

Residents with Dogs

Please be sure you are watching your dog as you enter and exit the community. We have had "accidents" inside the building and outside on the sidewalk. Pay attention and be sure you are picking up after your dog.



Transportation

We have noticed that more residents are calling the transportation line to schedule appointments. This can be tricky if you are calling during a time when Sia is driving. She will not be able to schedule your appointments until she returns to the office to see if there is availability. In order to better serve you, please call the office number at 916-929-3966 to schedule all appointments as this will continue to be the policy until we are fully open again.



SIGNS

Please do not remove the signs in the elevators and on the bulletin boards. If you would like a copy of any sign, please call the office and we will be happy to print a copy for you.

Important Telephone Numbers

Office Hours – Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:30pm
 Saturday & Sunday 9:00am-5:00pm
 Office 916-929-3966 Fax 916-929-3627
 Tonya/Activities Office 916-929-6003
 Van/Transportation Cell 916-468-3091
After Hours Cell 916-468-3092
 Dining Room 916-921-5998
 Police Non-Emergency 916-264-5471
Adult Protective Services 916-874-9377
 Emergency & Fire 911
 Comcast Cable 1-800-266-2278
 AT&T 1-800-310-2355
 Paratransit 916-429-2744
 Yellow Cab 916-444-2222
 Beauty Salon Jane Ma 916-223-9658
 Wednesday-Friday
 Clean Touch Dry Cleaning 916-366-6666
 Pick-up & drop-off Monday & Thursday

Kitchen Notes...

The kitchen and dining staff have asked that you check your apartment for the meal delivery trays. All meals that are being delivered are placed on these trays and handed to you. Please be sure that you are putting them back outside on your tv stand, table or chair so that they can be picked up by the staff and adequately cleaned and sanitized.

Chef Brian's Food Demo last month was a great success. We were able to film Brian live and show it on the big tv screen in the Cabaret Lounge so everyone could see. Chef Brian will do another food demo on Wednesday, February 24th. Please sign up just outside the Activity Center.

Brian has a lovely Valentine's Dinner planned for all you sweethearts. Look for your menu coming the second week of February.



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Venice Unmasked

Venice is often called Italy's "City of Love," and for good reason. There may be nothing more romantic than a meandering gondola ride through the city's famous canals, especially if the gondolier serenades you with Italian love songs. It is no coincidence that history's most notorious lover, Casanova, called Venice home. Casanova was born in an era when Venice was a European Las Vegas, famous for its gambling houses, beautiful women, and its annual *Carnival*, the Venetian version of Mardi Gras that has been celebrated since the year 1162. This year's Carnival, running from January 30 through February 16, is made all the more special because it coincides with Valentine's Day.

Venice's Carnival is thought to have started in 1162 with the military victory of the Venetian Republic over Ulrico di Treven, a powerful ally of the Holy Roman Emperor Frederick I who attempted to strip Venice of its independence. After Ulrico di Treven's defeat, Venetians gathered in San Marco Square for dancing and rejoicing. This informal celebration continued for centuries until it was made an official holiday during the Renaissance. It was also during this era that Venetian mask-makers were elevated to a special standing in Venetian society, enjoying preferential laws and their own artistic guild.

By the 18th century, masks were a way of life for Venetians, and laws permitted mask-wearing for six months of the year. Some historians believe that masks were a response to Venice's strict class hierarchy. Ordinary people and aristocrats alike wore masks to hide their true identities. So disguised, people could anonymously engage in Venice's many popular but ill-reputed pastimes such as gambling. Is it any wonder that Venetian mask-makers held such power in society? In time, masks were outlawed. It was only in 1979 that Venetian artisans revived the tradition of mask-making. Since then, masks and costumes have become lavish and sumptuous works of art, and opulent masquerade balls are now the most sought-after invitations during Venice's fabulous and romantic Carnival.

Christine's Comments

I'm so glad that January is over. For some reason, I always feel melancholy during the month of January. Maybe because the holidays are over? And as much as we wanted 2020 to end, starting a new year can be overwhelming too.

We are changing a few things up this year in honor of your birthdays. If you're having a birthday this month, look for a special order form asking if you'd like to have a personalized pizza and beer (or beverage) of your choice on Wednesday, February 10th. Tonya and I will personally deliver your pizza to you. On your birthday, you'll also receive a special gift from the Sodexo staff. We hope you enjoy this new way of celebrating your birthdays.

Our Thursday evening "musical theater" in the cabaret lounge is off to a great start. We have positioned chairs to socially distance you from one another, so please do not move them. If you would like to attend, we can accommodate 12 residents. It's first come first serve and you **MUST** wear a mask at all times. We have listed the "musical" on the calendar.

Please review your calendar carefully. We have added Resident Chit Chat four different times (every other Tuesday & Thursday). This is a time where you can come down to the Activity Center and meet with other residents and discuss pre-planned topics. A fun way to reconnect with one another. Per usual, face masks are required.

Saturday movie matinees have been moved to Sunday evenings at 6pm in the Cabaret Lounge. Again, first come, first serve, face masks required. The movies are listed on the calendar.

Lastly, The Renaissance Society has been in contact with us and we will be able to stream pre-recorded symposiums for your enjoyment. More to follow at later date with the name of the symposium, date and timeframe.

February Birthdays

In astrology, those born between February 1–18 are the Water Bearers of Aquarius. These deep-thinking intellectuals have big and original dreams. The world is full of possibilities, and Aquarians seek freedom in order to reach their greatest potential. Those born between February 19–28 are Pisces' Fish. Pisces are friendly, wise, and selfless, making them compassionate and generous friends. Their intuitive and romantic natures also make Fish creative and expressive artists.

George Nelson, February 3rd
Violet Dillion, February 5th
Gloria Lovelady, February 8th
Dorothy Pasley, February 19th
Gloria Soto, February 23rd
Ed Briles, February 24th

February Anniversaries

Joanne McKee – 21 years
Ruth Magaziner – 4 years
Joan McGee – 4 years
Dorothy Pasley – 2 years
Neal Imeson – 1 year
Nancy Pisarsky – 1 year



We know how much you enjoy Bingo. We offer it twice weekly. Wednesdays at 1pm and Saturdays at 1:30pm. **Please note we have changed the time from 1pm to 1:30pm on Saturdays.** Look for a new "gift" this month for the winners of blackout!



New Scam contributed by a resident

This is very clever. Give this wide distribution. This scam is very clever. Just when you thought you'd heard it all. Be very careful out there! Beware of people bearing gifts!

The following is a recounting of the incident from the victim:

I had a phone call from someone saying that he was from some outfit called: "Express Couriers," (The name could be any courier company). He asked if I was going to be home because there was a package for me that required a signature.

The caller said that the delivery would arrive at my home in roughly an hour. Sure enough, about an hour later, a uniformed delivery man turned up with a beautiful basket of flowers and a bottle of wine. I was very surprised since there was no special occasion or holiday, and I certainly didn't expect anything like it. Intrigued, I inquired as to who the sender was. The courier replied, "I don't know, I'm only delivering the package." Apparently, a greeting card was being sent separately (the card has never arrived!). There was also a consignment note with the gift.

He then went on to explain that because the gift contained alcohol, there was a \$3.50 "delivery/verification charge," providing proof that he had actually delivered the package to an adult (of legal drinking age), and not just left it on the doorstep where it could be stolen or taken by anyone, especially a minor.

This sounded logical and I offered to pay him cash. He then said that the delivery company required payment to be by credit or debit card only, so that everything is properly accounted for and this would help in keeping a legal record of the transaction. He added, "Couriers don't carry cash to avoid loss or being likely targets for robbery."

My husband, who by this time was standing beside me, pulled out his credit card and the

"delivery man" asked him to swipe the card on a small mobile card machine with a small screen and keypad. My husband was asked to enter his PIN number and a receipt was printed out. He was given a copy of the transaction. The guy said everything was in order, and wished us good day, and left.

To our horrible surprise within five days, \$4,000 had been charged/withdrawn from our credit/debit account at various ATM machines.

Apparently, the "mobile credit card machine," which the deliveryman carried, now, had all the info necessary to create a "dummy" card with all our card details including the PIN number.

Upon finding out about the illegal transactions on our card, we immediately notified the bank which issued us a new card, and our credit/debit account was closed. We also went to the police where it was confirmed that it is definitely a scam because several households had been similarly hit.

WARNING: Be wary of accepting any "surprise gift or package," which you neither expected nor personally ordered, especially if it involves any kind of payment as a condition of receiving the gift or package.

Also, never accept anything if you do not personally know, or there is no proper identification of who the sender is.

Above all, the only time you should give out any personal credit/debit card information is when you yourself initiated the purchase or transaction!

It is highly likely that anyone would be delivering packages directly to your door during this time, but this is something to think about and share with your family and friends.