



October 2021

Message From Ellen

Three cheers for October and the beginning of the fall season! I love fall, from the changing beauty of our great state to the cooler weather, and to the start of the holiday season. We are welcoming fall at Forest Ridge with the return of soup sales in the Country Store and scenic drives to see the fall colors. Check out your calendars for special fall activities. We had an excellent summer, and I am excited to see what the next several months have in store for us with events and activities.

I have some news regarding our Forest Ridge team to share, which falls under the category of good news/bad news. Jocelyn Getsy, our Resident Services Coordinator, is leaving Forest Ridge and moving to Arizona. This has been a dream of Jocelyn's for some time, derailed by COVID, but now becoming a reality. Jocelyn joined us last November and quickly became an integral part of our leadership team. I am grateful she provided extensive notice thus allowing the opportunity to train our new Resident Services Coordinator. I am pleased to announce Shay Gee has

been promoted to this role! Shay has been our Lifestyle Coordinator for over a year, having been promoted from a Resident Care Assistant. Shay quickly learned the activities' role and has developed wonderful programs, events and activities for Forest Ridge. Assuming the position of Resident Services Coordinator is a good opportunity for Shay to further her career, although it is bittersweet for her. I know she is greatly going to miss the regular interaction with you all, but she will still have a strong connection, just in a different capacity. The Resident Services Coordinator manages the front desk team and operations as well as all financial aspects, including processing rent, meal and housekeeping checks, coordinating work orders, and processing all purchases. Shay will also be the first contact for resident concerns and will help with problem solving. I'm confident Shay will do well in this leadership role and hope you join me in congratulating her!

We welcome Kristina Kressel to the position of Lifestyle Coordinator! Kristina will be starting sometime in

mid-October, and both Shay and I will work with her to bring her up to speed and keep all the great activities and events moving. Kristina has a wonderfully cheerful personality, lots of energy, and is very excited to join our team – I am sure you all will quickly bond with her!

Another announcement I have is a change in our leasing role. Char Scherer, our Director of Community Services, will be leaving Forest Ridge. Char is taking a sabbatical of sorts to have time to spend with family and to pursue special interests she has. Char started in March and has worked tirelessly providing tours and leasing new homes to dozens of residents. She has a heart for working with seniors and I am sad to see her leave us, but I support her plans for herself and wish her the very best. Char will be here on a part-time basis for a few weeks in October. We are currently interviewing candidates for this position, and I will be providing leasing coverage upon Char's departure.

Finally, a quick update on the construction of Epoch II: we have entered phase III which is the long-term phase of the final site prep and construction of the addition! The Millennium parking lot will be closed during this process, the remaining lots are open. The Kelm Road entrance to

our main entrance is permanently closed, however access to the Legacy entrance remains open; primary access to Forest Ridge is off Forest Home Avenue. We have no start date on the interior remodeling project – stay tuned!

I will be off the week of September 27th completing my move into my new home! I will see you upon my return on Monday, October 4th.

Maintenance Notes

Maintenance technicians Tim and Chloe have the following requests and reminders to share:

- If reporting an issue with one of the shared washers or dryers, please provide specifics if you can; for example, if the washing machine is not draining, or the drying is not heating
- Please break down boxes prior to placing in the recycling rooms

Underground Parking

Parking in the garages is available to residents at no additional charge based upon availability.

The vehicle parked must be registered at our front desk and have a parking tag visible (usually hung from the rear-view mirror). Only vehicles registered to and driven by residents

are allowed. Vehicles in handicapped parking spaces must have an appropriate handicapped sign displayed either on the license plate, or on the review mirror. Temporary signs that have expired do not qualify a vehicle for using a handicapped spot. Please be considerate of our residents who need these limited spaces and only request a handicapped spot if necessary. Non-running vehicles may not be stored anywhere on our property, including in underground or surface parking spaces.

Residents must use their underground parking spot at all times, reserving outside surface parking for visitors, service providers, prospective residents, vendors, etc.

Window Washing & Fall Preparation

Fish Window Cleaning will be here the week of October 11 to wash the inside of apartment and common area windows. A notice will be provided a week before with the schedule for each wing. Residents need not be home for this service. As a reminder, due to the construction, only the inside of windows will be washed this year.

In conjunction with this, our maintenance technicians will be placing a/c covers on the units and replacing furnace filters in the Millennium and Epoch apartments. These tasks will take approximately 2

weeks to fully complete. Time for us to get ready fall and winter!

October Activity Highlights

- Bingo at Greendale American Legion Post 416
- October Birthday Party Celebration
- Wine Down Wednesday
- Popcorn Social
- Halloween Sugar Cookies Decorating
- Memory Minders Presentation w/ Jill Hoven ((Everyday memory techniques)
- Milwaukee County Transit Presentation

October Restaurant Outings

- Olive Garden
- Bass Bay Brewhouse
- Honey Butter Café
- Wegner’s St Martins Inn

October Entertainment

- Craig Sieman

Welcome Home

Please join us in welcoming the following new residents to Forest Ridge! May your new life here bring you happiness for many years!

Welcome to the Founders wing:

Linda Slay & Justin Slay 201W
Pam Schambow – 205W (internal move)
John Krzeminski – 202E
Mary Chamberlain – 309N
Francis Zemski – 202W

Welcome to the Epoch wing:

Rev. DJ Stokes – W111 (internal move)

Welcome to the Legacy wing:

Judy Wasmund – E225
Victoria Winkler – E221
Patricia Dreckmann – E312
Carol Curzon – E124 (internal move)
Clarence & Theresa Zelinski – E318

September Activities Highlights

**Eileen Roth & Rosemarie Vokes
Craft project**



**Mary Swanson & Carol Yahn
Playing the Game of Pool**



Crafty Ladies

As we welcome fall and say goodbye to summer, I'm excited to announce Forest Ridge Knitting Club has returned with a new name, (Crafty Ladies). Crafty Ladies are welcoming new members such as crocheters, needle workers, crafters, and knitters. Every year Crafty Ladies collects donations of mittens, hats, gloves, and scarves, to be given to the homeless and needy. Starting October 7 thru November 30th, you can drop off your items at the front desk. Crafty Ladies is held every other Thursday at 6pm starting October 7th, in the Art & Design room located on the 3rd floor Founders.

Milwaukee County Transit System

Milwaukee Transit System will be visiting Forest Ridge **Wednesday, October 11th from 10:00-11:30am.** Jo-Ellen and Chris will be hosting this presentation in our main dining room. Some of you have probably noticed, Hales Corners has a new bus route, 28, that passes Forest Ridge on Forest Home Ave. If you are interested in learning more about this route and would like to experience riding on the bus, please sign-up on the ledge the week before they are schedule to visit Forest Ridge.

Stampin'Up / Connie

You are no longer required to sign-up or submit a payment to the front desk for Stampin' Up; sign-up sheets will be on the activity sign-up ledge and your \$5.00 payment for the class will be given directly to class leader Connie the day of the class. It's simple ink stamping and pasting precut forms on cardstock prepared for you to add the finishing touches. Stampin' Up is held every 2nd Monday of the month at 2:30 in the Art & Design room, 3rd floor Founders.

Forest Ridge Hearing Clinic

Every 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:45am, Margie from Hearing with Care holds a Hearing Clinic in our

Wellness Center located on the 1st floor near the dining room. If you are interested in receiving service or have questions regarding hearing loss, please sign-up to schedule an appointment. Sign-up sheet is kept on the ledge in the dining room.

Writer's Club

Stories written by Forest Ridge residents are printed each month in connection with the publication of the newsletter. Copies of each month's publication are available at the following locations:

Dining Room: Wall pocket by the announcement (bulletin)

Mailboxes- Epoch, Millennium, and legacy wings. If you are inclined to express comments or write your own experience or ideas, do so and deliver them to Donna Gorrell, W211, or to dgorrell@stcloudstate.edu

New Residents Tours

If you are a new resident and are interested in becoming familiar with where activities are held in Forest Ridge, well this tour is for you. A monthly tour for new residents is offered, check your calendar for date, time on where we meet for the tour. This is a great opportunity for a personal tour to "learn the ropes"!

Country Store

Visit our convenient Country Store here at Forest Ridge. Our Country Store is located on the 1st floor, where the Founders/Legacy and Millennium wings intersect. We offer items such as bread, milk, soda, eggs, juice, soup, microwaveable sandwiches, pizza, ice cream, snacks, bananas, etc..... Check the bottom of your calendar for store hours.

If you are interested in volunteering, we are currently looking for volunteers to work the store **Thursdays** and **Fridays** each week or at your convenience. Training is provided!

Happy Anniversary



Myong Hoskins, Food Service Team Lead – 5 Years with Forest Ridge!

When you see a flash run past you, chances are it is Myong! Our incredibly hard-working team lead celebrated five years in August. Myong is always looking for ways to please our diners and she puts her whole heart and sole into our dining program. Myong and her husband

recently moved to Waterford, and she has been busy landscaping their new home and hopefully fitting in a Harley ride here and there! **Thank you** Myong, for all you do!



Bruce Oelke, Forest Ridge Driver

We celebrated Bruce’s 4-year anniversary with Forest Ridge. Bruce is one of those team members who never calls in, always fills-in, and is 100% dedicated to providing safe and fun transportation to our residents. The attention to detail and amount of extra work he does behind the scenes, that no one sees, is amazing. Thank you, Bruce for your unending commitment to the residents of Forest Ridge and your fellow team members! May your casino visits on your time off be fruitful!

Mrs. Van Dinter (aka Linda Enk) returns from her honeymoon on October 4th; we are hoping she will provide pictures from her September 18th wedding to Peter that we can post on the bulletin board for all to enjoy. Congratulations Linda!

Suggestion Boxes

We have two suggestion boxes for your ideas for activities; one is located by the mailboxes in the Legacy wing and another at the front desk. Please share your ideas for activities and watch for them to be added to a future calendar!

Love Where You Live?

Resident referrals are the highest compliment! If you love where you live, share your thoughts with others. If a new resident indicates you are the referral source, you will earn a \$500 rent credit!

Set Up AutoPay!

Did you ever have to rush to the front desk, realizing you forgot to pay your rent? Have you been asked to re-write your check because the writing isn't legible, or the amount is wrong? Why not set up autopay and never

have to worry about your rent getting paid on time, correctly, each month. There are two easy options to set up autopay:

- Check with your bank and see if they offer this service
- Set-up autopay through the Wimmer Communities website via Rent Café. All you need is an email address so we can send the information which will guide you through the steps. You can ask a trusted friend or family member to help you, or our own Nanlee from the front desk will help!

Please talk with Shay about the options and make your life a little easier with one less thing to worry about.

Dealing With Packages

Retrieving packages ordered online has been a challenge for some residents. Unfortunately, delivery services such as FedEx, UPS and Amazon refuse to deliver packages as addressed, which it directly to your apartment.

We will try and support you in having our bus drivers, Bruce and Steve, provide *limited* package deliveries on Mondays and Thursdays (excluding holidays). **Please**, if you can retrieve

items you have ordered yourself, continue to do so. Deliveries by our team will be fit in between bus commitments and the time is limited. Oversized/heavy packaged (over 20lbs) will not be delivered; please plan to have family or others assist you if you make these types of purchases. Bus driving has priority and special trips may preclude delivery on a day.

Kindly ask your visitors to use designated parking spots only.

Reminders

- Please feel free to post items for sale on the bulletin board by the dining room; please date your notice and remove when the item is sold.
- Want to start a new card club, or game, or some other gathering with your neighbors? Feel free to post your interest on the bulletin board! Our dining room is available to residents during non-mealtimes as a gathering place for these types of activities; you also may use any of the lounge areas located throughout Forest Ridge.
- Visitor parking is allowed in actual striped parking spaces; parking is not allowed along the drive into Epoch or any other drive area.



David Larsen (husband of Ruth, married 70 years) – 306E

Janet Siettmann; Janet was a volunteer at Forest Ridge, part of the dynamic duo with Wanda, creating our dining table centerpieces; she also was instrumental in starting the Knitting Club.

Our sincere condolences to their families and loved ones on their loss