



## Notes from the Board President

Dear Owners and Residents,

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," as the song goes, and it is certainly true here at The Greens. We just celebrated Thanksgiving, and we have much to be thankful for! Now, on to Christmas! Lots of fun things are planned for the month of December so be sure to check your calendar daily so you don't miss anything.

I believe our employees are the heart of The Greens. We have an opportunity to honor them by donating to "The Employee Christmas Fund" from now until December 18. As you know, tipping our staff is not allowed at The Greens, so this is your time to extend a big "THANK YOU" to our amazing staff. The monies received for the Christmas Fund are distributed to all housekeeping, kitchen, maintenance, and office staff based on length of service at The Greens as well as degree of responsibility their position holds.

You may wonder how much you should give so here are some things to think about:

Last year the average given per contribution was \$311.61 for a total of \$18,385. If you went to a restaurant, paid \$15 for your meal, left a 20% tip of \$3, had that meal 20 times per month for 12 months, you would have left a total of \$720 in tips.

Because our employees are loyal and dedicated, the heart of The Greens keeps beating and we enjoy a wonderful place to live. Please give what you can and from your heart!

Congratulations to our newest Board Member, Linda Marron, and to Moe Dyer and Wayne Forenssler who have been reelected to the Board. We look forward to working together, along with all the wonderful residents and staff of The Greens, to make our home better than ever!

We pray that you will be able to celebrate the holidays with your loved ones and that we will all be blessed with good health and happiness!

Merry Christmas to all and may God shower us with His blessings and love!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce Beutler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing initial "J".

# Notes from Property Manager

Dear Residents of The Greens of Elgin,

My time flies by fast when you are having fun! And I am enjoying myself immensely by being a part of the community.

I hope that everyone has wonderful plans ahead for the Christmas Holiday. It is a time to remember the birth of Jesus Christ and what that means to you. For me, Christmas is a time to reflect on the year that I am leaving behind and looking forward to the year that is ahead. I am thankful for my family, my friends, my co-workers, and I look forward to what 2025 has in store for me.

I just wanted to take the time to remind you that there are some upcoming changes for January 1, 2025:

- If you have not received the updated price list for 2025, please stop by the front desk and receive a copy.
- I encourage everyone to obtain the Emergency Plan that is also located at the front desk, if you do not have one at your home.
- There will be a letter distributed before the end of the year which will require all residents to submit proof of homeowners insurance, if they have not done so already. It is imperative that all owners have insurance for their homes.
- There will be no other Board Workshops for the remainder of the year. Thank you to all those that did attend the board workshops and I encourage those who would like to attend to join us in the future. We will be conducting the board workshops in 2025, and we will be implementing a sign-up sheet for those who would like to attend. All owners are welcome to attend.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Jamie Jones*



## Vespers Welcomes All!

**Monday, December 16 from 3:30-4:25pm in the Piano Room**

Time flies by so quickly and we are again thinking about Christmas. We are so fortunate to be celebrating Christmas with friends at The Greens. The Vespers Committee will present the program "The Christmas Story" along with the singing of carols and scripture readings.

And as The Greens tradition we will honor the residents who have passed away this past year. Please join us as we praise and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Your Vesper Committee:

Leila Bierlein, Peggy Imgrund, Liz McAdams, Barb Wesselhoff,  
Tillie Wilkerson, Mary Cimms, Janice Withey

**Parting thoughts:**  
**Jesus is the reason  
for the season**

# **Notes from the HR Manager**

Hello Residents & Happy December.

Wow last month of the year and my favorite. I love all the Christmas lights and decorations. I love how pretty the snow makes everything look but I don't like to drive in it. Thank you everyone for a wonderful 2024 and let's welcome a wonderful 2025.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I know The Greens has a wonderful service and chef James and Julio with their kitchen crew work very hard to make this day special for all of you and your families.

This month I hope you all enjoy Christmas with your families at home and your family here at The Greens. Sit in the Sunroom and enjoy the beautiful lights from the tree or ask Maria to turn on the fireplace and enjoy a warm cup of our complimentary hot chocolate.

As the New Year approaches, we have new changes and new charges as our budget has been approved. I want to also remind you that Melanie has been very courteous about not charging the \$5.00 bus cancelation fee. This charge is still in effect and will be enforced in December and going forward see page ten under Activities. Please be patient with me if your statements reflect a wrong charge. First Service is working on a new spreadsheet to implement these new charges.

I would like to inform you all of all the wonderful compliments we get from visitors and family of how beautiful our facility looks as they walk in and also when they are up on the floors. I never hear any negative comments but if your family or visitors see something that needs attention, please inform Maria at the Front Desk so we can seek immediate attention.

As always if you have any questions, feel free to stop by the office.

*Diane Medina*

HR/Business Office Manager

## **Music Committee**

Greetings from the Music Committee

We are in for a treat on Thursday, December 11, 2024 as we welcome back an amazing jazz quartet; Huntley Brown, world renowned pianist, George Holmes, an Elgin native with so many talents, among them vocal performer and pastor, Warren Anderson, who serves as Director of Judson's Demoss Center for Worship in the Performing Arts, and Luke Pearson, music producer, session musician, and mix engineer, along with a music minister in a local church. Please join us in the Piano Room at 6:30pm for this "can't miss" performance.

Our special Christmas Program will be performed by Mark Domanico on Sunday, December 22, 2024, in the Piano Room at 2:30pm following our Greens Christmas Brunch. You will remember Mark, a member of the Hatmakers Jazz Quartet who performed here in October of this year. Mark, who has been performing professionally for over 35 years, grew up in a musical family. Starting early, playing the guitar at age 7, he is known for his versatility and ability to play and sing a wide range of musical styles. Mark has also been teaching elementary music to students in Barrington for the last 24 years. He is grateful to share his love of music with you.

Music Committee: Linda Marron, Joyce Beutler, Grace Limoncelli, Myrna Stidham

# Notes from the Front Desk

Merry Christmas from the Front Desk,

We're all busy this time of year, no matter which holidays we celebrate. However, the most important thing is to enjoy the season and share that joy with your audience. So, tap into your inner child and have fun. Laugh loudly, play games, sing with your heart, and share all the joy of the season with everyone you encounter this month. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! May 2025 be better than 2024! If you are out of the building, please let the front desk know. Or if you will have a visitor stay the night and they have a vehicle stop by to register your vehicle with us, so it doesn't get towed. As snow may start to fall, please make sure your vehicle is out of the way of the side curve parking so that way you won't get hit by the snowplow. We do sell stamps, make copies, sell ice cream, and notarize. Also, if you have any questions feel free to come to the front desk, we are always glad to help you.

Our housekeeping staff will be looking to see if you all have the red laminated Fire instruction sheet. Everyone should have one behind their unit door just in case of a Fire. If you do not have one stop by the desk, we will be able to provide you with one. Housekeeping staff will not work December 25, 2024 (Christmas day) or January 1, 2025. (New Years Day) Therefore, there will not be any housekeeping on those days but if you still want housekeeping come see me and I will try to squeeze you in that week. This month Marcela will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Alma on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Marie on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

The following units are **For Sale:**

- #134 For Sale 2BD \$110,000 Patti Hanula 630-880-0611
- #142 For Sale 1BD \$45,000 Patti Hanula 630-880-0611
- #260 For Sale 2BD \$90,000 Vicky Ryback 847-636-8867
- #228 For Sale 1BD \$55,000 Dee Gamble 847-322-7929



The following units are **For Rent:**

- #306 For Rent 1BD \$650.00 + HOA Haroon Mailk 630-253-0244

**Maria Castellanos**

Housekeeping/Office Supervisor



# Save the Date

Day	Date	Reminder
Tuesday	December 3	10:30am Walgreens/Chase/Fifth Third/BMO/PNC
Thursday	December 5	10:30am Walmart
Thursday	December 5	2:30pm Oak St. Health Chair Yoga- Activity Room
Friday	December 6	10:50am Bus leaves for Movie Theatre to see <b>“Wicked”</b>
Sunday	December 8	5pm Shepherd of the Prairie Karen Carpenter Christmas
Monday	December 9	11:30am Culvers
Tuesday	December 10	10:30am Target/ Hobby Lobby/ Post Office
Tuesday	December 10	7pm Book Club
Wednesday	December 11	1pm Resident Birthday Party – Dining Room
Wednesday	December 11	6:30pm Huntley Brown/ Jeorge Holms Performance
Thursday	December 12	10am Podiatrist
Thursday	December 12	10:30am Butera/ Elgin State Bank
Friday	December 13	10am Dining Committee Meeting
Friday	December 13	7:30pm ECC Sons of Serendip Christmas
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 16</b>	<b>*Door Judging Begins for Door Decorating Contest*</b>
Monday	December 16	3:30pm Vespers
Tuesday	December 17	10:30am Walgreens/Chase/Fifth Third/BMO/PNC
Thursday	December 19	10:30am Meijer/US Bank/ Bank of America
Thursday	December 19	2:30pm Chair Yoga with Oak St. Health
Thursday	December 19	7pm Mystery Book Club-Sunroom
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 20</b>	<b>**Door Judging Ends**</b>
Friday	December 20	10:30am Dollar Tree/To-go lunch at Wendy’s
Saturday	December 21	12-3:30pm Employee Christmas Party
Sunday	December 22	12-2pm Residents only Christmas Party Brunch
Sunday	December 22	2:30pm Mark Domanico Performance
Monday	December 23	10:30am Jewel-Osco <b>(UGLY SWEATER DAY!)</b>
Monday	December 23	6:30pm Christmas Sightseeing Trip
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 24</b>	<b>Wear Red/Green Day</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 24</b>	<b>2pm Delivery/ 3pm Christmas Eve Dinner</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 25</b>	<b>Merry Christmas! Noon Delivery/1pm Christmas Dinner</b>
Friday	December 27	10am Coffee & Donuts New Resident Welcome-Din. Rm.
Sunday	December 29	11:30am-1pm LAST Sunday Breakfast Buffet
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<b>4pm Delivery/ 5pm New Years Eve Dinner!</b>

# Messages from Melanie in Activities...

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! We welcome 2025 with positivity and excitement and good vibes!! Thank you for a great 2024!

Some housekeeping into the New Year to remember is to sign up at the front desk if you are attending the Birthday party or Donuts Welcome...I order this food about 3 days in advance. What happens is I am running short for those that do sign up! Please be courteous to all.

Another courtesy is to make sure to manage your bus trips...if you sign up but do not show up you will be charged \$5 fee. If we do not have enough signed up, we will cancel the trip all together. You can always call the front desk to ask them to make the changes to the sign-up sheets for you.

-- Melanie



## !!Christmas Door Decoration Contest!!

Residents can begin decorating their doors Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> thru Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>!  
The Judging will be Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> thru December 20<sup>th</sup>!

Residents come to the front desk to cast their vote for their favorite door. We will announce the winner on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> by Noon at the Front Desk.

### Contest Rules:

- Decorations cannot extend into the hallway area
- If extension cords are used, they must be taped down
- Keep in good taste
- Have fun and be unique
- Show your creativity and keep it classy

**Winning Door will  
receive a FREE GUEST  
TICKET on their  
December statement.**

## *Thank You*

To the residents of The Greens  
Melvin Wesley Ministries and Come As You Are Church are so grateful for your donation of coats and jackets for the Community Crisis Center in Elgin, Illinois. Thank you for choosing to make a difference through your donation in the lives of those with home insecurity including battered women, women with children and single moms! We appreciate your support more than words can express. It is an honor to be associated with generous, kind-hearted individuals such as yourselves who are willing to make a difference in the lives of others! May God continue to shower blessings upon blessings upon you!

Yours In Christ, Melvin & Mildred Wesley



# **From the Kitchen**

Happy & Blessed December 2024,

31 days away from 2025...WOW

In the month of December, we invite Grace to flow in the 801. Grace will flow to us, through us, and from us. Grace is such a remarkable gift, a wonderful way to feel God in action. So many times, we have received the blessing of divine grace when we could not imagine how a problem would be resolved or how a bad situation would improve. Grace is the inspiration we feel to pay forward the kindness that has come our way, often from unexpected blessings. It can be the action of a neighbor who checks on our well-being, a friend who visits us, or someone who lightens our load. Grace occurs when writing our prayers and concerns in the prayer book upstairs in our beautiful chapel. Grace is the nudge from The Spirit telling us to let small irritations go, extend patience in the face of frustration, and give and serve cheerfully without expectation of anything in return. Grace only increases in the 801, the more we share it.

***From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. —John 1:16***

Our culinary team and dining room team would like to thank our residents for the great feedback and compliments we have been receiving. My team and I put a lot of effort into preparing your meals. We'd especially like to thank the residents who usually have delivery only. Hearing from you via phone, note, card, etc. keeps us motivated and inspired to do so much more. We really appreciate you. Thank You!

On Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have our residents' Christmas Party/Holiday Brunch from 12:00-2:00. This is for residents only; guests are not allowed. We will have a brunch buffet with lots of favorites. There will also be a pasta station, carving station, dessert station, and ice cream station for your enjoyment.

Guests are welcome for the following. On Christmas Eve, delivery will be at 2:00 pm and dining room service will be at 3:00. Christmas Day we will have an early Christmas Turkey Dinner with delivery starting at noon, and dining room service starting at 1:00. New Year's Eve Dinner and New Year's Day dinner will be at our normal times.

Starting in January 2025, our kitchen will be closed on the weekends. Remember our meals, if refrigerated right away, are good for up to four days. If you order an extra meal or even have leftovers from Thursday your meal is good to enjoy up to Sunday evening. Please keep this in mind if you need a meal for your upcoming weekends.

We will only prepare meals on Saturday or Sundays when there is a holiday. For example, Resurrection Day/Easter, Mother's Day, and Father's Day, and any other weekend holidays during the year. If you have menu suggestions, please feel free to drop a note at the front desk to be placed in my box.

***Chef James & Culinary/Dining Room Team***

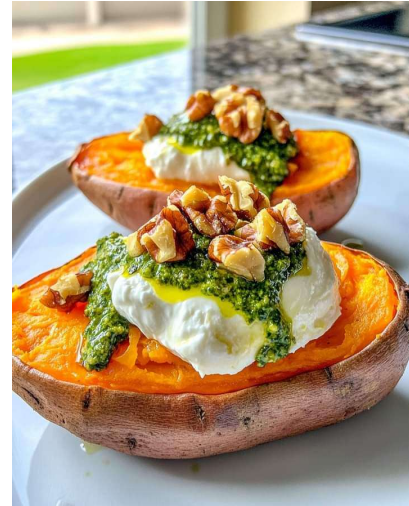
# **December 2024 Menu Inspiration**



Cranberry Dijon Pork Loin



Baked Pears, Feta, Cranberries



Stuffed Burrata Sweet Potatoes



Garlic Toast, Sausage, Goat Cheese



Mascarpone & Berries Toast



Chocolate Pecan Kahlua Cake



Banana Fosters Sundae



Cornish Hen, Oven Roasted Potatoes



Roasted Vegetable Burrata Salad

*Chef James, Culinary Team, and Dining Room Team*





# December

## BIRTHDAYS

### Resident Birthdays

- 3 - Evelyn Veldey
- 4- Leslie Armstrong
- 9- Joan Didier
- 11 - Arlene Shillis
- 14- Peggy Imgrund
- 21- Don Laird
- 24-Jerri Schultz
- 24- Mel Segó
- 28- Mary Ann Foltmer

### Employee Birthdays

- 10- Jasmine Mota
- 24- Marcela Forero

**Last Month...  
November  
Birthday  
Celebrations!**

