

DOMINICAN OAKS

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2021

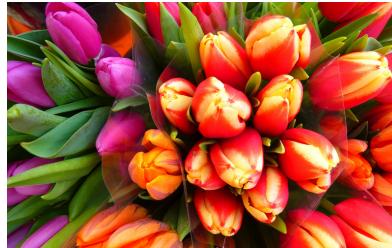


PLEASE WELCOME KATHERINE WILL!

Kathie Will will be providing interim administrative services in the coming weeks. She hails from the state of Ohio and is a huge Buckeye football fan.

Kathie's favorite hobbies are reading mysteries, stand-up paddle boarding (SUP) and traveling. She has three adult children and four grandchildren who enjoy vacationing together.

If you have not already met while walking the community, Kathie encourages residents to drop by the office for a quick introduction!



SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

The weather is warming up and now is the perfect time to get in the garden. We want to welcome new gardeners Mary Ellen, Phyllis and Veneta as well as new Resident Garden Manager, Erayna Haket!

We still have a few garden boxes available and a shed full of tools. If you are interested in contributing to the garden, please contact Erayna.

PINOCHLE ANYONE??

If you are or have interest in being a pinochle player, you are needed!

Please call Jean @ 630.697.7227 or Roy @ 831.600.8075 for more details.

JOIN US IN THE LIBRARY

Open Tues & Thurs 1-3 PM, Books have also been returned to bookcases throughout community.

THANK YOU AGAIN!

Last month we were honored to be voted the Sentinel's "Readers Choice" Retirement Community and this month we are delighted to have won GoodTimes' Best Retirement Community!

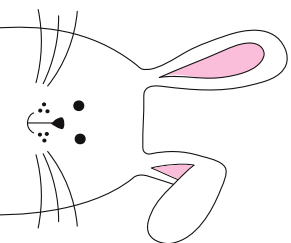
The two accolades are a wonderful way to start the new year especially after everything we endured in 2020. Thank you to you all and to all of your friends and family for voting.



REMINDER!

Trash can only be placed outside your apartment for pick up **AFTER 5 PM**





SPRING TIME CELEBRATIONS

WATERCOLORING

Capture the vibrant colors of spring with watercolor. Paper will be cut in egg shapes to decorate the community for the season or you can make your own postcard to send to loved ones.

THOMAS PATIO GAMES

As a reminder the Thomas Patio is still open for games. We understand it has been chilly, but as the weather warms up we encourage you to drop by the front desk for a Rummikub , Card or Ping Pong basket. If you prefer to skip the games, just come out and watch the fun!

GARDEN LEVEL Wii

We are excited to announce that we have an interactive Wii videogame console for our Garden Level residents! The Wii provides an immersive, engaging experience that anyone of any age or skill level can pick up and play. The Wii's wireless remote mimics the actions used when playing real-life sports games. Stay tuned for dates and times that we will be offering our Wii sports games competitions in our Garden Level Activity Room.

PAINTING FLOWER POTS

Get crafty with us and paint some pots! 4 in pots will be offered with acrylic paint to decorate. Each pot comes with a choice of flower seeds.

EASTER DINNER IN THE DINING ROOM

Join us in the dining room for a sit down dining experience. Menus will be distributed for you to preselect your meal choice and reservations will be required. We will still be adhering to our health and safety guidelines and maintaining a 6 ft physical distancing during meals.

BUS RIDES

We have resumed our scenic bus trips! Garden Level residents will be called to sign-up and Independent residents will have self-sign ups. We offer an array of scenic drives throughout Santa Cruz County. Some of our destinations provide safe socially-distanced walking paths. From Seascape to Westcliff Drive and everywhere in between, our drivers have some beautiful adventures planned for you.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

03 Joan Lukan

03 Bill O'Connor

05 Sr. Veronica Kelley

06 Will McCahon

06 Desiree Stuart-Alexander

07 Patty Caldwell

15 Judy Barry

20 Galen Hilgard

23 RJ Middough

26 Roy Viglicca

29 Robert Stone

30 Bob Beck

30 Alice "Joyce"
Anderson



Follow us on Social Media for community photos and updates!



Did you know we are on yelp?!

If you have a moment, check us out!

**DEPARTMENT
MANAGERS
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Administrator:
Kathie Will

Activities:
Monica Escudero

Administrative Services:
Brenda Barber

Assisted Living:
Stacy Smith-Paynter, RN

Dining Services:
Marnie Jacinto

Facilities & Housekeeping:
Eric Botkin

Food Service:
Chef Matt Mettalia

Marketing & Community
Relations:
Cheir Harty

Newsletter Editor:
Cheir Harty

UPDATED COVID POLICY KEY NOTES:

As we begin to open and a post-pandemic life creeps closer within reach, we want to advise and strongly suggest you use caution in doing so. There is still much unknown about the transmission of this virus and the emerging variants. As a community we need to look out for one another. Please adhere to the below guidelines and show respect for fellow community members.

- Masks are still required while on community grounds at all times.
- While we strongly recommend scheduling a visit in our sanitized visiting centers (which you can now do online, see next page), however you are able to have up to 2 family members visit you in your apartment. These guests should be vaccinated for your safety and should be the only 2 guests permitted to enter.
- Quarantines are no longer required upon return to the community unless you have been in contact with a positive COVID case.
- If you choose to leave the community, we ask that you do not attend large gatherings or dine with guest. Eating and drinking requires you to remove your mask and that is not permitted.
- Guests are not permitted to walk the common areas and are instructed to go directly to the apartment they intend to visit.

In the event of a positive COVID case within the community or at the advisement of health and safety organizations, Dominican Oaks may be required to adjust these policies.

NEW COVID 19 SCAMS YOU MUST WATCH FOR!

Despite our warnings, residents continue to get hit with potential scams. Scammers are not only advancing technologically, but also emotionally. They are learning how to connect with their victims and use social engineering to gain access to your personal information.

How do I Recognize a Coronavirus Scam?

As with many fraud attempts, there are several red flags that can warn you that the offer is a scam and you should not click on any links or enter any personal or financial information.

- 1. Insists that you act now**
- 2. Includes a request for personal, financial, or medical information**
- 3. Directs you to open attachments and click on links**
- 4. Email/ text starts off with a generic greeting and has spelling and grammatical errors throughout the message**

If you get a call, text or email about the stimulus check or any other Covid relief bill, please analyze it carefully. Ask for a call back number and contact a family member or Dominican Oaks Administration for assistance and remember: the IRS will NEVER contact you via email, phone or text. Do not answer any questions to those who claim to be the IRS nor click on any link embedded in an email from them



OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!

A long overdue update to our website will be completed in three phases, with phase one live now.

In addition to a complete redesign, phase one features a Guest Visit Reservation tab that will allow you and family members to book a visit in our visitation centers directly from the site. You can find this tab at the top right corner on the Home Page. Visits must be booked online 24 hours prior to requested visit date. If the site does not allow you to book the day and time requested, then it has been booked and you must request a new time. We do recommend booking your visit as early as possible to ensure you get the reservation time you need. You or your guest is welcome to make the appointment and a confirmation email will be sent to the organizer.

We will be posting the newsletter as well as activities calendars to the website on the first of the month and can be found under the "About Us" tab and "Wellness and Resident Enrichment. Please encourage family members to check the site to keep updated on the community.

We plan on using the website to expand our communication to you and your loved ones as well as make accessing community information easier. Be sure to keep an eye out for some amazing changes.



We still recommend scheduling an appointment and visiting in our sanitized locations. The pandemic is not over and new variants are emerging leaving much unknown still. Please be safe and use caution. Dominican Oaks will continue to keep the health and safety for all residents, staff, friends and family a top priority. Please take advantage of the resources provided.

How excited was the gardener about spring?

So excited he wet his plants.



Word Bank:

- Bud May
- Butterfly Bee
- Wind Easter
- Rain Tulip
- March Passover
- April Flower

