

6/24/2025

We apologize: Due to the power outage, this memo was not distributed on 6/20/2025 as scheduled.

Dear Residents, Families and Staff:

This was a busy week! Wednesday the Dunwoody staff enjoyed a delicious picnic lunch and a DJ. It is great to provide some time for our team to relax, share a meal and socialize. We appreciate our experienced, dedicated and kind staff. Thank you for all that you do for our residents and for each other! The staff extend their deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks to our residents who collected a record amount for the Employee Appreciation Fund this spring. Many thanks to Len Magargee who leads this effort on behalf of our residents. The Employee Appreciation Fund is a fund to which residents and families contribute to thank the staff for their excellent care and service. The monetary gifts, distributed to staff based on hours worked, were shared with staff during the Staff Picnic. Thank you again to our residents and families for your generosity. We also had a wonderful resident picnic. It was a fun, social event with traditional picnic fare “but no ants” as one resident joked! We also celebrated Juneteenth yesterday, June 19th. Also known as Juneteenth Independence Day or Freedom Day, it is a holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. It specifically marks the day, June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers informed enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, of their freedom, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation. This event is seen as the effective end of slavery in the United States, though the 13th Amendment officially abolished slavery later. In 2021, Juneteenth was officially recognized as a federal holiday, expanding its observance nationwide.

Health & Wellness – Heat Advisory

Please be aware of the current heat advisory from now through next week. Temperatures outside may feel in excess of 100 degrees. Staying outside for even a short time can cause trouble breathing, dehydration and heat stroke. Heatstroke signs and symptoms include:

- High body temperature.
- Confusion, agitation, slurred speech, irritability, delirium.
- Skin will feel hot and dry to the touch and may turn red.
- Nausea and vomiting.
- Rapid breathing.
- Racing heart rate.

Take immediate action if you are experiencing these symptoms by calling 911 and pressing your pendant.

- You can help by:
- Getting into shade or going indoors.
- Remove excess clothing.
- Cool yourself by with a cool tub of water or a cool shower, sponge with cool water, fan while misting with cool water, or place ice packs or cold, wet towels on the head, neck, armpits and groin.

Tips from your friends in the Health and Wellness Department:

- Remain indoors in the air conditioning as much as possible.
- Drink plenty of water and wear lightweight clothing.
- If you must be outside with a pet, please limit your time to the bare minimum and avoid being in direct sunlight.
- The concrete or blacktop can burn a pet’s pads during times of excessive heat.
- Do not leave people or pets sitting in a parked car.
- Please wear your pendant and call for assistance if you are feeling ill.
- Check in with your friends and family.

Dunwoody Village and LeadingAge PA

Congratulations to Kim LaFountain, Director of Health & Wellness, Adrienne Stevens, Director of Personal Care and Dunwoody at Home, and Gail Volz, Personal Care Social Worker, who recently delivered an informative presentation on the Transitional Care Model (TCM) Phase 2 at the 2025 LeadingAge PA Conference. It was an honor to have our team represent Dunwoody Village at this important event. We're excited to share that this presentation will also be offered to the Dunwoody Village community at a later date. Stay tuned!

We are thrilled to share that Julia McCartha, Director of Dining Services, successfully completed the LeadingAge PA Fellows in Leadership program and was awarded a diploma of achievement. The Fellows of Leadership program is a prestigious, year-long initiative designed to cultivate visionary leaders within the field of aging services. It emphasizes strategic innovation, person-centered practices, and collaborative leadership to drive positive change across senior living communities. Julia shared, *"This experience has truly deepened my passion for serving residents. I'm grateful for the opportunity to grow both personally and professionally, and I look forward to bringing fresh ideas and perspectives back to our community."* We are proud to have supported Julia throughout this journey, and we celebrate her commitment to excellence. Her participation reflects our organization's dedication to investing in leadership development and ensuring that our residents benefit from forward-thinking, compassionate care.

Dining Services - Friday July 4th

Dining Services will operate on normal dining hours, serving lunch and dinner as scheduled. Residents can enjoy a special July 4th dinner menu.

New Door by East Country Homes and Woodlea

This week, we completed the installation of a new fire door on the corridor near Woodlea and the entrance to the East Country Homes. This fire door is required per the Department of Health. It will be held open on a magnetic holder and connected to our fire alarm system to be closed automatically upon the sounding of our fire alarms. In addition to this door, we added a store front door exiting to outside as an additional means of emergency egress. This door will be locked from the outside at all times and primarily used for emergency purposes.

Verizon Notice

We have been made aware of the communication residents have been receiving from Verizon. If you have a Verizon landline/telephone line, you may have received a notice regarding upgrading wiring and potential disruption of services. We have been in contact with Verizon to discuss these upgrades and ensure no disruption of service will occur. You do not need to do anything further at this time.

WIFI

The installation of the WIFI project will be on a temporary hold as we look into some hardware issues. The issues recently discovered are not related to any functionality, only needed quantities and location distribution. Please continue to submit any WIFI connectivity issues via Worxhub on the Touchtown/Uniguest portal.

Infection Control

No Residential nor any Care Center residents have tested positive for COVID at this time. No employees are positive. If you have received a recent COVID or other vaccine outside of Dunwoody, please inform Health & Wellness so that your records are up to date.

Best regards,
Maureen