meet Chris Alumbaugh

From the time she was three years old, Chris Alumbaugh knew she wanted to be a nurse. It's a fact documented in her baby journal that showed up more than once. Medicine and care for patients ran in the family, as her grandfather was a physician.

Being less than proficient with math and science, she thought it impossible for her to pursue that line of study, so she graduated from college with a degree for teaching French and German at the high school level. It wasn't until she turned 51 that she'd fulfill her dream of becoming a nurse. She added Spanish and sign language to her list of proficiencies to aid in nursing.

"I was the oldest in my class," she said, explaining that younger students often came to her because she had the common sense knowledge they didn't have. She excelled in the three-year program and was selected the

Outstanding Student in her class at Baker University School of Nursing in Topeka, KS.

While in college she rose to the higher levels within her sorority as well, serving as one of twelve Regional Coordinators worldwide for six years. That designation presented her with opportunities to attend leadership academies and speak to groups of 200 nurses at a time.

She was employed as a cardiac nurse at a clinic for angina patients and started the new program called Clinical Document Integrity three years before leaving. The program interfaced between physicians and nurses to ensure doctors used specific terminology recognized by insurance companies when diagnosing patients rather than just describing the symptoms. She would have a similar job at Centura Health in Colorado when she relocated to Colorado in 2014.

Her son and daughter-in-law had moved to Evergreen in June of that year, and Chris had come out from Topeka to help with the move. She was taken by our mountain town, returned to Kansas, held seven garage sales, and moved to Colorado. She lived in Denver until something opened up at Rocky Mountain Village, moving into Genesee House seven years ago.



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## Basics from Brac

My new job continues to evolve as facilities manager, taking care of on-site issues and taking on more and more responsibilities like website updates and other things Kathy Crump was doing. You can call me M-F 8-4 (same number); same email ([RMVE2@comcast.net](mailto:RMVE2@comcast.net)). I check the boxes in the lobbies twice a day. If you have financial issues, call Paige with KC Mgmt. at 303-634-2876.

Recycling is a popular thing here at RMVE, and it's important that new residents be aware (and that longer-term residents be reminded) that breaking down of boxes is critical to the success of this program. Please don't leave things next to the recycling bins; everything must fit into the receptacles. Likewise, break down boxes intended for the dumpsters; do not leave them next to the dumpsters.

Del Prouty works 7 am - 1 pm and is available to help with handyman jobs after hours for private compensation. You can put messages for him in the Manager's box.

Bergen residents should make a note of the number to call to cancel a false "nurse pull" — 800-662-2512 code 31719, account 151036 to avoid having an EMT show up.

The sidewalk leading to the front door of Bergen will be replaced. We don't have a date yet, but it will affect usage of the front door for two days when it starts.

Fireplace cleaning done as a group will not take place until the summer of 2023. However, if you need it done sooner, the company will give a partial discount for RMVE residents. Ask me for details.

Work sessions of the board are Mondays at 11:00 in the manager's office in Genesee. Anyone can sit in unless it's declared "Executive Session" when certain confidential items of business are discussed.

*Brac Burford*

## Alumbaugh continued...

With two grandchildren here in Evergreen, Chris enjoys being able to share in their upbringing, especially in the past two years since she's quit working. She helps to lead her granddaughter's Daisy Girl Scout troop (the pre-Brownie level).

Her hobbies include genealogy and — when she had a garden — gardening. She does some pet sitting to augment her income. Chris is particularly fond of all things French, having visited the country a number of times.

"I love living here at Rocky Mountain Village," she says. "It's the only place I've had enough room for all of my genealogy pictures. I love the people and camaraderie and layout." Her neighbors have come to rely on Chris's nursing experience when needing emergency help, and she's found it rewarding to be able to assist.

*Article and photo by Linda Kirkpatrick*

## Purple Thumbs and other residents pitch in on landscaping



Thanks to Lynda Dyer, who enlisted the help of Mary Ellen Putnam, Helena Roberts, Linda Pearce, Ann Redwine, and Josie Brown to help spruce up landscaping in front of Genesee. And thanks also to Bette Carcano, who bought the bricks used for edging.

Between pruning, weeding, edging, and repositioning the rocks in a more decorative way, the entry to Genesee looks a whole lot better!

And at Bergen, Joan Engelhardt (pictured left) took on reclaiming the rock stairway and retaining walls between the back of Bergen House and the carports. The junipers and other growth had taken over that area.

Watch for more improvements in landscaping in the spring.

## ◆ WELCOME ◆

Mimi Adamowski B-420

Judy Hiaasen G-403

Charlene Hahn moved from Bergen to G-320

Susan Lewis B-113