



The Greens
of Elgin

**NEWSLETTER
2024**

Notes from the Board President

Dear Greens Family,

Happy Spring to everyone! I'm so glad to see a warming trend this first week of April, an improvement over last week's chilly weather. Hope you can all get out to enjoy the outdoors this month as we see the signs of new growth on the trees, bushes and plants if we just take the time to look.

Once again Melanie has a calendar full of activities for us to experience. Chef James has many delicious offerings for our dinner pleasure, so be sure to join us in the Dining Room. A special thanks to our Maintenance Staff, our Kitchen Staff, our Housekeeping Staff and our Office Staff. They are all kind and thoughtful people who bring us joy on a daily basis as they make The Greens an awesome place to call home.

We have a number of one and two bedroom condos for sale and look forward to welcoming many new residents in the coming months. One of the realtors told me she hopes to have contracts on a couple of the units very soon.

Recycling should be important to us all as it means so much to preserving our environment both for the present and for future generations. Please break down all cardboard boxes, do not recycle plastic bags or any soft plastic, no foam block packaging, cups or containers, no pizza boxes, no shredded paper, do not put your recyclable items in a plastic bag. All these restrictions and more are posted on a sheet titled Recycling Guidelines in each Garbage Room. Please take the time to read these guidelines and be "responsible recyclers." Your actions make a difference. **RECYCLE RIGHT!**

As always, remember to be thoughtful of others and refrain from using your cell phone in the Dining Room. The suggestion box in the Activity Room is for your use and will be checked monthly. Please sign your suggestion so we can address your concerns directly to you.

Blessings to all!



Notes from the HR Manager

Hello Residents

Goodbye March Hello April... We all know April showers bring May flowers.

Hoping everyone had a wonderful March now that April has arrived, we have had beautiful weather and I have seen many residents go outside to walk around the building and enjoy the creek as well.

As many of you know I am in Texas as I write this month's newsletter. Enjoying their beautiful weather.

Thank you to all that have turned in your checks by the 8th of the month. This has helped keep track of checks better. Also thank you to all who have signed up for the automatic payment.

If you have any questions, feel free to stop by the office.

HR/Business Office Manager

Diane Medina



Greetings from the Music Committee!

Please join us on Friday, April 12, 2024, at 6:45pm in the Piano Room as we welcome Nostalgia Entertainment for a return visit to The Greens. Accomplished performers, Matt and Cynthia Gruel, bring you heartfelt, musical cabarets. They will be doing "Unforgettable Music of the 50's" at this performance. Each show is vibrantly scripted around its theme to educate audiences on the background of the songs, artists and composers. This is sure to be a don't miss performance.

Amy Lowe loves sharing joy through her music. Amy will be performing at The Greens on Friday, April 26, 2024, at 6:45pm in the Piano Room. This multi award winning singer/guitar player is a songwriter, musical storyteller and teaching artist. Amy has more than 30 years of experience in the music business, and she will surely be enjoyed as she performs original compositions, as well as past and present music of other artists.

Music Committee: Chair: Linda Marron

Members: Linda Allen, Joyce Beutler, Grace Limoncelli, Myrna Stidham



Notes from the Office Manager

Greetings 801 residents,

Spring has finally arrived even though it doesn't feel like it yet. Hoping April brings more sunshine. If you are going out of town, make sure to let the front desk know and cancel your meals. All garage spots are taken but we do have a waiting list, but a spot will be available soon. I will let the next person on the waiting list know once it's available. Reminder when ordering lunch from the kitchen to place it before 11 a.m. We sell stamps and make copies and sell ice cream for a low price, come stop by the front desk. Also, if you have any contractors coming, I will need their COI before starting any work. Make sure they sign in at the front desk when they arrive.

Reminder, if you do not need housekeeping, ' please let the front desk know, if possible, a day before. Marie will be on the 3rd floor this month and Alma will be on the 2nd floor and Marcela is always on the 1st floor. I want to thank you all for being so patient through this transition and if you have any constructive comments feel free to let me know we are always happy to hear from you!

I would like to inform you about the following units we have, either For Sale or For Rent.

The following units are **For Sale**:

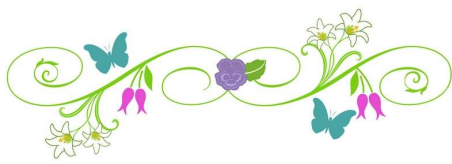
#104 (1BR) For Sale \$68,000	Patti Hanula 630-880-0611
#142 (1BR) For Sale \$65,000	Patti Hanula 630-880-0611
#218 (2BR) For Sale \$97,500	Brenda 630-546-5442
#304 (1BR) For Sale \$63,000	Dee Gamble 847-322-7929
#308 (2BR) For Sale \$105,000	Dee Gamble 847-322-7929
#326 (1BR) For Sale \$59,900	Dave Entz 224-489-9339



The following units are **For Rent**:

None Currently

Maria Castellanos
Office Manager



Vespers

**See you Monday, April 15
in the Piano Room @ 3:30pm**

Leeny Callahan is a paralegal who lives in Chicago with her 4 year old son, Zayan. She works on eminent domain cases. She is a convert to Islam, and recently said the shahada, the Muslim declaration of faith. She will be speaking to us about The Pillars of Faith, the Muslim practices of personal devotion. We are pleased to welcome her to Vespers.

Wednesday Bible Study:

All residents are invited to spend some time with us in Bible study and prayer on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am in the Activity Room.

Janet Riehecky is our leader for these sessions.



Communication Center

Stop by our communication center, located near the mailboxes to stay informed. This is a place to learn of our fellow neighbors and friends needing extra prayers.

Save the Date

Day	Date	Reminder
Monday	April 1	10am Line Dancing/Tai Chi in Activity Room
Tuesday	April 2	10:30am Walgreens/Chase/Fifth Third/BMO/PNC
Tuesday	April 2	11:30am Fisher Nuts
Wednesday	April 3	1pm Goodwill- Huntley (15%off for seniors)
Thursday	April 4	10am Podiatrist with Dr. Verlardi
Thursday	April 4	10:30am Walmart
Friday	April 5	11am Elgin History Museum Trip
Monday	April 8	10am Line Dancing/Ta Chi in Activity Room
Monday	April 8	11am-1pm Jewel Vaccination Visit-multipurpose room
Monday	April 8	12pm-1pm Solar Eclipse
Tuesday	April 9	10:30am Dollar Tree/Panera to-go lunch
Tuesday	April 9	7pm Book Club-Sunroom
Wednesday	April 10	11:30am Oak St. Health Paint & Sip -Dining Room
Thursday	April 11	10:30am Jewel-Osco
Friday	April 12	10am Dining Committee Meeting
Friday	April 12	6:45pm Nostalgia Performs in Piano Room
Monday	April 15	10am Line Dancing/Tai Chi in Activity Room
Monday	April 15	3:30pm Vespers
Tuesday	April 16	10:30am Walgreens/Chase/Fifth Third/BMO/PNC
Wednesday	April 17	1pm Resident Birthday Party- Dining Room
Thursday	April 18	9:15am Triad Spring Event
Thursday	April 18	10am Podiatrist with Dr. Verlardi
Thursday	April 18	10:30am Meijer/US Bank/Bank of America
Thursday	April 18	3:30pm Mystery Book Club-Sunroom
Friday	April 19	6:15pm bus departs for Wayne Messmer Quartet in Huntley
Friday	April 19	6:30pm Julia Comfort Dog visits
Monday	April 22	10am Line Dancing/Tai Chi in Activity Room
Tuesday	April 23	10am Board Meeting in Dining Room
Tuesday	April 23	10:30am Target/Hobby Lobby/Post Office
Tuesday	April 23	2:30pm Joan Stevenson Birthday Reception-Activity Rm.
Thursday	April 25	10:30am Butera/Elgin State Bank
Friday	April 26	10am Coffee & Donuts New Resident Welcome-Dining Rm
Friday	April 26	6:45pm Amy Lowe Performs in Piano Room
Monday	April 29	10am Line Dancing/Tai Chi in Activity Room
Tuesday	April 30	10:30am Walgreens/Chase/Fifth Third/BMO/PNC

Messages from Melanie in Activities...

I think I have officially been at The Greens 8 months this April...I still love coming to work every day and being with all of you. Birthday parties, coffee and donuts, shopping, playing cards, lunch dates, line dancing, bingo...who wouldn't love my job! On April 8th is a total eclipse and we are kind of in the path to see the skies change. Between noon-1pm ish the Moon will position itself directly between the Sun and Earth, obscuring the Sun's face. Let's hope for clear skies that day. Please come see me if you would like a pair of Eclipse watching glasses and enjoy some out-of- this world treats in the Activity Room! I have also scheduled another Paint & Sip with Oak Street Health, so please sign up 20 person maximum. It is a very popular event! We are still learning new games on Mondays at 2pm. It's a great way to meet new people and enjoy the afternoon. We will keep Line dancing and add Tai Chi to the Monday exercise fun. Dancing is a great way to work on memory and movement! It doesn't feel like exercise when we are dancing! Another bonus for April is a trip to the Elgin History Museum...and because of Moe we can get in at no cost. Free is the best! Let's go learn a little more about the great city we live in. In the evening, on April 19th we will attend a Wayne Messmer Quartet event in Huntley. He is the guy who sings the national anthem at many of the Chicago sports events. Should be amazing!

The family of our very own Joan Stevenson will be hosting a birthday reception after bingo in the Activity Room on Tuesday, April 23rd at 2:30pm right after bingo! Please save the date and stop by to wish Joan a very Happy 95th birthday and enjoy coffee, cake and light hors d'oeuvres! 95 is quite an accomplishment! Happy Birthday Joan!

One business matter for activities...we are missing several of the red & white popcorn buckets for Saturday afternoon movies.

If you have one in your unit, please return to the front desk or my office at your convenience.

I want to thank you all for your continued support and wonderful comments on all the decorating and events I plan for everyone here to enjoy! I always have your best interest at heart! I enjoy every minute of it! -- *Melanie*



From the Kitchen

Happy & Blessed April 2024!

In the 801-dining room & kitchen we all work together as a team. We each know what our roles are. We each do our part and trust that others on the team will do theirs. Together, we are all working towards the same goal, giving great service, and that knowledge gives us an energy and momentum that we would not likely have alone.

Something similar happens when we Let Go and Let God. We do what is ours to do, and then relax knowing we have done our part. We do not have to worry about what happens next.

Letting go and letting God means opening to and cooperating with the Divine within. Our human nature and divine nature are a powerful team. Together they work to bring what we have been praying for to life. Remember to relax and trust the highest outcomes are already on the horizon.

“Today you could be standing or sitting next to someone, or even riding the elevator with someone who is trying their best not to fall apart. So whatever you do today, do it with kindness in your heart”.

Just a few reminders for our new residents. Delivery times are between 4:15 – 4:45. We usually leave the kitchen with the first cart by 4:15.

When you are not feeling well and don't feel like eating anything, or you may just have an upset stomach, we have a Wellness Tray available for you. It consists of Chicken Broth, Brown Rice, Crackers, Jello, Applesauce, and Ginger Ale.

We also have some Everyday Menu items which you can order through our front desk. You can pay cash or have it charged to your account.

On Saturday, April 13th, we will have a few visitors from Heineman Middle School. These young ladies would like to meet some of our residents during dinner service and are curious about retirement communities. Please give them a warm 801 welcoming.



Chef James & Culinary/Dining Room Team

April 2024 Menu Inspiration



Caldo De Pollo



Flank Steak Over Lentils



Spaghetti Baseball Meatball



Pork Chops, Chunky Applesauce



Tuscan Mussels



Greek Broccoli Salad



Resident Birthdays

1-James Kathrein
2-Joyce Beutler
4-Tillie Wilkerson
5-Roni Varian
10-Moe Dyer
10-Quina Romero
13-Bud Palbicke
23-Roy Crockett
24-Joan Stevenson
27-Wayne Foernssler

Employee Birthdays

17- Richard Sweitzer

**Last Month...
March
Birthday Celebrations!**



HAPPY EASTER

