

December 30, 2022

Dear Residents, Families & Staff:

Happy Kwanzaa! Kwanzaa is celebrated this year from December 26th through January 1st. Kwanzaa is based around seven major principles: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith. On each of the seven nights of the week-long celebration, families gather together and light one of the seven candles of the Kinara. Kwanzaa also has its own symbols which include: a decorative mat, an ear of corn, crops, the Unity Cup, gifts, the seven candles and candleholder. All the symbols are designed to convey the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

As 2022 comes to a close, the Leadership Team and I wish you a happy, healthy and joyful 2023! We will be re-scheduling our New Year parties in the near future. We hope each of you is having an enjoyable and peaceful holiday season and we look forward to sharing a wonderful new year together.

Thank you for all you have done to make Dunwoody a very special community. Thank you for your work, for volunteering, for your kindness, for your encouragement, for your prayers, for your commitment, for sharing your talents, your time and your treasure, and for your partnership. Each resident and their families, each staff member, and each board member makes a very special contribution to Dunwoody. We care for each other, we support each other, we partner together. Together we are One Dunwoody.

COVID-19

A total of 16 Residential residents and 5 Care Center residents tested positive for COVID and are on quarantine. Four staff members tested positive and are at home on isolation.

Please be reminded that if you have COVID 19, flu or any other illness or you are on quarantine for COVID 19 you must keep your distance from staff working in your residence. Specifically, you should stay in another room and keep your mask on while the staff is working. The staff must also follow the proper protocols. If the guidance is not followed, we may require that the staff complete the work after you are off isolation or quarantine. We want to keep our staff healthy so they can continue to come to work and serve our Dunwoody residents. Thank you for your help.

Dining

On Wednesday, January 4th, our Dunwoody mail team will deliver one Dunwoody Village blue, cloth bag to each residence. As of January 9th, please bring the DV reusable blue bag or your own bag for all take-out orders. Dining will no longer be supplying plastic or paper bags for meal pickup or To-Go orders.

Care Center residents or families who do not have access to Full Count should contact Dining at 610-359-4433 for Full Count account information and dining instructions for our 1712 dining venue. Whether reservations are for Residential or Care Center residents, reservations are limited to a seating of 6 persons per residence. Double booking is not permitted.

Complimentary light hors d'oeuvres will be served in Fox Den at 4:00 pm Tuesday January 3rd through Friday January 6th as an introduction to our dining services.

New Year's Housekeeping Schedule

Please note the changes in our regular Housekeeping Schedule for Monday January 2nd through Friday January 6th due to the upcoming holiday.

- Monday- January 2, 2023, EVS is off for the holiday (Monday* residents will not receive service.)
- Tuesday- January 3rd, Tuesday residents will receive regular housekeeping services, and *Monday residents will receive linens.
- Wednesday- January 4th Wednesday residents will receive regular housekeeping services.
- Thursday- January 5th Thursday residents will receive regular housekeeping services.
- Friday- January 6th Friday residents will receive regular housekeeping services.

Reminder from Marketing

As most of you are aware – in 2020, during lockdown, the Marketing department started posting birthday balloons and signs on residents' doors. Beginning January 2023, the Marketing department will no longer post signs and balloons on residents' doors. We will place a birthday card in your mailboxes to acknowledge your birthdays instead.

Religious Concerns Committee

- The Protestant Church services for 2023 will be held only on the second Sunday of each month, excluding months of July and August. January Service will, therefore, be January 8th at 2:00pm in the auditorium – no communion.
- Catholic Mass will be held once a month on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 am in the auditorium with Father Ricci.

We may face a New Year with challenges, but also many blessings! Thank you all for your support of Religious Concerns.

Tree Removal & Grounds Work

Beginning next week, Shreiner Tree Co will be on campus to complete several projects

- East County House roadside hill will be mowed.
- Penrose/High School hill will be mowed.
- Two Oaks in West Country House will be removed for safety reasons.
- A cluster of downed or dead trees will be removed from West Country House wood's edge.
- Ash tree (near Route 3) that has succumbed to Emerald Ash Borer will be removed.
- Several Ash trees near pond to be removed, also victims of Emerald Ash Borer.
- Maple Tree to be removed from Residential parking area for safety concerns.

Please mind all posted safety precautions near these work sites

Warm regards,
Maureen Casey