

# The Village Voice

*Bradford Village—Villagio Senior Living*

## Meet the New Neighbors!



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Welcome to Bill and Ruth Tyo! Villagio of Bradford Village is happy to have Bill and Ruth at home at 1016 Jacobs.

Bill was born in Oklahoma City and lived in Oklahoma during the early years of his life. He attended the University of Oklahoma from 1965-1972, majoring in mathematics and working in the University Library. Bill later transferred to the University of West Florida, still studying mathematics. Upon his completion of the Air Force electrical Engineering-Aircraft Avionics school he obtained his Electrical Engineering certification.

His hobbies in-

clude history, reading, writing, and military history research. Bill said that engineering paid the bills, but military history is his love.

Bill married an Oklahoma girl! Ruth was born in Duncan, Oklahoma. After graduating from Duncan High School, Ruth took advantage of several educational opportunities: Oklahoma School of Banking and Business, Okaloosa-Walton Junior College, Florida, University of West Florida, and obtaining her degree from Central State University in Edmond, with a BA in Psychology.

Both listed their marriage to the other as a most significant event in their

life. Ruth met Jesus in 1969 and that was another significant event for her. As you can see from the educational experiences listed, you know that the Tyos have lived in several places. Each was employed by the Civil Service. Bill retired after 41 years of service and Ruth retired after 31 years of service. Ruth enjoys socializing with friends, cooking, reading, and volunteering at the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary and their projects. Ruth also enjoys watching British murder mysteries, listening to music of 1950s and 1960s as well as collecting family recipes and history. Ruth is thankful for her Christian parents and the heritage

they passed on to her, including the importance of helping others. Ruth proudly admits to being a chocoholic. A third member of their family is a 5-year-old Shih Tzu, Rooster Cogburn.

Bill and Ruth are glad to be at Bradford Village and we are glad to have them!

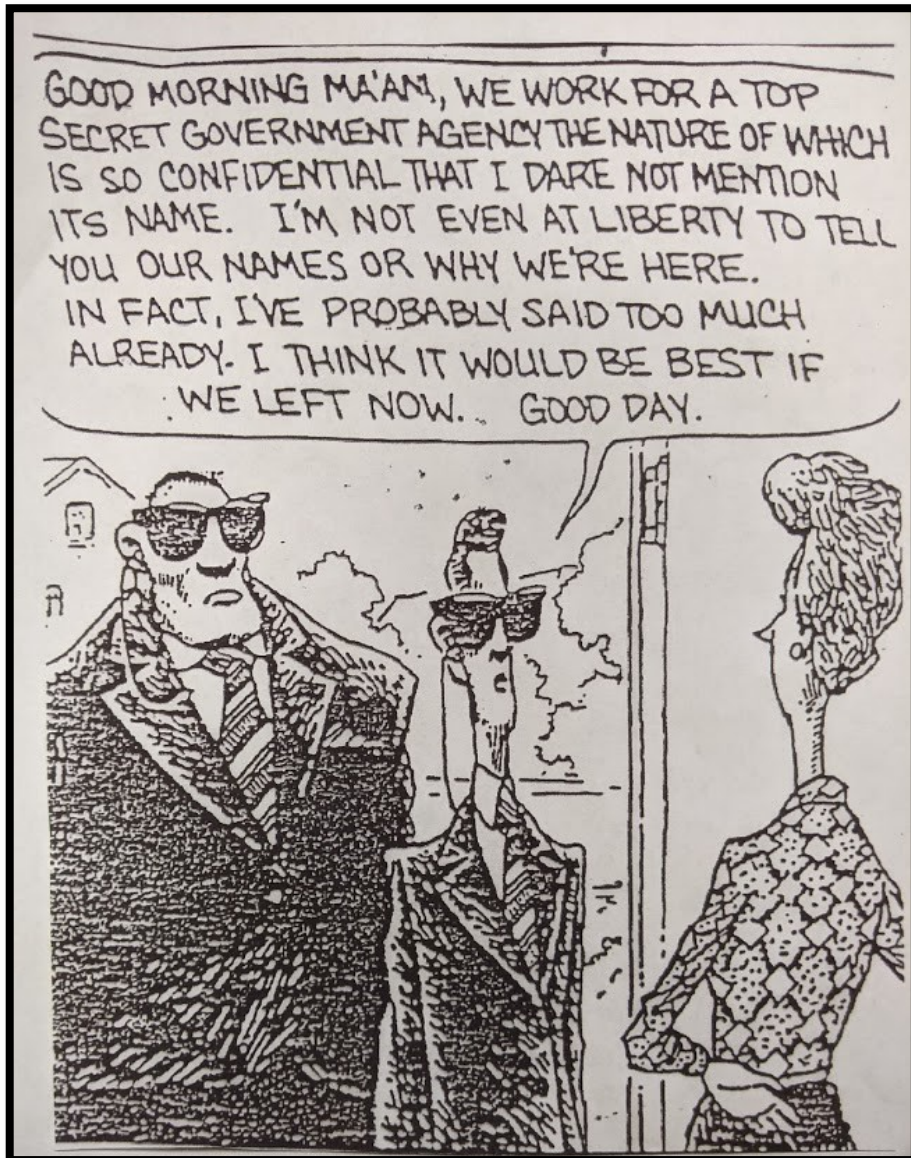


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## Who Were We Before?

The latest Villagio of Bradford Village resident to be highlighted is Jack Parkey. Several of our residents have asked Jack about his previous life. Jack worked 32 years with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. He explains it this way:



*Jack and Cecelia Parkey*



**Be sure to vote  
on April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

This is the election for the Edmond School Board and for the City Council of Edmond. This is a non-partisan vote, and an essential vote as these candidates will influence our daily lives. National elections are very important, but local elections influence our daily activities.

**VOTE TUESDAY,  
APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>!**

Voting will be at the

**FIRST CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH  
201 E 2ND ST.  
EDMOND, OK  
73034**



**Morning conditioning!** Only good comments are coming from our exercise group. It has been very well received in the past but now the class is growing with the two UCO students conducting the exercise at 8:30 am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Come join us!

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### WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR:

The opening of the dining room!

More than words can express for the Covid-19 Vaccine clinic for the Bradford Village residents.

The return of Caitlin Cairns as our Activity Director, or now called the Director of Community Life, as her goal is to enrich the lives of our community members!

More blessings than can be listed....



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**The Village Voice Staff** We regret that we have missed a couple of months. With little happening on the resident scene and varying health concerns, we are sorry there were no publications. The Village Voice will publish when we can. However, with the pretty weather, growing travel opportunities, and personal social events away from the campus, we may not be as dependable as we have tried to be this past year. If you are interested in writing for or contributing to The Village Voice, please contact the Editors.—Ann & Karen

## Notes from the Executive Director:



We have come a long way in the past year.

I am sure your sentiment is the same as ours, but we cannot begin to tell you how pleased we are that we can open pretty much everything, but most importantly, dining services. It is great to see

most of you daily.

As announced in the March Executive Committee minutes, Caitlin is going to slide over to take on the Director of Community Life role with an influence in the sales and marketing efforts. As such, we have hired Melissa Patterson to serve as the new Director of Sales and Marketing. Melissa comes to Bradford Village with both independent and assisted living sales and marketing experience, and she is chomping at the bit to start. Her tentative start date is April 14th but if she can

start earlier, she will. We will have a meet and greet happy hour for Melissa and, as well as Caitlin, for all of you. An announcement will be forthcoming.

Also, if you are accessing the internet and have not followed the Villagio of Bradford Village Facebook page, please do so. This has been a robust piece to our marketing efforts and will only grow more important as Caitlin will handle the social media postings in her new role. While you are at it, be sure and send a request to become a member of MyBradfordVillage.net. Robert continues to update this intraweb site that is not available to the public. You can also submit work orders, lawn maintenance, dining comments, and submit your menu for the week through the system. It will save you lots of time.

Lastly, during this Easter season we want to wish each of you a renewed sense of spirit this Spring. We are looking forward to great things happening going forward. As always, if you need assistance with anything or have questions please feel free to contact us.

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### IN MEMORIUM:

With sad yet delightful memories, we remember:

Carlita Kemnitz Walters

1929-2021



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