

September 19, 2025

Hope everyone has a chance to enjoy this weekend as we celebrate the last days of summer where day time temperatures are still warm and the evenings begin to chill. Monday, September 22nd is the autumnal equinox, when daylight and night are of equal length. As daylight hours decrease and the temperatures start to drop, nature will change our landscape to a canvas of color as the leaves turn to yellow, bright red and orange. Halloween is around the corner! Start preparing your costume for the October event.

Bring Some Paws-itive Energy! 🐾

Do you and your pet love spreading joy? We're looking for residents who would like to volunteer for pet therapy visits! Our Care Center and Personal Care residents absolutely light up when they get to spend time with furry friends, and you and your pet could help brighten their day. If you'd like to join in or want more details, email or call Amanda Markowitz at amarkowitz@dunwoody.org or (610) 723-4766. We'd love to have you and your pet be part of this special program!

Dining

Chef Update in Dining Services

We're excited to share that Chef Sean, from Culinesse Consultants, has joined us on campus to collaborate with our Dining Services team. His culinary expertise will help bring new flavors and creative touches to your dining experience. In addition, Chef Dennis will be assisting in our Care Kitchen to support daily service. We're looking forward to the delicious improvements ahead!

Root Beer Floats

The Root Beer Float Social, originally planned for Monday, September 22nd, will be rescheduled to a later date. We will share the new date and time as soon as it is confirmed. Thank you for your understanding.

Italian Night Dinner

Please join us on Monday, September 29th, from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. for a festive Italian Night Dinner, featuring Luigi and Giovanni Caterers. Seating will be available in the Fox Den, Hearthside, and the Auditorium. Multiple food stations will be set up in the Lobby, offering a variety of Italian specialties. Wine-only stations will be available in the Lobby and the Auditorium. The Fox Den bar will remain open for other beverage options. Menu selections can be viewed on Touchtown. This special evening promises delicious cuisine, lively atmosphere, and the opportunity to enjoy an authentic Italian dining experience with friends and neighbors.

Important Note: To ensure the best dining experience, no pick-up or takeout containers will be available during the Italian Night dinner.

Care Center

Our flu clinic was held on Thursday, October 18, and was a great success. A total of 122 flu vaccines were given to Skilled and Personal Care residents.

On Monday, Skilled nursing had the opportunity to share with Devon Prep students what life at Dunwoody Village is like for our long-term residents. Tory Barr RN, a Unit Manager, met with a group of 8th grade students at Devon Prep in preparation for their up-coming volunteer project here at Dunwoody. Tory presented some common reasons a resident would require skilled care, described the roles of our interdisciplinary team and how each team member plays a part. She explained our Montessori program, sharing how purposeful activities are a big part of life at Dunwoody. She even brought some Montessori materials, a walker and wheelchair for a hands-on experience for these students. We are grateful to have Tory share her knowledge with these young men!

Health and Wellness

A total of 201 residential residents received the flu vaccine at our clinic this week. Residents who did not receive a flu vaccine at our clinic may receive it on Monday, September 22nd, between 10am and 12:00 noon in Health and Wellness. If you are not available on Monday, you can go to any pharmacy and request the vaccine. Please notify Health and Wellness so we can update your records if you do receive it off campus. We will be holding a COVID vaccine clinic in the future and will communicate the date as soon as we secure it with our pharmacy.

Human Resources Update

Human Resources has had a busy week from the recruitment perspective. We're pleased to report that new team members will join dining services, laundry, and care center teams in the very near future. Interviews are continuing for an executive chef, the Director of Campus Operations, the Personal Care Administrator, cooks, and registered nurses. HR is hosting its next job fair in the auditorium on 10/08/2025.

Employee Flu Vaccines Available Beginning Today

All employees are reminded that annual flu vaccines are required for continued employment (unless a religious or medical exemption has been approved – deadline to request is 10/15/2025. Please see HR for the required form).

The vaccines are free if received at Dunwoody Village. Vaccine clinics are being held at various times in the Fairlee Education Center beginning today and running through 10/06/2025. A flyer will be posted throughout the building with all the dates and times. More clinics may be held after 10/06/2025 if necessary. Employees may also obtain their vaccines elsewhere if preferred – they simply need to provide a dated medical note showing that the vaccination was received.

This year's deadline for employees to receive the flu vaccine is Friday 10/31/2025.

Best regards,
Maureen