

January 17, 2025

Dear Residents, Families and Staff:

Congratulations to the Sports and Games Committee, led by Helen Dodson, who held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to officially open the new 18-Hole Putting Green. It was dubbed the "Polar Bear" Putting Green as it was a bit snow covered. Kudos to the Committee who braved the weather and went out into the cold to cut the "green" ribbon and pose for pictures. After the cutting, Helen quickly sank a hole in one! Thanks to all of the cheering staff and residents who enjoyed a bird's eye view of the festivities in *Hearthside*. We appreciate the input of the Sports and Games Committee who worked in partnership with Brock Nichols to create a beautiful, accessible and functional putting green. We are sure that all of our CCRC neighbors are "green" with envy. Let the putting competitions begin!

Weather

Please be mindful of the snow and freezing temperatures predicted for this weekend and next week. Dress accordingly and limit travel if possible. Fran Meehan and the grounds and maintenance teams work tirelessly to ensure safety and to remove snow and ice on Dunwoody surfaces, but conditions can become hazardous in between cleaning and clearing. Please be careful driving and walking on campus and please be sure to wipe your feet when you enter the building. Wet floors are a hazard as well. Overnight accommodations are available for staff if needed during weather emergencies. Please contact your supervisor.

Wellness Wednesday - Campus Security Presentation January 22nd

Your attendance is strongly encouraged as we host the Newtown Township Police Captain who will give an important presentation about safety and security. This presentation is part of the **Wellness Wednesday** series and will take place on Wednesday, January 22nd at 2:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Only 25 residents attended the Fire Safety presentation when we hosted the Newtown Township Fire Department. We are optimistic that all Dunwoody residents will attend this important safety presentation! Mark your calendar today! Staff are invited to attend with approval by their supervisor.

Resident Mailboxes

As shared by Steve Ruzansky at the Dunwoody Village Residents' Association (DVRA) meeting on Tuesday, January 15th, the mailboxes near elevator 16 in the A-hallway will be closed as the DVRA evaluates the need.

Picture This -- Furniture Hall Sale

All pictures in Furniture Hall are ½ price starting Monday, January 20th through Friday, January 31st. Stop by to take advantage of the 50% off flash sale!

DVRA Volunteer Festival – January 31st

The Dunwoody Village Residents' Association (DVRA) welcomes you to join the Volunteer Festival on Friday, January 31st from 3:00 to 4:30 in the Auditorium. The festival will have representatives of each committee to discuss or explain what each one aims to accomplish. Find the committee that interests you most and sign up! Be sure to enter your name for the free raffle prize! Refreshments will be provided.

Resident Trip Planning

Madison Abelson is currently planning upcoming trips for 2025, and she would love to hear everyone's opinions and voices! In order to determine the interests of the whole Dunwoody Village community, Madison has created an anonymous survey. The survey can be found on: <https://forms.gle/R961PQbymYA13JaS9>. Please take a few minutes to fill it out before Friday, January 31st. Please note: You do not need to sign into a Google account to take this survey! If you have any questions, please reach out to Madison at mabelson@dunwoody.org or 610-359-4438. Copies of the survey are also available in the Marketing Department.

Employee ID Badges

All staff members are required to wear employee badges at all times while at Dunwoody Village, including when you are entering and exiting the building. Your employee ID badge will greatly assist our receptionists in fulfilling their building security responsibilities.

Infection Control

Two Residential and two Care Center residents tested positive for COVID and two Care Center residents tested for RSV. All are on quarantine. Two staff members tested positive for COVID and are at home on isolation.

WiFi Project

The installation of the new WiFi will begin in the next several weeks. There are two main reasons for this system replacement. First, we feel we can get a better system installed with more consistent connectivity and faster upload and download speeds. Second, our contract with our current provider is expiring and we needed to seek an alternative solution before the contract ends in the Spring of 2025. Our existing system is a leased system that is managed by a third-party monitoring company. The new system will be a system owned by Dunwoody and managed 24/7 by our new Information Technology (IT) partner SSI/Meriplex. We feel this new system will have better coverage and faster speeds than the existing system and will be a crucial element in helping us build our technology infrastructure and programs for the future. We are in the process of working with our project team to outline implementation, phasing and outages during the installation. More information will be distributed as we develop the details of the project. Any questions or concerns regarding WiFi can be sent to Brock Nichols, Director of Campus Operations at bnichols@dunwoody.org or 610-359-4579 and will be discussed with the project team on how to best address.

Lower-Level Renovation

The renovations to the Lower Level of the community building are scheduled to begin on Monday, January 20th. The work will begin in Furniture Hall and will proceed outside of the Kitchen, to the entrance of Health and Wellness and to the area that includes the vending machines near the East Country hallway and elevator to skilled nursing. This scope of work includes:

- Replace the ceiling tiles
- Painting of walls, doors, trim and handrails
- New Flooring (with the exception of Furniture Hall since the carpet there was replaced in 2022)

The flooring material has been delayed by a few weeks so there will be a period of time between the floor preparation and the new flooring installation. This means that the floor will be exposed concrete. Temporary signage will be put up during this work for wayfinding. Much of the ceiling and flooring work will occur off hours and at night and will not require any closures for traffic. We will be sure to communicate any closures or traffic pattern changes ahead of time.

J-Hallway Renovation

The work in the J-Hall Administrative and Marketing Offices, Club Room, Board Room and Gift Shop is expected to be completed in the middle of February. Painting has started, ceiling tiles are being installed, ceramic tile, casework and countertops have been installed, doors are being delivered and installed in the next few days and flooring will begin next week. Once the work is complete, permits will be closed and furniture will be installed, likely in early to mid-March. Once furniture has been installed the staff will move into the offices. We plan to host a ribbon cutting and open house for all of the areas.

Have a great weekend and stay warm,
Maureen