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TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

APPOINTMENT TRANSPORTATION

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00am-3:00PM

Appointments must be made 48 hours in advance using the "Transportation Request Form" located at the front desk.

THURSDAY SHOPPING SHUTTLE 9:00AM-3:00PM

Loop A: Target, Walmart, Wegman's, Salon Essence Dates: 04/01,04/15 & 04/29

Loop B: Harris Teeter, LIDL, Giant, Trader Joe's, Tiffany Nail Salon Dates: 04/08 & 4/22

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE SHUTTLE 9:00AM-3:00PM

St. Theresa Catholic Church- 10:30 Mass Christian Fellowship Church- 11:00am Service St. David Episcopal Church- coming soon

Due to social distancing protocol, only 4 residents per shuttle trip.

Residents must <u>sanitize hands</u> when entering transportation vehicle and <u>wear a mask</u> at all times.



FRIENDS & FAMILY REFERRAL PROGRAM!

\$3,500 RESIDENT REFERRAL BONUS

Have you shared your love for Waltonwood lately? When you refer someone to a Waltonwood community, they'll thank you for it - and then we'll thank you for it too! Ask for details!

ASHBURN CONNECT

INDEPENDENT LIVING APRIL 2021



April is the fourth month of the year in the Gregorian calendar. It was originally the second month of the Roman calendar, before the addition of January and February. No one knows for sure how April got its name. Some say it comes from the Latin aperire, meaning "to open," alluding to the opening of buds in springtime. Others say April was named after Aphrodite or it was named for the goddess Eostre. Whatever the case, the onset of April means that spring has arrived.

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The birthstone for April is the diamond. For centuries, this stone has signified romance, intrigue, power, greed, and magic. In the Middle Ages, it was used to cure headaches and to create love potions. Today, it symbolizes everlasting love. Formed nearly 100 miles beneath Earth's surface in temperatures that exceed 2700°F, the diamond is the world's hardest naturally occurring substance.

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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

ever had?

concerts. It was an amazing experience!

Q: What is the one thing, you can't live without? A: No doubt about..... CHOCOLATE! LOL.

Q: What do you like to do in your spare time?

Q: Last question. Coffee or Tea?

A: Most definitely, coffee! :)



Name: Sue Thompson-Popper **Position:** Forever Fit Coordinator **Community:** Independent Living

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

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Hour

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Floral Arrangements with Dana

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Long & Dinner

St. Patrick's Day- Sing-A-

Spring has Sprung Happy Hour!

March Madness Happy



Q: Before working at Waltonwood, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've

A: I worked in radio and tv broadcasting for 22 years. My most interesting radio job was as a Traffic Reporter for XM Radio in Washington, DC. XM was a relatively

Q: What do you like most about being the Forever Fit Coordinator?

new company and I had a chance to meet numerous musicians and attend several

A: I LOVE helping residents get stronger. The look of personal accomplishment

when they achieve a new training goal like standing on one leg for 30 seconds or

going up in weight in my Senior Fitness class is one of the most rewarding things I've experienced in my career as a Personal Trainer! It's why I do what I do!

A: I love working out and pushing my limits with getting stronger. I also love hanging with my husband and dog, checking out new shows on Netflix.





FOREVER FIT- "A Sunny Spring" by Chris Grabowski, Senior Forever Fit Manager

Well Spring is finally here and with it comes longer days, warmer temperatures and plenty of sunshine. While there certainly may be reason to proceed cautiously and avoid overexposure to the sun's rays, there are also plenty of reasons to step out side and take some of them in. When done in moderation regular bouts of sun exposure have been shown to provide numerous benefits that can actually help enhance mood and overall wellbeing. Most people know that sunlight offers an abundance of vitamin D, but what most people don't realize is that in just 10-15 minutes of sun exposure each day you can actually achieve the FDA recommended daily allowance of 1000 IU's. Regular sunlight has also been shown to increase serotonin levels, a neurotransmitter often regarded as the chemical responsible for maintaining mood balance. By adding just a few minutes outside to your daily routine you can help ward off some of the seasonal blues that tend to set in over the dark cold winter months. So, this April do yourself a huge favor, step outside take a deep breath and let the power of the sun go to work for you! 02

LIFE ENRICHMENT CONNECT

April has arrived and with it comes **April Fool's Day** followed by **Easter Sunday**. Our first movie this month will be Charlie Wilson's War which is a drama based on a Texas congressman staring Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts.

Join us every Monday in Singh College for "Coffee & Current Events" where we discuss what's going on around town and the world. Monday is also a great day to enjoy a "light lunch" with our Men's and Women's Groups. Just ask around, there is no better way to end Monday than with a few "TED Talks" that showcase speakers presenting well formed ideas in under 18 minutes!!

Residents from the 1st & 2nd floors will get together on the first Wednesday and residents from the ground & 3rd floor will meet on the third Wednesday for a **Floor Social** in Singh College.

Come check out the new activities that have been added this month: Walking Club, **RECONNECTIONS: The Brain Health Series and THE WALTONETTE'S CHAIR DANCE TROUPE**

APRIL SPECIAL EVENTS

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Garden Club Every Wednesday 11am Garden Room

17 Lunch & Learn: Meet Friday 3pm

80's Themed Party

Dr. Goodfriend, Director, Loudoun County Health Department 3pm 1:30pm Singh College

Truck Club 26

International Jazz Day Celebration Friday **Trunk Club**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CORNER



Spring is upon us. The weather is warmer and the days are getting longer. In April, we begin to revive our outdoor areas. The fountains will be turned on. The exterior and courtyard areas will be landscaped. The trees, shrubs and plants will begin to blossom. This spring, make an effort to get outside to enjoy our beautiful property. We have many new residents joining us as well. Please reach out and introduce yourself to our new neighbors and friends. Help acclimate them to community life and welcome them to the Waltonwood family.



