

The Informer

October 28, 2022

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Halloween 2022 at Mayflower

1. The Mayflower Residents Association will be sponsoring a Halloween table: **Halloween Treats/No Tricks – Monday, October 31st, 6:00-8:00pm** on the Broad Street side of the Watertower Square building. Residents will be distributing treats to families and kids from Mayflower and in the neighborhood. Watch for some crazy costumes...on the residents! Join in if you'd like to "work the table."



2. The Mayflower Community Life department will be hosting these activities:

a. **Mayflower Family Trick-or-Treat Parade – Thursday, October 27th, beginning at 4:00pm.** There will be three "stations" passing out goodie bags prepared by residents: The starting point is in front of the Watertower Square building on Broad Street, then on to the Beebe building at the corner of 1st and Park and finishing in front of the Health Center. Treat bags will be available at all stops.

b. **Pumpkin "Face-Off" Decorating Contest** – Members of Mayflower's various departments are encouraged to submit decorated pumpkins. In addition, groups of residents are also encouraged to submit decorated pumpkins. Please deliver them for display in the **Buckley Dining Room on Wednesday, October 26th**. Members of the MRA Social Committee will judge them the next day with the winner announced on Friday.

c. **Staff Costumes** – The staff is encouraged to "dress" for Halloween

on Monday, October 31st.

3. The Mayflower Foodservices department will be offering a special Halloween **Soup Supper** on Monday, October 31st, 4:30-5:30pm in the Buckley Dining Room.



Dine and Converse

On Tuesday, October 26th, Grinnell College students from Professor Alexander McClean's Social Enterprise and Social Justice Class shared a "Jeffersonian Meal" with residents of The Mayflower Community in Mayflower's Buckley Dining Room.

Professor McClean is the 2020 winner of the Grinnell Innovator for Social Justice Prize and is the visiting assistant professor of Sociology at the College.

The event was organized by Mayflower resident, Dorothy Noer, who is an auditing student in the class.

Students interspersed with Mayflower residents at the breakfast tables for the discussion event. Professor McClean describes the "Jeffersonian Meal" as a gathering to focus on a single question, which is discussed by all at the table, one speaker at a time, in order to share experiences, provide voice to each person, and find common ground.

Participating Mayflower residents included Dorothy and John Noer, Bob Butterfield, Pat and Bonnie Lipton, Kent McClelland, Warren Reinecke, and Gayle Strickler.

[See more about Professor McClean and his work here.](#)

-Steve Langerud, Executive Director

Mayflower's "Flagship"

Doug Lockin, Mayflower's Planned Giving Consultant, invites you to

enjoy this colorful edition of Mayflower's Flagship newsletter. It includes notes of thanks from Mayflower leaders and pictorial stories of how hundreds of generous donors have made a difference for all Mayflower residents.

[You can view directly here.](#)

October Wine and Cheese

The next Wine and Cheese event will be **Friday, October 28th, 4:30-5:30pm, Buckley Dining Room**. Come and enjoy Mayflower resident conversation...and refreshments!



Need a Ride to Vote Early?

Sig Barber will be driving Lester the Bus to the Drake Community Library satellite polling place on Friday, October 28th. He will pick up residents in the Beebe Circle at 1:00pm. Be sure to bring a form of identification. There will be no Lester rides on the day of the election.

Resident News

Mayflower Log

The latest fall edition of *The Mayflower Log* is now available for your reading pleasure. **[You can find it here.](#)**

Halloween Treats, No Tricks

Mayflower residents will be offering "Halloween Treats/No Tricks" on Broad Street in front of the Watertower Square building on Monday, October 31st. 6:00-8:00pm. This is for Mayflower families and Grinnell neighborhood kids. Watch for some crazy costumes...on the residents! Come join in if you would like to "work the table."



George and Sue Drake Legacy at Mayflower

The Mayflower Community is saddened by the passing George Drake. George served six years as a trustee of the Mayflower Community board of trustees. His final two years on the board as

president. Our thoughts are with the Drake family. We remember his service to Mayflower and Grinnell in this thoughtful [article about George Drake from the Mayflower LOG.](#)

The photo above is courtesy of Bill Pollack.

-Steve Langerud, Executive Director



Available Mayflower Homes

Traditional Apartments

- Pearson #211. 1,133 sq.ft. One bedroom/1½ baths. Dining room + den/living room. Luxury vinyl wood floor plank. Washer/dryer. Extra storage. \$79,500
- Buckley #207. 1,027 sq.ft. One bedroom + den. 1½ baths. All luxury vinyl wood floor plank. Extra storage. Two balcony doors/long balcony. \$76,750
- Altemeier #105. 892 sq.ft. One bedroom/one bath. Large great room. Kitchen dining space. Washer/dryer. Two exposures. \$67,750
- Buckley #218. 887 sq.ft. One bedroom. 1½ baths. Office. Walk-in closet. \$77,900
- Edwards #1. 732 sq.ft. One-bedroom. Open living room/kitchen. Washer/dryer. Outside deck. \$64,500
- Buckley #201. 681 sq.ft. Two-bedroom/one bath. Balcony. \$64,750
- Pearson #213. 600 sq.ft. One-bedroom. New LVP flooring. \$48,250
- Buckley #202. 592 sq.ft. One-bedroom/one bath. Outside door/balcony over Buckley courtyard. Four closets. \$55,250

Watertower Square Apartment

- #204. 1,443 sq.ft. Two-bedroom/two full baths. Pocket office. Washer/dryer. Large kitchen and large great room. Two exposures. South balcony. In Wait-List.

Harwich Terrace Patio Homes

- 725 Park Street. 1,280 sq.ft. One bedroom/one and one-half bath up. Three-season sunroom. Deck. Full, mostly finished basement with two bedrooms, full bath, family room, shop. In Wait-List.

Mayflower Chapel Service Resumes

Worship

The Spiritual Life Committee of the Mayflower Residents Association presents biweekly Chapel Services: **2nd and 4th Tuesdays; 10:00-10:30am; Kiesel Theatre.**

The worship leaders for upcoming services are:

- November 8th. Rev. John Noer, Retired United Church of Christ Pastor and Mayflower resident
- November 22nd. A special service remembering Mayflower residents who have died in the past liturgical year led by Rev. Anne Sunday and Dorothy Noer, Mayflower resident

Wanted: Persons willing to serve on the Mayflower Residents Association Spiritual Life Committee and volunteer musicians. If interested, please contact Dorothy Noer, Spiritual Life Committee Chair, at 712-420-1337 or email jdnoer@gmail.com.



Happenings at Grinnell College

LGBTQ+ Aging in Central Iowa Research Project and Survey

Kayley Rönkvist (she/her) is a fourth-year student at Grinnell College, leading a research project on LGBTQ+ Aging in rural central Iowa. Her photograph is attached. Kayley has worked at Mayflower over the last four years serving as the Adopt-A-Grandparent Program

Coordinator and assisting with the development of Mayflower's online directory.

Kayley has been leading this project for two years under the mentorship of Dr. Karla Erickson, Professor of Sociology, and is currently serving as an Education Ambassador for the National Resource Center on LGBT Aging. As part of this research, Kayley has been working with Mayflower to learn more about community interest, needs, policies, and practices.

By Wednesday, October 19th, please complete the following survey, which should take about 10 minutes. You may remember completing a similar survey one year ago. This is the second part, which will be analyzed in conjunction with the 2021 survey. [Take the survey here.](#)

Please contact Kayley at ronnkvis@grinnell.edu with any questions.

Met Opera

Live on Screen Harris Center Cinema

November 5th: *La Traviata*, Verdi

December 10th: *The Hours*, Kevin Puts



Daylight Saving Time Ends

On Sunday morning, November 6th at 2:00am, Daylight Saving Time ends, and clocks need to be **set back one hour** (to 1:00am). Of course, you can do the set-back earlier Saturday evening, before you go to bed. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 6, 2022 than the day before. There will be **more light in the morning**.

-Bob Mann, Mayflower Sales & Marketing Director

TREASURE CHEST

Jerry Adams is a master craftsman. His creations made from wood are works of art. He makes boxes, toy cars (too beautiful to be called just toys), and whimsical wall hangings made from wood

“scraps”. His work has been displayed in the Treasure Chest located in the Pearson Lobby on an earlier occasion. However, during the month of November, new pieces will be displayed. Come and enjoy please.

AND....

The members of the *Treasure Chest Committee* need your help during the year 2023. *Please note the date of 2023.* You did read correctly. We wanted to give you plenty of time to think.

First, DO YOU HAVE COLLECTIONS YOU MIGHT WISH TO DISPLAY? Your collection might not be enough to fill the entire display case located in the lobby of Pearson. We (the committee) will help you coordinate with others for a complete display. Please note the committee is also available to assist in setting up and taking down your display should you wish. Displays will be left up for two months at a time (or one month if you want to take it down earlier)

Second, we would welcome other members to our very small committee. It is an exciting and fun job talking about their collections and why they have them.

Contact:

Doug or Ginny Cameron (236-4544) (cameronv641@gmail .com)
Janis Peak (236-8993)

Armchair Travels
Mayflower's Kiesel Theatre
2:00pm on Thursdays

Below are the upcoming virtual "trips.

November 3rd

- U.S., Montana, A Blackfeet Encounter
- U.S., New York, Fort Niagara

November 10th

- Nepal, Everest: A Climb for Peace
- Croatia and Balkans

November 17th

- U.S., Ohio, Tecumseh & The Shawnee



Booklist

Lyrebird Lake by Fiona Arthur
Don't Cry for Me by Daniel Black
Oath of an Office: A Jack Ryan Novel (Tom Clancy) (LP) by Marc Cameron
Snowing in the Morning by Robert Dunn
Mary Russel's War by Laurie R. King
Pirate King by Laurie R. King
The Premonition by Michael Lewis
The Bombay Prince by Sujata Massey
Beyond the Crushing Waves by Lilly Mirren
The Ghost of Craven Snuggs by Sandy Moffet
Undelivered by Jeff Nussbaum
Breathe by Joyce Oates
Spectacle of Grief by Sarah Purcell
Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe by Heather Webber
Sugar and Salt by Susan Wiggs
Apple Orchard by Susan Wiggs

LP= large print

Book Reviews

The Ghost of Craven Snuggs—A Midwestern Murder Mystery
By Sandy Moffett

This book, written by one of Mayflower's own, is a must read for all Iowans. Inside these pages you will find a cast of delightful characters, some comedy, a bit of fantasy, a murder mystery, and a large dose of painful truth. There is also a brief mention of a town we all know and love. The story concerns big agriculture, environmental issues, and a warning that the future of Iowa's land and waterways and the health of its citizens are all at risk. I read this book in one afternoon because I just could not put it down.

Don't Cry for Me
By Daniel Black

As Jacob is dying he writes a letter to his gay son, Isaac. He recounts stories of his ancestral legacy that extends back to slavery. Jacob feels that Isaac needs to understand how that legacy has affected his

behavior as a man and father. Filled with transformation, love, family, forgiveness, and understanding this book is, at times, both hard to read and hard to put down.

Kiesel Theatre Movies Saturdays, 2:00pm.

November 5th: *Damn Yankees* (1958). The rousing movie of the Broadway grand-slam imports nearly all the original New York lineup. Includes Gwen Verdon as luscious vamp Lola and Ray Walston as her shy Satanic boss Applegate. Hollywood's Tab hunter suits up as potential lost soul and Washington Senators slugger, Joe Hardy. 111 minutes. Not rated. English subtitles.

November 12th: *Denial* (2017). Oscar-winner, Rachel Weisz, stars in this powerful, true story based on the acclaimed book, *Denial: Holocaust History on Trial*. When Deborah Lipstadt (Weisz) speaks out against Holocaust denier, David Irving (Timothy Spall), over his falsification of history, she discovers that the stakes are higher than ever in the battle for historical truth. Now faced with a libel lawsuit in British court, Lipstadt and her attorney (Tom Wilkinson) have the heavy burden of proving that the Holocaust actually happened, in a riveting legal fight with stunning consequences. 115 minutes. PG-13. English subtitles.


November 19th: No movie due to celebration of life services for George Drake.

November 26th : No movie. Happy Thanksgiving weekend.

OCTOBER IS NO FEST

By Pasha Buck

It's October, of course,
And the sky's "dark" at dawn!
The temperate dropped—
It goes up, then goes down!
Pumpkins are everywhere—
Even on our table.
And a corn stalk or two
Will, of course, make you able



To see true fall colors—
Plus leaves on all trees.
How beautiful fall is
Little ponds on our patio
Are prepared to shut down.
For each beauty, there's a down side,
Seen all around town.
And frost overnight
Makes winter seem right
Next to tomorrow—
Today or tonight!

Residents' Birthdays

Barbara Rosfjord on October 28th
Christine Tinker on October 29th
Bob Cadmus on October 30th
Nancy Hendrickson on October 30th
Sis Vogel on October 30th
Sue Drake on November 1st
Debi Olson on November 1st
Esther Adkins on November 2nd
Greg Buntz on November 3rd
John Graves on November 3rd
Carmen Raffety on November 3rd
Jack Mutti on November 5th
Paul Munyon on November 9th
Chris Hunter on November 13th
Dorothy Martinek on November 14th

Informer Submission Deadlines

- Submission deadline is November 4th for publication November 11th
 - Submission deadline is November 18th for publication November 25th
 - Submission deadline is December 2nd for publication December 9th
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In Memoriam

George A. Drake

Date of Birth: February 25, 1934

Date of Passing: October 15, 2022



Judith Thompson

Date of Birth: August 14, 1940

Date of Passing: October 26, 2022

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