



The Greens
of Elgin
NEWSLETTER
2025

Notes from the Board President

Dear Residents,

As we enter this joyful and reflective time of year, I want to extend warm holiday greetings to each of you. December is a month that brings our community closer together, and I'm grateful for the kindness, participation, and neighborly spirit that continue to make The Greens such a wonderful place to call home.

Please join me in welcoming our new resident, Ursula Digman, Unit 122. We are so happy you have decided to make The Greens your new home.

I believe our employees are the heart of The Greens. We have an opportunity to honor them by donating to "The Employee Christmas Fund" from now until December 17. 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 \$333.57 for a total of \$21,015. If you went to a restaurant, paid \$20 for your meal, left a 20% tip of \$4, had that meal 20 times per month for 12 months, you would have left a total of \$960 in tips.

Because our employees are loyal and dedicated, the heart of The Greens keeps beating and we are able to enjoy a wonderful place to live. Please give what you can and from your heart!

Congratulations to our newly elected Board Members, Joyce Beutler, Mary Cimms, Chuck DeRolf, and Judi Parks. We all, along with Wayne Foernssler, look forward to working together, with all the wonderful residents and staff of The Greens, to make our home better than ever!

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!

Notes from the Property Manager

Dear Residents of The Greens of Elgin,

This time last year, I reflected on how time flew by because I was having so much fun. I can honestly say, my sentiment remains the same. I am looking forward to a new year, reflecting on this past year and all the things that were accomplished, and planning ahead for 2026. There is never a dull moment here at The Greens. Not one day is ever the same. One thing that has remained consistent is the love, care, kindness and support of the wonderful staff and the residents of The Greens.

I wanted to remind you of a couple things as the year wraps up:

- Please continue to provide me with your updated homeowner's insurance as you renew your policy.
- If you change your phone number at any time, please provide that updated information to the front desk.
- The first-floor renovations project has begun! There will be representatives onsite from Rieke Interior designs during the month of December. We are in the very beginning phases which require visits from the design staff. As the renovation project progresses, we will discuss the status at the Board Workshops in 2026. I encourage you all to attend those workshops when they commence next year.
- There will be new amendments proposed to the owners that will be distributed at the beginning of the year. Your vote will matter in order to get the amendments passed. More information will be shared with you at the beginning of 2026.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday with their family and friends. I wish everyone a Happy Prosperous New Year!

Jamie Jones
Property Manager

Notes from the Front Desk

Hello Residents,

Please be advised that housekeeping staff will not be available on Thursday, December 25, 2025, in observance of Christmas Day and January 1, 2026, in observance of New Years.

If you really need housekeeping services, please visit the front desk to arrange a time. I will do my best to accommodate requests on a different day during that week.

Thank you for your understanding and have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The following units are **For Sale**:

Unit #226 1BD \$65,000 Patti Hannula 630-880-0611

Unit #320 2BD \$120,000 Ryan Widerberg 847-849-7748

Currently no units **For Rent**

Maria Castellanos
Housekeeping/Office Supervisor



Notes from the HR Manager

Hello Residents

HOA checks should be turned in by Monday, December 1st and no later than Monday, December 15th by 1pm.

December has arrived. The last month of the year and the most beautiful with all the colorful decorations and lights.

Our beautician Elizabeth Vega will be taking a break from The Greens until possibly spring. She is having some personal problems she is resolving and will need some time off. If you would like to visit her at her shop, call her directly at 847-564-6815 or 224-238-7277. She will not be on the calendar so if you need her number see the front desk.

I will put out new committee sheets on Monday, Dec 1st to all residents in their mailboxes. They should be completed and turned in by Friday, December 19th. The new post of committee members will be posted up by the week of December 29th.

In November engineering changed out filters, changed out batteries and some units needed new carbon monoxide alarms. Since some units didn't have carbon monoxide alarms at all and others needed them changed because they were outdated, some residents will see a \$25.00 charge for the carbon monoxide alarm on their January statements. Maintenance changed out 18 alarms throughout the building.

They also cleaned out the dryer filters and vents.

Reminder: There will be no board workshops or meeting in the month of December. If something comes up that requires us to have a meeting a post will go up with the information on when the meeting will take place.

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas & a Happy New Year with your families as I will with mine.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me.

Diane Medina

HR/Business Office Manager

Vespers

Monday, December 15th @ 3:30pm in Piano Room

Time Flies by so quickly and we are again thinking about Christmas. We are so fortunate to be celebrating Christmas with friends at The Greens. The Vespers Committee will present the program "The Christmas Story" along with the singing of carols and scripture readings. And as The Greens tradition we will honor the residents who have passed away this past year. Please join us as we praise and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



From the Kitchen

Happy & Blessed December 2025,

We are at the final stretch of 2025. Woohoo! Where has this year gone. In fact, the past 5 years. This month I will be celebrating 5 years here in the 801. What a journey it has been and continues to be. I am grateful, thankful, and blessed to be here. Many of you have heard me say it before many times...I truly know and believe in my heart that GOD has me where he wants and needs me to be.

On **Friday, December 19th**, we will have our annual **Christmas Party Dinner (Residents ONLY)**. Delivery will start at 4:15pm. Dining Room service will start at 5:00pm. Menu options consist of Roasted Butternut Squash Soup, Shrimp Cocktail Salad, Crabcake Stuffed Beef Medallion Oscar Style, Garlic & Herb Marinated Grouper with Horseradish Mashed Potatoes & Tricolor Baby Carrot. Dessert options will be Chocolate Lava Cake and Cherries Jubilee.

Christmas Eve is on **Wednesday, December 24th**. **Delivery will be at 2:00pm. Dining room service begins at 3:00pm.** Menu options will be Lobster Bisque Soup, Butternut Squash Ravioli Appetizer, Beef'd Up Pot Roast Filet Mac & Cheese, Creamy Shrimp Mac & Cheese, and Egg Nog Cheesecake for Dessert.

Christmas Day is on **Thursday, December 25th**. **Delivery will be at 12:00pm. Dining room service begins at 1:00pm.** Menu options consist of Baked Sweet Potato & Apple Soup, Classic Shrimp Louie Salad, Whole Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Traditional Stuffing, Cornbread, Green Bean Casserole, Cranberry Relish, Pumpkin Pie with Cinnamon Whipped Cream and Toasted Pecans.

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31st. Menu options are Garden Vegetable Soup, Grilled Asparagus Caesar Salad, Lobster & Shrimp Risotto, Prime Rib with Au Gratin Potatoes, and a Chocolate Truffle Bomb for Dessert.

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st. Menu options are Chicken Pot Pie Soup, Loaded Ranch Cobb Salad, Luck & Prosperity Black Eyed Peas, Ham & White Rice, Luck & Prosperity Black Eyed Pea & Pan Seared Chicken Breast, & White Rice, Peach Cobbler.

Photos of your menu options are in the recipe binder located in the Activity Room.

All guest menus for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Dinner must be turned in by Sunday December 14th along with your regular menu at the front desk.

All guest menus for New Year's Eve Dinner and New Year's Day Dinner must be turned in by Sunday December 21st along with your regular menu at the front desk.

Chef James and the Culinary & Dining Room Teams

From Activities...

Hello December...

Just some reminders...almost all activities require a Sign-Up.... Please call or stop by the front desk to be included in events and activities. This is so important for planning. Just showing up doesn't always work because we must cancel the trip or event if there is not enough interest on the sign-up sheet. Events with food involved may have a sign-up deadline so that I can purchase the correct number of supplies for those signed up. So, if you don't sign up you are not counted in the planning process.

From the Library Committee: We are blessed with a very nice library here at The Greens and a team that keeps it looking so nice and organized. But we need to pass along some information...**please do not donate boxes of books to the library.** They simply do not have enough room for them. If you have a book or two you would like to donate, bring it to my office. I will get it to the appropriate people for consideration for our library. Otherwise, it will go on the FREE table in the multi-purpose room for anyone to use. Thank you for understanding.

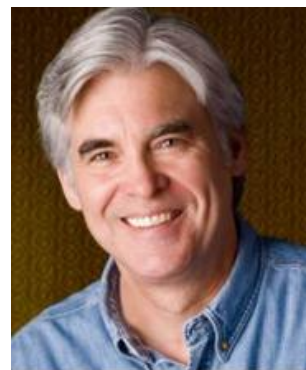
May you find joy and peace this December in all the things you do!

Melanie Seegers
Activities

Entertainment for December

We are happy to welcome back, one of our favorites, Rick Pickren, on **Friday, December 19th at 6:30pm in the Piano Room.**

Singer-songwriter-actor Rick Pickren is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in Musicology and an MFA in Theater. He will be presenting "A Prairie Holiday" with many of our beloved Christmas songs. Please join us after our "Christmas Party Dinner" as we continue to celebrate the season.



December Resident Birthdays!

3rd – Evelyn Veldey
14th – Peggy Imgrund
18th – Gerry Stutz
20th – Erin Lettenberger
24th – Jerre Schultz
24th – Mel Sego
28th – Mary Ann Foltmer



LET'S
celebrate

Employee Birthdays!

10th – Jasmine Mota
18th – Julio Lorenzo
30th – Missy Holmberg

Memories

