

**September 30, 2021**



Dear Residents, Families and Staff,

Margaritaville Week is in full swing with two fabulous parties already occurring in the tent for residents residing in Skilled Nursing and Personal Care. There were frozen drinks in colored Margarita glasses with pretty little drink umbrellas, cheeseburger sliders, and festive decorations. And of course, the relaxed tunes of Jimmy Buffett played in the back ground! This week at Dunwoody we proved that Margaritaville is not a place, it's a state of mind! We have one more event Thursday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> in the Lobby Lounge 4:30 to 7:30. Many thanks to the Activities and Dining Team who partnered to make this enjoyable for all who attended!

Cedars East will reopen on October 7<sup>th</sup> if no further cases of COVID-19 are identified. Please be reminded of our Visitor Policy for Skilled Nursing and Personal Care; visitors must complete a COVID-19 screening prior to entering, all visitors must wear a mask and visitor sticker at all times, visitors may not eat/drink during a visit, no more than 2 visitors to a room and visits should be kept to 1 hour. There are no active cases of COVID-19 in Residential Living but some residents are quarantining due to close contact. Visitors in Residential Living must complete a COVID-19 screening prior to entering, all visitors must wear a mask and visitor sticker while traveling through common spaces and visitors should not socialize in common spaces. Our policies are in place to keep residents and staff safe and to reduce risk of exposure and outbreaks. We ask that you remind visitors of our policies if they are not following them.

Please join me in thanking the Dunwoody Village team and the Dunwoody at Home team for being fully vaccinated on October 1<sup>st</sup>! We will be having celebrations for the staff on that day, honoring staff on each shift and in each department. Celebrations begin with our Night Shift at 11pm on September 30<sup>th</sup>! We also have a surprise in store! Staff is invited to wear their "Dunwoody Gear" to show our unity. We are very appreciative of all the work and sacrifices our incredible staff has made the last 18 months. *Please remember to drop off/send in your Thank You notes to Administration.* Together we are **One Dunwoody!**

### **Skilled Nursing**

Congratulations to the team in Skilled Nursing! *CMS Nursing Home Compare* which uses quality data, staffing data and health inspection reports to provide ratings to all nursing homes, rates Dunwoody with a **5 Star Overall Rating**, the highest rating available. We are also 5 Star for Staffing and 5 Star for Quality; today the newest CMS report rates Dunwoody as a 4 Star for Health Inspections increasing from our previous rating of 3 Stars! This is a result of our most recent Health Inspection Survey, resulting in only one deficiency which is especially impressive coming out of potentially the most difficult year ever in healthcare. We also share our appreciation with Wendy Hix, Director of Nursing, who announced recently that she will be leaving Dunwoody to take the next step in her career. Working as a Director of Nursing during the COVID-19 pandemic was a heavy weight and a tremendous challenge. Best wishes Wendy!

### **COVID-19 Booster Shots:**

We are in the process of finalizing a schedule for both residents and staff and will share the dates in the October 7th memo.

## **Dining**

This Friday October 1st we will not offer Resident Lunch To-Go. The Tent will be closed for an employee party. Thank You for your understanding. The Margaritaville Party will take place in the Lobby Lounge tonight, Thursday September 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 7:30. Enjoy Complimentary Sun Kissed Strawberry and Long Beach Lime Margaritas!

## **Supply Chain Challenges**

We want to make you aware of ongoing supply chain issues that may impact services and/or amenities:

**Dining Services:** Various foods/beverages and container products continue to be an issue. They are in and out of stock and we anticipate issues into the foreseeable future.

**Environmental Services:** We are unable to purchase Blackfin or Yellowfin linens, due to staffing issues. We are now experiencing issues with orders from China. We continue to source from other vendors but brand and/or color of our linens may change without notice due to availability.

**Facilities:** light fixtures, electrical wiring and boxes, appliances and appliance repair parts. This may result in delays with repairs and renovations.

## **Residential Living**

Apartment HVAC and Dryer vent cleaning will start on Friday 10/1 and take roughly 6 months to complete. You do not have to be home for this to take place. Letters will go out by area as they move around the campus. If you want to be there, the letter will give information to make an appointment.

## **Fitness Schedule – Saturday class offered!**

### **Saturday October 2nd- Richard McKenzie**

10:50- 11:20- Tai Chi- Skilled Activity Room

11:30- 12:00- Outdoor Tai Chi- Please call the Pool to sign up!

## **Gift Shop**

The Gift Shop will relocate to Apt C 223 the first week of October to accommodate dining seating.

## **Residential Living Dining**

Indoor dining will begin Tuesday Oct 12th. Tent service will stop after dinner Monday Oct 11th. Dinner seating will be available in the Auditorium, Gift Shop, and Lobby Lounge. Food stations will be set up buffet style outside the Auditorium with service beginning at 5 p.m. When 7:30pm programs are scheduled, please plan to arrive at dinner by 6:10 p.m. so clean up can occur before the programs begin. China, glassware, and silverware will return. The Village Grill To-Go and Terrace Dining Room service will continue to open at 5:30 p.m.

## **Construction Update:**

On the exterior of the addition, the eifs (exterior insulated finish system) continues to be applied. The dark coat is the first coat and the finish will more closely match the existing color of the building. The framer is installing wood blocking on the roof, and the mechanical contractor is beginning to set roof top curbs in preparation for the flat roof, which is due at the end of October. Inside of the building work in the mechanical room progresses. We are preparing the equipment to turn the heat back on and then we will focus on the domestic water service in the mechanical room.

Best regards, Maureen