

Mountain View Gardens

Gracious Retirement Living

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DECEMBER 2019

MOUNTAIN VIEW GARDENS STAFF

Managers.....JERRY & MICHELLE MCNUTT
Assistant Managers HENRY &
ELIZABETH PATTERSON
Executive Chef.....TIM MOLINA
Activity Coordinator MICHELLE MARQUEZ
Maintenance TONY TAYLOR
Bus Driver TERESA IRWIN
Head HousekeeperGAYLE BRYANT

TRANSPORTATION

Monday–Friday: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

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Chamber of Commerce “Bring a Vet to Lunch”

During the month of November, the Chamber of Commerce hosts a function called, “Bring a Vet to Lunch.” It is a way to honor our local veterans who are currently residing in both independent and assisted living communities/facilities.

A wonderful dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner rolls, cake, salad and dressing is served, which was quite delicious!

There was also a cake cutting with the youngest and oldest veteran present. 2019’s oldest veteran present was 96 years old, having served in World War II. He stormed the shores of Normandy.

The youngest veteran present was a PFC who was only 19 years old.

Thank you, Mr. Gene, for taking the reins with not only our Community, but other communities, in ensuring these heroic veterans could attend a luncheon celebrating them on Veterans Day.



M.G. Barrett came over to thank Don for his military service.



Mr. Rick Mueller, the Mayor of Sierra Vista, poses with Gene, Jack, Buzz, Frankie and Don.



Upcoming Events for December

December 2nd: Larry will be selling jewelry at 9 a.m. in the Atrium.

December 3rd: Ensembles from the Sierra Vista Community Chorus will be performing at 11:15 a.m. in the Atrium.

December 4th: Origami with Noriko at 2 p.m. in the Activity Room.

December 5th: Rose and Fran will be selling jewelry and their animated stuffed animals in the Atrium at 9:30 a.m.

December 7th: The local Italian American Club will be giving a musical performance at 2 p.m. in the Atrium.

December 9th: Mountain Man will be selling dried fruit, candy, nuts and beef jerky in the Atrium at 9 a.m.

December 10th: The Buena High School Community Chorus will be performing at 6:30 p.m. in the Atrium.

December 11th: Our Holiday Craft Show will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Atrium and Activity Room. A very special thank you to Kathy Barr for assembling this show for us!

December 12th: There will be a holiday line dancing performance at 3 p.m. in the Atrium.

December 15th: Mario Castillo will be performing at 2 p.m. in the Atrium.

December 18th: Casino del Sol Field Trip to Tucson. We will be leaving at 9:15 a.m. and returning back to Sierra Vista at 2:30 p.m.

December 19th: There will be a religious holiday singalong in the Atrium at 2 p.m., followed by holiday cookie decorating in the Activity Room at 3 p.m.

December 24th: We will be having our annual Christmas Eve Party beginning at 2 p.m. with Holiday Bingo, and then a gift exchange with refreshments at 2:30 p.m.

December 25th: We will be having an amazing Christmas Dinner at 12:25 p.m. in the Dining Room. Please arrive early. Guests and family members are \$10 per person.

December 31st: Western Nights themed New Year's Eve Party starring Susanne and Paul. The music begins at 7 p.m., with the "balloon dropping" at 8 p.m.

Lexi and Apollo Visit Mountain View Gardens

Thunder Mountain Alpaca Ranch visited us this past October. They brought Lexi and her 3-month-old baby, Lexi. We were in awe of the beauty of these two animals. We enjoyed learning about Alpacas, and definitely appreciate the time and effort it took to bring these animals out to us!

If you are interested in learning more about Alpacas or would like to visit their ranch, just follow the link listed below!

<https://www.thundermountainalpacaranch.com>



Gene reaches out to pet Lexi.

Western Nights New Year's Eve Party

Our New Year's Eve party will begin at 7 p.m. in the Atrium. The beautiful and talented Ms. Suzanne and her husband, Paul, will be performing for us that evening. The "balloon drop" will take place at 8 p.m. There will be refreshments!

Feel free to wear your Southern Arizona western-style clothing. Boots, cowboys hats and jeans are acceptable attire.

See you there! It will be a fun party that you don't want to miss!





Haunted Carnival!

It all began right before chair exercises one fine morning. Michelle, the Activity Coordinator, asked the group if they were scared of clowns and if they liked them? Everyone liked clowns and no one was scared of them. So, with that being said, the creation of the haunted carnival began.

Everything was themed as a fun, cute carnival, with some spider webs, maybe a couple of monsters, and lots of fun colored lights and shaggy curtains. We needed a character! Who would be our main character in the photo booth? Mr. Vel rose to the occasion. He wanted to be the famous "Cat in the Hat." He did a splendid job both playing and dressing as the character! Fun!

Mr. Don went above and beyond in his attire as a scary clown. Everyone loved him! He was fantastic and the fit the character perfectly. His family came out to support our haunted carnival, too!

A big thank you to Steve and Sheree' for coming in costume and setting up fun tables for the residents to enjoy. Also, another big thank you to Diana and the Buena High School Honor Society for dressing up and participating in the event.

Every little bit counted toward making this a successful event for our residents. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! And thank you to all who came out to enjoy the Haunted Carnival!



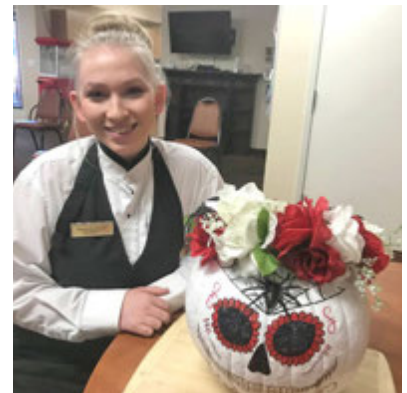
What an amazing group photo! The clown in the photo looks very scary!



Cat in the Hat, starring Mr. Vel!

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

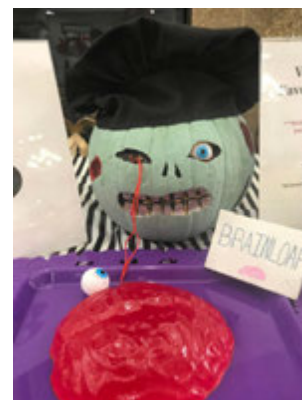
We had three participants this year: Joanna, Avery and PM Chef Ben. The votes were very, very close! The 2019 winner is ... Ms. Avery!



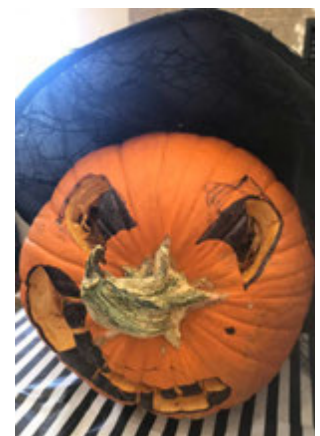
Avery won First Place!



Avery's Day of the Dead pumpkin



Ben's Frankenstein pumpkin



Joanna's witch pumpkin

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Birthdays

Al Walz, 2nd
Frankie Eggink, 4th
Jeanie Gahagen, 4th
Nona Nix, 6th
Sally Graves, 18th
Eileen Johnston, 18th
Bob Fadness, 19th
Joanne Harbinson, 21st
Ken Sugden, 26th
Marilyn Sims, 28th
Ray Pike, 30th
Eileen Sywassink, 30th
Don Feller, 31st

Locations

Activity Room, AR
Activity Room and
Atrium, AR & AT
Activity Room and TV
Room, AR & TVR
Atrium, AT
Balcony, BAL
Billiards Room, BR
Chapel, CH
Community Premises, CP
Dining Room, DR
Library, LIB
Library and Billiards
Room, LIB & BR
Pool, Pool
TV Room, TVR
TVR and Library, TVR/LIB

Wii Bowling
Schedule

Monday: 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.
Thursday: 3:15 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m.

Bingo

Monday, Tuesday
and Friday, 2 p.m.

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Our First Annual Toy Drive

A few months ago, one of our residents, Melissa, mentioned wanting to do a toy drive in support of our local Fire Department. I thought it was a super idea, and from that point, the wheels began to turn toward our very first toy drive!

We are very thankful for the support the Fire and Rescue Department provides for our residents. In an effort to show our appreciation, we held a toy drive with all toys donated to be given to the Sierra Vista Fire Department.

Elvis (Paul Glaus) and Ann (Bernie Tax) volunteered an amazing performance that had smiles on every face, as well as bringing the crowd to their feet with some fun dances.

Thank you to all who came and supported the toy drive. We look forward to having one again next year.



The Fire Department poses with some of our residents before the show began.



The Sierra Vista Fire Department poses with some of the toys they received.



Mr. Robert, who is part of our culinary team, poses with Elvis and Ann.



Welcome Wagon

Please welcome our new residents. If anyone needs assistance or has questions, just let any of the staff know. We will go above and beyond to help you make the transition to your new home smooth and easy!

- Ray and Wanda Pike
- Dorothy Wilson
- Jim Hamm



Sunflowers Make Us Happy!

Who doesn't like sunflowers? We all love sunflowers! So, with that being said, let's make our very own! Everyone did an amazing job!

Here is a little bit of information about sunflowers:

1. Each sunflower is actually thousands of teeny flowers. The iconic yellow petals and fuzzy brown centers are actually individual flowers themselves. As many as 2,000 can make up the classic sunflower bloom.
2. You should harvest sunflowers in the morning, not the afternoon. Planning to clip a few to display in a vase? If you wait until the afternoon, they may wilt.
3. Sunflowers are native to the Americas and were domesticated around 1,000 B.C. Even way back then, people saw the value in growing sunflowers, which are still harvested for sunflower seeds (and the oil you can make from them) today. In 2014, 1.7 million acres were planted in the United States, the USDA reports. The majority of those were found in North Dakota.



Dorothy is doing an amazing job making her sunflowers!



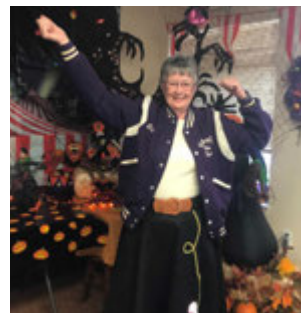
Lida is so pretty holding her sunflowers!

Halloween Party 2019

Of course, we are going to have a Halloween party! Why not? We had a blast. So many residents dressed up and participated in our party. There was lots of music, food and contests. You like to have fun? Hang out with us!



Chef Tim and our beautiful Beauty Shop owner on the Third Floor, Erin.



Joy is so super cute! Love it!



Nana Jo made a first-time appearance. She may be attending more holiday functions in the future!



Michelle has arrested robber Jerry.



Vel and Elizabeth enjoy the festivities.



Don? Is that you?



I think this is Wyatt Earp! Looking good, Mike!

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Leave Your Winter Worries Behind

Enjoy the winter season by joining us for hot chocolate and homemade treats around a warm and cozy fire. You can count on things really "heating up" with our packed winter activities calendar. Please call for more information on any of the activities you'd like to participate in, or stop by for a complimentary meal and tour.

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