



The Greens of Elgin

December 2021
Newsletter



Notes from the Board President

Dear Residents,

The holidays have arrived! We just celebrated Thanksgiving and we have much to be thankful for! Now, on to Christmas! Here at The Greens things are looking festive and we have entertainment and parties to look forward to all month. Be sure to check your calendar daily so you won'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" between December 1 and December 15. 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 \$213. If you went to a restaurant, paid \$8 for your meal, left a 20% tip of \$1.60, had that meal 20 times per month for 12 months, you would have left a total of \$384 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!

Welcome to our newest resident, Mary Walsh in Unit 310. Please extend a warm welcome to Mary when you see her. Mary, we are so glad you have joined our Greens Family!

Congratulations to our newest Board Member, Mary Bowman, who has been elected for a 2-year term, and to Ed Hitchler, and Joyce Beutler, who will remain on the Board for a 1 year and 2-year term respectively.

While the pandemic still exists, we now have safe and effective vaccines. We urge everyone to be fully vaccinated. We are saddened to have lost some residents to COVID-19 and do not want to lose anymore.

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!



Suggestion Box:

The Greens suggestion box is open for business. We will be reading all your suggestions in the Open Forum part of our next Board Meeting. The suggestion box is in the Activity Room below the announcement board.



Reminders

On Friday, December 3rd from 9:00am to 11:00am you can bring all your unused medication to the Front Desk for disposal.

Please note, we will be going to Meijer's on Wednesday, December 22nd, at 11:30am.

- Please do not park in the entrance circle; the drive is only for pickups and drop offs.
- Reminder to all family and friends to sign in at the Front Desk.

Notes from the HR Manager:

Hello All!

It's been just over a month since I've joined The Greens family, and I'm still super happy to be here! Throughout this past month, I've learned so much about the residents and employees. I'm continuing to get more acclimated with this new environment and excited to learn even more. It's been such a pleasure to meet resident's and getting to know each of you better.

I have started new processes within each department and held trainings to make sure our staff is up to date on HR policies. I have also done individual meeting introductions with the staff to get to know them, and see what is needed from their point of view. Throughout these meetings and witnessing their work, I can tell you with much certainty that we have an amazing staff. I will strive to make sure that their hard work is continued and especially recognized.

Of course, I will continue to promote positivity within the community so that we can make The Greens an even better place.

I wish you the happiest holidays & stay warm!

Best Regards,
Ariana Wagner

Front Desk

Hello from the Front Desk

Reminder about packages: if you are expecting packages try to pick them up ASAP. We have limited counter space. Remember to pay for your convenience store purchases at the Front Desk or we can add it to your account.

All garage spaces are currently occupied. Resident phone directories are being worked on and will be distributed on January 2, 2022. If you have a new phone number or any new information you would like to add now is the time!

Holidays are approaching soon. We will be doing some schedule changing for Thanksgiving Day. Christmas and New Year's schedule looks good. We ask that you please break down your boxes, and remember no Styrofoam in recycling bins.

Let us all welcome Korrie to our housekeeping department Korrie came to us mid-November.

The following units are For Sale: Unit 244, Listing Agent, Kent Petschow (847-627-0244) and Unit 302, Listing Agent, Dee Toberman (847-322-7929)

The following unit is For Rent: 314, Listing Rental Agent, Dee Toberman.

Diane Medina

Office Administrator

Activity Department News:

Special Holiday Cheer Event!

Please join us in the Activity Room on Monday, December 3rd at 3:30pm to sign Christmas cards to our former residents who are in extended care facilities. All cards and stamps will be provided, we just need your greetings and holiday spirit!

We will be having a Christmas Door Decoration Contest! Beginning on Monday, December 6th, and ending Thursday, December 16th. Three judges from the Activity Committee will be deciding on the first, second, and third best door. The announcement of the winners will be Sunday, December 19th, at the Christmas Party.

The Contest Rules are:

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

On Friday, December 10th, The Greens will be having a white elephant gift exchange in the Activity Room. Bring a wrapped gift, that is used and believe someone else would love to receive! This will be during B.Y.O.B at 3:30pm-5:00pm. Here are some rules of the game.

- Each player brings a wrapped gift.
- Players draw a number to determine in which order they will go.
- The first player selects a gift and opens it.
- The following players can choose to pick an unwrapped gift or steal a gift from one of the other players.
- A gift can only be exchanged three times.
- After all players have had a turn, the first player gets a chance to swap their gift for any opened gift.

Performances

- Friday, December 3rd at 3:00pm, we will be kicking off the Holidays with a piano concert by Judson University.
- Friday, December 10th at 6:45pm, John LaBorn will be entertaining us in the Piano Room.
- Friday, December 17th, at 6:45pm, Mikhail Anotoshin / Jazz Band will be performing in the Piano Room.
- Sunday, December 19th, at 12pm, Vocalist Kathy & Bobby Robel will be performing in the Greens Christmas party.

Special Events!

The Activity Committee is planning several special Christmas Activities.

On Thursday, December 9th, at 6:30pm, we will be going on our bus to see The Larsen Christmas Light Show in Elburn IL. This will be a 30 minute drive. Sign up sheet will be at the Front Desk.

On Monday, December 13th, 6:30pm, we will be going by bus to see the Christmas lights around the Elgin area. Sign up sheet at the Front Desk.

On Friday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, at 12:00pm, we will be showing the movie "A Christmas Memory" in the Activity Room.

Be sure to review the monthly calendar to see the additional trips we will be taking to various stores. We want to make sure that you are able to do all of your Christmas shopping!

*Janet Soto,
Activity Coordinator*

Food for thought:

Happy & Blessed December 2021,

Can you believe it! December 7th will be my 1-year anniversary here at "The 801". It's been quite the journey so far. As I've stated before, GOD has placed me where he needs me to be at this time.

2022 is around the corner. But before we enter the new year, on Sunday December 19th, your kitchen/culinary team will have a Grand Holiday Brunch Buffet prepared for your Christmas Party at 11:30 in the dining room. On Friday, Christmas Eve, we will have an early dinner at 3:00pm. Delivery will start on Christmas Eve at 2:00pm. Saturday Christmas Day we will have an early Christmas Dinner at Noon. Deliveries will start at 1:00pm on Christmas Day. On Sunday December 26th, dining room service will be closed, but we will be delivering meals at 11:00 am.

Cut off for any additions to dining room service on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be Sunday December 19th. As a reminder, please call the front desk with any changes you may have to delivery or dining in, add-ons, cancellations, guest menus, etc. Thank you, Chef James

Vespers:

On Monday, December 20th, let's have all the Greenies (residents of The Greens) join together to create new Christmas memories, while still recalling the nostalgia of celebrating Christmas past. The Vesper Committee members will once again revive the beautifully written text by Betty Bradney, who passed away in the Fall of 2019. This presentation, with the singing of carols and the readings from Scripture, will warm your heart and may cause you to drop a tear or two, as we remember those who passed during the year 2021.

Everyone is welcomed to this Christmas Service on Monday, December 20th, at
3:30pm - 4:15pm,

In the common area by the piano

Your Vesper Committee: Leila B, Sandy B, Joan D, Barb L, and Janice W

Notes from the Music Committee:

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The Music Committee is excited and honored to bring you a number of talented artists to celebrate the Christmas Season!

Friday, December 3rd, at 3PM Students from Judson University will perform, under the direction of Professor Sojung Hong, in the Piano Room. We are pleased to welcome Professor Hong and her students back to The Greens and look forward to the beautiful music they always bring to us.

Friday, December 10th, at 6:45PM Our longtime friend, John LaBorn, will once again entertain us at the keyboard in the Piano Room. John, who is like family to us here at The Greens, always brings his humor, happiness and talent to an evening filled with joy and celebration.

Friday, December 17th, at 6:45PM We are delighted to announce the performance of Mikhail Antoshin, the famed pianist along with his Jazz Band, in the Piano Room. The band members are: Mike Hesiak, saxophone, Ross Lahlum, bass, and Alex Derry, drums. We look forward to an evening of music by professional and talented musicians.

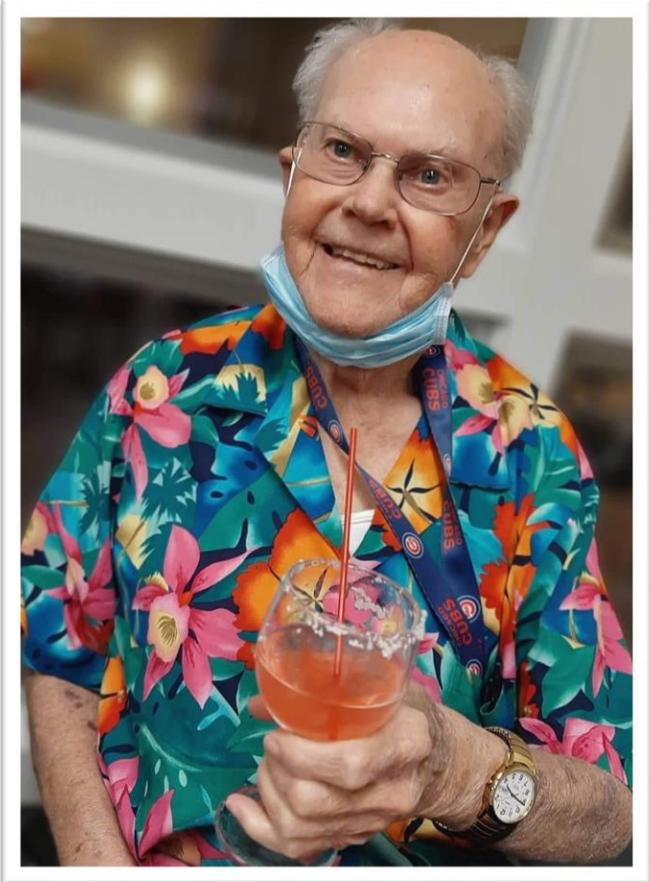
Sunday, December 19th, 12:00PM to 1PM As it has been a tradition at The Greens, we once again welcome Kathy Robel singing Christmas favorites and Bobby Robel at the piano during our Greens Christmas Party Brunch.

With sadness of her passing, we want to honor our committee member, Sue Williams, for her dedication to the Music Committee activities through the years.

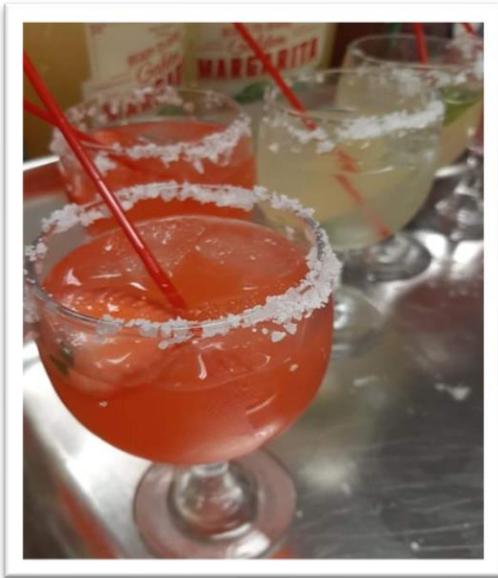
Music Committee Chair: Marilyn Foster. Members: Joyce Beutler, Jim and Carolyn Gathman, Coral Reinert, Joyce Shannon, and Joan Stevenson

Music OF THE 50's With Vocalist Heather Braoudakis





Margarita Time!

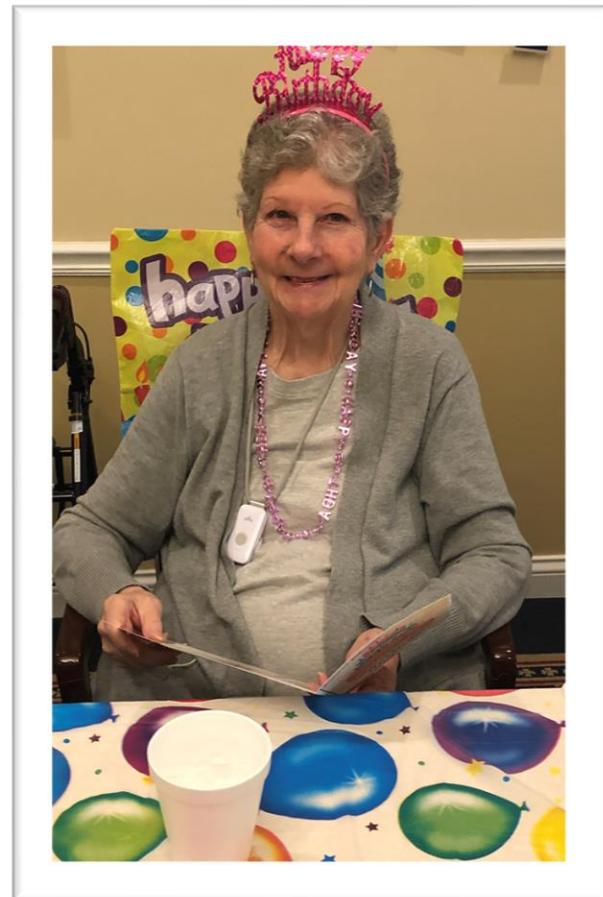


Honoring The Greens Veterans!



Honoring our Veterans November 11th, 2021





Birthdays!

December 2 - Mary B

December 3 - Evelyn V

December 3 - Ron B

December 4 - Leslie A

December 9 - Joan D

December 14 - Peggy W

December 19 - Marilyn F

December 24 - Jerre Shultz

December 28 - Mary Ann F

December 24 - Melvin S



Employee Birthdays!

December 4 - Jose G

December 13 - Alexandra G

December 18 - Julio L

December 28 - Lismary V

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	24	27	1	2	3	4
			10:30 am Exploring the Scriptures	10am-1pm Podiatrist	9am -11am Drop off any unused medication at the Front Desk to be discarded	2pm Movie(Holiday Inn)
			11am Marshall	1pm Walmart	1pm Fitness Class	5:15pm Dinner
			12pm - 2pm Chair Massage by Nora	2:30pm Bingo w/ Janet 6:30pm Hand & Foot Games	3pm Judson University 4pm-5pm BYOB	6:30pm Bingo
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:30am Prayer Service	1pm Fitness Class	11am Walgreens / Local Banks	10:30 am Exploring the Scriptures	11am State Street Market	11:00am Parkinson's Support Group	2pm Movie (Miracle on 345th st)
11:30am -1pm Breakfast Buffet 2:30pm Knitting & Crocheting Club	2pm JCPenny 3:30pm Xmass Cards (Activity Room) Deck the Door Contest Begins! & Ends the 16th!	1pm Bingo w/Janet 6:30 pm Hand & Foot Games	11am - 2pm Chair Massage by Nora 1pm Resident Birthday Party	1pm Jewel / Osco 2:30pm Bingo w/ Janet 6:30pm Christmas Lights	1pm Fitness Class 3:30pm White Elephant 6:45pm John LaBorn 4pm-5pm BYOB	5:15pm Dinner 6:30pm Bingo
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:30am Prayer Service	11am Louie Angelo's Pizza	10am Board Meeting	10:30 am Exploring the Scriptures	10am-1pm Podiatrist	11am Hobby Lobby	2pm Movie (The Bishop's Wife)
11:30am -1pm Breakfast Buffet 2:30pm Knitting & Crocheting Club	1pm Fitness Class 3pm Fisher Nuts 6:30pm Christmas Lights	11am Walgreens / Local Banks 1pm Bingo w/Janet 6:30pm Hand & Foot Games 7pm Book Club	12pm - 2pm Chair Massage by Nora 2pm Craft Class	1pm Butera 2:30pm Bingo w/ Janet 6:30pm Card/Games	1pm Fitness Class 6:45pm Mikhail Anthonis 4pm-5pm BYOB Deck The Door Judging Day!	5:15pm Dinner 6:30pm Bingo
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:30am Prayer Service	1pm Fitness Class	11am Walgreens / Local Banks	10:30 am Exploring the Scriptures	1pm Bingo	11:00am Parkinson's Support Group	Noon Dinner
11:30am Grand Buffet Greens Christmas Party 12:00pm Kathy Bobby Robel / Vocalist Deck the Door winner results!	3:30pm Vespers Service 6:30pm Bridge Wear red or green!	1pm Bingo w/Janet 6:30pm Hand & Foot Games Ugly Sweater Day!	11am - 2pm Chair Massage by Nora 11:30am Meijer's Wear a Santa Hat!	2pm Happy Hour 6:30pm Hand & Foot Games Wear white, blue and /or siver!	12pm Movie (A Christmas Memory Movie) 3pm Dinner Wear Christmas Socks!	6:30pm Bingo Happy Holiday's! From The Greens!
26	27	28	29	30	31	
10:30am Prayer Service	1pm Fitness Class	11am Walgreens / Local Banks	10:30 am Exploring the Scriptures	1pm Woodman's	1pm Fitness Class	
11am Breakfast Delivery	6:30pm Bridge	1pm Bingo w/Janet	12pm - 2pm Chair Massage by Nora	2:30pm Bingo w/ Janet	5:15pm Dinner	
2:30pm Knitting & Crocheting Club		6:30pm Hand & Foot Games		6:30pm Hand & Foot Games	7:30pm New Year's Eve Party	

Nails by Linda (Monday from 8:30am - to 1:00pm by Appointments only (847) 421-3369
(Beautician) Dee Wednesday by Appointments only (847) 224-9499
(Beautician) Diane Friday and Saturday (847) 997-3073
Call to Scheduled ab Appointment