



Notes from the Board President

Dear Owners and Residents,

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you all in good health and good spirits, ready to embrace another year as a member of The Greens community. I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for your continued involvement, your positive attitudes, and your support of this wonderful community. Whether you've lived here for years or just moved in recently, you help make this place a true home. It's your energy, your kindness, and your commitment that continue to shape the future of The Greens.

Thank you for your generous donations to our Employee Christmas Fund. The total amount collected this year was \$21,015, for an average donation of \$333.57. Thanks, once again, to our amazing staff for all they do for us all through the year. While the Christmas Fund is a tangible way to appreciate the staff, let's continue to support them with our smiles and thank you's as we journey through the year!

Our 5-member Board of Directors, Joyce Beutler, President, Moe Dyer, Vice President, Peggy Imgrund, Treasurer, Linda Marron, Secretary and Wayne Foernssler, Member at Large, are here to serve you. You are invited to discuss your concerns with any one of us and to sit in on our workshop meetings which happen most Tuesdays at 10AM in the Conference Room. Please make use of our suggestion box next to the sink in the Activity Room. We will read and address all signed suggestions received at the Open Forum following each monthly Board Meeting.

While transitions are always a little "rocky", I feel we have gotten over most of the "bumps" with our new management company, FirstService Residential, and we expect "smooth sailing" from now on. Our onsite manager, Jamie Jones, is great and if you haven't gotten to know her, please try to connect.

Some reminders for us all:

Review your condo insurance with your insurance agent to be sure your coverage is up to date and adequate, and that FirstService Residential is listed as an also insured.

If you bring your phone into the Dining Room, please silence it, and if you must take a call, please leave the Dining Room to do so.

May God's blessings fill your heart and all of The Greens in the year 2025!!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joyce Beutler'.

Notes from Property Manager

Dear Residents of The Greens,

The New Year is upon us and with it, comes a couple of reminders:

- Please provide the most recent copy of your homeowners insurance for your unit. You can ask for me and I will make the copy for you. This information needs to be submitted to the Management Office every year, when your policy is renewed.
- All residents should have received the most recently updated Rules & Regulations for The Greens. In addition to the updated Rules & Regs, the last page contains the new Pricing Checklist for 2025.

"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one."

Have a great New Year!



JAMIE JONES, CAM
Community Association Manager
Direct 847.289.8759

Vespers Welcomes All!

We begin the New Year 2025 welcoming Pastor Steve Maske, pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church located at Nesler and Rt. 20. Leila Bierlein, one of our residents attends church and sings in the choir there. Pastor Maske believes that Jesus has called each of us to love our neighbor and that God calls every Christian to share the simple message that "Jesus loves you!"

Monday, January 20 from 3:30-4:25pm in the Piano Room

Your Vesper Committee:

Myrna Stidham, Tillie Wilkerson, Peggy Imgrund, Barb Wesselhoff, Leona Krocko, Leila Bierlein, Janice Withey, Mary Cimms

Parting thoughts...

Do not worry about anything...pray about everything.

Notes from the HR Manager

Hello Residents & Happy New Year 2025

Wow can you believe we are now in 2025!! Let's start out the new year with positive vibes, thoughts, & attitude.

Although January is our coldest and we get the most SNOW. I hope everyone stays inside warm and bundled up, and only go out as needed. Come down and enjoy our fireplace and a nice warm complementary cup of hot cocoa or coffee.

I would also like to thank each and every resident that contributed to the employee Christmas bonus. We were all very happy, we had some tears and lots of joy. All the staff were very appreciative of their bonus and our party was a great hit once again this year. THANK YOU!!

I would like to remind our residents that we do not remove snow from cars. This is your responsibility if you are parked outside. Work order for snow to be removed from your car will not be completed.

I would like to remind everyone that Melanie has charged a few of you for the \$5.00 bus cancellation fee. You will see this in your statement. If you have questions on this, please see page 10 under Activities.

New charges have taken effect in January so if you see the new charges for your Guests, or extra meals this is the reason. The Resident Rules & Regulations have gone out, please see all the changes and if you have any questions feel free to reach out to Jamie or myself.

I will be on vacation in January. I am going to Mexico! I am excited to have 2 weeks of warm weather. I will be gone 15-28th returning to work on Jan 30. Please see me either before or after those dates if you have any questions.

Diane Medina

HR/Business Office Manager

Music Committee



Greetings from the Music Committee

Please join us on Friday, January 24, 2025, at 6:30pm 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. 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.

On Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 3pm in the Piano Room, we will be so honored to welcome the Judson Touring Choir, under the direction of Warren Anderson. Even though this performance is in February, we wanted to let you know about it in January as it falls so early in the month. This beautiful music will be a blessing for your weekend afternoon. Please join us!

Music Committee: Linda Marron, Chair, and Joyce Beutler

Notes from the Front Desk

Greetings from the Front Desk,

It's January! (Happy New Year). January, the month of new beginnings, resolutions, and prosperity it is the perfect time to inspire and connect with your loved ones. It's a season of reflection on the past year, setting ambitious goals, and embracing the excitement of what lies ahead. As snow may start to fall, please make sure your vehicle is out of the way and not parked on the curve so that your car won't get hit by the snowplow. Maintenance will not take any work orders to clean off snow from your cars. If you are interested in a garage spot, we have a waiting list, and the fee will be \$75.00 added to your HOA per month. If you have any questions, feel free to come to the front desk, we are always glad to help you.

Housekeeping staff will not work January 1, 2025. (New Year's Day) Therefore, there will not be any housekeeping on that day but if you still want housekeeping come see me and I will try to squeeze you in that week. Please DO NOT throw your trash in the recycling bins. We have seen used tissues and trash in the bins. There is a garbage shoot door in the recycling rooms to throw your trash make sure you are using the shoot. The shoot is on the wall in the recycling closets, please use it. This month Marie will be on the 1st floor, Marcela on the 2nd, and Alma on the 3rd.

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

The Greens “Buddy System”

In 2024 we welcomed 16 new residents. Thanks to the following residents who were their “buddies”!

Mary Cimms, Linda Allen, Chuck and Judy DeRolf, Joan Didier, Tillie Wilkerson, Moe Dyer,
Rita Shaw, Tony Postiano, Janice Withey, Barb Wesselhoff

It is so great to have a buddy system for our new residents welcoming them and showing them around their new home.



SAVE THE DATE

Day	Date	Reminder
Wednesday	January 1	Happy New Year! 4pm Delivery/ 5pm Dinner
Thursday	January 2	10:30am Walmart
Friday	January 3	10:30am Target/ Hobby Lobby/ Post Office/ Burlington
Tuesday	January 7	10:30am Walgreens/ Chase/ Fifth Third/ BMO/PNC
Wednesday	January 8	1pm Resident Birthday Party – Dining Room
Thursday	January 9	10am Podiatrist
Thursday	January 9	10:30am Butera/ Elgin State Bank
Thursday	January 9	2:30pm Chair Yoga with Michael – Activity Room
Friday	January 10	11:30am Culver's
Tuesday	January 14	7pm Book Club
Wednesday	January 15	5pm 90's Club Support Group Dinner
Thursday	January 16	10:30am Jewel-Osco
Thursday	January 16	7pm Mystery Book Club-Sunroom
Friday	January 17	11am Banana Split Event – Dining Room
Friday	January 17	6pm Julia Comfort Dog Visits
Sunday	January 19	Bus leaves 3:30pm! Jazz Concert at Shepherd of the Prairie Huntley
Monday	January 20	11am Residents Coffee Klatch -Activity Room
Monday	January 20	3:30pm Vespers
Tuesday	January 21	10:30am Walgreens/Chase/Fifth Third/BMO/PNC
Tuesday	January 21	4pm Copper Barrel Restaurant
Thursday	January 23	10:30am Meijer/US Bank/ Bank of America
Thursday	January 23	2:30pm Chair Yoga with Michael – Activity Room
Friday	January 24	6:30pm Nostalgia Entertainment
Monday	January 27	10:30am Dollar Tree/Wendy's to go lunch
Tuesday	January 28	10am Board Meeting – Dining Room
Wednesday	January 29	2-3pm Bookmobile here at The Greens
Friday	January 31	10am Coffee & Donuts New Resident Welcome-Din. Rm.



Messages from Melanie in Activities...

Welcome 2025! Wishing you a great year ahead with good health and happiness all your days. Thank you all for your continued love, kindness and support and for a wonderful 2024 in the Activity Department. Please check out the last page of the newsletter for the photo gallery that includes some great memories of December...concerts, Santa, movie, monumental birthdays, contest, carolers, violinists, Christmas party! Oh, and what fun the bus ride was to see the Christmas lights. So much to be thankful for.

We try hard to accommodate everyone on the bus. Only sign up if you are going to RIDE the bus. If you are driving, this does not affect bus seats and there is no need to sign up. Another reminder is you **must** cancel in a timely manner. 24 hours is strongly encouraged. Cancelling last minute will cost you the \$5 fee. Call the front desk to ask them to remove your name.

Look the calendar over closely. I have a free Sunday concert in Huntley and an evening at the "Copper Barrel" restaurant in Hampshire in which Joan Stevenson's son owns and operates. You can look the menu and facility up ahead of time on any device or come to the front desk and in the binder, I have a copy of the menu for you to look over. Always remember to adjust your dinner menus at The Greens for nights like these.

I noticed an error on the calendar for Vespers...it will start at 3:30pm not 3pm. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Let's get the new year started off on the right foot and continue spreading kindness to all that cross our paths.

-- Melanie



**Thank you to all who
came down to send
Christmas kindness to
former residents and
friends!**

**Joan Carlson, Linda Allen,
Barb Wesselhoff, Rita Shaw,
Grace Limoncelli, Barb Gabl,
Tillie Wilkerson, Leila Bierlein,
Carol Bohlin, Joan Didier,
Linda Marron, Evelyn Veldey,
Myrna Stidham, Joyce Beutler,
Leslie Armstrong, Janice
Withey**



From the Kitchen

Blessed we are, and happy we should be full of joy to see 2025.

We when look back on 2024 and the other years behind, we know in our hearts that it is by GOD's Goodness, Grace, and Mercy that we are here today. When we look back at what we have been through, we realize that we were just going through it and came out strong because of HIM. Our assignments are not done, and our journey is not over. Our steps are still being ordered. We thank HIM in the 801, honor HIM, and give HIM praise.

The power and presence of God within is our comfort. A loving hug and some encouraging words can go a long way toward helping someone feel better in this building when they need comfort. But remember, even when there is no one to hug or encourage us, we are NOT alone.

GOD is our comfort during anything we may be called to face, from mild disappointments to devastating losses, to aches and pains. We can find GOD's presence anytime we need HIM and seek HIM. It is in the quietude of nature and in the peace of our own hearts.

We can call upon this peace that is always a part of us each time we touch the serenity and perfection of GOD in prayer. In the Silence, we know our oneness with GOD and feel in the depths of our hearts that all will truly be well. This is our comfort as we find our way through life's darker seasons. GOD is our comfort, now and always. HE will never leave us nor forsake us.

The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit. —Psalm 34:18

We've made some adjustments to your menu in 2025. We have heard your suggestions. Egg salad sandwich and wedge salad are no longer available.

Not listed on our Menu is our Wellness tray, which is always available for those times you have an upset stomach, feeling under the weather, etc. It consists of brown or wild rice, chicken broth, applesauce, Jello, crackers, and ginger ale.

Just a reminder, we will be charging a \$1.00 container for all orders delivered or picked up at the front desk.

We will no longer be serving food or having special menu events in the Sunroom. The Activity room and Private Dining Room are available. Please speak with the Front Desk.



2020 – 2024 - Old Ovens



Happy 2025 – Our New Ovens

Chef James, Culinary Team, and Dining Room Team

January 2025 Menu Inspiration



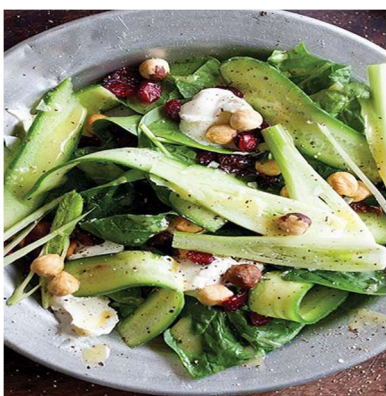
Rigatoni, Shrimp, Arrabiata



801 Fried Fish Sandwich



801 Tuna Salad Sandwich



Green Goddess Salad



Roasted Pear & Spinach Salad



Roasted Apple & Beet Salad



Strawberry Rhubarb Poundcake



Apple Strudel



Philly Cheesesteak Panini



BBQ Ribs, Winter Slaw



Roasted Carrots, Whipped Feta



Baked Tilapia, Mashed Potato

Chef James, Culinary Team, and Dining Room Team



Resident Birthdays

12 – Mary Cimms
13 – Nancy Stejskal
13 – Linda Schlie
17 – Roger Rizzo
18 – Linda Allen
22 – Linda Meyer
25 – Terry Simon
29 – Tony Postiano
31 – Phyllis Vandernaald

Employee Birthdays

5 – Eric Ramirez
10 – Cindy Ortiz
19 – Brianna Hernandez
30 – Fidencio Salgado

**Last Month...
December
Birthday
Celebrations!**

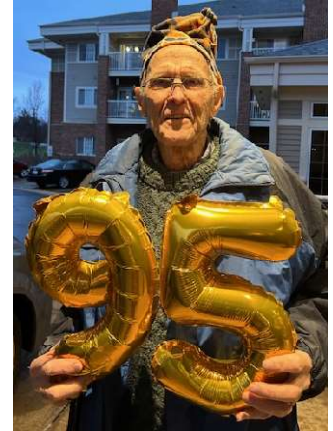


Photo Gallery



**Unit #200 Door Winner!
Great Job Leila!**