

**October 21, 2021**



Dear Residents, Families and Staff,

New week I look forward to attending the annual Turner Lecture. The annual Turner Lecture, the most prestigious Dunwoody has to offer, is made possible because of a gift to Dunwoody by Howard S. Turner endowing the lecture. Residents are cordially invited to the auditorium on Thursday evening, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. The Turner lecturer will be Georgetown University Professor John Esposito. Professor Esposito will present, "What Everyone Needs to Know About Islam and Muslims". One of Professor Esposito's lectures on YouTube has been watched by 3.5 million viewers! While the Turner Lecture will be available on 1970, we are hoping for a good turnout of residents in the auditorium. Please make a reservation to attend in person through the Marketing Department.

### **Care Center Update**

#### **Staff Changes:**

We wish Wendy Hix well as her last day was yesterday Wednesday, October 20, 2021. We have contracted with an Interim Director of Nursing for a minimum of two months while we recruit a permanent Director of Nursing. We are pleased to bring a very qualified and experienced interim Director of Nursing on-board. Please welcome Susan Bankert as our Interim Director of Nursing. Susan's first day of work was on Monday, October 18, 2021. We are happy that Susan had several days to work with Wendy to make the transition as smooth as possible. Susan has done rounds with nursing administration to meet all of our Care Center residents and ensure understanding of their needs. We will continue to meet with staff on all shifts during Susan's first week so everyone can meet her. I look forward to introducing her to everyone! Additionally, Mindy Drossner, Social Service Director is no longer working for Dunwoody Village. One of our full-time social service associates, Jackie Brown has accepted the role of Interim Social Service Director. We look forward to working with Jackie in this new role. Thank you to each of you in advance for helping to make Susan feel welcome during her time at Dunwoody Village and for supporting Jackie as she transitions.

#### **Covid-19 Outbreak Status:**

Neither personal care nor skilled nursing have had any new cases of Covid-19 identified.

#### **Covid-19 Booster:**

We are happy to announce that with FDA approval, the Pfizer Covid-19 booster vaccine will be offered to all residents residing in Personal Care and Skilled Nursing on Friday, October 22, 2021 if they initially received the Pfizer vaccine and 6 months has passed since their last vaccine. Phoebe Pharmacy will administer the vaccine while escorted by Dunwoody's nursing team to ensure all residents have someone who is familiar with their needs. The Pfizer booster is the only manufacturer whose vaccine has been approved by the FDA. The Moderna booster has been partially approved and it may be fully approved as soon as 10/21/21. We will not be offering the booster to Moderna or Johnson and Johnson vaccine recipients until those boosters are FDA approved.

## **Visitation to Skilled Nursing and Personal Care:**

Neither personal care nor skilled nursing have any restrictions on when visitors can visit. In-room visitors are now limited to four visitors at a time only in the resident room. Please don't visit indoors in common areas such as hallways. Children under the age of 12 may now visit in a resident's room by requesting a compassionate visit through the social service department. All indoor visitors must be screened for Covid-19 upon entrance to the Care Center, and all visitors to personal care and skilled nursing must wear a surgical mask at all times during the visit, including while you are visiting in residents' rooms. Visitors are not permitted to eat or drink during indoor visits. Outdoor visits are also allowed without restriction. Children under the age of 12 are permitted to visit outdoors without requesting a compassionate visit and eating and drinking is permitted outdoors.

## **Accushield**

Accushield will soon be our new electronic check-in system for staff and guests. The set-up of the system is moving quickly and training will begin next week for key users. The system is very user friendly. We will begin using the system on Tuesday November 2, 2021.

## **Health & Wellness**

### **Exercise**

Due to increasingly chilly weather, we will move yoga and Tai Chi classes inside beginning in November. Please continue to schedule your slot by calling 610-359-4456. Masks do not have to be worn inside the fitness center. We will continue to hold the classes on 1970.

### **Fire Safety surveys**

Please submit your surveys to the H+W department by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Special Events**

### **Halloween**

Please join us for a Halloween Party on Wednesday October 27, 4:30 p.m. We will have two bars operational: one in its current location and one in the hallway near the Club Room. Food will be available from the current buffet dinner location, and in the hallway /corridor near the Marketing office. Seating is available in the Auditorium and former Gift shop. If you attend the party, that will be considered your meal that day. Only residents not attending the party may get home meal delivery. Please call the Dining Room at 610-359-4433 Thursday October 21 or Friday October 22 between 2 and 3 p.m. to reserve your home meal delivery. At the time of your call, staff will inform you of menu choices. The menu will also appear on Ch. 1970 for advance viewing. The Terrace Dining Room will be closed as will the To-Go pick up from the Village Grill. Costumes are suggested but not required.

Also please find a flyer attached with a list of events for the Care Center. It will be a fun week!

## **Dining**

### **Meal Options**

If you need a meal option for the day, please indicate this when you call the Daily Check-In at 610-359-4410 or request it in writing when sending an email to [checkin@dunwoody.org](mailto:checkin@dunwoody.org). Please do not contact the dining room or kitchen with this request.

**Terrace Dining**

Due to limited staffing, The Terrace Dining Room is now a reservation only venue. Please call 610-359-4433 no later than 3pm the day before you would like a reservation. If no one answers, leave your first and last name and how many are at your table. You may only book one table a day. This will be a first come first served reservation system. Hours of service are 5:30pm-7:30pm Monday-Friday. Reminder, the Terrace dining room is now closed on Saturday nights. The Village Grill will remain open for To-Go meals at 5:30 p.m.

**Auditorium Dining**

Dinner service is now offered in the Auditorium 5pm thru 7pm. The buffet will close at 6:30 to ensure we are cleaned up before the 7:30pm programs. Please be sure to be served by 6:30pm. Thank you!

**Gift Shop**

Effective October 18, the gift shop moved to C-223. Hours will remain the same: M-F 11AM – 2PM. Please come check out the new space!

**Construction Update**

EIFS continues on the exterior of the building, and the west and south walls should be wrapped up. Stone work will begin next week on the west wall. The retaining wall on the west side should be completed in the coming days and then the area will be graded and sidewalks installed.

Inside of the building, work on the domestic water system continues. The new generator is being started and tested and tied into the building. A/V work is beginning in the auditorium, and lights are being installed in preparation for hanging drywall.

Best Regards,  
Maureen