



## **Notes from the Board President**

Dear Greens Family,

It seems we wait so long for summer and then, all of a sudden, it is August, and we know that the end of summer is on the horizon. It is, however, exciting to see the beginning of the fall season and a chance for a new beginning both for students as they return to school and those of us who are long past being students. How about looking at how we use our time? In a book called, "Retirement Reimagined" the authors state that, "the biggest driver of happiness is time." Some suggestions they have for spending our time are:

Buy time. Pay someone to do the chores you don't like.  
Buy experiences, not things. Memories of experiences will stay with you.  
Spend time with others. Personal interactions will bring more joy than all other uses of time.  
Fill your days with variety. The happiest people look for variety and change in life.  
Give a little time away. Service to others is guaranteed to make you happier.

Take a look at the August calendar developed by Melanie and find some new experiences to enjoy. Take a look at our food menus and try some new food creations by Chef James. Most of us are happy that our staff has taken over some of our chores, such as cleaning and cooking. As you take part in our activities and dining, you will have many opportunities to have interactions with people. Lastly, we so appreciate those of you who volunteer time to make The Greens such an awesome place to live.

I hope you are taking time to watch and enjoy the Olympics. What an example of a group of young people who have chosen how they want to spend their time and they are now enjoying the fruit of their dedication. It's so inspiring to see the world come together in such a display of excellence!

Just a couple of reminders. If you have any issues with insects of any kind in your condo, please tell the front desk so that our pest control people can treat the problem. When in the Dining Room, please either leave your phone at home, or silence it. If you must take a call, please leave the Dining Room.

Thanks to all who have chosen to spend their time living and working at The Greens of Elgin!! You are appreciated!!

Enjoy these last days of summer and may God bless us with good health and peace in our hearts!

# **Notes from the HR Manager**

Hello Residents & Happy August everyone.

As the months are approaching fast Christmas seems right around the corner. When I was a young girl, the days seemed so long. I would play outside for hours on my big wheel. Now as an adult I see the time just flies by.... By the time you know it we are in the next month. Wow!!

Redmond's Towing sign. We have signed a contract with Redmond's Towing. All unauthorized vehicles not registered at the front desk on our property will be towed at the owner's expense. If you have family that is staying overnight or staying for a few days, please have them register their car at the front desk to avoid it being towed. Current residents make sure your car is checked in with Maria.

Residents just some friendly reminders. Your statements are passed out a few days before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Remember your statement is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month.

Stamps have gone up on July 14<sup>th</sup> from \$.68 cents to \$.73 cents. Book of 20 stamps is now \$14.60.

The Auxiliary Dining Room doors to the patio are open & unlocked daily from 8am-7pm for your use. Get out and enjoy some fresh air.

Bus outings please remember we need to have 3 people signed up to take the bus to store outings and at least 4 for community lunches. Residents, please try to sign up. Melanie always has great outings and very few residents sign up. Even if you go for just a ride it's nice to get out of the building.

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

HR/Business Office Manager

*Diane Medina*



KINDNESS  
is a gift  
everyone can  
afford to give.

## **Communication Center**

**Share kind words with our friends.**

**Check it out. Be informed. Located near mailboxes.**

# **Notes from the Office Manager**

Greeting from the Front Desk,

August is about taking care... of myself, my family and my community. And taking care includes everything from being aware and staying safe to showing appreciation for one another. Show your community that you care about them, and that you want them to be safe, stay healthy, and be sensitive to each other and what others may be going through.

Please let the front desk know if you need Pest Control to come by. Also make sure family and friends are aware that they must sign in before continuing their visit. If you will be having anyone stay the night and they have a vehicle, please let the front desk know so we can register their vehicle information and avoid it being towed. Any contractors you hire should provide a certificate of insurance to us. Either days before their arrival or the day of, if not they will not be able to proceed. Dinners that are delivered to the front desk will only be in the cooler 24 hours after that it will be disposed of, so, please come and pick your dinners.

Housekeeping is going back to all three girls rotating every month. Alma will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor this month Marie will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and Marcela will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. I have made laminated signs in the garbage rooms about what can be recycled and what cannot. Please look at them and I will also provide a picture sheet on the back of this newsletter.

It is always nice to hear from you all about how we are doing, Thank you for your patience. I would like to inform you about the following units we have, either For Sale or For Rent.

## The following units are **For Sale:**

#142 For Sale 1BD	\$60,000	Patti Hanula 630-880-0611
#230 For Sale 1BD	\$62,000	Patti Hanula 630-880-0611
#260 For Sale 2BD	\$100,000	Vicky Ryback 847-636-8867
#304 For Sale 1BD	\$60,000	Dee Gamble 847-322-7929
#326 For Sale 1BD	\$57,900	Patti Hanula 630-880-0611
#228-Soon to be listed		

## The following units are **For Rent:**

304 For Rent 1BD \$575 + Assessment Dee Gamble 847-322-7929



*Maria Castellanos*  
*Office Manager*

# Notes from Vespers

On Monday, August 19, our guest speaker will be Pastor Tom Severson from The Vineyard Church of Elgin. In 2001 Pastor Tom survived an attempt on his life that led him to a profound encounter with Jesus. Since this episode he has a different appreciation for what is important in life. Pastor Tom and his son Lane, wrote a book entitled "Who Holds the Knife", which is a powerful story of forgiveness and God's power.

Please join us for this special time of Vespers.

**Monday, August 19 at 3:30pm  
in Piano Room**

Vesper Committee:

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



## Greetings from the Music Committee!

Greetings from the Music Committee...

On Friday, August 9, 2024, we will present Tandem of Michael & Noreen for their second appearance at The Greens. Their renditions of a wide range of musical selections can captivate an audience and hopefully touch lives, refresh spirits, somehow rekindle lost memories, and bring joy to the hearts of us all. Join us at 6:45pm in the Piano Room to enjoy Michael on keyboard & saxophone and Noreen's vocal artistry.

Please join us in the Piano Room at 6:45pm on Friday, August 23, 2024 to welcome back pianist, Mark Hoffman. Mark has been performing at the piano for over 25 years, engaging audiences to sing along with his music from the roaring 20s all the way up until today. His repertoire consists of Broadway, jazz, and the great American songbook. Don't miss this enjoyable evening!

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



Some of our music committee with  
Mel & Bonnie from Mel Oldies  
Unchained performance on 7/12!

Fox Valley Harmonizers performed 7/26!



# Save the Date

Day	Date	Reminder
Thursday	August 1	10:30am Walmart
Friday	August 2	2pm Nat'l Ice Cream Sandwich Day...join me in Act. Rm.
Tuesday	August 6	10:30am Walgreens/Chase/Fifth Third/BMO/PNC
Tuesday	August 6	11:30am Fisher Nuts
Wednesday	August 7	1pm Goodwill- Huntley (15%off for seniors)
Thursday	August 8	10am Podiatrist
Thursday	August 8	10:30am Jewel-Osco
Thursday	August 8	2:30pm Oak St. Health Chair Yoga
Friday	August 9	10am Dining Committee Meeting
Friday	August 9	6:45pm Tandem of Michael & Noreen Perform
Monday	August 12	10:30pm Dollar Tree/Wendy's to go Lunch
Tuesday	August 13	10:30am Meijer/US Bank/Bank of America
Tuesday	August 13	7pm Book Club
Wednesday	August 14	1pm Resident Birthday Party
Thursday	August 15	Noon Brown Bag Lunch @ Elgin Hist. Museum/11:30Bus
Friday	August 16	11:30am Culver's
Friday	August 16	6:30pm Julia Comfort Dog Visits
Monday	August 19	11am Picnic on the Patio
Monday	August 19	3:30pm Vespers
Tuesday	August 20	10:30am Walgreens/Chase/Fifth Third/BMO/PNC
Wednesday	August 21	2pm U-46 Planetarium Trip
Thursday	August 22	10am Podiatrist
Thursday	August 22	10:30am Target/Hobby Lobby/Post Office
Thursday	August 22	2:30pm Oak St. Health Chair Yoga
Thursday	August 22	3:30pm Mystery Book Club <b>*incorrect on calendar*</b>
Friday	August 23	6:45pm Mark Hoffman Performs
Sunday	August 25	4pm Barber Shop Chorus @ Shepherd of Prairie Church
Monday	August 26	2pm Andy's Frozen Custard
Tuesday	August 27	10am Board Meeting-Dining Room
Tuesday	August 27	11am Butera/Elgin State Bank
Wednesday	August 28	2pm Kohl's/Home Goods/Michaels in Algonquin
Thursday	August 29	11am Oak St. Health Paint & Sip
Friday	August 30	10am Coffee & Donuts New Resident Welcome-Dining Rm.



# Messages from Melanie in Activities...

WOWZA!!! It's been ONE year August 14th!!! Time to celebrate!! Thank you all for making me feel so welcome here and thank you for joining me when you can in all the events that happen each month on our calendar! This is a GREAT place to work, and I LOVE it! Happy Anniversary to us!!

August is a busy month at my house...both my kid's birthdays and my wedding anniversary all happen a week apart in August! So, I will be planning a few parties at my house in addition to all the fun we will have here.

I have included a Sunday trip to see a Barber Shop Chorus at the Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church in Huntley. It is sure to be a great time! Last time we were there was to see Wayne Messmer and it was a truly memorable night! Put it on YOUR calendar now so you don't miss out!

Two new trips this month will be the U-46 Planetarium trip and the Brown Bag lunch at the Elgin History Museum. Jerry Turnquist will be speaking on "Elgin during D-day."

Oak Street Health will be sponsoring our Paint & Sip this month! They are getting harder to schedule, but when we do... we love it! Join us and let your creativity flow! There will be some delicious Melanie snacks since it is around lunch time too. Sign up!

20 people maximum and a 10-person minimum. We have also secured twice a month chair yoga. Come down and feel the benefits of stretching our muscles.

Chef has a Luau dinner planned, don't forget to wear your Hawaiian Shirts or muumuu dresses and I will have Leis for everyone. It will be a great event.

Also, when you sign up for trips, PLEASE be considerate to others...if we don't have enough to go, we must cancel the trip! When people are on the bus ready to go it can get VERY frustrating when others forget. So, MARK your calendars and I will try to call the night before to confirm and remind each person who signed up. Teamwork!

-- Melanie



# **From the Kitchen**



Happy & Blessed August 2024,

As we approach Senior Citizen's Day, let us be thankful for our blessings in the 801!

Remember, as we bless someone, we become blessed ourselves. We should bless our neighbors and friends with kind words and supportive acts as often as we can. Tomorrow is not guaranteed. To bring joy, comfort, prosperity, or healing to another person will bless them certainly, but it will also bless us as God's goodness flows into our lives. When you focus on being a blessing, God makes sure that you are always blessed in abundance.

Our students return to school in mid-August. We now have 5 college students, 7 high school seniors, and 2 high school sophomores. I am very proud of the team we have. Mona turns 21 years old this month and will be returning to Illinois State University to finish her senior year.

Please also welcome Joshua Love, our new Lead Line cook. Joshua is originally from Elgin. He lived in Georgia for 10 years where he worked at The Montana Grill. He has two beautiful children. An 8-year-old son and 5-year-old daughter. He has already started to make an impact in our kitchen and with our menu. We are blessed to have him on our team.

Senior Citizens Day is August is Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be celebrating it on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> with a Special Hawaiian Themed Luau Menu. Guests are welcome.

Just a reminder, all menus must be turned in the front desk on Tuesdays by 1:00. This is important as I start to place my orders for the following week on Wednesday morning. If your menu is late there is no guarantee that you will get the choices you decided on for the following week. Menus are placed in your mailboxes on Tuesday night. Please get in the habit of turning them at least by Saturday. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this.

Join us on Sunday at Brunch from 11:30am-1:00pm. We have Scrambled Eggs, or Eggs prepared "Your Way", Applewood Smoked Bacon, Breakfast Sausage, Blueberry Pancakes, Deviled Eggs, Oatmeal, Breakfast Potatoes, Quiche, Seasonal Fruit, Assorted Desserts, Ice Cream/Sundae Station, and so much more. Guests are welcome.

***Mona, Paige, and Lily in the Elgin 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.***



***Christmas in July photo fun!***



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



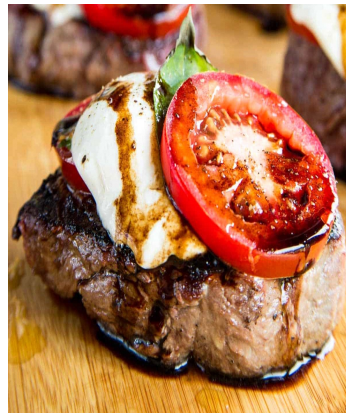
# August 2024 Menu Inspiration



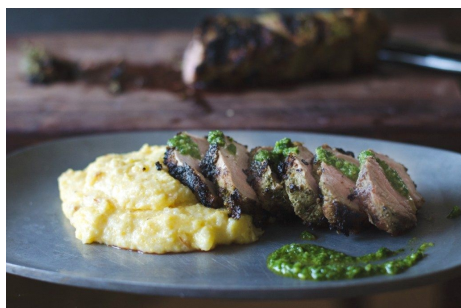
Cornish Hen, Onion Roasted Potatoes



Strawberry Rhubarb Crumble



Caprese Filet Medallion



Pesto Pork Tenderloin



Creamy Lemon Thyme Tilapia



Chicago Style Hot Dog



Pork Chop, Chunky Applesauce



Mascarpone & Berries on Toast



Root Beer Float Choc Cake





## Resident Birthdays

4 -Victor Marsella  
6 -Donna Fisher  
6 -Ed Hitchler  
8 -Mary Ann Lucas  
11-Shirley Pool  
13-Liane Ponsolle  
23-Mary Mason  
23-Denis Delaquila  
25-Marti Whitehouse



What a great picture of Mr. & Mrs. George Wolff!! Louise was able to celebrate with George at The Greens. It was extra special since her birthday was July 6<sup>th</sup> and with George's birthday was the 29<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated them together!

## Employee Birthdays

None

**Last Month...  
July  
Birthday  
Celebrations!**



# Friendly recycling REMINDERS:

## RECYCLING GUIDELINES

# YES!

**Clean & Empty**  
Replace lids & caps



### METAL

Steel & Aluminum Containers and Foil



### PAPER

Cardboard (flattened),  
Office Paper, Newspaper, Magazines



### GLASS

Containers: Bottles & Jars Only



### PLASTIC

Containers: Bottles, Tubs, Jugs,  
and Jars Only



### CARTONS

May be acceptable in some  
programs, check with  
local authority.

# NO!

**Put material in loose  
- Not in Bags**



**No Plastic Bags  
No Plastic Wrap**  
(return clean to retailer)



**No Big Items** (Electronics, Wood,  
Propane Tanks, Scrap Metal or Styrofoam –  
check local authority for other options)



**No Tangles** (Hangers, Hoses,  
Wire, Cords, Ropes or Chains)



**No Clothing**  
Textiles or Shoes (donate)



**No Food, Liquid, Diapers,  
Batteries or Needles**



**No Shredded Paper**  
(check with local authority  
for other recycling options)

**These items DO NOT belong in your  
curbside recycling container.**



**Plastic Bags & Plastic  
Film**



**Food Waste**



**Electronics**



**Clothing**



**Household Hazardous Waste**



**Bulky Plastics**



**Shredded paper**



**Styrofoam  
(Polyethylene)**



**Tangles  
(long stringy items)**



**Pizza Boxes**



**Yard Waste**

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

**Scrap Metal**

**Frozen Food Containers**

**Medical & Personal Hygiene Waste**

**Fast Food & Takeout Containers**

**Paper Tableware (inc. coffee cups)**

**Solo Cups**

**Plastic Tubes/Tubs/Containers**



**Batteries**