



Notes from the Board President

Dear Greens Family,

When March arrives, I always breathe a sigh of relief, as I know Spring is just around the corner, arriving on March 20th. Another sign of Spring is the date when we “spring ahead” to Daylight Saving Time which this year is Sunday, March 12. Please take part in our St Patrick’s Day activities as we all become “a little bit Irish” on March 17!

As we look back to the end of February, we need to address the 5 hour power outage we experienced at The Greens on Wednesday, February 22. The power went out at approximately 6pm and came back on at approximately 11pm. Fidencio, Richard and Chef James were our heroes of the night. They stayed with us, meeting whatever needs our residents had. This included getting those who live on the 2nd and 3rd floors, and cannot use the stairs on their own, back to their condos. We are also grateful for the rest of our staff, including Sasha, Edgar and our kitchen staff who continued to do their jobs even without power. Then those who, in many cases, despite having issues at their own homes, came in on Thursday morning to still no internet service, meaning no phones, etc. including Diane, Maria, Micaella, Marie and Debbie, are also much appreciated.

Please be reminded that we all need to have at least 2 working flash lights, with back up batteries for them, in case of an outage in the future. Even if sometime in the future, we are able to purchase a generator, it will likely only keep our kitchen refrigeration and an elevator working during the outage. Additional lighting will still be needed. Another reminder; do not use real candles during a power outage (of course, battery operated candles are fine and a good idea).

Please welcome our new residents, George Wolff in Unit 134, Barb Gabl in Unit 220 and owner, James Richardson (looking for a renter) in Unit 212. Let's make them all feel at home here at The Greens.

Thanks to Micaella for stepping into the Activity Coordinator role in full speed. Please support her in her new ideas; give her a chance to give some new life to activities here at The Greens. She is aiming to get more residents involved and I know she will be evaluating what works and what doesn't. Check out the March calendar so you don't miss anything.

Happy Spring to all and may God bless The Greens residents and staff!



Note from the HR Manager

Happy March!

Happy St. Patrick's month! This month is going to be fun...they have the best food this month, Corned Beef and Cabbage! McDonalds also has Shamrock shakes! Maybe there will be a bus trip planned for everyone to go and enjoy one. Hope everyone enjoys this month of great activities that have been planned for all of you.

I would like to inform you that we have decided to have 2 notary people. Micaella will apply and I have already applied. Please refer to Micaella first and I will be back up for your notary needs.

Residents, please remember...if there is a need for something in your unit, please call the front desk. Please refrain from calling staff directly on their cell phone. Work Orders must be completed through the front desk for all maintenance needs.

Please also remember assessments are due on the 1st of every month. We give a grace period to the 15th, but they are due on the 1st as shown on the statement. We pass out monthly assessments a few days before they are due to give everyone the time needed to make their payment. Please pay the total amount that is shown on your statement. Forms are available at the front desk if you are interested in signing up for Autopay. Please see Maria for a copy of the form.

Remember to put your suggestions in the box located under the bulletin board in the Activity Room.

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

Diane Medina
HR/Business Office Manager

Suggestion Box

The Greens suggestion box is a valuable tool. We check the box weekly for new submissions. We will be reading all the suggestions in the Open Forum part of our next Board Meeting. The suggestion box is in the Activity Room below the announcement board.

Reminders

Please remember to pay at the Front Desk immediately for convenience store purchases.

Notes from the Office Manager

Greetings from the Front Desk,

Hope everyone had a great start to the new year and continue to do so as now we enter February. I would like to inform you all that we have 1 garage spot available at this time. If you would like one, we do have a waiting list, you can always come see me at the front desk or call me to be added to the list if you are interested. Reminder to please pick up your packages from the front desk especially when they are big boxes. Also, menus are due every Tuesday before 1:00 p.m. thank you all for turning them in ASAP. We do make reminder calls for packages every night and on Sundays we make menu reminders. Please remind families or visitors to not park in the entrance circle, the drive is only for pickups and drop offs even if you have groceries you should park in the visitors parking spot. Reminder to all family and friends to sign in at the Front Desk. I would also like to inform you all that Micaella will not be working overnight shifts anymore but we will be welcoming back Jesus for that position. When you see him give him a warm welcome. Snow will continue to fall this month, and plow trucks will be coming around to clean. Please do not park in the corner circle, move your car to an open parking space on the side or back of the building, Thank you.

Our housekeeping department is working hard to keep everything nice and clean, although we are currently short-staffed. Unfortunately, Sahara no longer works with us, but we are currently trying our best to have a full staff in this department. In the meantime, please be patient as we will try our best to accommodate everyone. Reminder if you don't need housekeeping, please call ahead of time this way it helps me plan their day accordingly. Thank you very much.

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

The following units are **For Sale**:

The following units are **For Rent**:

Maria Castellanos
Office Manager

VESPERS

On Monday, February 20, the Rev. Rick Carlson will be our Vesper Service speaker. He has been a minister for over 36 years. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and Garrett-Evangeline Theological Seminary.

It was on February 2017 that members of the First Methodist Church, and their Pastor, Rev. Carlson provided a devotional service for The Greens residents. That was the beginning of our monthly Vespers. Rev. Rick Carlson has returned to bless us every year since 2017. Don't miss his seventh message for us.

Activity Department News

March is the third month of the year in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars. It is the second of seven months to have a length of 31 days. The meteorological beginning of spring occurs on the first day of March, and the equinox on the 20th marks the astronomical beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere.

Spring is on its way!

I look forward to all of the upcoming springtime events. For the month of March, we will be doing some exciting things. We have an outing to the movies, a few new restaurants to try and a new feel to our BINGO games! There are also some exciting new GIANT games for us to try this month!

I look forward to all your feedback and suggestions in the months to come. Come down for the experience and stay for the camaraderie and fun!

Don't forget to sign up and come down for these special events:

- 03/01 2:30pm BINGO
- 03/02 11am Walmart
- 03/03 11am Target/Hobby Lobby
- 03/06 2:30pm BINGO
- 03/07 11am Walgreens/Bank/Post Office
- 03/07 2pm Giant Connect Four
- 03/08 2:30pm BINGO
- 03/09 11am Jewel-Osco
- 03/10 2pm Fortune House Delivery
- 03/13 11am Giant Checkers
- 03/13 2:30pm BINGO
- 03/14 11am Butera
- 03/14 4pm Balmoral Restaurant
- 03/15 2:30pm BINGO
- 03/16 11am Walgreens
- 03/16 4pm Copper Barrel Restaurant
- 03/17 2:30pm Resident Birthday Party/St. Patrick's Day Soda & Float Mixer
- 03/17 6:45pm Heather Braoudakis (Singer) Performance
- 03/20 10am Group Painting Activity (This time it is an Owl)
- 03/20 2:30pm BINGO
- 03/21 11am Walgreens/Bank/Post Office
- 03/21 1pm Giant Tic-Tac-Toe
- 03/22 2:30pm BINGO
- 03/23 11am Woodman's
- 03/24 11am Benedict's Restaurant
- 03/26 6pm Judson University Choir @ Herrick Chapel
- 03/27 2:30pm BINGO
- 03/28 11am Meijer
- 03/28 2pm Activity Committee Meeting
- 03/29 2:30pm BINGO
- 03/30 11am Walgreens/Bank/Post Office
- 03/31 10am Coffee & Donuts/New Resident Welcome Mixer
- 03/31 6:45pm Jonathon Hirtzig (Piano) Performance

Please check your March calendar and plan to join us. Remember to sign up for the available activities in the event book at the Front Desk if you plan to attend, and keep an eye out for any new activities that may be added throughout the month as well!

Notes from the Music Committee

Greetings from the Music Committee

On Friday, March 17, 2023, we will once again welcome Heather Braoudakis at 6:45pm in our Piano Room. She will turn The Greens “greener” with her melody of Irish Songs in honor of St. Patrick’s Day. Heather is sure to lift our spirits and make us all feel “a little bit Irish” as she sings her way into our hearts.

We are in for a special treat on Friday, March 31, 2023, as we introduce an accomplished young Elgin musician, Jonathon Hitzig, who is a violinist in the Harper Symphony Orchestra. He also plays the piano and has performed Mozart’s Piano Sonata #16. Jonathon graduated from Larkin High School in 2022 and is currently studying piano at ECC. Please join us in the Piano Room at 6:45pm as we welcome Jonathan to The Greens.

The Music Committee: Chairman; Paul Folster Members; Joyce Beutler, Peggy Folster, April Hornkohl, Paula Janson, Janice Withey

A very special “Thank you” to Moe Dyer and his son, Michael! We have a new look and feel with our sound system. It is now reliable and certainly used very often here at The Greens!

Food For Thought

Happy & Blessed March 2023,
Dining experience committee and I had our meeting on February 10th. Some of the things were discussed were...

- Mashed Potatoes without skin...and using only peeled potatoes.
- Less cream/dairy-based soups and more broth soups.
- Some of your favorite starter salads presented on the menu as entrée salads with a protein.
- Eliminating Breadsticks on Saturdays and going with a dinner roll or sour dough roll.
- More Casseroles on the menu, even a Hamburger Goulash.
- Warm Popovers at dinner service on Wednesday nights.

Your suggestions are being heard and the above changes have been made. Our next meeting is on Friday March 3rd. If you have any suggestions, please see one your dining experience committee representatives... Joyce Beutler, Joan Carlson, Barb Lawrence, Myrna Stidham, Liz McAdams, Donna Fisher, Paul Folster, Gene Summaria, or Ed Hitchler. And of course, you can always drop a note in my box or just stop by the kitchen for a quick hello.

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day. We will be working on...

Irish Potato Soup
Guinness Beer Spinach & Artichoke Dip, Irish Soda Bread Crostini's
Corned Beef & Cabbage, Boiled Yukon Potatoes & Baby Carrots
Guinness Beer Battered Cod with Salt & Malt Vinegar Aioli, Boiled Yukon Potatoes & Baby Carrots
Colcannon Side – Cabbage, Potatoes, and Bacon
Irish Yankee Mac & Cheese
Baileys Brownie, Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream
Dining Room Only – Chef's Pot of Cold – Coffee with Irish Whiskey, Crème de mint, Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream, Biscotti



Chef James & Dining Experience Committee

Welcoming Committee

In February we extended our hands and welcomed two new residents; George Wolff in Unit 134 and Barb Gabl in Unit 220. Thanks to all of you who introduced yourselves and made them feel welcome.

The Welcoming Committee members are Mary Bowman – Chairperson, Peggy Folster, Paula Janson, Carol Bohlin, and Barb Wesselhoff



“Come to the Chapel”



We are so fortunate here at the Greens to have our own beautiful little Chapel located on 3rd floor across from south elevators.

Services are held every Sunday and holidays at 10:30 a.m. courtesy of St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church. However, you needn't be Catholic to attend, EVERYONE is welcome.

So won't you join us in prayer, faith and hope and “Come to the Chapel”



Resident Birthdays

- 03/01 Ron Schlick
- 03/03 Rita Shaw
- 03/05 Dolores Zimmerman
 - 03/05 Janet Riehecky
 - 03/09 Grace Limonceli
 - 03/19 Leona Krocko

Employee Birthdays

- 3/06 Alondra Sotelo
- 3/24 Angel Maldonado