

# Olympia Village Apartments

## April Newsletter

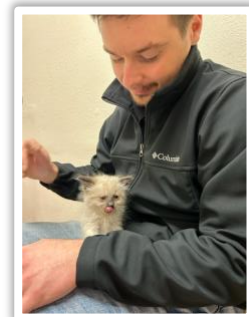


## SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Dear Community Members,

It will be a bountiful harvest of blooms this spring if we can depend on the often quoted "April showers bring May flowers". Long term weather forecast calls for lots of rain during the first 10 days of April. This is an ideal time for spring cleaning. Clean out the junk drawers and toss unwanted or expired food and kitchen supplies. If you have furniture or clothing to donate, staff may be able to assist in collecting items for donations to Pastor Phil's City Gates Ministries, one of the charities we have supported with donations and financial gifts for fifteen years. Recycling gently used items is a wonderful way to contribute to the needs of others.

**Look at this sweet face** – Kitty Bailey is the light and love in Gary and Ty's lives and hearts. We were so blessed to be part of connecting this new family.



*These Kitties Were Rescued!*



*Bailey watches over the courtyard*

## Community Updates

**Spring Inspections** – Please take care to inspect your bathroom vanity and kitchen sink cabinets for signs of leaking. Call, text or email work order requests.

### Community Food Pantry – C Meeting Room

Let us know if you have special requests for the food pantry. A number of our community leaders have participated in organizing food pantry shopping. Now is a great time to contribute a few hours a month to this worthwhile endeavor which has proven to be a beautiful time for connecting with friends while helping all of us reduce our grocery budgets. Many times, a resident has been in the process of making a recipe only to discover a missing item and been able to find the necessary ingredient in our C meeting room pantry.



### The Secret To Living Is Giving

One of our preferred charity partners is PACK, People for Animal Care & Kindness. Last month, the Director of this hardworking service organization and owner of the Lucky Dog Outfitters, reached out to Cynthia for assistance with a Cat and Kitten Rescue. The malnourished and sick mother and her five kittens were retrieved from an unhealthy environment and nursed to health by one of our most heart centered residents, Miss Darly Abbott. Mama and kittens were loaded with parasites, ear mites, gastrointestinal issues and eye infections. Under Darly's watchful eye and the supervision of our dear Dr Preston, the entire kitty family slowly healed. In addition to medical care, our staff, community friends Nona and Donna, and community members Coral, Cheryl and Rob provided the tender loving care that nourished the babies and created the trust that has now allowed them to be well loved companions. We are so pleased two kittens were adopted within our community - Lulu's family adopted Coconut and our renowned rock star, Kirkland is now blessed to share his apartment with Miss Kitty Russell. These feline friends will be well nurtured – and while we may think we rescued the kitties – in fact, they have rescued us as we have grown in our selflessness and ability to share love.

We have so many successful rescues by our heart centered residents – George adopted Diego from a veteran experiencing homelessness and mental issues. Kitty Adele found a loving home that was patient with her shyness. Now she basks contentedly on laps with her new family. Richard Tate adopted Nancy Drew. Cynthia adopted “U2”, now known as Boobalicious or BooBoo about 8 years ago when her owner

passed leaving no family to take her in. Like so many rescues, she faced uncertainty and prior mistreatment, but has come to know unconditional love and experience safety and security in her second chance life.

Parker, a shy senior Shih-Tzu , left to herself while her owner traveled for weeks at a time, found a home with Darly, Huey and WildThing. She goes everywhere Darly goes. Never alone again! She is learning to trust once more. Thank you to our caring community members! It takes a Village.....Olympia Village to change lives for the better – for humans and their cherished companion pets.

**Congratulations Alysa** – Moving on up! We will all miss our perky “L’il Miss Alysa” queen of the riding lawn mower and groundskeeper extraordinaire! Alysa has been tapped as the office manager for an auto repair center in Tacoma which offers her growth potential and the ability to use her office skills – and most importantly work with her charming boyfriend.



**Comings and Goings** – Sweet Susie is relocating to our beautiful B12 apartment where she will thrive along with her canine companion Oliver. Oliver is a rescue from Second Chance Dogs, and he is temporarily taking care of Lulu while he’s waiting for Miss Susie to come home. We are so anxious to see Susie back in our community, where she belongs.

Charlie’s sweet sister, Phyllis, is our new resident in A9. Phyllis is relocating from the Tacoma area where she is a retired member of the Teamsters Union having operated heavy equipment. After visiting with Sis and coming to appreciate the peace, tranquility and friendly atmosphere at Olympia Village, Phyllis decided to move south and become a member of our community ..... she loves cooking and we can see some community cooking lessons in our future.

We are excited to welcome Curtis to D9. He served his country in the United States Air Force and National Guard. Curtis is handy and loves tinkering with mechanical things.

We are bidding a very fond farewell to our dear Marcia and Deane Savage who are moving into a special apartment created for them in their children's home. We will miss their sweet smiles and yummy desserts and hope they will return for visits often.

D2 will be home to new resident, Allen, relocating from Seattle and working for the Department of Ecology.

Our community lost a dear member, John McCarthy, March 29, 2023. He passed peacefully in his beloved home near sweet Sassy, his feline companion of 22 years. His love for kitties and gentle nature will continue to be celebrated by all of us he left behind. If you wish to honor John with a donation, he requested that you make a donation to Feline Friends. You can do so by visiting this site: <https://feline-friends.net/support.htm>

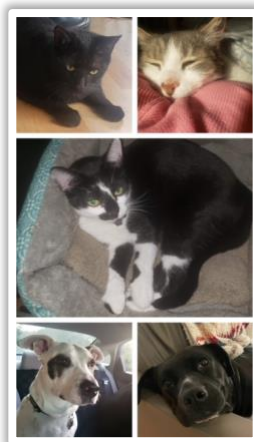
*Despite life's challenges, when we remain resourceful there are many selfless and loving people who will step up and offer a helping hand or make a new friend. Time and again we witness this beautiful experience with our residents and their companion animals.*

**Happy Birthday Fay! (April 1, 2023)-** *Thank you for providing TLC and outstanding support for our community and staff. You are so appreciated!*

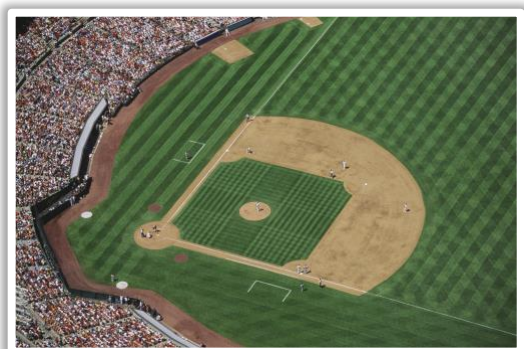
#### **A Note From Fay**

Hey ya'll, Fay here, Puppy came to us at age 7 months old when a family member could no longer care for her. She is the laid back and sweet one. When her best friend, Girlfrenn's family was moving out of state and needed a home for her, we were the obvious choice. Oreo was our first kitty and since she was a tiny kitten she's been the boss. Cloudy arrived one day and it took many months to earn his trust. Now he sleeps in the kings position on the top of our pillows. Juice walked out of the woods one afternoon all by himself when he was 5 weeks old. All of these guys just decided they were going to join our family. They are the center of our lives now!

In order: Juice, Cloudy, Oreo, Girlfrenn, Sta-quap-sheds which means Socks in Lashootseed, the Squaxin Tribe native language. We call her Puppy.





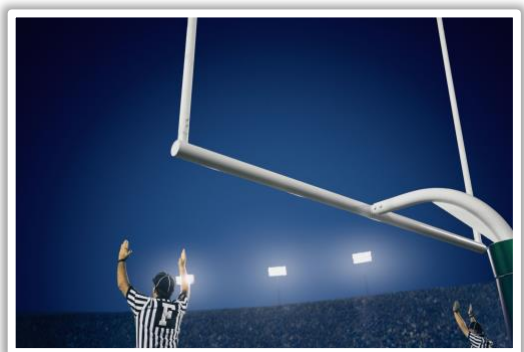


## Go Mariners!

Seattle Mariners baseball is back! The first sign of great weather is always when the boys of spring hit the diamond. It will be interesting to see if they can follow up their first playoff appearance in 21 years with a push for the World Series Title.

## Kraken In The Playoffs?

In just their second year as an expansion franchise, the Seattle Kraken have made history by improving by more than 26 points in the standings from their first to second season. Not only have they shown strong signs of improvement, they're a legitimate contender for the Stanley Cup!



## Wagner Returns To Seattle

If you want a feel good story, look no further than the Seahawks re-signing legendary linebacker Bobby Wagner. His mentorship of the younger guys on a talented roster could be the boost that defense needs to assume dominance over the league once more.

## High School Spring Sports

Want an affordable afternoon out of the house? Catch some spring baseball, soccer, or another sport at one of our local high schools. The kids love the support, and you'll be amazed at the talent growing in your own back yard.

