

November 11, 2022

Dear Residents, Families & Staff:

Happy Veterans Day! Today, we are pleased to host our resident and staff veterans at our flag raising ceremony and luncheon. We offer our gratitude to veterans living and working at Dunwoody Village and across the United States of America. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the guns fell silent and an armistice was reached between the U.S. led Allies and Germany, declaring a cessation to hostilities on the western front. Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” to honor the anniversary of the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans —living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Gerald Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date. The military men and women who serve and protect the United States come from all walks of life; they are parents, grandparents, children, friends, neighbors and coworkers, and are an important part of our community. According to the Department of Veteran Affairs statistics, updated in June of 2022:

- There are approximately 19.2 million veterans living in the United States.
- Female veterans number 2 million.
- Veterans who served during World War II (1941-1945) number 2.6 million.
- Veterans who served during the Korean War (1950-1953) number 1 million.
- Veterans who served during the Vietnam War era (1964-1975) number 6.1 million.
- Veterans who served during the Gulf War (1990-1991) number 8.2 million.
- Veterans who served in peacetime number 4.2 million.

We are eternally grateful to all Veterans who have served, or are currently serving, in any branch of the military. You bravely represent our country so that we can remain the home of the free. The United States of American is built on your courage. You are an example to all of us and demonstrate the importance of sacrifice. You willingly offered your service, for the benefit of your fellow Americans. We thank you for your dedication, your strength, and your commitment to our country. We are so proud of our Dunwoody Veterans!

Thanksgiving Reservations

Dining has available reservations for the Hearthside Dining Room for Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 24th at 11:30am or 12:30pm. Reservation instructions are located on Touchtown and on the Dunwoody website: www.dunwoody.org on the home page under “ Additional information.”

DVRA Bazaar

All are welcome and encouraged to attend the annual Dunwoody Village Resident Association Holiday Bazaar! The eagerly awaited Bazaar will be held on Thursday November 17th from 9am until 3pm in the auditorium. Early shopping hours are available for staff from 8am until 9am. There are so many wonderful items for sale: Arts and Crafts, Floral Creations, Baked Goods, Attic Treasures, Wildlife Items, Jewelry, Plants, Raffle tickets for Baskets of Cheer, Bird Houses on the Silent Auction, and much, much more! Bring cash and your holiday gift list! Wrapping is also available. Hearthside will be open for lunch and accepts credit cards. Residents may charge guest meals using their meal plan or may charge guests meals to their monthly bill.

Masks are required for all residents, staff and guests while shopping in the auditorium.

COVID-19

One Residential resident has tested positive for COVID and is on quarantine. Nine residents residing in skilled nursing tested positive and are on quarantine. Eight employees are positive and at home on isolation. Due to the number of employees who tested positive, we have started testing all care staff yesterday and are happy to say we have not had any positive cases.

Hallway Closures

The hallway from the J building to Hearthside and the auditorium will be closed starting Friday, November 11th at 7:00am and will re-open at 7:00am on Tuesday, November 15th so that ceramic tile and LVT floors can be installed. From the Village, you may access Hearthside dining by using the outside doors near the main reception desk and re-enter through the Memorial Garden Hallway or use the lower level "Furniture Hallway", past the salon, to the Woodlea Elevator and then use Memorial Garden Hallway.

Mandatory Flu Vaccine for all Employees

The flu vaccine is mandatory for all employees. Flu clinics will be held:

- November 11th from 10:00am – 2:00 pm in the boardroom
- November 18th from 11:00am – 3:00pm in the auditorium
- November 22nd from 1:30pm – 4:00pm in the auditorium

Flu vaccines are also available in the Fairlee Education Center and for off shifts by the nursing supervisor.

Construction

On the lower level of the project, doors and hardware are being installed and walls are being final painted. The operable partition in the meeting room has been installed and tested, and cabinets and countertops are being installed in the resale shop. On the upper level, kitchen equipment is being connected and tested. Flooring is ongoing in the J building hallway as well as the main lobby and Fox Den, and ceramic wall tile is being installed in multiple areas. The main desk is being installed in the lobby, as well as trim throughout the upper level. We are just a few weeks away from completion!

Best regards,

Maureen