

# American Street Philosophers

## KEEP ON, KEEPING ON...

### AMERICAN STREET PHILOSOPHERS

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Steve Wilson and Friends

*“The origin of the human condition is best explained by the natural selection for social interaction—the inherited propensities to communicate, to recognize, to evaluate, to bond, to cooperate, to compete, and from all these the deep warm pleasure of belonging to your own special group.”*

E. O. Wilson in *THE MEANING OF HUMAN EXISTENCE*

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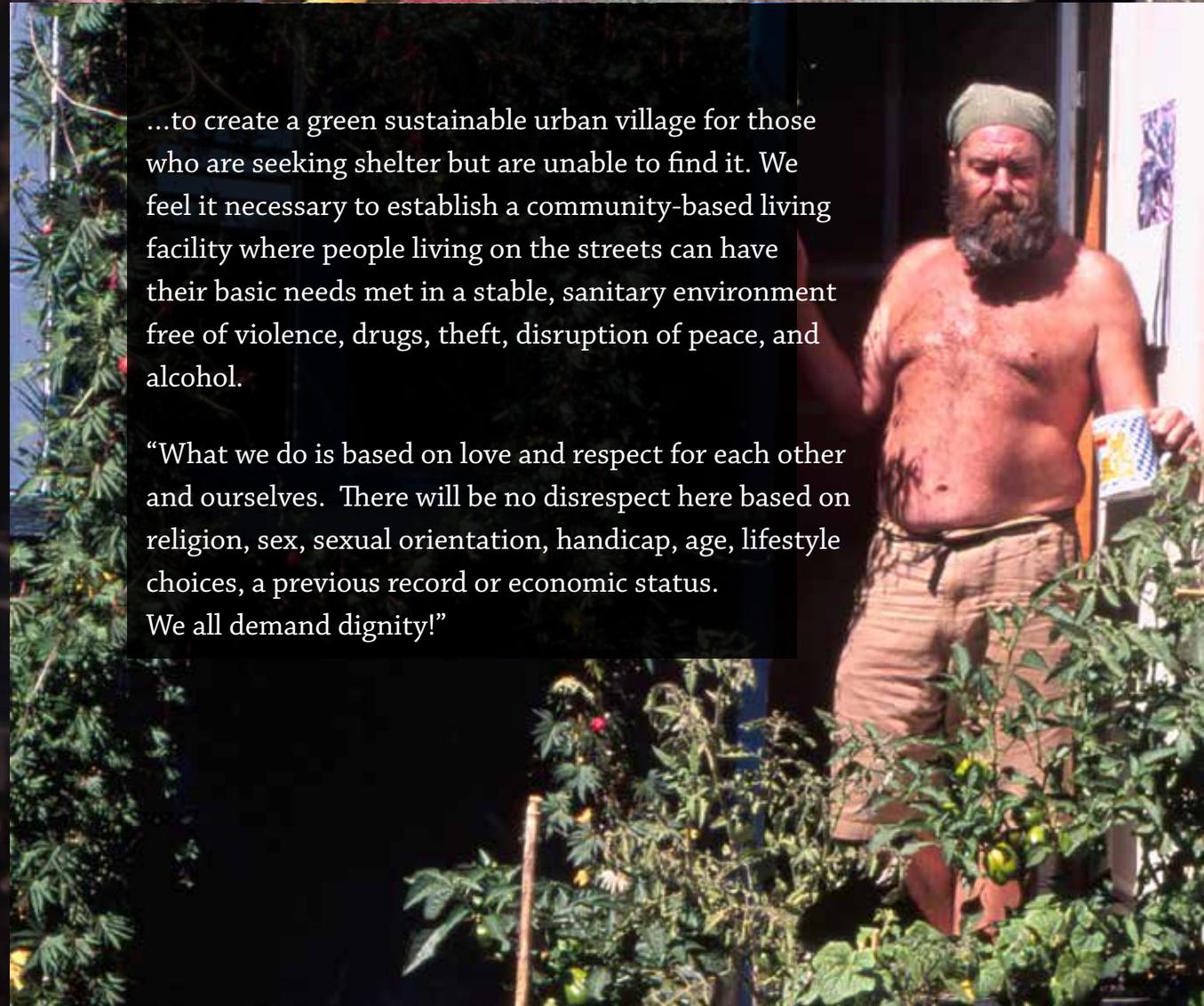
Remember?

“We seek...”



...to create a green sustainable urban village for those who are seeking shelter but are unable to find it. We feel it necessary to establish a community-based living facility where people living on the streets can have their basic needs met in a stable, sanitary environment free of violence, drugs, theft, disruption of peace, and alcohol.

“What we do is based on love and respect for each other and ourselves. There will be no disrespect here based on religion, sex, sexual orientation, handicap, age, lifestyle choices, a previous record or economic status. We all demand dignity!”





Growing in planters,  
raised above asphalt tarmac heat,  
watered from rain barrels or city faucet,  
orphaned plants spring into wake-up summer.

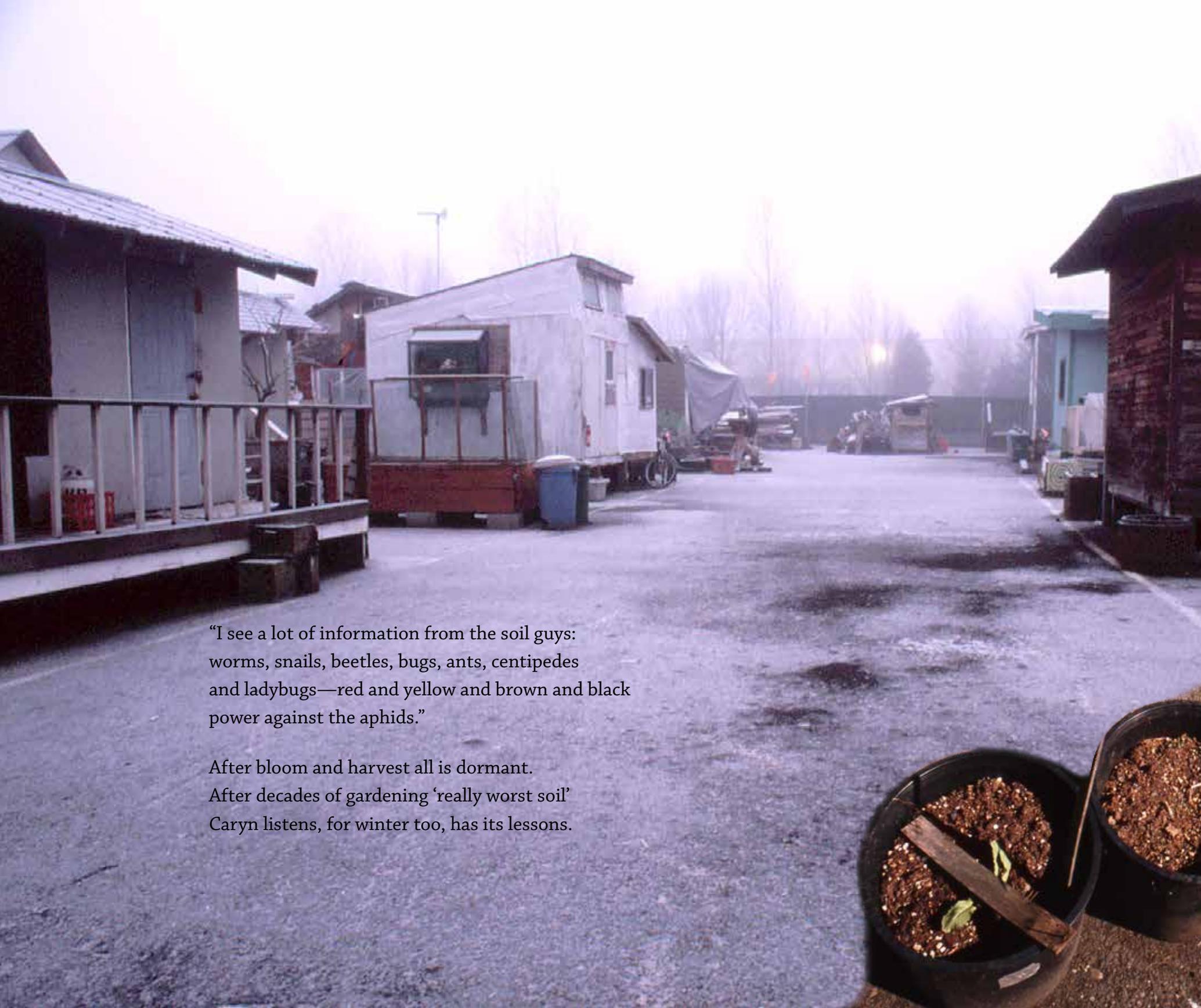
“Believe the leaf.  
You have to pay attention  
to what they’re saying  
by color and size.  
Hands on encouraging growth.  
Now growth here, when I turn her around  
new branches stretch toward the sun  
their shades of green sending  
and receiving messages.

## The My and Our Gardens

Caryn explains: "You don't really own a plant,  
you nurture a plant...  
like a friend."  
Within this working balance of fertility  
bees and wasps come and pollinate.







“I see a lot of information from the soil guys:  
worms, snails, beetles, bugs, ants, centipedes  
and ladybugs—red and yellow and brown and black  
power against the aphids.”

After bloom and harvest all is dormant.  
After decades of gardening ‘really worst soil’  
Caryn listens, for winter too, has its lessons.





**\*\*\* 3:05 PM “supplemental log entry:**

ATTENTION SECURITY PERSONNEL  
The sink faucet, shower and the utility faucet  
are on drip mode. *“Beware it’s beginning to ice up.”*



**Dignity Village 24/7 Security Log**  
Whitefoot and Tami on security duty.

## 10° Fahrenheit

“Damn it’s going to be a real cold one tonight.  
Brrrr. All appears to be in good order so far.”

**2:55 PM** “My fearless head scout Tami reports  
that it’s getting even colder by the minute.”

**3:00 PM** “Rounds are A-OK and Thomas reports  
that the coyotes are getting precariously close to the front gate (sly devils).”





**7:05 AM** "It seems that last night Villagers found a bag of suspicious looking substance in one of the portolets. Hard knowing where it came from. Other than that all's well."

**7:40 AM** "Rounds OK. Put down de-ice. Hawaii sounds good rite about now."

**7:45 AM** "Quiet, cold to the bone and almost time to go home. Called for ambulance to transport warming shelter guest, Ishmael, to hospital. (Emanuel)."





Ben handed me  
“...to know, why”



## Some Things Never Stop Hurting

Invited to a high school reunion  
four or five nights ago.

I got a telephone call from a classmate  
from forty years back.

1970.

Class of '70, Laramie High.

Quite by mistake.

Very much by mistake.

I did graduate from Laramie High in 1970.

And there is to be a forty-year reunion.

And I remembered Kitty very well.

And the invitation was...

Genuine.

Authentic.

Bona fide.

Real.

But also a REAL REAL BIG mistake...mistake.

I remember many of those classmates very well:

Jeff Johnson, Tom Hays, Freddie Costello, Roger Barnes,  
Davey Espinoza, Pete Garza, Hilda Reyes, Rita Reyes,  
Sammy Collins, Mercedes “Mitch” Collins, Kathy Peterson,  
Jane Mitchell, Elvira Mason, Dorie Wong, Kevin Iida,  
Bryce Finch, Bob Marsh, Bob Williams, Joe Turner,  
Rob Freeman, Tim Tiernie, Terry Glass, Sherry Glass.

Yeah, I remember a lot about Laramie.

Oh Boy. Don't I just remember

one hell of a Motherfucking lot about Laramie

...and something that feels like a stone

comes where my heart is supposed to be.

In the extreme particular

I remember Brad.

That's Brad Wells, my best friend.

His little sister's name is Mickie.

I once ate her goldfish

on a five dollar bet with Terry Glass.

Me and him and Brad had to drive

over to the May Company

to get a replacement goldfish so she wouldn't know.

It was Mickie who first found him.

With 22 calibers in his heart

and his left thumb on the trigger.

The police were as kind as they knew how to be.

They only asked one question:

“Was he left-handed?”



The family was devastated.  
We were all devastated.  
In December 1976.

Brad really admired and looked up  
to my older brother Sid.  
Sid put 30 calibers through his brain  
in November of 1968.

As much as I would like to think that Brad's suicide  
did not have a single thing to do with Sid's suicide,  
or anything to do with our family.

Well,  
I could tell myself that every single day until  
the day I die...  
and if I did that I bet any kind of money  
that I would find out  
how much better it makes me feel  
which is not at all.

Then Dave got gunned down in August of 1969  
by a Gardena, California cop by the name of  
Ronald K. Bruce.

It was over forty years ago and it still hurts.  
The wound has healed,  
but it was reopened when I learned of your loss.  
Please know that when I weep for Dave,  
I weep for Aaron too.  
And if there is anything I can do,  
my time is yours.



My only consolation is knowing  
there is not a single thing in the world  
that anybody can do to me  
that is going to make me feel any worse.

And that is why I think of Kitty now.  
Because I can imagine  
some of what she must be feeling now.  
Some things never stop hurting.  
Or they only don't hurt anymore  
because you don't think about them anymore.  
I mean, after thirty-six years  
you let go.

But you see...  
this would have been  
Brad's forty-year high-school reunion too.  
Too bad he's been dead for thirty-six of those years.

It can't not have crossed her mind.  
And the very best I can tell you  
is that I miss him too.  
And that I would have been a better friend  
if I had only known how.  
But I want you to know  
that I've always thought of you  
as being very close to the very center of me.  
It was only time and circumstances  
that has kept us distant.



But I don't mean that as a sad thing.  
Mostly I smile and feel happy  
when I look at your picture or you cross my mind.  
And sometimes I've a good guess and the vibe says,  
you and Richard and Brianna (and who else?)  
are and have been very happy for over 30 years.

I love you darling  
with all of my broken heart,  
but that isn't really saying much.  
Who wouldn't?  
I have to give you a reason to smile now.  
It won't be difficult.

Even with beer's diminishing capacity  
he was still completely intact  
and he kept going on and on  
about how matter is mostly empty space  
and Brian, like he does, politely waited  
and then looked at me and said,  
"and then there's the empty space between your ears"  
and I looked at him sadly shaking my head  
cause I can't drink warm beer,  
"I don't know how you ever managed  
to get used to warm beer."

"I had to. If I put them in the refrigerator  
Mom would drink them."

...and the very best I can tell you, Honey,  
is that I miss him too.

BEWARE This is strong stuff.

READER DISCRETION ADVISED

## The Burden of Hatred

“In jail at age 17.

6 or 7 times in prison. So often  
I knew many of the inmates.  
It was like going home.”

Listening to Brad P quietly talking  
an autobiographical poem.  
“the only poem I ever wrote.



## *Jalapena*

### A love ballad:

“My lil Mexican jalapena  
it’s been two years since I last seen ya  
I’d sure like to go up in ya  
blow yer brains out jalapena.

“Took my car cuz greed was in ya!  
I’d love to watch you bleed (I’d grin.)  
you dirty rotten jalapena!

“You rat n’ ran way up to Denva  
told the Feds I cooked meth n’ then ya  
made a deal so they’d defend ya  
you stinkin’ slime bag, jalapena.

“A snitch I’m not” cried jalapena  
as I shoved the hot shot in ya  
Sure yer not, it couldn’t have been ya.  
Say goodbye BITCH, all up in ya.

“You jerked n’ jumped n’ twitched again.  
Now there’s no more life within ya  
dead n’ stinkin’ jalapena.”

“It’s the only poem I ever wrote.  
Felt so much anger,  
sensed the tremendous power  
of violence within me.  
My endless running, running, rerunning  
utterly black and evil stopped  
when I became creative in dealing with hatred.

“Turning the ‘way back then’  
into my current process of self-awareness  
so hatred stops popping up...  
How to speak with myself and test the words  
before they come out of my mouth.

“I also attach to new opportunities of life.  
I escape by making an accounting  
of burdens beyond rage, envy, anger  
and the violent hatred in death endings.

“Steve, I had to kill her in my mind.”



## Dignity Village 24/7 Security Log

It is Thursday, 8 PM

Tracey and Angela on duty.

# Row, Row, Row

**8:30 PM**

“BLR (Back Log Read). Rounds (walking the Village) very wet, but good. Gary is a warming center guest.”

**8:45 PM**

“Tracey off duty (0.75 hours)”

**9 PM**

“Rounds. My feet look like prunes. :)”

**9:30 PM**

“Row, row, row your boat gently down the...tarmac!”

“All’s good.

Not much going on

other than the constant dripping,

the confounded drizzle of rain drops.

...the dripping of the old damn rain!!

“All is definitely well.

Done and good.”







## **Dignity Village 24/7 Security Log**

**It is Friday, 8 AM**

Mike M is on duty.

# **Oil Spill**

“When I arrived for my shift, there was, and still is, a large spill of oil flowing all over the tarmac, mixed with the rainwater.

Appears to be coming from a leak in Danny’s truck.

Shorty said he had informed Danny.

No sign of Danny as the oil continues to flow.”

### **10 AM**

Laura and Beckie on duty.

“Lots of oil still on tarmac running down front of Guard Shack inside the Village...

It goes down the drain and will piss the city off when it messes up our Ph balance.”



**It is Saturday 2 PM**

Jon Boy and Ruthie on duty.

“Gypsy musicians have arrived:  
let the music and dancing begin.  
Rounds are good.

**Music playing in Village.”**



## **Dignity Village 24/7 Security Log**

**It is Tuesday, 8 PM**

Whitefoot and Tami are on duty.

# **Sedate and Tranquil**

“Rounds made:

Tami reports there aren't any indications of physical violence and/or any mental aberrations.

...it is literally unbelievably quiet and I am utterly flabbergasted.

...The Village

is relatively sedate and tranquil so there's nothing to expound upon.

“Heads is up for Martice.

Whitehead and Tami are OFF DUTY.”

**It is Saturday, 6 AM**

Angela on duty.

“...my philosophy on rumors is that they're not true unless the person rumored says they are.

WE ARE ADULTS,

NOT GRADE SCHOOL KIDS, PEOPLE.



I mean,  
if someone really has to start a rumor,  
they are sinking to the same grade school level.”

**12 NOON**

“The new extension cord  
to the guard shack  
needs to be lifted off the ground.”

**6 PM**

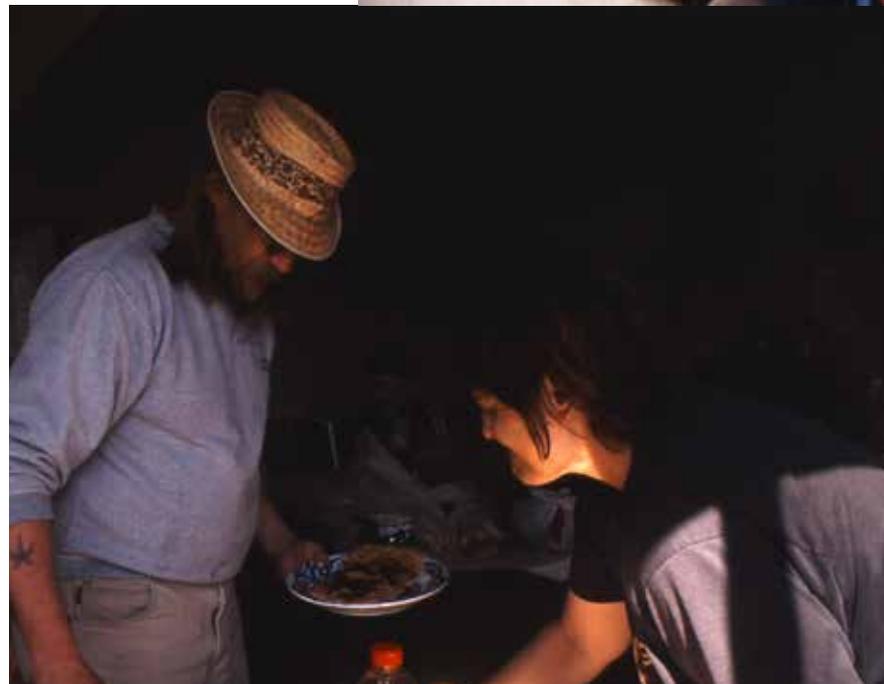
Mike M. and Mike C. on duty.  
“Back log read.  
Would be nice if people acted  
like they had some sense  
when filling out the log—  
it is an official document!”

**It is Thursday, 8 AM**

Tami and Whitefoot on duty.  
“Well a church group from Phoenix, AZ  
came to the Village to see  
how we’ve managed  
to function so long.  
Whereas I’m completely flabbergasted  
and appalled  
to hear that the ‘City of Phoenix’  
is taking them to court for  
‘assisting the less fortunate.’”

**8:30 PM**

“The Phoenix Church Group  
is in the Commons with the Villagers.  
Tami reports that all’s quiet and peaceful.”



**Dignity Village 24/7 Security Log**

**It is Tuesday, 1:35 PM**

Whitefoot and Dean on duty.

**‘Bitchin’ Rides’**

“Rounds are completed.

Final observations,

currently the only noise

is the buzzing of power saws.

Everything else is cool,

calm and collected.”

“Angela on duty on the morning of  
the much anticipated motorcycle rally,  
BBQ.”

**6:30 AM**

“All’s quiet, some people stirring.”

**7:00 AM**

“Still pretty quiet.”

**7:30 AM**

“All is well, excitement is building.”

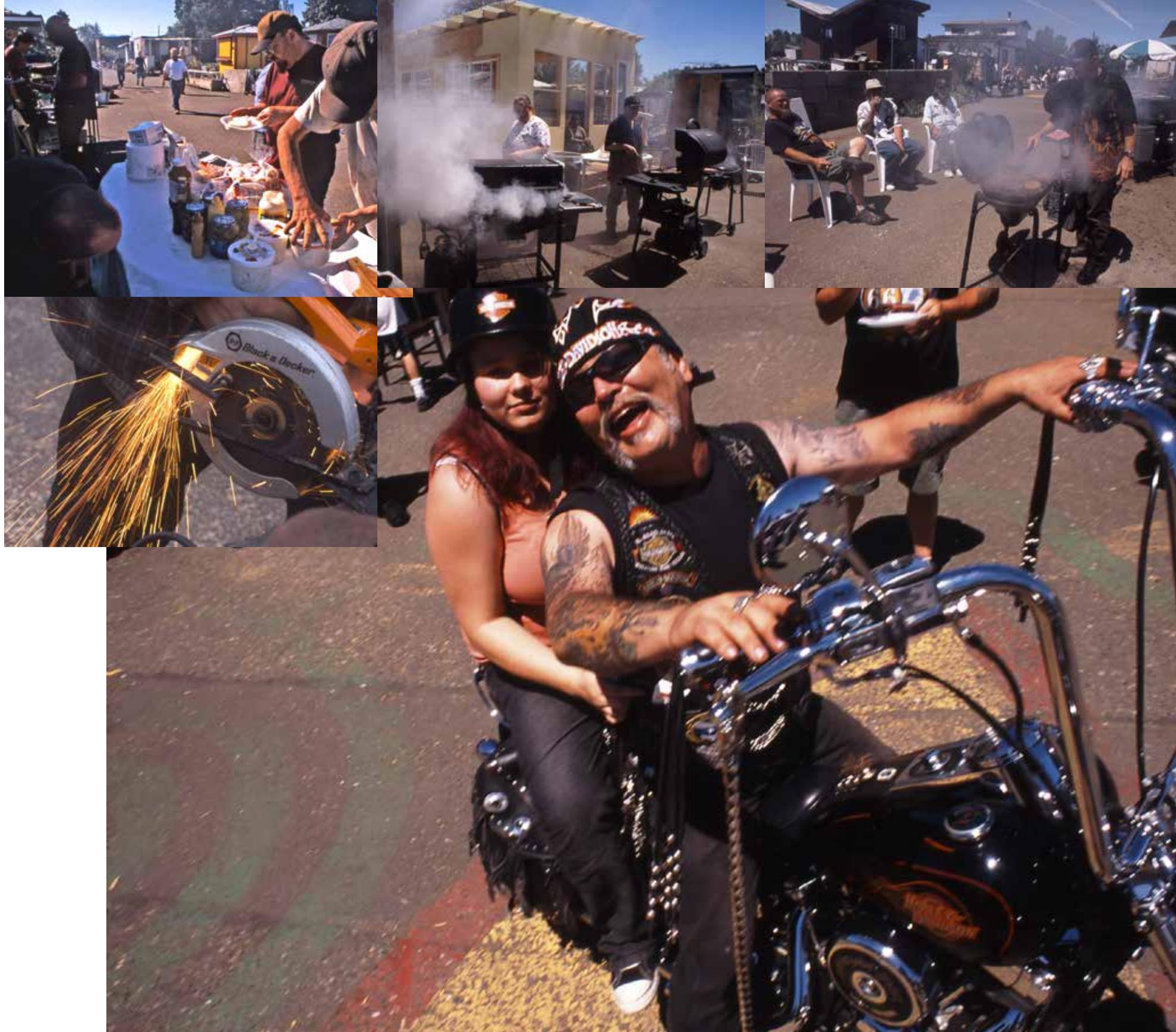
**2 PM**

JD and Chris on duty.

“Bike Rally going good.

‘bitchin rides’

In at 12:35 – out at 4:30.”



**Council Meeting:**

# Fire Marshal, TRI•MET

**Called to order Wednesday at 6:02 PM**

Roll call taken and minutes for last meeting read.

**Announcements:**

JD: I am resigning as security coordinator, effective immediately, so that I can spend time with Ruthie before I leave for Colorado. (FYI JD works seasonally, haying on a ranch.) Dave S will be nominated to take my place while I am gone.

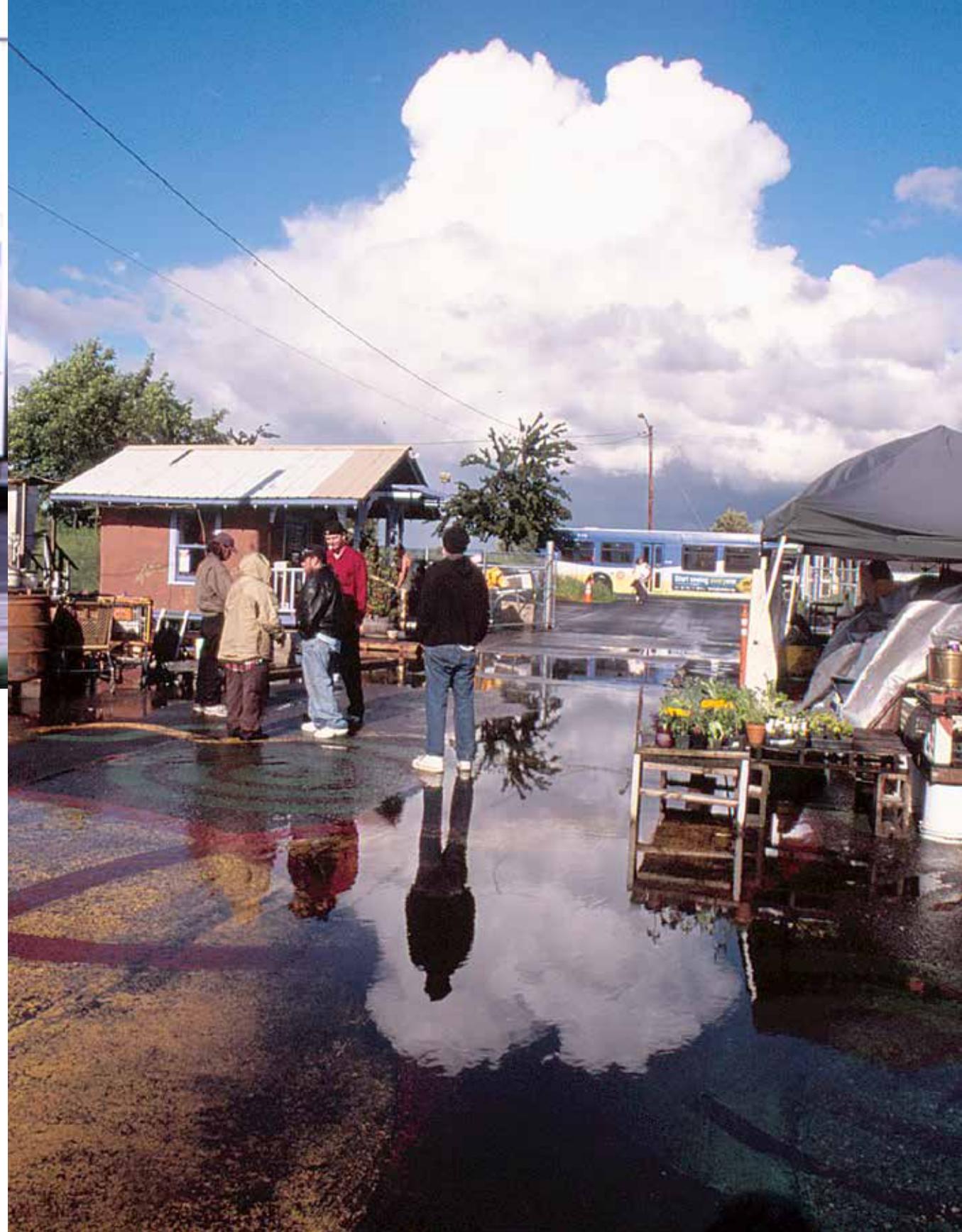
Jon Boy: We had a visit from the city fire marshal today, and he was not very pleased. He says that some porches need to either be moved or cut to 5 feet.

Sheri: He was mainly concerned about Rick's and Ken S's porches. Lisa C's generator box needs to be moved from the back of her house. Everyone now has to buy their own smoke alarm batteries. The grass by the fence near the berm needs to be cut down. Propane tanks need to be moved out of the sun. Rick and Ken S need to clean behind their houses. The cord powering my house needs to be raised. Any unused cords or cords with tape on them need to be removed.



The yard sale needs to be moved from the fence. All cords should be protected, and the fence needs to be cleared. Scott wants us to write up anyone who does not come into compliance.





One of our TRI•MET bus drivers stops by to announce that her black backpack was stolen from her bus sometime during her 4:00 run. The only two people she says that she dropped off here on that run were two women that got off at the Village around 4:30, and she thinks that it may have been one of them.

The video will be reviewed to find out for sure.

Randy (to the bus driver): When you find out, please bring the video to our attention so that we may act on it if it was one of our people. (The driver then thanks us and gets back on her bus.)



### **Dignity Village 24/7 Security Log**

**It is Sunday, 6 AM**

Angela and Ruth on duty.

**6:10 AM**

“The orange Port-a-let is a biohazard zone—  
has been since last night.

To whoever keeps having butt explosions,  
PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF!!!”

**7:15 PM**

Mike M on duty.

“Rounds all quiet.

To whoever keeps having what Angela terms ‘butt explosions’  
in the orange Port-a-let” (See today’s log 6 AM.)

“You are disgusting.

Throwing feces is behavior for monkeys in a zoo,  
not a community of civilized human beings.

Please grow up.”

“Not very much happening in the Village  
at this particular moment.

Back log read.”

**3 PM**

“Addendum log entry; I personally find the feces fiasco more than disgusting.  
It is a blatant disregard for other peoples’ personal well-being.”

**3:31 PM**

“Rounds are completed;

It’s been a rather pleasant day

considering my present set of circumstances.”



**Council Meeting:**

# Outreach, Rule #2

**Called to order Wednesday at 6:00 PM.**

Roll call taken and minutes for the last meeting read.

**Treasurer's Report:**

General Fund: \$1045 (after money transferred from other accounts and bills paid)

E-Bay Fund: \$200 (after \$764 transferred to general)

Insurance Fund" \$200 (after \$1055 transferred to general)

Hot Dog Cart Fund: \$100

Bills Paid: \$800 to Waste Management and \$400 to port-a-lets

**Expenditures:** none, we are still broke.

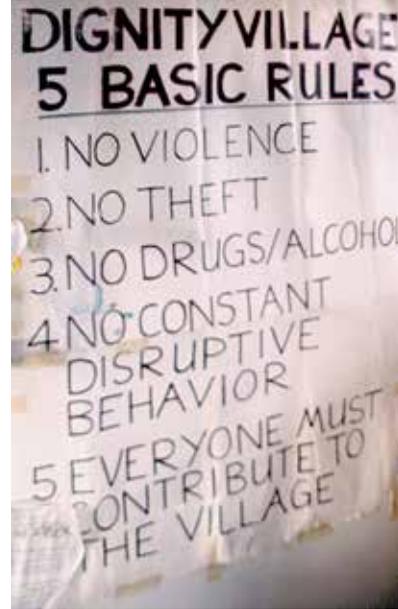
**Announcements:**

Pat: Thank you and kudos to Liz at the Iron Tribe event in Pioneer Square. She gave excellent representation of the Village.

Liz: The interview with Senator Shields has been set for August 25 at 2:30 PM. He is giving us a half-hour of his time. We can have no more than 8 people attending the meeting to present ideas and information. We have spots open for 4 more people, and a sign up will be posted in the guard shack.

Beckie: We could use the Tent Cities Toolkit at the meeting.

Randy: Why not invite Sally Erickson (City of Portland/Village liaison) to this meeting?



Bonnie: We should make a packet full of everyone's ideas and whatever information we have about the Village.

Liz (to Steve): Could we bring some of your pictures that you have taken of the Village and its residents? (Steve agrees)



Jon Boy: During the day, head's up for security is a courtesy, but at night it is required between 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM. People sleep during those times, and if they don't get their head's up they may miss their shift.

**Security:**

Reporting person Dave S, subject Darlene:

Basic Rule #2, No Theft. Security recommends a permanent 86 (FYI expulsion) from the Village. Jon Boy motions, Angela seconds to accept recommendation. 6 YES, 0 NO, 0 Abstain (1 person declined to vote). It passes.

Reporting person Dave S, subject Sharon:

Knowing of theft. Security recommends a permanent 86 from the Village. Jon Boy motions, Randy seconds to accept recommendation. 5 YES, 2 NO, 0 Abstain, it passes. Jon Boy motions, Angela seconds to give her 2 weeks from now (8/18/10 at 7:00 PM) to vacate with no further incidents. 6 YES, 1 NO, 0 Abstain, it passes.

Randy motions, Jon Boy seconds that we beat feet at 6:58 PM (1 hour)



## Notice of Council Decision

**Date: August 4, 2010**  
**Issued to: Darlene Halley**

Dear Darlene,

On Wednesday, August 4, 2010, your case was brought before Council in regard to an incident report against you for the charge of violating Basic Rule #2, No Theft. It was reported that on Wednesday, July 21, 2010, at approximately 4:00PM, you were witnessed taking a backpack belonging to a TriMet bus driver on the #73 and bringing it into the village. There are photographs taken from the onboard video camera on the bus which support this report.

It was decided by a vote of 6 out of the 7 Council members present at the meeting that you will be permanently removed from the village. You will no longer be allowed to return, either as a guest or a resident. This is effectively immediately.

  
Bradford Powell, Chairman

  
Angela Winkler, Secretary

  
David Sullivan or Lisa Larson, Security Coordinator



## Notice of Council Decision

**Date: August 4, 2010**  
**Issued to: Sharon Simonds**

Dear Sharon,

On Wednesday, August 4, 2010, you were brought before Council in regard to an incident report against you for the charge of knowing of a theft and not reporting it. It was reported that on Wednesday, July 21, 2010, at approximately 4:00PM, you witnessed a backpack belonging to a TriMet bus driver on the #73 being stolen from the bus, yet you did nothing to notify anyone of the theft.

It was decided by a vote of 5 out of the 7 Council members present at the meeting that you will be permanently removed from the village. It was further decided by another vote of 6 out of 7 council members that you are given until Wednesday, August 18, 2010, at 7:00PM to vacate. Any further incidents will result in your time to vacate being reduced to 1 hour. Dignity Village will not store your belongings.

  
Bradford Powell, Chairman

  
Angela Winkler, Secretary

  
David Sullivan or Lisa Larson, Security Coordinator





**Dignity Village 24/7 Security Log It is Monday,  
12 PM**

Whitefoot and Dean on duty.

## **It would be pleasant**

if the Village was always this quiet.  
Without any backbiting, rabble-rousing  
and/or head hunting. 'Black's Law Dictionary'  
clearly defines this sort of conduct  
as constant disruptive behavior.

\*see West Law Publications."

**It is Tuesday night. 2:00 AM**

Ken on duty.

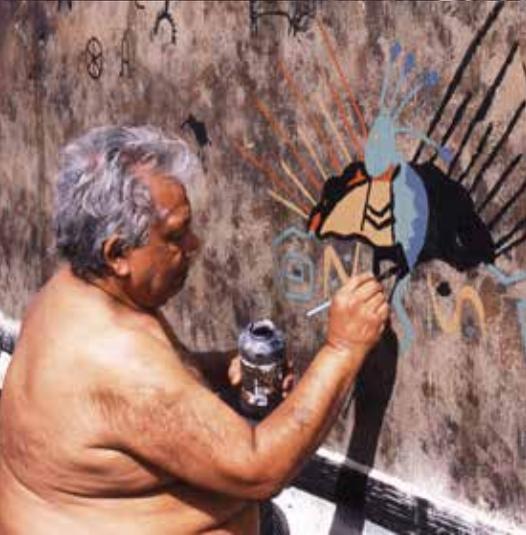
**3 AM**

"Did rounds.

Dog barking at coyotes,  
went and calmed him down."

**11:30 AM**

"All's quiet.  
Getting HOT Though."







**Dignity Village 24/7 Security Log**

**It is Monday morning 8 AM**

Whitefoot "apparently on duty solo."

## **Compost**

"Well it's high time for the dry season  
and like the same as last year  
in that the dust is blowing  
from the compost piles.

Seems to irritate darn near everyone  
breathing in Dignity Village."



**4:30 PM**

Whitefoot on duty.

“First rounds done.  
Damn the wind  
starting to pick up a click or two  
and that equates  
that more of the dust  
will blow in our direction  
from the compost piles.”



**It is Wednesday, 4 PM**

Whitefoot and Mary on duty.

“Damn the compost pile was churned up today  
and that seems to release even more methane.  
And I swear that when them people  
turn the compost that my nose  
runs even more that usual.  
I guess that all’s well here ‘none the less’.”



**Ex-Villager Ptery speaks:**

“...being stuck out on a compost yard.  
...the effects of these plumes  
insulting and also the typical  
social environmental injustice going on.

“Dignity Village was started out  
to claim a love for poor people,  
also serving to make the street safer for all people.  
What it got was stuck on a compost yard that  
stinks.

I mean I had to get it—It was not stinking  
porta-potties;  
It was the compost yard.

“Villagers, victims of this economic system,  
victims of child abuse, domestic abuse  
and other harms  
get this smell day in and day out.

“This is a difficult burden:  
being conscious of how my city  
views its homeless.

“And the medical side of this situation  
is the rise in asthma by folks in the Village.  
Homeless—with asthma.”



## My Express Opinion

**Dignity Village 24/7 Security Log It is Tuesday night, 8 PM**

Whitefoot is on duty (solo).

**8:25 PM**

“A slight disturbance regarding Darryl’s generator enclosure door being open, supposedly making excessive noise. T.C. apparently closed the doors of said enclosure where, in effect, two (2) adjoining lines

run parallel to one another.

The enclosure doors are

an arm’s length away from the property lines.

Situation has been defused.

**8:30 PM**

“Rounds made.

Damn. One frivolous transgression after another.

It’s my express opinion,

as well as from “Black’s Law Dictionary”

that ‘constant disruptive behavior’

can be clearly construed

as when three (3) people or more people

conspire to do another individual  
deep seated ill will and/or over-all animosity.  
This is infectious, prevalent and commonplace around here.”

**9:26 PM**

“Rounds completed.  
At the present time  
things have settled down  
substantially and considerably.  
Damn my long-winded nature of Things.”

**10:00 PM**

Whitefoot off duty.

**Dignity Village 24/7 Security Log**

**It is Wednesday 2:00 – 4:30 PM**

“11 incoming freshmen from Lewis & Clark do guided tour, Village video  
and Q & A with Ibrahim, Brad and Pat.”



**Council Meeting:**

# Cash Flow

**Called to order at 6:00 PM**

Roll taken and minutes for last meeting read.

**Treasurer's Report:**

General Fund: \$2022.29

E-Bay Fund: \$487

Insurance Fund: \$1255.14

Hot Dog Cart Fund: \$100

Bills Paid: \$800 to BDS for building permit on Greenbox office. Other bills are current except port-a-let, which is a month behind (Round Table).

**Announcements:**

Jon Boy: Next Wednesday at 7:00 PM a band will be here to jam with us. Audience participation is welcome. Also Jon Boy Theater is tonight in the Common room after the meeting.

Pat: Please sign up for barbecue help on the 25th—or don't bother eating. We also need side dishes and condiments.

Jon Boy: Announces Heather Mosier's movie (September 17th – 19th in Common room) and asks that we get hours for viewing it. Jon Boy motions, Pat seconds. 6 YES, 1 NO, 0 Abstain.

**Expenditures:**

Pat: Metro Metals is donating some barrels for us to use for the canned food drive, and we would like \$5.00 in gas money for Bonnie to pick them up. Pat motions, Ken M seconds. 9 YES, 2 NO, 0 Abstain, it passes.\*



\*Note: Instead of paying for the gas out of the general fund, the Council has decided to pass the hat and collect it. The money was raised. The expenditure is dropped.

Dean: I have about \$27,863 in back student loans that I would like the Village to pay :)

Mike M: I have millions of dollars coming from the Nigerian fund, and I will pay the \$5 in gas money out of that :)

Jen: Chris and I bought bread for the Village, and we were told that we could ask for \$5 in gas money for the trip.



Sheri: I will pay that out of my pocket. We need to be more self-sufficient. We can't keep shelling out gas money for people to buy food for the Village, unless it's for an event.

**Announcements:**

Liz: At the meeting with Senator Shields, Ken S, Jon Boy, Brad P, and Pat were very impressive. Give them a round of applause.

Jon Boy: Liz was awesome too!



**New Business:**

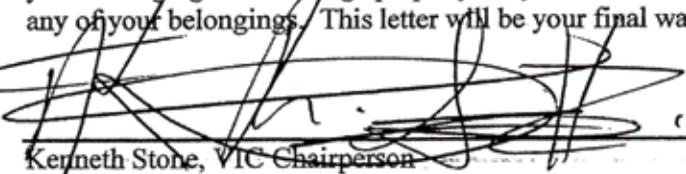
### VIC Notice of Non-Compliance

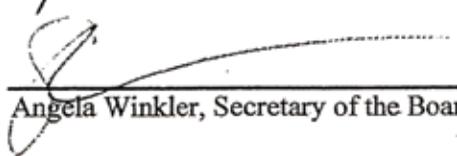
**Issued To:** Dustin M  
**RE:** Hours  
**Date:** September 21, 2010

Dear Dustin:

It has come to the attention of the Village Intake Committee that you have not met to 10-hour-per-week requirement as prescribed in the 5 Basic Rules of Dignity Village, Rule #5. Of the 30 hours that you should have put in to date, you have only given a total of 18.75 hours. This puts you behind by 11.25 hours. The letter that you submitted to VIC stating that you have been working is unacceptable as it was signed by someone other than your employer. You were asked to provide verifiable proof of your outside work hours, but as you have so far failed to do so you are required to do the full 10 hours per week.

VIC has determined that in order to maintain your place in Dignity Village, you must turn in a total of 31.25 hours within the next 2 weeks (no later than October 2, 2010) to make the 50-hour requirement for this 5-week reporting period. This total is comprised of the 11.25 hours you are behind plus the 20 hours you are normally required to do in 2 weeks. If you have not met this requirement by then, VIC will ask you to remove yourself and your belongings from village property. If you are removed, Dignity Village will not store any of your belongings. This letter will be your final warning.

  
Kenneth Stone, VIC Chairperson

  
Angela Winkler, Secretary of the Board

  
Lisa Larson or David Sullivan, Security Coordinator

### Dignity Village Incident Report Form

Date: 7-31-10 Day: Sat time: 6:30 am P.M.

Reporting person: Walt Fehr

Witness: Sheri

Subjects Name: Sharon Simonds

Violation: ? Fire: \_\_\_\_\_

Basic Rule: \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel on duty Lisa II

Police name \_\_\_\_\_ Badge number \_\_\_\_\_

Time arrived \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. P.M.

Describe incident in detail: Sheri sat out in front of shower for half hr I walked up + Sharon + Her Dog came out w/ dog + not supposed to bathe animals in the shower we have hard enough time keeping propane for the villagers + 1 hr is long enough for 2 showers

use back to cont.

Security

Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Walt V Fehr

**New Business:**

Jon Boy: I think Cera, Sharon's dog, should be allowed in the Village. Cera is a member in good standing. Jon Boy motions, Beckie seconds to allow Cera into the Village. 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 Abstain, it passes. (FYI Sharon was recently 86'd [permanent expulsion from the Village] for knowing who stole the TRI•MET driver's back pack but not telling the Village Council.)



**Announcements continued:**

Sheri: We need to make more money for the Village. We need more help in the yard sale! I can't keep doing it by myself.

Pat: Saturday, October 2 at 12:30 pm, Hood River Valley High School is coming to sing Happy Birthday to me and also some songs from Les Miserables. Any contributions for my inebriation are gladly accepted :) On October 23 at about 10:30 am, there is a group coming to cook for us. I am looking at a start date for the homeless canned food drive of October 29, and it would last through the holiday season.

Paul: October 2nd is also my birthday. I would like to share in the contributions for inebriation :)

**Ratifications:**

Brad P nominates Mike M for ratification as website manager, Ken M seconds. It passes unanimously. Randy motions, Lisa C seconds that we boogie at 7:05 PM (1 hour)





**Purpose of the Meeting:**

Sheri: Niki came to me asking me to take Ken M off her Facebook page because of some of the contents on his page. Some of the items showed up on other people's pages, including Village supporter's pages. They are inappropriate for supporters and other people's pages. I am asking for Ken M to be removed from the Village.

**Emergency Council Meeting:**

# FaceBook

**Called to order at 11:06 AM**

Roll call taken by Liz\*

\*Liz is taking the minutes for this meeting as Angela is emotionally compromised by the situation at hand. (Angela and Ken M, share living quarters.)



**Testimonies:**

Ken M: The contents have been taken off, and my page was closed down. (Tracey has verified that Ken’s Facebook page no longer exists.)



Brad G: I have seen you on the computer when this comes up on Facebook and in your e-mail. This is a grey area since it’s not just one person sending the material.

Jon Boy: I don’t understand why I never got any of those contents on my page.

Mike M: Parental controls can be set and contents can be controlled by the user and the receiver as to what people see and don’t see.

Brad P: Since Ken M has taken the steps to clear off the content, I say we drop it. (Brad P made the motion, but there was no second.)

Brad G motions, Lisa C seconds to ban Ken M from the computer. 8 YES, 0 NO, 1 Abstain, it passes.

Brad G motions, Paul seconds that, in regard to the supporters seeing the content, Ken M receives 30 days probation with loss of membership. 6 YES. 3 NO, 0 Abstain, it passes.

Lisa C motions, Jon Boy seconds that we put this nightmare to rest at 11:36 AM (0.5 hours)



## Notice of Emergency Council Decision

**Issued to: Ken McMichael**

**Date: September 28, 2010**

Dear Ken:

On Tuesday, September 28, 2010, you were brought before Council in an emergency meeting to discuss possible permanent removal from the village on the following charges: 1) viewing pornography on the village computers, and 2) having pornography on your Facebook page for village supporters to see. It was later determined that you willingly took the necessary steps to clean up your act, which included deleting your Facebook account to prevent any further incidents. Because of this, it was determined that permanent removal was unnecessary.

On the charge of viewing pornography, it was decided by a majority vote of 8 of the 9 Council members present at the meeting that you are to be permanently banned from the computers. On the charge of having pornography on your Facebook page for supporters to see, it was decided by a majority vote of 6 out of the 9 Council members present at the meeting that you receive 30 days probation with loss of membership, effective immediately. You will be eligible to reapply for membership as of Thursday, October 28, 2010 if you wish. As of a membership vote on July 20, 2010, you would need to request your membership from VIC, and the secretary will need to put your name on the ballot for the following mandatory membership meeting.

  
Bradford Powell, Chairperson

  
Angela Winkler, Secretary

  
Lisa Larson or David Sullivan, Security Coordinator



**Dignity Village 24/7 Security Log It's Friday, 10:00 AM**

Laura and Dean on duty.



**“City employee dude guy man came to pick-up stick roller paintline layer downer thing with a trigger. ”**

**Found it,  
gave it,  
goodbye Dude.**

**12:30 PM**

“Rounds kindaweird—  
strange grunting, barks.”

**1:00 PM**

Rounds back to normal (as normal  
as we get).”

“note—Jon Boy and Steve O have been  
working hard splitting and stacking  
wood in Da ‘Ville. Thanks!

Dreadful on duty! with Deano.”





**Council Meeting:**

# Our Own Rules

**Called to order at 6:01 PM**

Roll call taken and minutes for last meeting read.

**Announcements:**

Jon Boy: This Saturday, Hood River Valley High School is coming out to perform some songs from Les Miserables at around 11:00 am. Lee Larson will be here with pizza, and Senator Chip Shields.

Sheri: Lee wants to see the big flag and also Shakedown Street.

**Old Business: Brad P!**

Paul: The emergency meeting held against Ken M yesterday is unlawful and illegal in accordance with our own rules. Paul motions, Ken S seconds to make the meeting null and void. 8 YES, 1 NO, 0 Abstain, it passes.

Paul: Do we want to address the issue again tonight or next week?

Ken S motions, Paul seconds to put it on the agenda for next week's council meeting. It passes unanimously.

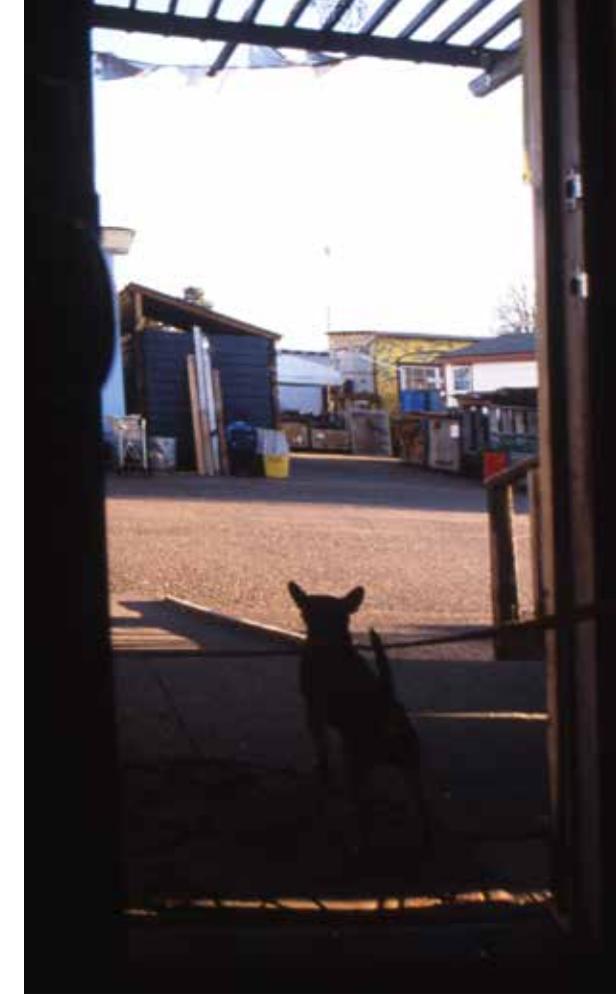
Lisa L: From a security standpoint, I suggest that his sanctions stay until next week.

Paul: Since the meeting was made null and void, his ban from the computers and his loss of membership and council status are reversed.

Brad G: As office manager, I can and will still give him a 30-day computer ban until we address it next week.

**New Business:**

Laura: Heather Mosher is now Dr. Heather Mosher. Her presentation went very well, and I was glad to see so many Villagers present. Also, Lee Larson is supporting us again, which is awesome!



Liz: I suggest we buy a card for Heather.

Beckie: I believe there are cards in the secretary's office somewhere.

Laura: I would like to know who is in charge of sending thank-you cards to supporters.

Sheri: That's the secretary's job. (To Angela, the secretary) Has Beckie been giving you the addresses to send the thank-you notes out?

Angela: No, I haven't gotten any.

Beckie: That's because I don't have any myself.

(Round table discussion)

Jon Boy: If you are not on council, please hold your opinion until after the meeting.



Brad G: Some of the new councilors may not know who the other council members are. I suggest putting the councilors in an inner circle.

Jon Boy: How about putting all the councilors at a table?

Paul motions, Jon Boy seconds that all council members sit at one table during council meetings. It passes unanimously.

Lisa C motions, Pat seconds that we hop along at 7:05 PM (1 hour)

## **Dignity Village 24/7 Security Log It is Friday morning, 8 AM**

Mike M and Cindy on duty.

### **8:15 AM**

"BLR Ken starting to move out.  
Will miss not having  
to confine vocabulary to one syllable words."

### **It is Saturday, 10 AM**

Larry R on duty.

## **Les Miserables**

### **11:10 AM**

Tables on the tarmac freighted with boxes of fresh fruit;



trays of fresh veggies,  
coolers of bottled water  
and sodas and  
a dozen kinds of cookies  
and pizzas by the stack  
await friends and family  
and the public.



“The first of about 60 people  
from Hood River Valley High School  
have arrived for Pat’s and Paul’s birthday party.”



After meeting and eating,  
high school soloists and chorus  
with narrator on microphone and music teacher on keyboard  
delivered Les Miserables.

Venue, performance and audience all were applauded...and photographed.  
Too bad Victor Hugo couldn't attend.



### Council Meeting:

## IR and Removal Notice

**called to order at 6:00 PM**

Roll call taken and minutes for last meeting read.

**...Old Business: Ken M**

Sheri: Reads IR regarding Facebook incident.

Pat: Ken M had a week to take care of medical.

Laura: He sees the same dr. as me.





Paul: Does security have a recommendation or any discussion? Sheri?

Sheri: All I know is he's a bit off.

Mike M: Stick with previous recommendation.

Laura: Get an opinion of the Village.

Brad G: Who thinks there should be more serious consequences?

Paul: What happened affected our supporters. Children come visit.

Paul: What people do outside should never be done here in the Village.

Brad G: People have control on what is posted on their sites.

Laura: Children are to be with adults anyway, when they are visiting.

Mike M: You have control of friends, past and other aspects on Facebook.

(Round table discussion)

Brad G motions: 86 (permanent expulsion), 5 days to be moved out. Without further notice.

Pat seconds, 4 YES, 0 NO, 1 Abstain, it passes.

Brian motions, Brad G seconds. Meeting over at 7:00 pm (1 hour)



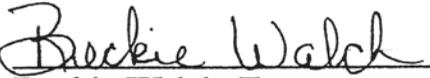
## REMOVAL NOTICE

**DATE:10/07/2010**

**NAME: Ken McMichael**

**On 10/06/2010 you were brought before Council for misuse of village computers and subjecting supporters to viewing illicit materials on Facebook. The Council has decided by majority vote to permanently remove you from Dignity Village, to be effective 5 days from todays date at 6:00 pm barring any further incidents including no use of Village computers, which will result in immediate removal.**

  
Bradford Powell, Chairman

  
Beckie Walch, Treasurer

  
Lisa Larson, Security Coordinator



**It is Tuesday, 8 PM**

Whitefoot and Tami are on duty

**8 PM**

“Damn what a membership meeting, it was the same old same old. Yes, it was indeed a half-controlled riot. BLR.”

**8:21 PM**

“Rounds made, my stout hearted ‘head scout Tami’ braced the aftermath of the aforesaid meeting and reports that both north and south sections are quiet and peaceful.”

**It is Wednesday, 12 PM**

Dread on duty.

**1:06 PM**

“Fire Marshall told Sheri to go home. I guess he smelled Booze on her. Say’d she’d been drinking. ‘Go Home’.”

**1:30 PM**

“All good.”





**4 PM**

Mary and Whitefoot on duty.

“BLR. Damn all this moaning, groaning and bickering.

This continuous sort of crap is really quite onerous and unsettling. Grow-up!!!”



**4:30 PM**

“Early rounds made; the crap has finally settled down for the time being. But wait until tonight’s Council Meeting. Presently everything is a semblance of a brief calm before the storm.”

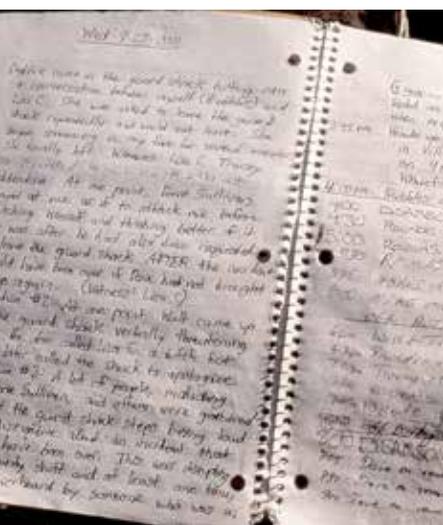


**4:40 PM**

“Rounds made; all’s calm and quiet; I am sure glad that there are no outside people to eye witness the spectacle of tonight’s meeting. (I don’t want to be typified!!!)”

**4:48 PM**

“Rounds made. Mary says that everything’s Kosher Pickle. Now is that a Yiddish saying or some sort of hillbilly talk? (Trailer trash crap???)”



**One Way or Another**

“I know I’m not supposed to waste paper but I’m gonna be gone about a week so Villagers some of you need to start being accountable for your actions in-

stead of trying to weasel out of your ‘fuck up’. You know you’re in the wrong when you go to great lengths in being a constant disruptive behaviour and try to bring everybody and their brother into your ‘fuck up’. Especially when basically all of us members know that you’ve been called on this same issue 4 or 5 times prior to this incident. You’re lucky you’re still here thanks to the certain person you’re with, otherwise you know damn good and well you’d be gone a long time ago. You know you’re in the wrong so be a man, suck it up and do your time. I will triumph in this one way or another because I do know that I’m right on this one definitely. It’s just a number to express a person’s relative intelligence as determined by standards and yours doesn’t scare me one bit.”

**5:35 PM**

“Rounds completed; all’s well with the exception of a few overly loud people. Oh well that’s the norm around here!!! Head’s up for Martice.”





**Council Meeting:**

# Taxes

**Called to order at 6:01 PM.**

Roll call taken and minutes for last meeting read.

**...Announcements:**

Fire Marshal Report read by Brad P.

Brad P appoints Mike M as Sgt at Arms

Sheri: Good news about Walt!

Beckie: Mike W will be picking up coffee from now on.

Yeah! Thanks Mike W.

**Treasurer's report:**

General Fund: \$1670.89

E-Bay: \$487.00

Insurance Fund: \$555.60

Hot Dog Cart: \$0

Bills Paid: \$50.00 to Secretary of State for filing fee.

(Round table discussion about taxes)

Paul: Can Rick and Beckie get together and work on taxes?

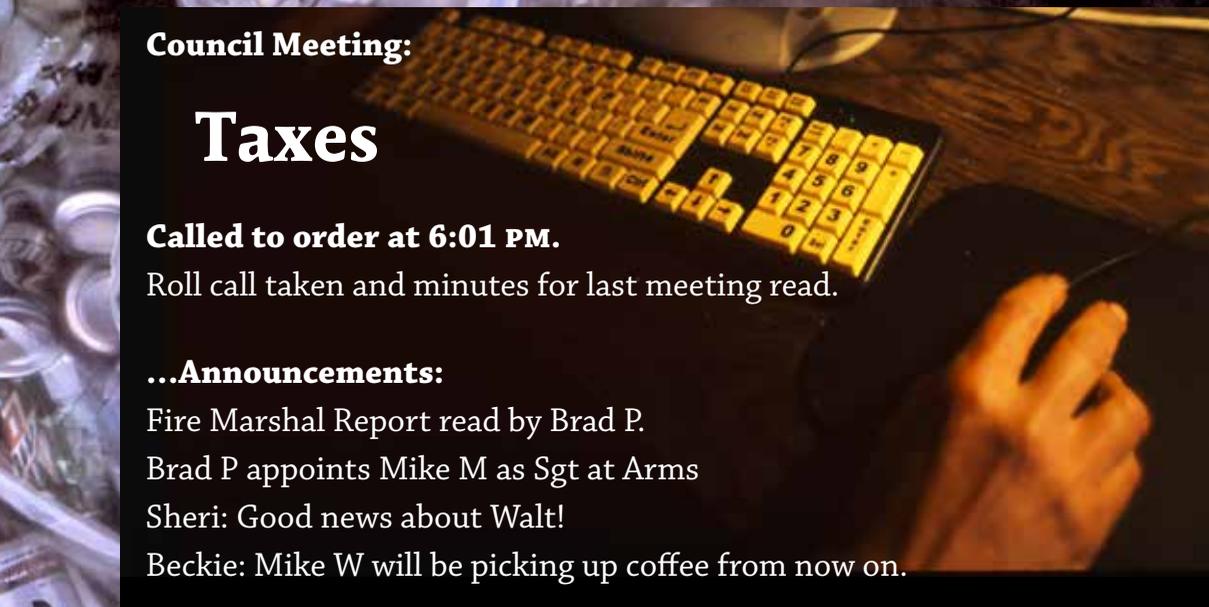
Paul motions, Ken S seconds to buy an ax handle, 7 YES, 1 NO, it passes.

Lisa C motions, Paul seconds to buy garbage bags, 7 YES, 1 NO, it passes.

Chris F: Have Brian look at the ax handles.

Lisa L: Security recommends that who ever is on guard duty has control of coffee pot.

Most of the time it's peoples personal coffee. So please ask before taking a cup.



A photograph of a building at dusk. The building has a corrugated metal roof and walls. In front of the building, there are several blue recycling bins and a black trash bin. To the right of the bins, there are two large propane tanks. Further right, there is a red portable toilet. The sky is dark with some clouds, and the sun is setting, creating a warm glow. A red light is visible on a pole in the background.

**Expenditures:**

Melissa: Propane for showers, approximately \$60.00 a tank, \$120.00 for two tanks.

Paul: Can we get 1 tank?

Beckie: It's going to be tight.

Melissa: We need to start charging for showers.

Scott: Doesn't sweat equity count?

Brad P: Don't take as many showers.  
(Round table discussion)

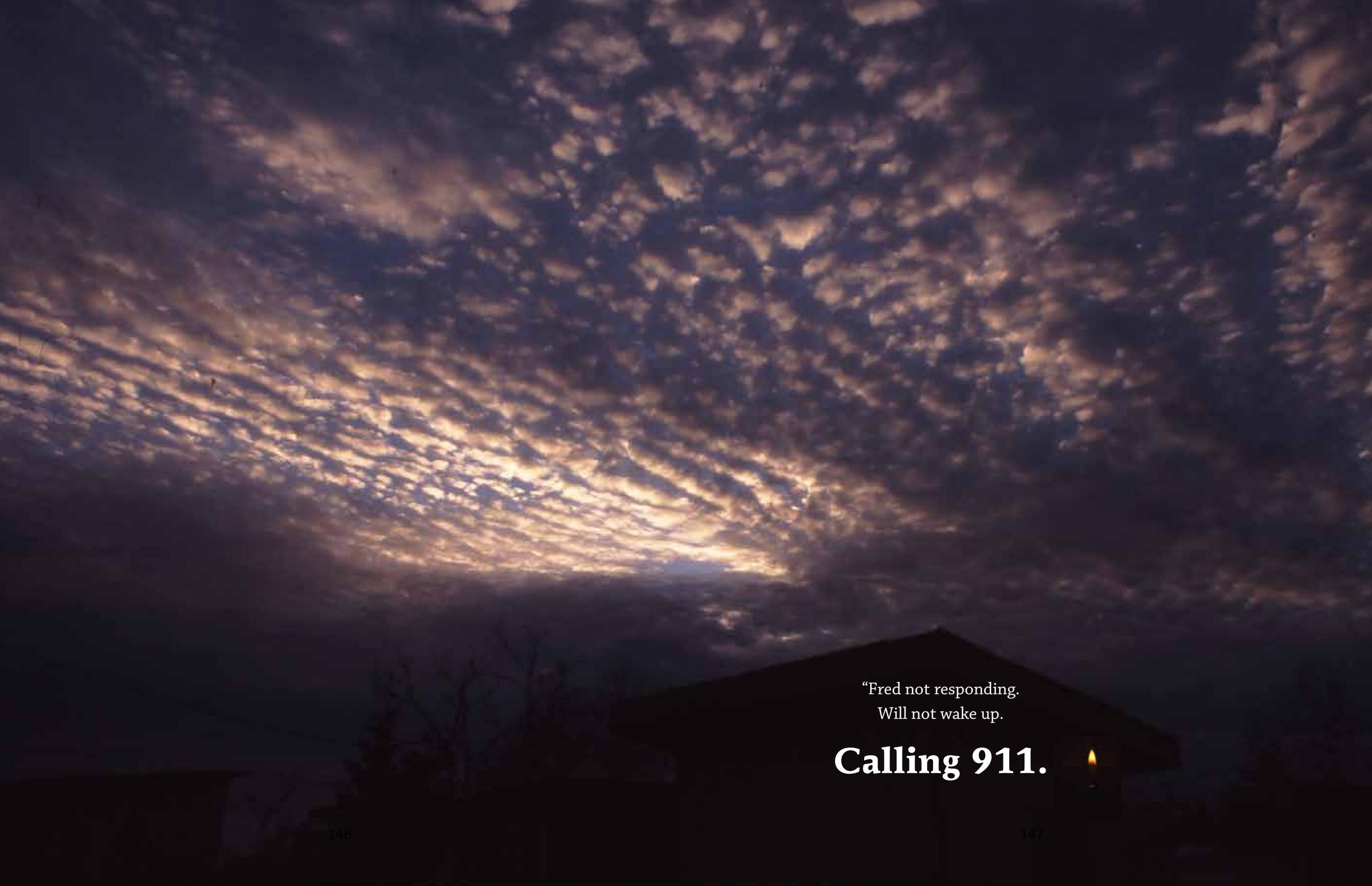
Brad G motions, Scott seconds,  
6 YES, 1 NO, 1 Abstain, it passes.

Chris B: Offers to contribute \$30.00  
or so, for Propane for showers.

Lisa L: Garbage bags and an ax handle

Laura: Ax handles are a good idea.

Jon Boy motions, Lisa L seconds,  
meeting over at 7 PM.



“Fred not responding.  
Will not wake up.

**Calling 911.**

**Dignity Village 24/7 Security Log It is Wednesday, 5 PM**

Sheri on duty

5:50 pm

**"Ambulance is here.  
Fred passed away."**

6:08 PM

**"Police here."**

6:14 PM

**"Ambulance  
left Village."**

6:30 PM

**"2 units still here  
waiting on coriner."**

6:56 PM

**"Coriner arived.  
Steve O walked her inn."**

7:01 PM

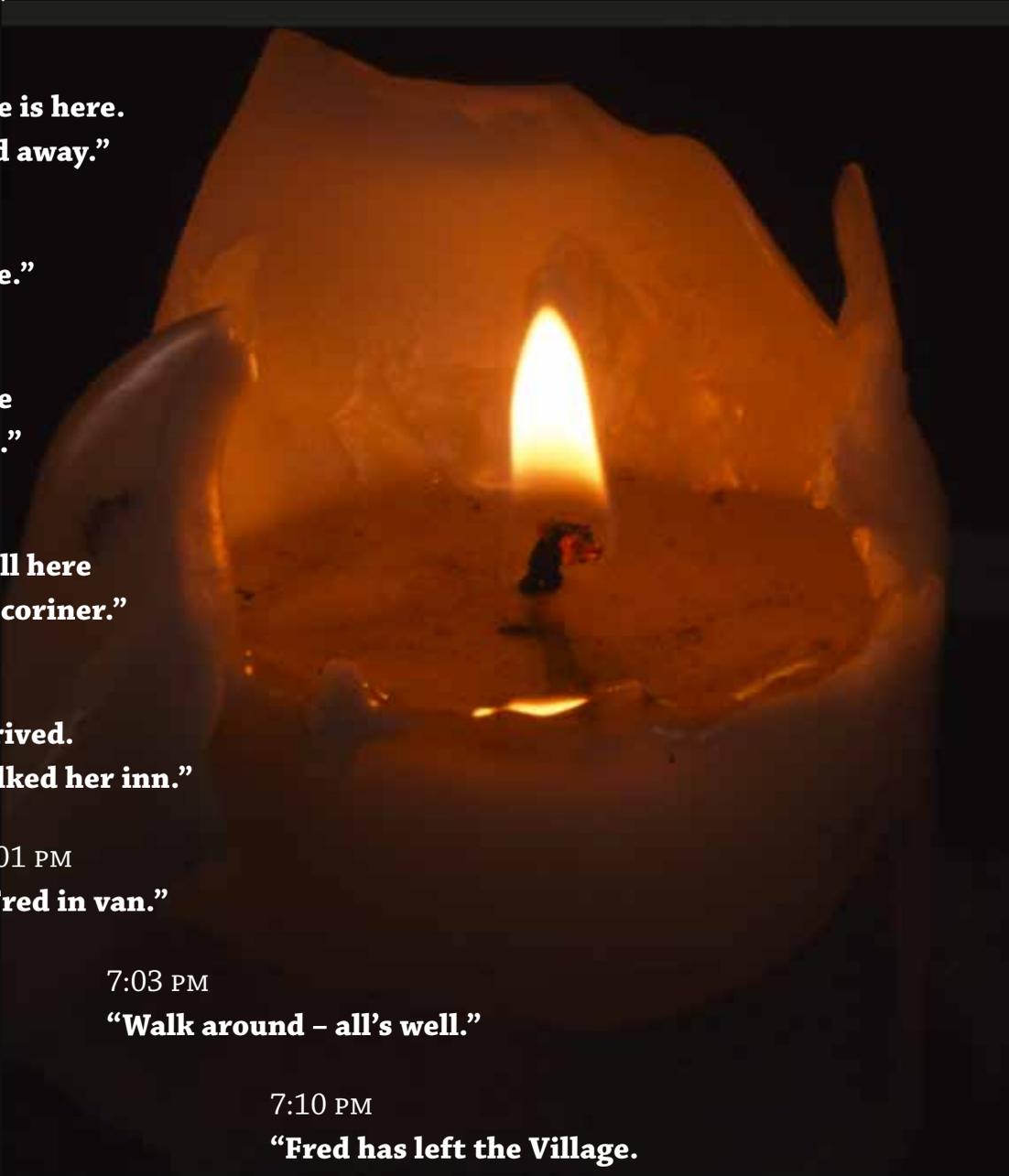
**"Fred in van."**

7:03 PM

**"Walk around – all's well."**

7:10 PM

**"Fred has left the Village.  
Coriner has left. "**



7:15 PM

**"Fred's house locked  
No one to enter without JD's permison.  
Cops out of Village."**

8:00 pm

**Dave S and Chris F on duty.**

9:00 PM

**"All but 1 candle outside Commons is out.  
Leave last candle lit all night."**

10:00 PM

**Will and TJ on duty.**

10:01 PM

**"Informed that 1 candle  
will remain lit  
in front of Commons  
in memoriium of Fred,  
God speed.**

**"Fred we miss you already."**



**Dignity Village 24/7 Security Log**

**It's Thursday 8 AM.**

Bubbles on duty.

8:20 AM

**"Fred and I did a round.**

**All is well, but we still miss him.**

**Blew out the candles so  
they could burn another night."**

8:50 AM

**"Fred and I did another round.**

**He walked along beside me  
sipping his coffee and all is well.**

**We're both in high spirits  
and all remains well."**

