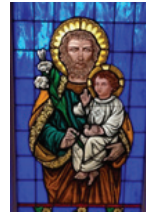




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NEWSLETTER



Greetings from the Administrator



Celebrating Independence Day: Honoring Freedom, Family, and Community

As we move into the summer months, we look forward to celebrating Independence Day on July 4th. We take time to reflect on the freedoms and opportunities that make our nation so special. This holiday is a reminder of the courage, sacrifice, and determination of those who helped build and protect our country throughout its history.

For many of our residents, the Fourth of July brings cherished memories of family picnics, hometown parades, fireworks lighting up the summer sky, and gatherings with loved ones. These traditions connect generations and remind us of the importance of community, patriotism, and gratitude.

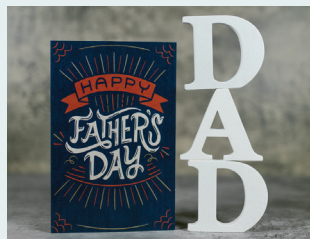
In June and July, we will be celebrating with festive decorations, patriotic music, special activities, and opportunities to share stories and memories of Independence Days past. We encourage residents, families, and staff to join together in honoring the rich history of our nation and the contributions of those who have served our country. A firework show will be at the Retirement Community on June 28th and the Hillside Villa will on July 2nd.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all veterans and military families within our community. Your service and sacrifice have helped preserve the freedoms we enjoy today, and we are grateful for your dedication.

As we celebrate this Independence Day, may we remember the blessings of freedom, cherish time spent with family and friends, and continue building a caring and supportive community for all.

From all of us, we wish you a safe, joyful, and happy Fourth of July!

Blessings,
Sam Prokopec



Focus on Longevity



FOCUS ON MARIA MONTENEGRO

If you've spent time around Maria, you've probably noticed her positive attitude and the care she brings to her work each day in Dietary Services. What drives her most is serving our residents and doing everything she can to make them happy.

For Maria, the relationships she builds with residents are one of the most rewarding parts of her job. She says every day brings special moments, and she treasures the interactions that turn everyday routines into meaningful memories. Those connections are what make her work so fulfilling.

When she's not at work, Maria enjoys spending time with her family, listening to music, and making time for the gym. One thing that might surprise her coworkers is that she likes to get up early even on her days off and weekends.

Maria's passion for serving others is what keeps her motivated and smiling day after day. Her dedication to our residents and her caring spirit make her a valued part of our team, and we're grateful for all she does.

JUNE EMPLOYEE WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Sephara Jones.....	4 years
Jade Bayer.....	2 years
Clayton Carmen.....	1 year
Debra Graham.....	1 year
Siril Hickey.....	1 year
Erika Pulido.....	1 year
McKenna Slonecker.....	1 year

Focus on Team Building with Door Decorating Contest for Nursing Home Week

As part of this year's National Nursing Home Week celebration, staff participated in the Villa's first-ever Door Decorating Contest. The National Nursing Home Week theme, "Moments in Bloom," inspired departments to showcase their creativity while celebrating the relationships, teamwork, and special moments shared throughout our community.

The contest was a tremendous success, with residents and staff alike enjoying the colorful displays throughout the Villa. Congratulations to our contest winners! First place was awarded to Sam's Door, created by the Laundry and Housekeeping Department, and second place was awarded to the Lake view Bath house door decorated by the Nursing Department's Night Shift.

The Laundry and Housekeeping Department earned first place with their creative design on Sam's Door. As one of the first doors completed for the contest, it quickly became a topic of conversation among residents, who frequently stopped to admire and discuss the display.

When asked about the experience, Housekeeper Michele shared, "Decorating the doors was a really fun experience. Watching the residents and having them enjoy our idea made us all winners."

Michele explained that the project provided an opportunity for team members to work together in a creative way outside of their daily responsibilities. The teamwork, encouragement, and support shared throughout the decorating process helped strengthen the strong foundation already present within the Laundry and Housekeeping Department.

The door reflected the department's creativity, dedication, and team spirit, making it a deserving first-place winner. Pictured is the Laundry and Housekeeping team proudly posing with their award-winning door.

The Nursing Department Night Shift earned second place with their thoughtful "Moments in Bloom" display, which celebrated the growth, support, and connections shared among residents and staff.

Wanting to recognize the important role residents play in the Villa community, the team incorporated resident handprints into the design. A handprint from each resident was collected and arranged into a large flower, with every hand representing the unique personality and contributions of those who call the Villa home. Additional handprints formed leaves climbing the flower's stem, symbolizing how even the smallest acts of kindness help one another grow.

The Night Shift also included handprints from every member of their department, placing them in a flower pot to represent continued growth alongside their residents and coworkers.

Above the display, the phrase "Hand in Hand" served as a reminder that everyone blooms together through teamwork, compassion, and mutual support. Their meaningful design beautifully captured the spirit of the "Moments in Bloom" theme while highlighting the special bond shared between residents and staff.



Focus on Moments in Bloom



Focus on St. Francis and the Eucharist

June 4th marks the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord.

St. Francis of Assisi had a profound and transformative devotion to the Eucharist, viewing it as the ultimate expression of God's humility and love. He was deeply moved that the Creator of the universe would pour Himself out and become accessible to humanity under the humble forms of bread and wine.

In the words of St. Francis:

“O sublime humility! O humble sublimity! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, should humble Himself like this and hide under the form of a little bread, for our salvation.”





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Opportunity for Learning



The sun is out, and the days are getting warmer and longer. As you enjoy all the summer gatherings and activities, be sure to stay healthy and safe.

Drink plenty of water and stay hydrated by consuming at least eight glasses per day. Limit sugary drinks and caffeine, as they can contribute to dehydration.

Be sure to protect yourself from the sun to prevent sunburn. The sun's rays are strongest between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Apply sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30, and wear hats, sunglasses, and lightweight clothing. Reapply sunscreen as directed on the package.

Extreme heat exposure can cause heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Watch for symptoms such as dizziness, nausea, headache, or confusion. When spending time outdoors in the heat, take regular breaks in cool, shaded areas.

We hope you enjoy the summer and all the fun it brings!

-Kelly Johnson



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Under the St. Joseph's Hillside Villa tab-
Join Our Team
Or pick up an application in the front lobby.
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