



The  Greens  
*of Elgin*  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**2026**

## Notes from the Board President

Dear Greens Family,

We made it through another Chicago winter; it was really bad for a couple of weeks and then we had a week of unusually warm weather for the month of February. It all helps us realize that if you don't like the weather in Chicago, just wait a minute. Please remember to change your clocks on Sunday, March 8 and "spring ahead" to daylight saving time. The spring time change is always a reminder to me that we are getting close to warmer breezes and sunny days.

A special welcome to our newest residents, Judy Lindstrom in Unit 214 and Donna Frisby in Unit 226. Please greet them with a welcoming smile and let them know we are happy they have joined our Greens Family.

Our amazing staff continues to give us their best, as they work everyday to make our lives enjoyable and worry free. Chef James and the "kitchen crew" continue to give us great meals and a relaxed "dinner hour." Melanie has many fun activities planned for March, including several lunches. Please consider taking a bus trip with Melanie and fellow residents. Our housekeepers "spruce up" our units weekly and Fidencio and Rodney keep our units and all The Greens common areas in good repair. If you have a question or a problem about life at The Greens, please see Diane, Jamie or Maria, or one of our front desk personnel.

Approximately half of our owners have voted on the proposed amendments to our Declaration and By-Laws which means that approximately half of our owners have not yet voted. Your vote is very important so please **VOTE**, whether for or against, please let your voice be heard. Thanks in advance for taking the time to be an active member of our community.

"May your thoughts be as glad as the shamrocks. May your heart be as light as a song. May each day bring you bright, happy hours that stay with you all year long." An Irish saying.

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



# Notes from the Property Manager

Hello and Happy March!

- If you have not voted for the 4 amendments, please do so. Your vote matters. If you need another ballot, please come to the office and pick one up. Encourage your neighbors to vote.
  - The board recently made a visit to the interior designers for first-floor renovations. As soon as any renderings or drawings are made available, they will be shared with you.
  - Cerasi Renovations will be continuing to complete the recaulking on the first floors when the weather permits.
  - The compressor that was approved at the February 5th meeting has been ordered by the contractor Nova Fire Protection. Further details will be provided once they have the date scheduled for installation.
  - The garage opener installations have begun. Innovative Garage Door will be completing 4 doors at a time. Make sure you check your mail slots for a flyer that will have the date of the installation of your garage opener.
  - The financial audit has begun for the association. Once the final audit has been completed, you will be notified and copies will be made available at your request.
  - Do not forget to provide your current homeowner's insurance at your renewal to the front desk.
- Jamie Jones, CAM

*Jamie Jones*  
Property Manager



## **Notice:**

Vending machines are in a new location at The Greens. They have been relocated to the former cart room, and the carts are now stored in the Podiatrist office.

The former puzzle room will be a gaming room.

This is an all-in attempt to make the most of our spaces and the activities residents are most interested in.

# Notes from the HR Manager

Hello Residents,

**HOA checks should be turned in by March 1<sup>st</sup> and no later than Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> by 1pm.**

This month we celebrate St Patrick's Day with the greatness of the corned beef & cabbage, 1<sup>st</sup> day of Spring on March 20<sup>th</sup> and we have Daylight Savings this month. Don't forget to set those clocks forward 1 hour.

Vending machines have been moved over to the cart room. Some carts will still be available in the front, and the extras will be in the back room. We will have 1 wheelchair, 1 walker, 1 cane in case anyone needs to use one. If you need a highchair, please ask at the front desk. We have moved the 2 highchairs for toddlers to the employee break room in the back.

February was a busy month for maintenance, and they will continue in March painting the unit doors and patching walls.

I wanted to share some pictures of Mexico with you I put a little blurb on what I was doing.



At the horse races here in these 3 pictures. The lady in the pink cowboy hat is my cousin from Texas that visits me & I visit her. This is her 1<sup>st</sup> time ever in Mexico. She LOVED it.



Here I am showing off my eyebrows. I had them tattooed on. It didn't hurt.



I bought this beautiful blanket that is hand made by wives. Made in Oaxaca.



Here we were sitting outside this church that is hundreds of years old.

**Diane Medina**  
HR/Business Office Manager

# Notes from the Front Desk

Hello Residents,

We are pleased to announce that Matty has joined our team as a permanent weekend second-shift employee. Please join us in giving her a warm welcome when you see her at the front desk! Additionally, Sophia has transitioned from the front desk back to her role in the kitchen. Mona and Josie will continue to be available to assist you during their regular weekday and weekend shifts.

We are currently in the process of re-organizing our wooden mailboxes so that they will be in numerical order by unit number. This will help ensure that everyone receives their mail correctly, we ask that you be **extra careful** when collecting your items. Please double-check the name on each piece of mail to verify it belongs to you before taking it.

Our housekeeping department is currently short-staffed, and we are actively working to hire a new housekeeper to fill the role. Because of this, some units cleaning may be delayed or unavailable. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we work to return to full-service levels.

## **Waste Management Reminders**

To keep our common areas and garbage rooms tidy, we require all residents to follow these disposal guidelines:

- **Flatten All Boxes:** All cardboard boxes **must be broken down** before disposal.
- **2nd & 3rd Floor Residents:** Please drop flattened boxes down the trash chute.
- **1st Floor Residents:** Please place flattened boxes directly into the trash bin.
- **Note on Recycling:** Please be advised that we do not offer recycling services; all waste should be disposed of in the trash.

If you have any questions regarding these updates, please contact the front desk.

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

#308	2BD	\$117,000	Realtor Patti Hannula	630-880-0611
#330	1BD	\$65,000	Realtor Patti Hannula	630-880-0611
#320	2BD	\$110,000	Realtor Ryan Widerberg	847-849-7748
#324	2BD	\$119,900	Realtor Michael Zapart	224-715-8778

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

*None currently*

## **Maria Castellanos**

Housekeeping/Office Supervisor



A fun visit from the Elgin Police Department in February! They brought some furry friends and some great tips to protect you from getting scammed. They left handouts in the library for you to review. We are so thankful for them!



# Vespers

Please join us for our 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on Monday, March 16th.

Doctor Margaret Brady was the first Vespers speaker on March 16, 2017, and she returns to lead us in worship for this Vespers service.

We will be honoring Joan Didier who first brought the Vespers to The Green's residents. Janet Reihecky will be reading a tribute of Joan at the service.

Please take a trip down memory lane while we praise and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Dr. Margaret Brady

**Please join us  
Monday, March 16th  
From 3:30-4:15pm  
in Piano Room**



Joan Didier

**MAY YOUR DAYS BE MANY AND YOUR TROUBLES BE FEW  
MAY ALL GOD'S BLESSINGS DESCEND UPON YOU.**

## Entertainment for March

**"Trinadora"**



Bringing songs for St. Patty's Day! Janel Nelson & Ron Holm will be here with the traditional Celtic favorites plus a surprising collection of songs with Irish roots! We look forward to their return visit to The Greens with their collection of instruments! Mark your calendars and join them to see which instruments are your favorites.



**Join us in the Piano Room  
Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>  
At 6:30pm**

# From the Kitchen

Happy & Blessed March 2026,

St. Patrick's Day is on Tuesday, March 17th. Your menu options....

- Leek & Potato Soup, Irish Soda Bread or Arugula & Three Pea Salad
- Corned Beef Cabbage, Potatoes, Baby Carrots, Mustard Sauce
- Beer Battered Cod, Potatoes, Baby Carrots, Malt Vinegar Aioli
- Irish Yankee Mac & Cheese, or Creamed Spinach & Artichoke
- Brownie & Mint Chocolate Chip Sundae

In 1977, my mom moved us from The Robert Taylor Homes on the South Side of Chicago to Hyde Park, near the University of Chicago and Reverend Jesse Jackson's Operation Push Headquarters. Occasionally, my mom would take us to events at Operation Push. Over the years my brother and I helped at some local neighborhood events, auctions, and fundraisers, serving food, doing dishes, and cleaning up just to make a few dollars to put in our pockets. We would occasionally see Reverend Jesse at these events and he would always check on my brother and me. We would listen to him having conversations with everyday people, treating them with kindness, dignity, compassion, and most of all respect.

When I was 17, I worked at Mellow Yellow, a local neighborhood restaurant. Jesse dined there frequently for breakfast or lunch. I would always prepare and bring out his meals just to hear him speak. It was an honor and a privilege.

In 1996, the first week I was promoted to Executive Chef at Maggiano's at Clark & Grand, Operation Push was having an event there. I was already nervous, scared, and wasn't sure if I was ready for my new role. The night of the event, I once again had the privilege and honor to prepare RJJ's meal. When I brought it out to him, he remembered me and recognized me right away even with my voluptuous mustache. Later that evening he pulled me aside and spoke to me. At that moment a new Executive Chef was born.

If you don't know about Reverend Jesse Jackson, now you know. This towering giant of a Godly man made an impact on your chef.



**Reminder:** Sandwich of the Month for March is...  
Crispy Chicken Wrap served with coleslaw & fries.



Photos of your menu options are in the recipe binder located in the activity room.

*Chef James and the Culinary & Dining Room Teams*

# From Activities

Bring on the green to The Greens! One of my favorite colors and the color of March! We will be changing clocks, celebrating everyone being Irish for a day and Spring will officially begin in March! Everyone is doing a great job on managing their sign ups, keep up the great work! Keep watching the bulletin boards for communication and keep those calendars handy for the days events.

If any residents, men or women are interested in starting a Texas Holdem' regularly scheduled meeting time please come see me. We have plenty of space and will get it on the calendar for April.

If you have a gift to share whether its painting, drawing, woodwork, poetry, sewing, knitting, crocheting, etc. Please see me for an event in the works for residents to show their talents called "Timeless Talents" – showing our residents skills and artistry right here at The Greens.

**Melanie Seegers**  
Activities Coordinator

## March Resident Birthdays!

- 3<sup>rd</sup> -Rita Shaw
- 4<sup>th</sup>- Don Johnson
- 5<sup>th</sup>- Dolores Zimmerman
- 5<sup>th</sup>- Janet Riehecky
- 9<sup>th</sup>- Grace Limoncelli
- 19<sup>th</sup>-Leona Krocko



LET'S  
celebrate

## Employee Birthdays!

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Sophia Perroni
- 23<sup>rd</sup>- Francisco Cruz
- 24<sup>th</sup>- Angel Maldonado
- 30<sup>th</sup>- Isabella Bratko





Welcome



“Stitching Fun in the Sunroom” is a new group for March that is going to meet in the sunroom on Fridays from 2:30-4pm to work on projects of whatever you are stitching. Enjoy conversation and see what others are working creating.



This is our newest resident **Donna Frisby** in Unit #226 She moved here from South Elgin and enjoys genealogy and baking! Say hello if you see her out and about.