



## **Notes from the Board President**

Dear Greens Family,

I asked my computer, “Why is Chicago weather so inconsistent?” and the answer it gave was, “The polar jet stream—a significant weather pattern—is located on or just above Illinois in fall, winter, and spring. This makes for dynamic weather, as high-pressure and low-pressure systems continually interact.” So I’m reminded of the saying and the truth of it, “In Chicago if you don’t like the weather, just wait a minute.” I predict that this spring, we will have warm, sunny days, cool (maybe cold), cloudy days and many combinations thereof, and we’ll just have to live with it.

That said, we can make things inside The Greens, “warm and sunny” just by keeping a smile on our faces and joy in our hearts. We can help this “interior climate” along by joyfully welcoming our newest residents, Gary and Lorna Muscat in Unit 108. We can also appreciate our amazing staff with a smile and a thank you whenever we have the opportunity. Chef James will be offering a delicious Easter Brunch Buffet on Sunday, April 20, and Melanie has many fun activities on our April calendar. Hoping you will take advantage of the many amenities offered here at The Greens.

We are blessed to offer Christian Catholic Services every Sunday morning at 10:30AM in the Chapel on the third floor and a Christian Vespers Service on the 3rd Monday of the month at 3:30PM in the Piano Room. A special thanks to the Vespers Committee, led by Janice Withey, for 8 years of serving our community. We also want to give grateful recognition to Joan Didier, who was inspired to initiate the Vespers Services in March of 2017. All are welcome at these services and, of course, we always welcome and respect people of all beliefs, all races and all nationalities here at The Greens.

Be sure to visit our Communication Center, across from the US Postal boxes, where Barb Wesselhoff diligently keeps us informed of those who are hospitalized or perhaps recovering from illnesses in their units. Barb provides cards for us to sign and wish people well as they recover.

Happy Easter and Happy Spring to everyone and may God bless you and your families!

# Notes from Property Manager

Dear Residents of The Greens,

Spring is near! Or is it?

With that being said, I wanted to remind you all of spring cleaning! A lot of people use the spring to clean their homes and declutter. They also change their wardrobes from winter to spring or even summer wear. But what about your AC unit? Have you scheduled to have it serviced this year? If not, spring is the time to do so.

I wanted to remind you all that there are 2 (two) trash rooms located on the first floor of the building. If one seems to be full and you cannot throw away your garbage, please use the other trash room.

The garage door project installation will be completed during the first week of this month. Thank you all for your cooperation during this project.

There will be additional projects that will be completed or beginning this month so please be on the lookout for notices that will be posted on the bulletin boards with further information. The projects include condensation line installation, exterior projects such as masonry and caulking, as well as repair to the garage footers. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

As always, please do not hesitate to call me should you have any questions.

With Regards, *Jamie*

*"Nothing is impossible." - Audrey Hepburn*



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## Vespers

On **Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**, Dr. Felicia LaBoy, the lead pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Elgin, will be our Vespers Service speaker. Pastor Felicia is known for her practical and common-sense approach as she weaves together her academic, pastoral and business experiences to develop shared visions and common goals with diverse groups. All residents are invited to a Vesper Service you will remember, **On Monday April 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:30pm-4:15pm in the piano room.**



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

# Notes from the HR Manager

Hello Resident

April showers will soon bring May flowers.

Let's talk a little about our parking lot. We are getting new residents that still drive, and I understand that our parking lot is a lot fuller. We ask that you not park overnight in the visitor parking area. We have lots of parking spaces at the back of the building by the bus and along the north side of the building as well.

With sadness I would like to inform you that Cindy, our overnights employee, is leaving The Greens. Cindy was currently working 2 jobs. Cindy will continue to work her other job and leave us. Good luck Cindy. With that being said we had a referral from another staff member, and we have hired Melissa Holmberg for overnights. Melissa likes to be referred to as Missy. Please welcome her to The Greens whenever you see her.

I would like to inform you I will be on vacation to TEXAS!! at the end of the month for 1 week. April 24 and return to the office on May 5. I can't wait to stop at Buc-ee's & eat Jack in the Box tacos and a WHATABURGER!!

I am happy to announce my daughter Nevaeh has accepted to enroll into UIC (University of Illinois Chicago) for a 4-year nursing degree with a zero tuition. I can't begin to express how proud I am of her. She is currently working as a PCT (Patient Care Tech) at a local hospital, and she is loving it.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to stop by the office or call me.

*Diane Medina*

*HR/Business Office Manager*

## Music Committee



Greetings from the Music Committee

Martin Lopez, who began his violin career at the age of three, is an accomplished violinist, having played and toured internationally since he was a young child. We are pleased to welcome Martin, for his first performance at The Greens on Friday, April 11, 2025, at 6:30pm in the Piano Room. Martin formed his own school in McHenry County, Illinois, The Martin Lopez Academy, to give young children the same opportunity he had to develop their musical talent. Please join us for an evening of beautiful violin music.

Music Committee: Linda Marron, Chair, and Joyce Beutler



# Notes from the Front Desk

Greetings Residents,

Spring has finally arrived even though it doesn't feel like it yet. Hoping April brings more sunshine and flowers. If you are going out of town, make sure to let the front desk know and cancel your meals. All garage spots are taken but we do have a waiting list. I will let the next person on the waiting list know once one becomes available. Reminder when ordering lunch from the kitchen to place it before 11 a.m. with a 12 o'clock delivery to the front desk. We sell stamps and make copies and sell ice cream for a low price. We also have more selections in our vending machines located in the puzzle room. They take cash and credit cards. Also, if you have any contractors coming, I will need their COI,(Certificate of Insurance) before starting any work. Make sure they sign in at the front desk when they arrive.

Reminder, if you don't need housekeeping to please let the front desk know, if possible, 24 hours in advance. April 18th is Good Friday, and staff will be off that day. If you really need housekeeping let me know in advance so I can try to squeeze you in that week. Marie will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Marcela on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Alma on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor this month. I want to thank the ones that have given great feedback on the girls' hard work. We do not hear it often and it does make a difference, Thank you. We are always happy to hear from you!

I would like to inform you about the following units we have, either For Sale or For Rent.

The following units are **For Sale**:

#334 For Sale 2BD \$110,000 Rita Landem 847-927-4221

The following units are **For Rent**:

#300 For Rent 2BD \$870.00 +HOA Dee Toberman Gamble 773-922-4225



**Maria Castellanos**

Housekeeping/Office Supervisor

## Employee Spotlight

In the kitchen with Julio!

Julio has been at The Greens for 5 years!

Julio loves to spend time with his wife and dog on the weekends. His favorite holiday is Christmas, his favorite color is blue, and his favorite snack is Gardettos. When it comes to relaxing you may guess Julio doesn't do much of that, but when he does, he simply loves to lie down on his couch or read a good book. We are so thankful for Julio and the way he shares his gifts and talents with everyone at The Greens.



# SAVE THE DATE

Day	Date	Reminder
Tuesday	April 1	10:30am Walgreens/ Chase/ Fifth Third/ BMO/PNC
Wednesday	April 2	11:40am Bus Leaves for a Trip to the Movies!
Thursday	April 3	10am Podiatrist
Thursday	April 3	10:30am Meijer/US Bank/Bank of America
Friday	April 4	6pm Julia Comfort Dog Visits
Tuesday	April 8	10:30am Banbury Fair
Tuesday	April 8	7pm Book Club
Wednesday	April 9	1pm Resident Birthday Party! -Dining Room
Thursday	April 10	10:30am Walmart/ Post Office
Friday	April 11	6:30pm Martin Lopez (Violinist) Performance-Piano Rm.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>** (Final Day to turn in Guest Menu for Easter!)</b>
Monday	April 14	11:30am Culver's
Tuesday	April 15	10:30am Walgreens/ Chase/ Fifth Third/ BMO/PNC
Wednesday	April 16	5pm 90's Club Support Group Dinner – Activity Room
Thursday	April 17	10am Podiatrist
Thursday	April 17	10:30am Jewel-Osco
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 18</b>	<b>Good Friday!</b> <b>**Staff is off**</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 20</b>	<b>Easter Sunday!</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 20</b>	<b>11:30am-1pm Easter Brunch Buffet</b>
Monday	April 21	11am Resident's Gathering in Activity Room
Monday	April 21	3:30pm Vespers
Tuesday	April 22	10am Board Meeting -Dining Room
Wednesday	April 23	1pm Goodwill – Huntley (15% off for seniors)
Thursday	April 24	10:30am Butera/ Elgin State Bank
Friday	April 25	10am Coffee & Donuts New Resident Welcome-Din. Rm.
Tuesday	April 29	10:30am Walgreens/ Chase/ Fifth Third/ BMO/PNC
Wednesday	April 30	2-3pm Bookmobile...go out back entrance by mailboxes

# Messages from Melanie in Activities...

I am looking forward to seeing Spring all around us in April. You can already hear the birds, smell the rain, see the colors popping through the ground! Soak it all in! What an enjoyable March it was with all things green at The Greens! In April we have Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter celebrations happen. Great things to look forward to. "The Last Supper" movie trip is planned on April 2<sup>nd</sup> to Marcus Elgin Cinema.

Since our friend Michael with chair yoga is no longer able to come from Indiana to The Greens on Thursdays I am doing a very low impact exercise with a YouTube video in its place after Bingo on Thursdays. It's 27 minutes of stretching, strengthening and range of motion exercises with a ball all while seated. Come try it out! We also have Bean Bag Toss back on the calendar and in the Activity Room for anyone interested.

Keep up the good work of making sure to call down or cross your name off the sign-up sheets with cancellations for bus trips well in advance. I have had to fill out many "tickets" for a \$5 fee for missing the bus.

Remember we have many services that come right to The Greens if you give them a call. The top left-hand corner of the calendar includes names and phone numbers of all the people that you can set up appointments with. Please call them and take advantage of this convenience.

Enjoy Spring and living life at The Greens. We have so much to be thankful for.

*-Melanie*



# From the Kitchen

Happy & Blessed April 2025,

I'd like to start our month with a prayer especially during the Lenten season.

***Lord, we thank YOU for YOUR grace, mercy, and forgiveness over us. We thank YOU for covering this building and our residents. We thank YOU for YOUR angels who camp about and around all our units from 100 thru 156, 200 thru 262, and 300 thru 362. Lord let YOUR WILL be done in each and every unit. We thank YOU for your covering over our staff, Our Front Offices, Front Desk, Activities, Maintenance, Housekeeping, Cooks, Servers, Dishwashers, and finally, our Chefs. YOUR word is so true. When we look back on our lives and things we've been through, we are never alone because YOU have always been with us. YOU said YOU would never leave nor forsake us. No weapon formed against us has prospered, because we are still here to see and live another day. Our assignments and journey here are not over. We ask YOU Lord to continue ordering our steps in the directions you desire and need us to go in and for us not to lean on our own understanding of things. We ask for your continued guidance. Help us to be patient please. LORD we are listening, and our hearts are open for YOU to enter. Please have YOUR way with us in this building. We thank you for answering our spoken and unspoken prayers.***

***During this Lenten season, Lord please help us to reflect on YOUR goodness and not regret certain things of the past. Help us to forgive as you have forgiven us. Help us please to forgive ourselves. Please help us to make that one call we've been struggling to make, or send out that one letter, or email letting someone know we love them, we miss them, we care about them, or we forgive them. Maybe even visit a neighbor.***

***YOU died so that we could live. Let YOUR will be done in this building LORD. We thank you once again for your covering over the 801. We honor YOU. We love YOU. We praise YOU.***

***In Jesus name, Amen.***

Residents, just a reminder that you can order extra meals on Thursdays and Fridays if you need meals for the weekend.

If you have any dishes from the dining room or from the crème brulee in your units, please return them to the kitchen.

**Easter/Resurrection Day Brunch is on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:00pm. All guest menus need to be in by Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be no add-ons for guests after this day.**

***Chef James, Culinary Team, and Dining Room Team***



# April 2025 Menu Inspiration



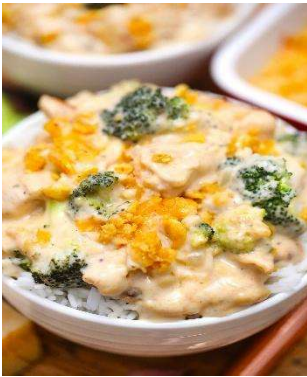
**Bacon Wrapped Shrimp**



**Lemon Ricotta Cheesecake**



**Cornish Hen with Stuffing**



**Chicken Divan**



**Fried Shrimp Entrée Platter**



**Flan with Seasonal Berries**



**Leg of Lamb**



**Balsamic Roasted Portobellos**



**Brats, Sauerkraut, Potato Pancakes**



**Beer Chicken & Spaetzle**



**Mini Portuguese Tort Cakes**



**Bittersweet Chocolate**

*Chef James and the Culinary and Dining Room Team*





# April Birthdays

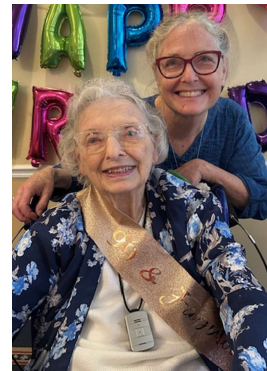
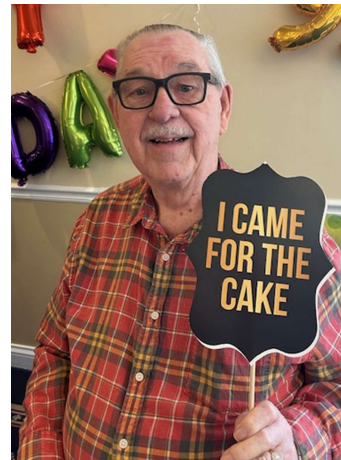
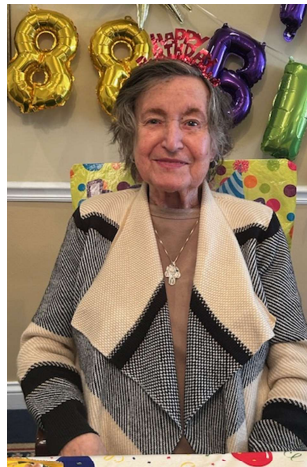
## Resident Birthdays

- 1 - James Kathrein
- 2- Joyce Beutler
- 4- Tillie Wilkerson
- 5- Roni Varian
- 10- Moe Dyer

- 10- Quina Romero
- 13- Bud Palbicke
- 24- Joan Stevenson
- 24-Mildred Wesley
- 27- Wayne Foernssler



**Last Month...  
March  
Birthday Celebrations!**



Dolores Zimmerman was "99 & Fabulous" on March 5<sup>th</sup>! So glad her daughter came to celebrate with her!  
Other milestone Birthdays in March!  
Rita is 90! Don J. is 89!  
And Grace & Leona turned 88! ❤️

