



NEWSLETTER 2026

## **Notes from the Board President**

Greetings and Happy New Year to all of our residents and staff as we welcome the year 2026!

January is often a time to personally reflect on the past year and also to look forward to changes and resolutions for the new year. Those resolutions seem to involve more exercise and better eating habits, but we hope you will also resolve to spend more time intentionally getting to know and spending time with others here at The Greens. Let's continue to build a community that feels like home and family to us all.

Please join me in welcoming our newest residents: Jerry Wuetcher #362, and Shelly Sulski #316. Let's all introduce ourselves and get to know them when we see them out and about.

Thank you for your generous donations to our Employee Christmas Fund. The total amount collected this year was \$19,390, for an average donation of \$365.85. 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, Wayne Foernssler, Vice President, Judi Parks, Treasurer, Mary Cimms, Secretary, and Chuck DeRolf, 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 Activity 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.

Some reminders for us all:

If you see something wrong and in need of repair, please report it to the front desk and fill out a work order. You will not be charged if the repair is for common areas and not your unit.

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 2026!!

Jage Bentler

# **Notes from the Property Manager**

Dear Residents,

As we wrap up another wonderful year at The Greens of Elgin, I want to thank each of you for making this a vibrant and welcoming place to call home. Our goal is to ensure your comfort, safety, and enjoyment every day.

The first-floor renovation project has begun. The first initial consultation with Rieke Interior Designers was conducted in December, and we have a trip to their showroom scheduled in January to see their design ideas since we have met with them. More information will come as the project progresses.

Please remember to check the upcoming calendar for social events and maintenance updates, and don't hesitate to reach out if you need assistance.

Together, we'll keep our community thriving in the year ahead!

### Jamie Jones

**Property Manager** 

# **Notes from the HR Manager**

Hello Residents.

HOA checks should be turned in by January 1<sup>st</sup> and no later than Thursday, January 15th by 1pm.

The start of the new year 2026! I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!!

New committee members will meet this month. Signs were posted on all bulletin boards. Great choice residents, the committees look great!

New charges will take effect this month. I would like to bring up that The Greens is a smoke free building. No one is grandfathered in from this point forward we should not be smelling any type of smoke in the hallways or units. Please report any odors to the front desk.

Remember that if we have any snow fall in the forecast try to move your cars the night before from the circles so when the plow truck comes by it doesn't hit any cars. We do not remove snow from cars parked outside. Remember not to park in the visitor parking spaces.

I will be on vacation this month to Mexico I will travel to Casacuaran, Guanajuato Mexico in case anyone would like to look it up. I will leave on Saturday January 17th and return on January 30th. With a return-to-work date of Monday, February 2nd. Jamie will answer any questions you have in my absence.

#### Diane Medina

HR/Business Office Manager

## **Notes from the Front Desk**

Hello Residents.

We are excited to distribute the new resident phone books later this month! To ensure your listing is correct please stop by the front desk to report any recent changes.

We also ask for your help in keeping our community healthy. If you are under the weather, please contact us to cancel or reschedule your housekeeping. This small gesture helps keep our dedicated staff stay safe and healthy on the job.

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

Unit 226 1BD \$58,000 Patti Hannula 630-880-0611 Unit 320 2BD \$115,000 Ryan Widerberg 847-849-7748

The following units are For Rent: None currently

#### Maria Castellanos

Housekeeping/Office Supervisor



# **Begin the New Year with Vespers**

## Monday, January 19th @ 3:30pm in Piano Room

We welcome Pastor Andrea Delaney of the Holy Trinity Church of Elgin. Pastor Andrea has served churches in Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois as youth and children's director, ministry associate and director of ministries. She finished her MDIV at Wartburg Seminary in December 2024. She lives in Bartlett with her husband Mark. They have 3 young adult children and one son-in-law. Barb Witt and Joan Carlson are members of the Holy Trinity Church. Join us as we again are inspired by Pastor Andrea's message.



## **Buddies Welcomed New Residents in 2025**



Under the leadership of Tillie Wilkerson (pictured left) sixteen new residents joined The Greens family last year. Many thanks to the following residents who were their buddies:

Barb Wesselhoff, Quina Romero, Judy Parks, Rita Shaw, Mary Cimms, Leila Bierlein, Tillie Wilkerson, Joan Carlson, Chuck DeRolf, Janice Withey, Carol Bohlin, Donna Fisher and to all of you who always welcome new residents. Each new resident is assigned a Buddy to help them more easily transition to The Greens.

Please consider being a Buddy in 2026.

## From the Kitchen

Happy New Year 801,

## We Made IT! WOOHOO!

Our first Dining Committee Meeting for 2026 will be on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am in the main dining room. If you have any feedback, questions, menu suggestions, etc. please pass your notes to one of our Dining Committee residents. We look forward to enhancing your dining experience in this new year.

On Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> we will be preparing a special menu in honor of Martin Luther King Day. Your menu choices will consist of....

**Red Beans & Rice Soup** 

Jamie's Grilled Shrimp Appetizer, Garlic Toast, Arugula Salad, Lemon Vinaigrette Dressing, Melted Butter

Fried Chicken, Collard Greens, Mac & Cheese, Cornbread
Baked Catfish, Collard Greens, Mac & Cheese, Cornbread
Warm Pecan Pie Ala Mode



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

Chef James and the Culinary & Dining Room Teams

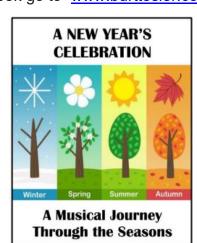
# **Entertainment for January**

Burt Tesler will be our first entertainer in 2026, it is his first time here to The Greens. He resides in Wilmette performing all around the area. He has many talents as a photographer, writer, and musician. He has written two books you may want to look up "The Ballad of Turkey in the Store" and "The Amazing Six" he will sign any copies you purchase and get before his performance. Both books can be found on Amazon.

His photography also unique...if you want to look go to <a href="https://www.burttesler.com">www.burttesler.com</a>.

Join us for a very creative night of fun...

Friday, January 16th at 6:30pm in the Piano Room.





## From Activities...

Welcome 2026...

Some new business and something I am always working on is the sign-up sheets...you will notice the calendar has some underlined events, those require a sign up if you sign up that gives us an accurate count of those attending and I can plan accordingly. If you signed up but do not come you will be charged \$5 fee for the absence.

We are no longer offering free birthday meals during your birthday month. We will continue to have a birthday party for our residents with cake and ice cream each month. Please sign up if you plan to attend for an accurate count and enjoy celebrating another year. Everyone is invited.

If you are 90 or better, please consider having dinner together in the Activity Room on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Nothing formal or structured, just a chance to sit together, reminisce and talk to other residents the same ages. **Just make sure you complete your dinner menu for DINING IN** and choose what you want to eat from Chef James wonderful menu for that night.

Bingo on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> we will have kids from Immanuel Lutheran School visiting. They will be here at 1pm before bingo to bring treats, a craft and they want to call the bingo numbers. Please mark your calendar to join them. They are doing service projects for Lutheran Schools Week and are excited to visit us.

<u>Calendar notice</u>: Crafting & Chatting is no longer meeting for the unforeseeable future. Thank you to Linda A. for sharing her time and talents with others.

### Melanie Seegers

**Activities Coordinator** 

## January Resident Birthdays!

12<sup>th</sup> – Mary Cimms

13<sup>th</sup> – Nancy Stejskal

13th - Linda Schlie

17<sup>th</sup> – Roger Rizzo

22<sup>nd</sup> – Linda Meyer

25<sup>th</sup> – Terry Simon

29th - Tony Postiano

31st - Phyllis Vandernaald



## **Employee Birthdays!**

19th – Brianna Hernandez

25<sup>th</sup> – Adamaris Oregel

30th - Fidencio Salgado



New Resident Jerry Wuetcher pronounced "Witcher" moved into Unit #362 beginning of December. Jerry is excited to be here and comments frequently how nice everyone is here at The Greens. He loves all sports, playing games and cards! He will fit right in! Welcome Jerry!









Christmas cards were sent to former Greens residents. Thanks to Joyce B., Myrna S., Joan Carlson, Leila B., Rita S., Moe D., and Janice W. for spreading The Greens Christmas cheer.





























