

January 13, 2023

Dear Residents, Families and Staff:

Construction is quickly coming to an end and we anticipate that we will have our full Certificate of Occupancy by early February. Outstanding items include one elevator inspection and one room between the kitchen and the former Terrace Dining room. On Monday January 16th, we will receive a furniture delivery for Phase II including Fox Den, the Game Room, the Lobby and the Meeting Room. We are asking residents to refrain from using any areas that have not been officially opened until final work is completed. We will be moving the Gift Shop back to its original location near the main entrance after the dining staff move into their new offices. Dates will be announced for all of these exciting transitions!

We have had some unwanted furry little visitors inside Dunwoody. It is cold outside and Dunwoody is warm and inviting. As part of our remediation efforts, we are asking that bird feeders be removed from outside of the building temporarily. This draws animals, other than birds, and they make their way inside. Please make sure that all bird seed is removed from the bird feeders before storage. If saving birdseed, please make sure that it is placed in a sealed container such as Tupperware. Bird seed sometimes contains larvae that can hatch and unsealed bird seed inside your home can attract the visitors we are trying to avoid. We also recommend that all food – cookies, candy, snacks – be kept in containers rather than in bags in your residences. Thank you for your partnership in this effort. If you see an unwanted guest, please call the receptionist or alert a staff member.

Save the date for Bill Hohlfeld's Retirement Celebration – Friday January 27th 1-3pm in the Auditorium. Invitations will be sent out next week. We look forward to honoring Bill for all of his work and his accomplishments during his long tenure at Dunwoody!

Also, the Board will be honoring our retired CEO, Sherry Smyth, on Wednesday January 18th. It was certainly difficult to celebrate in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic and construction so the Board is looking forward to hosting Sherry for a meal in the *Reserve*. In the future, we will also be dedicating the Fox Den in Sherry's honor for her 16 years of distinct service. Interestingly, Liska, her maiden name, is a Czech surname for "fox."

COVID-19

There are 8 Residential residents who are positive, and 4 on modified quarantine. Three staff members are positive and at home on isolation. There are no Care Center residents who are positive at this time. Staff are required to wear surgical masks through Tuesday January 17th unless working or entering the Care Center where eye protection and N95 or K95 masks are required for staff. Masks are also required in the Care Center for residents, families and other visitors.

Dining – Morning Coffee Relocated on Monday January 16th

On Monday, January 16th, the morning coffee station will be outside of the 1712 dining room. This is due to the furniture moves that will be taking place in the Fox Den on the morning of the 16th. The coffee station will be returned to the Fox Den for Tuesday, January 17th for resident's morning coffee.

Volunteer Fair

The DVRA cordially invites you to enjoy wine and cheese and learn about the various committees and volunteer opportunities in the Auditorium on Friday, January 20 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm.

Dining Program

We will be presenting the Dunwoody Dining Point Program on Channel 1970 "*The Buzz*" on Thursday January 19th at 4pm so that people will have the opportunity to hear all of the information. Following "*The Buzz*", written information will be distributed and a Town Meeting will be scheduled the week of February 23rd so that questions may be answered in person. The Dunwoody Dining Point Program will start February 1st. We recognize that this is a big change for residents eating in our dining venues, and we will be available to answer any questions and provide guidance and support through this transition. Residents residing in the Care Center will not use or need points and will continue to receive three meals per day. Residents who would like to eat in one of the dining venues may call Dining Services to cancel their meal in the Care Center and to visit Hearthside or make a reservation in 1712.

Pump Station Project

Work continues to progress on the Pump Station. The target date to start up the Pump Station is the end of January; the process relies on scheduling several different contractors consecutively, so it is taking more time than anticipated. It was verified last week that the pumps are operational when turned on. Dunwoody continues to have all of our grease lines and pump station lines serviced monthly as a preventative step.

Electric Car Charging Stations

Dunwoody will be installing 2 Electric Car Charging stations in the parking lot of the main entrance. We have contracted with an electrician and a Charging Stations supplier for the equipment and the software. The stations will take credit cards and they can be scheduled in advance. They will interface with our billing system so use can also be charged to a resident bill. There will be specific rates for residents and separate rates for visitors/guests. Residents will take priority, and we are still working out the specifics. More information will be shared in the near future.

Fencing

New fencing will be installed around our trash dumpsters across the campus. Install dates are being scheduled.

Deer Caution

Residents have recently reported a large number of deer on campus, especially near Door 9. If you are driving at night, please go slow and be extra cautious to avoid an accident.

Best regards,
Maureen