

March 6, 2026

Dear Residents, Families and Staff:

Are you ready for St. Patrick's Day? Since everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day, Dunwoody Village has many ways to celebrate.

St. Patrick's Day Specials in Our Gift Shop

Our gift shop is now featuring ***Oh Ryan's Irish Potatoes and Christopher Chocolates***. Fun fact – Christopher's grandparents first established the business in 1984 and named the shop after their grandson, Christopher. The Irish potatoes are named after Christopher's younger brother Ryan. The Gift Shop is open 11:00am – 2:00pm Monday through Friday and 5:00pm – 7:00pm on Wednesdays! Don't delay, these sweet treats are selling fast!

St. Patrick's Day Events

Join us in the Auditorium on Tuesday, March 17th at 2:30 to experience the beauty and artistry of the McDade-Cara School of Irish Dance. The original founder, Maureen McDade McGrory who dedicated a lifetime to dance, was inducted into the North American Feis Commission Hall of Fame in 2003 and the Delaware Valley Irish Hall of Fame in 2004. McDade-Cara is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the tradition of Irish step and figure dancing. Dining Services will feature appetizers in the Lobby with an Irish coffee station immediately following the performance. Bring your treats to the Fox Den immediately following the Irish Dancers for more good craic and Irish music featuring Dunwoody's own Steve O'Ruzansky along with other Dunwoody residents. An Irish themed meal will be featured at dinner. Be sure to wear your green! Slainte!

Dining Services

The Trolley Stop has been refreshed with more selections. The ice cream station now includes candy, cones, egg creams and root beer floats. The pizza station was enhanced with fresh dough and homemade sauce. At lunch, there are fresh specialty sandwiches that can be heated in the oven along with composed salad options. At dinner time, you will see more rounding throughout the dining venues and servers being trained on steps of service and food delivery. We also have implemented new china in Hearthside and refreshed the pasta station to improve quality and temperature. The clinical team is auditing and reviewing diets and consistencies in the Care Center.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the Hershey's scooping event today and found a favorite flavor (or two)!

Health & Wellness

Join us in the Fitness Center for a new class, **Cardio in Motion**, every Monday and Wednesday 10:20-10:50am. The class includes a warm-up, 20 minutes of continuous movement to challenge your cardiovascular system, and a cool down. If you have questions or would like to observe the class before participating, please contact Karen McFee, Fitness Manager, in person, via phone or through email. The Fitness Center's indoor **Walking on Wednesday** will be held on March 11, 10:30-11:00am. Meet at the Fitness Center and wear comfortable sneakers!

Maintenance Alert

A vendor will be here to clean the West Country sewerage system between 10am-11am on Tuesday, March 10th. During this time, there will be hose that will extend across the walkway from Door 10 to the sewer pit. Please avoid this area during this time.

HR – Payroll Deduction for Food Purchases

Don't forget about PAYROLL DEDUCTION for meals in Dining Services! Forms are available in the kiosk outside of HR and on computer desktops in "HR Employee Forms." Once completed (*please legibly print your name, department, and phone number*), the form can be given to HR to review and then will be sent to accounting for final processing. This process should be completed within 2 business days. You will be able to see your dining services charges on your pay statement under the code "LUNCH"

Infection Control

We continue to see cases of Influenza A in the Independent Living community. Please report all respiratory or cold symptoms to the Health and Wellness Department. If you are symptomatic, please wear a mask if you must leave your home. When you choose to come out of your home when you are ill, you cause further exposure to our community. We are recommending that you notify Health and Wellness so that you can be swabbed. The more we work together, the faster we clear the flu from our community.

Safety & Security

I will never email you to ask you to buy gift cards. No other Dunwoody staff member will ever email you to ask you to buy gift cards. It's not likely that Dunwoody residents, friends or family will email you, or text, or call to ask you to buy gift cards, or to send money. And unfortunately, no one is lucky enough to win the foreign lottery...especially when you didn't play the foreign lottery. If you receive emails, texts or calls such as this, do not respond and do not make any purchases nor transfer any money, for any reason. If you are unsure, call the person who supposedly sent it, call a friend or call a family member. They can help to confirm it is a scam!

Best regards,

Maureen