

### **Notes from the Board President**

Dear Greens Residents,

Aren't the trees beautiful this fall? And hasn't the weather been gorgeous? We have been so blessed. We can expect the temperatures to fall soon so let's be sure to get out to enjoy our beautiful campus. We have some new benches to allow us to stop for a bit and rest and take in the beauty.

Let's do our part and exercise our right to vote in both our National Election on Tuesday, November 5, and our Greens Election, on Tuesday, November 26. PLEASE VOTE in both elections. This is our chance to be heard!!

We have 3 candidates running for 3 open positions on our Board. They are Moe Dyer, Unit 250, Linda Marron, Unit 342, and Wayne Foernssler, Unit 222. Our election will be held on Tuesday, November 26. PLEASE VOTE!! If you will be unable to attend, please fill out a proxy and turn it in at the front desk or give it to someone who will be attending the meeting and will be able to vote for you.

Welcome to our newest resident, Barbara Bernstein, Unit 230. We're so happy you have joined our Greens Family and look forward to getting to know you.

As always, Melanie has some fun activities planned for us to enjoy. Be sure to check the sign-up notebook at the front desk so you don't miss something. Chef James, and his amazing kitchen crew, are offering delicious meals both daily and on special holidays. Our awesome staff continues to serve us with joy and competence. Thanks so much to all of them!!

A continued reminder: If you bring your cell phone to the dining room, please silence it before you arrive, and if you must take a phone call, please get up and leave the dining room to take the call. Thanks to all who follow the rules that make The Greens a pleasant place for residents, guests and staff.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! Whether you enjoy a delicious turkey dinner here at The Greens or at the home of family or friends, may it be a time of fellowship and reflection on all we have to be thankful for in our lives.

May God bless us all with peace, hope, good health and happiness!

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# **Notes from Property Manager**

Hello Residents of The Greens of Elgin!

For those that I have not had an opportunity to meet, my name is Jamie Jones and I am the new Community Assocation Manager. I have 20 years of experience as a property manager, and I love what I do. I am still getting myself familiar with the property and I must say that the staff here at The Greens, is AMAZING!!!

I just wanted to take this time to remind you all of a couple of things:

- There are red cards available at the front desk, that informs you of what to do in case of an emergency. All resident's should have received a copy. If you do not have one, please stop by the front desk, and one will be provided to you.
- Board Workshops are held every Tuesday at 10 am in the board meeting room. All residents are welcome to attend.

There are some upcoming dates that I want to remind you about:

- November 12<sup>th</sup> will be the Candidate Forum. Residents will have an opportunity to meet the candidates that are running for the board.
- November 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting held regarding the upcoming Rules & Regulations that will be amended. We will also be discussing any questions you may have regarding the budget.
- November 26<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Election

I look forward to meeting you all and working with you all. The Greens is a unique place with wonderful people, and I am happy to be here!

Jamie

## **Comunication from Vespers**

Bring a thankful heart to Vespers as we welcome Pastor Mark Coleman. Pastor Mark has ministered to the Bethel Baptist Church in Schaumburg for 30 years.

He also has a ministry for the deaf. Several years ago, we had two residents at The Greens that participated in these services.

Please plan to attend this Vesper service on Monday, November 18 at 3:30pm in the Piano Room.

Vesper Committee:

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

Parting thoughts...

Let Gratitude be your Attitude.



# Notes from the HR Manager

Hello Residents & Happy November everyone.

Thanksgiving is Fastly approaching I can't wait for our dinner.

Furnace filters, batteries, and dryer vent cleaning was done in October. Fidencio and Richard continue to work on them until completed.

Kitchen hood cleaning was done in October they did a fantastic job. Also, we had Groot put a lock bar across the garbage can for our friendly racoons to stay out. Somehow, they still got in. We called Groot to possibly give us a metal lid. Waiting to see their response on this.

We have got a bike rack that we put in the back of the building for all those staff members that ride a bike to work and so they are not in the way of residents when they go out the doors.

A bench was donated by the family of our dearest Elizabeth Bivin. A plaque was ordered and was put on the bench in her memory.

# I would like to inform all residents that a late fee will be applied after the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month for all late assessment payments. Beginning in November.

I would like to share a little personal story. As most of you know my daughter Nevaeh which also worked here at The Greens in the kitchen as a server and then the Front Desk. Nevaeh will be graduating her senior year early this December then walk in May for her diploma. She has decided she wants to do Nursing and work either in the Mother Baby unit or a nurse in the Operating Room. She was a 4-year Varsity Cheerleader, and these pictures are of her Senior Night where they recognize athletes.

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

HR/Business Office Manager

#### Diane Medina





# **Music Committee**

Greetings from the Music Committee.....

Please join us on Friday, November 15, 2024, in the Piano Room for the sounds of classic oldies from the 40's through the 70's performed by LaVerne and Paul. LaVerne Bobkowski, of Music by LaVerne, and Paul Adams, of A-1 Entertainment, are a music team singing a variety of songs that will bring up fond memories of the past. LaVerne is a gifted performer whose nostalgic songs will take us on a magical trip to a time and place we once knew and loved. LaVerne and Paul are sure to entertain us with their legendary repertoire that spans decades and numerous genres of Twentieth Century American Popular Music.

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

## **Notes from the Office Manager**

Greetings from the Front Desk,

November is an official autumn farewell – the golden season ends, and winter vibes start to trickle in. The last month of fall is one of the most prosperous periods of the year. We also get to feast and celebrate Thanksgiving and give thanks. It's not enough to just say "thanks." To be meaningful, your "thank you" must be genuine and thoughtful. Wishing everyone a great month and I am very thankful to work here and meet so many wonderful people.

If you have any changes to your dinner, please call the front desk and we will be able to assist you. Remember to cancel a meal, it should be done a day before noon or else you will be charged for that meal. Guest tickets will automatically be billed to your monthly assessment, and we will not take any cash. Dinner menus are due every Tuesday by 1:00 p.m. Make sure you double check your menus before turning them in. 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.

Lately we have been having same day calls or no calls at all about canceling housekeeping. It helps us know in advance so we can schedule the day accordingly. If there is a pattern of no call or call on the day of, I will just take you off the schedule until you let me know you want housekeeping. Reminder that our housekeeping team only does light housekeeping. That is taking your recycling, trash, clean outer surfaces of appliances in the kitchen, clean the sink only if it has no dishes, sweep and mop. In the bathrooms they take the trash, clean the toilet, shower, sink (must be cleared of your things), mirrors, sweep and mop. In the bedrooms they do linens, but you must provide clean ones on the bed. Then they do a light dusting in the unit and vacuum. Be aware that if there is clutter on the sinks etc. or mess on the floor, they will only work around it. If you have pets, you are responsible for cleaning after them. A one bedroom is 45minutes of light housekeeping staff works very hard to keep everyone's condos and the building clean. Being the month of giving thanks, please take a moment if you see them and thank them for their hard work. This month Alma will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Marie on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Marcela on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is always nice to hear from you all about how we are doing, Thank you for your cooperation.

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

The following units are **For Rent:** #306 For Rent 1BD \$650.00 + HOA Haroon Mailk 630-253-0244



Maria Castellanos Office Manager



# **Sharing Christmas Cheer**

Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am in the Activity Room

We will be sending Christmas cards to former residents. Please join us in sending these greetings as we bring Christmas joy to others this season. All cards will be provided. Mark your calendars.

#### Save the Date

| Day       | Date        | Reminder  |
|-----------|-------------|---|
| Friday    | November 1  | 11am State Street Market Shops Elgin                |
| Sunday    | November 3  | CHANGE CLOCKS"Fall Back"                            |
| Monday    | November 4  | 11:30am Janet's Dinosaur Encounter – Activity Room  |
| Tuesday   | November 5  | 10:30am Walgreens/Chase/Fifth Third/BMO/PNC         |
| Tuesday   | November 5  | 2:30pm Presidential Election Day Bus Trip           |
| Wednesday | November 6  | 10:30am Bible Study – Activity Rm.                  |
| Thursday  | November 7  | 10:30am Walmart / Post Office                       |
| Thursday  | November 7  | 2:30pm Oak St. Health Chair Yoga- Activity Room     |
| Friday    | November 8  | 10am Dining Committee Meeting                       |
| Friday    | November 8  | 7:30pm ECC play "You Can't Take It with You"        |
| Monday    | November 11 | Veterans Day!                                       |
| Monday    | November 11 | 10:30am-12pm Gail Borden Library                    |
| Tuesday   | November 12 | 10am Candidate Forum                                |
| Tuesday   | November 12 | 7pm Book Club                                       |
| Wednesday | November 13 | 10:30am Bible Study                                 |
| Wednesday | November 13 | 1pm Resident Birthday Party – Dining Room           |
| Thursday  | November 14 | 10am Podiatrist                                     |
| Thursday  | November 14 | 10:30am Butera/ Elgin State Bank                    |
| Friday    | November 15 | 11:30pm NW Health Walk Assessment-Activity Room     |
| Friday    | November 15 | 6:30pm LaVerne Bobkowski & Paul Performance         |
| Monday    | November 18 | 11am Resident's Coffee Clutch-Activity Room         |
| Monday    | November 18 | 3:30pm Vespers                                      |
| Tuesday   | November 19 | 10:30am Walgreens/Chase/Fifth Third/BMO/PNC         |
| Wednesday | November 20 | 10:30am Bible Study                                 |
| Wednesday | November 20 | 5pm 90s Club Support Group Dinner-Sunroom           |
| Thursday  | November 21 | 10:30am Meijer/ US Bank/ Bank of America            |
| Thursday  | November 21 | 2:30pm Oak St. Health Chair Yoga -Activity Room     |
| Thursday  | November 21 | 3:30pm Mystery Book Club-Sunroom                    |
| Friday    | November 22 | 10am Coffee & Donuts New Resident Welcome-Din. Rm.  |
| Monday    | November 25 | 11am Christmas Card Signing – Activity Room         |
| Tuesday   | November 26 | 10am Board Meeting with Annual Election-Dining Room |
| Thursday  | November 28 | Noon Delivery /1pm Thanksgiving Dinner              |
| Friday    | November 29 | 10:30am Jewel-Osco with Richard                     |

### Messages from Melanie in Activities...

I love Thanksgiving Month! I am excited to go home to visit my mom and the rest of the family! Enjoy the time with your family and treasure those memories. Happy Thanksgiving to The Greens!

Don't forget to change your clocks back on November 3<sup>rd</sup> so you don't miss any events or appointments you have scheduled. Not my favorite time of year to Fall Back!

Our very own Janet Riehecky will be sharing her Dinosaur Encounter presentation with us! In the Activity Room on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am! Snacks always provided.

We honor our veterans this month. We have 8 men that have served our country, and we are so thankful their service as well as all the people currently serving or the ones that have served in our families. The love and gratitude I have for them is immeasurable. If you see any of these guys let them know today and always, we appreciate their service and sacrafice! Don Quillman...Marines, Jerre Schultz...Air Force, Dennis Delaquila...Army, John Stanczak...Army, Bud Palbicke...Army, Don Laird...Army, Tony Postiano...Army, Paul Ortiz...Army. We salute you.

Elgin Community College is presenting a comedy play, "You Can't Take It with You" on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, the bus will leave at 6:45pm. You can use your Senior Access Pass to get in for FREE! Admission is \$12 if you do not have the pass.

We will also be adding a trip to the Gail Borden Library to our calendar each month. We will see how well this is received. I have also asked for The Greens to be added back on the Bookmobile route the soonest we could be added was January. The tentative arrangements are every 2 weeks on a Wednesday at 3pm, I will let you know when this starts. However, if there isn't any interest they will remove us from their route.



## From the Kitchen

Happy & Blessed November 2024,

61 days away from 2025...WOW!

In November 2024 we give thanks to our human family.

Being part of a family—feeling loved and supported—is like nothing else. Our family may be the one we were born into, or it may be the friends we love and feel close to.

We are a part of an even larger family here...OUR 801 FAMILY—no matter our ethnicity or country of origin, we practice and believe in different customs, speak different languages, and hold different points of view, but we are the same in our hearts' desires for peace, health, prosperity, and harmonious relationships within these walls. This building on Mclean Boulevard is a divine family created and held in love.

As we pause to commune with the Spirit in prayer, we should feel connected to our human family, our neighbors, and friends here in this building. Any feeling of difference melts away in this time of sacred oneness. We are unified by a spirit of respect and compassion that reaches the building.

#### WE ARE FAMILY HERE IN THE 801!

Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day. Buttermilk Fried Chicken, with mashed potatoes and gravy along with Sweet Potato Pie is on the menu. Please join us in the main dining room for dinner with some of our Vets center stage to give recognition. On Thanksgiving Day delivery service will start at noon. Dining room service will start at 1:00 pm. All reservations and cancellations for guests must be submitted by Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday Brunch buffet items cannot be ordered for delivery. If you would like such things as Blueberry Buttermilk Pancakes, Quiche, Swedish Pancakes, or an Omelet, please join us in the dining room. We would enjoy having you with us.

When you are not feeling well, have an upset stomach, or under the weather, we have a Wellness Tray available for dinner. It contains chicken broth, brown rice, applesauce, Jello, ginger ale, and crackers.

If you are joining us in the main dining room, please remember to be courteous to your neighbors by muting your cell phones and if possible, stepping away from the table if you receive a call. Please feel free to take photos of your meals and send them to family or friends or just simply post pictures of your meals on whatever social media platform you use.

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

### **November 2024 Menu Inspiration**







Buttermilk Fried Chicken

Steak Gorgonzola Alfredo

Red Snapper, Almondine



Pumpkin Crème Brulee



Fried Avocado Tacos



Strawberry Caprese Salad



Whole Roast Turkey Dinner





Pumpkin Cheesecake

Lamb Chops, Au Gratin Potatoes

Chef James, Culinary Team, and Dining Room Team



#### **Resident Birthdays**

- 8 Martha Conley (Marty)
- 13 Coral Reinert
- 19 Agnes Hamann (Aggie)

#### **Employee Birthdays**

- 3 Gerardo Chavez
- 11 Pearl Bedolla

#### Last Month... October Birthday Celebrations!











































