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**Units in Transition # 211
closes on 12/1**

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Year-End Wrap-Up

The holiday season is here and things are starting to slow down around the co-op. Most of our annual projects have been successfully wrapped up for the fiscal year, and we hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving. Minnesota winter has given us a small break so far, but those cold temps and snowy days will be here before we know it. Please take a moment to make sure your heat is working properly, and if you plan to be away for an extended period, remember to fill out a *While You're Away* form. This helps Bryan and I check your unit during freezing weather to prevent sustained leaks due to burst pipes.

I will be out of the office December 25th and 26th

Stay warm, stay cozy, and enjoy these final weeks of 2025 — Happy Holidays!
Tia

Enjoy this month's complimentary cake & ice cream in the Silver View Room on Monday, December 15th at 2:30 pm.



December Birthdays

Dorothy S.	Dec-3
Katie J.	Dec-5
Alice P.	Dec-6
Bob C.	Dec-10
Joe Miller.	Dec-11
Mary C.	Dec-12

Tuesday, December 9th at 5:30 pm is our Monthly Pot Luck.
It's always a delicious and laid-back time to visit with our neighbors. The more the merrier!



Members of Realife:

I usually write my newsletter article the same day/evening as the Board meeting. Lucky thing I decided to wait a day; the StarTribune was EXTREMELY late on Wednesday and it gave me something to do. Coffee without a side of newspaper just doesn't do it for me.

There were no comments/questions for Open Forum, so I merrily went on with the agenda, completely bypassing the committee reports. I realized the error of my ways when I reached the Treasurer's Report, looked down, and saw I was at the end of the first page of the agenda and we were only 5 minutes into the meeting! Members were so entranced with the speed at which we were getting business done, that they did not attempt to redirect me . . . Then the lateness of the newspaper this morning, where will it all end?!? Ah, First World problems

So, third paragraph, and we pick up at the Management and Maintenance reports: Lou reported Ebenezer received an email from HUD regarding the government shutdown. The Federal Government's spending authority expired at 11:59 PM on Tuesday, 09/30/2025, therefore, most HUD programs have been temporarily interrupted, and most HUD employees have been told they cannot work.

Lou also reported that Michelle Blankenship is our Ebenezer Marketing Representative. Michelle is available to meet virtually (and maybe in person locally) with the Marketing Committee to review the property's website, marketing materials, etc.

VROOZI is the name of the new Accounting AP (accounts payable) process and began in October. Training sessions have been held with Property Managers. Also regarding training, OSHA and Educare classes are to be completed by Tia and Bryan by 12/31/2025. Please be respectful of "Do Not Disturb" signs, as many of these tests cannot be paused.

Tia reported the Guest Suite was reserved for 1 night for the month of October, giving revenue of \$50. The Silver View Room was reserved once for a total of \$35.

Currently, there are 82 prospects on the waiting list. As of this writing, there are 2 unit shares available for sale. #323 will be closing in the near future. #211 remains available - put the word out!

Both Tia and Bryan had Thanksgiving and the day after off.

OLD BUSINESS from the October Board Meeting was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

We want to emphasize that defacing signs, notices, books, or anything else in the building will not be tolerated. Recently the notice for the "Know Your Muslim Neighbor" Inquiring Minds session was defaced/slashed with an "X." Also, some books in the Loft were defaced with an "X" on their spines. This is not the kind of impression we want our families, friends, and visitors to have of our community.

We recently lost access to parking at Dollar General after the manager reported some concerning behavior in the lot. It was suggested we begin using parking stickers to help identify vehicles belonging to residents. While stickers may not directly address that situation, they could be a helpful measure for improving security and accountability within our own parking areas. Lou will check with other properties on this matter.

The ad hoc committee for Handbook revisions has completed their mission!

MANY THANKS TO:

Jan Quick (Chair)

Marsha Rumbarger

JoAnn Rote

Dorothy Staples

This committee literally went through the Member Handbook word by word and highlights were presented to the membership. A date will be announced as to when to bring your Member Handbook to the office to swap it out for the latest version. You will also be asked to sign a document stating you have received a copy. This was a huge task, and we believe answers any questions you may have about the cooperative.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for 2 PM on December 2, 2025 in the Silver View Room.

Have a very happy and safe holiday season!

Deb Johnson, President

Inquiring Minds

Our educational discussion group will meet **Wednesday, December 17th in the Silver View Room at 2 pm.** The topic will be decided at our November gathering. We will choose between Part II of *The Real Cost of Consumerism* or a Read-In. Watch the bulletin boards for information as the date approaches. This date is one day before our Holiday Bash!

Realife Annual Holiday party
Thursday, December 18 @ 5:30 pm.
(Watch for the sign-up sheet)

Ham dinner will be served.



Some of us can now scratch Northern Lights off our bucket lists.

Amazing!!!

Parking lot

Back deck



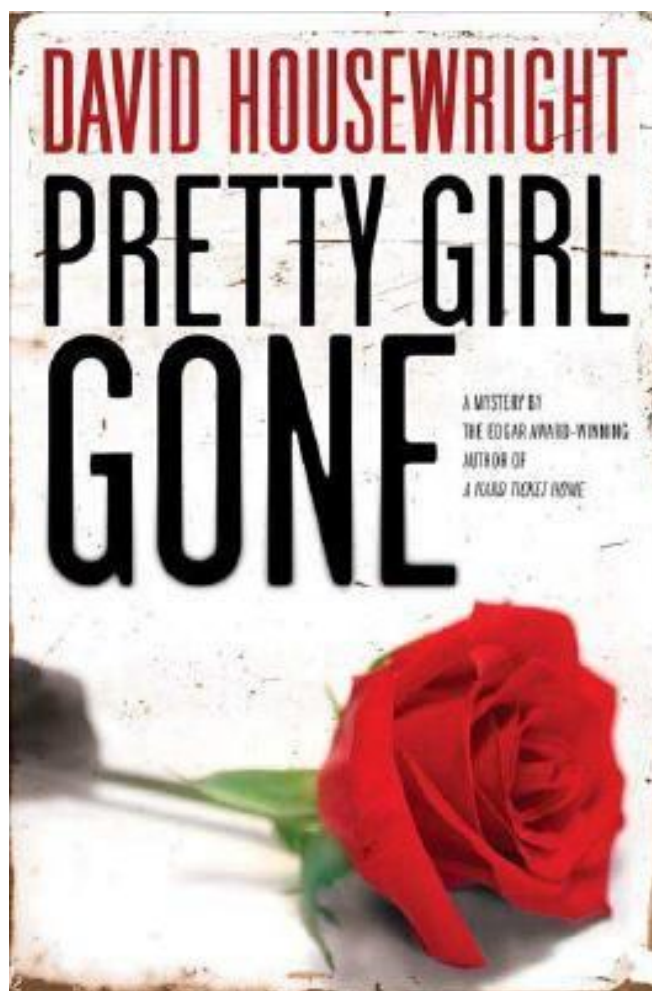
**Rice Creek Trailhead
(County Rd I)**

**Photos thanks to Jo-Ann R
and Linda S.**

Book Review

A new book is in our Library: ***Pretty Girl Gone***, by David Housewright. He is a popular Minnesota author.

McKenzie, a former cop turned PI, gets an unexpected visit from his high school crush asking for a favor. Someone has sent her a blackmail email about her husband, the governor of Minnesota. There are several twists and turns. Everyone lies and tries to hide what happened thirty years ago. The book has everything: rich and powerful Minneapolis men wanting the governor to run for senate, high school buddies wanting to protect the past, former sleazy chief of police and basketball coach. What would you do to protect a wrong from your past?



Use It or Lose It

Remember this saying? It's so very true. We are fortunate to have *Live 2 B Healthy* send exercise instructors to our Loft 3 times a week.

They lead gentle movements that can be done by everyone. Work at your own pace and ability. All can be done in a chair if that works better for you. The goal is to keep your ability to move.

Classes run 45 minutes and are on:

- Mondays at 1 pm
- Wednesdays at 1 pm
- Thursdays at 11:30

We need at least 10 regular attendees to keep this financially viable for *Live 2 B Healthy*. We use it or lose it with these classes, too. Your medicare supplement probably pays the fees for this. The instructor can answer any questions you have.

Live 2 B Healthy
Strength & Balance



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SENIOR FITNESS

FREE EVENTS

Dayton's Holiday Market

This year is extra special as it's Santa Bear's 40th birthday. New this year, visitors can enjoy Dayton's Oak Grill's wild rice soup and popovers.

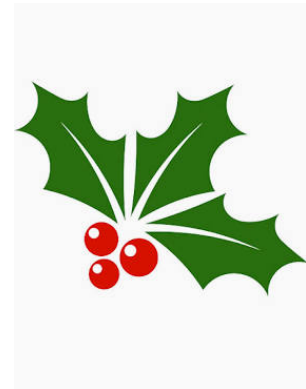
Throughout the market shoppers can stop at over 70 vendors with heritage brands from across Minnesota.

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Sun. Opens Thu. and runs through Dec. 27. minneapolis.org

Holiday Craft & Vendor Show

Crafters will fill the halls and common areas for a day of shopping locally.

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. Anoka Technical College, 1355 W. Hwy. 10, Anoka. shorturl.at/tfJJc



Rumriver Holiday Show and Shop

Opening day for this artist driven event will hold special hours of 10 a.m.-4 p.m. View creations of textiles, stained glass, jewelry, art prints and more.

10 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Tue.; 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Wed.-Fri.; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat. through Dec. 20. Rum river Art Center, 2665 4th Av., Anoka. rumriverart.com

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Please submit all January newsletter articles by **December 19**. Your submissions are greatly appreciated.

Enjoy Realife

