

February 14, 2025

Dear Residents, Staff and Families,

Happy Valentine's Day! This is a day to celebrate love, friendship, affection and admiration. We all have people in our lives whom we love, appreciate and respect. Make sure to let them know with a note of appreciation, a hug or a kind word.

Speaking of love...Dunwoody loves the Eagles! Thank you to everyone who participated in our Eagles Pep Rally last Friday. Channel 6 was on site and captured all of the action. Kayla McFadden energized the crowd and led the One Dunwoody Parade through all neighborhoods. We helped to cheer on our Eagles and led them to a Super Bowl victory! The Pep Rally started in the auditorium and the Parade participants walked through Dundale, Pavilion, Patten, Fairlee, Cedars East & West, Leeland and Woodlea. There were many E-A-G-L-E-S cheers and many renditions of Fly Eagles Fly. The walkers passed out green New Orleans style beads to all residents, staff and visitors. A great time was had by all! Enjoy watching the parade today. Go Birds!

Human Resources

We are thrilled to share the hiring of the following managers and administrators:

- Brian Donaghue, Asst. Dining Room Manager
- James Staats, Accounting Manager (to start on 2/13)
- Adrienne Stevens, PCA (to start on 3/4)

Dining

Come Join Dining Services for our Mashed Potato Bar

Friday, February 21st starting at 5:00pm.

- Offerings: Yukon Gold Mash potatoes, Red Bliss Mash potatoes and Purple Mash Potatoes
- Toppings: Sour cream, Butter, chives, Bacon Bits, Mushrooms, Gravy and more

Campus Operations

Main Lobby

We continue to focus and invest in the finishes in the Main Lobby. This has been a process as we work to convey the warmth and history of Dunwoody Village. We intentionally did not "buy the art package" but rather took time to consider our past, present and future and how to best represent it in the entrance to Dunwoody. As with our own homes, our furniture and finishes evolve and often are an eclectic representation of what is important to us and reflect who we are as individuals and as a family. We are working towards that eclectic representation of Dunwoody Village and as such, we restored and hung the portrait of our founder William Hood Dunwoody in the seating area, we restored the original desk from the Dunwoody Home and placed it outside of the auditorium, we restored the secretary from the Dunwoody Home and will place it in the entrance to the J Hallway, and the DVRA generously gifted the Ash Exhibit outside of the auditorium on the occasion of the 100th and 50th Anniversaries of Dunwoody Home and Dunwoody Village. The History Committee worked to identify photos that represent the Dunwoody family, the Dunwoody farm and property, the construction of the Dunwoody Home and the evolution of Dunwoody Village. The next step in the process is that we will be hanging these photos on the blue curved wall of the Main Lobby. These photos represent our history, but they will also help to warm the space and provide the feel of a living room or family room space, similar to our own homes. The intention is that the lobby will provide the feel of walking into the home of a friend, with family photos and interesting hangings on the wall, comfortable furniture, and warm, welcoming people to greet you. On Friday, February 14th, contractors will be on site installing a series of

molding and framing on the blue curved wall in the lobby. This molding will help to frame our important Dunwoody family and historic photos which will be hung in the near future. Many thanks to Norma Winther and Susan Bell who have provided expert counsel during this project.

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 near future. Paint and wallcovering, floor covering, ceiling, tiling, cabinetry, are all completed. The J-Hallway bathroom was tiled today and is almost complete. Once the work is complete, permits will be closed out and furniture will be installed, likely in early to mid-March. We anticipate that the township will be inspecting the work for the permits the week of February 24th. 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.

Elevator 9 – Main Lobby

We continue to wait for the part that is being custom built to replace the hydraulic mechanism for elevator 9 in the Main Lobby. We have been informed by the elevator company that the part may not be available until April. Please use elevators 7 or 16 located in the A Hallway (or Furniture Hall) and elevator #11 located outside of the old Terrace dining area. If riding a scooter, please use elevator 16, the larger elevator designated for scooter use.

Lower-Level Renovation

The renovations to the Lower Level of the community building have begun. The Furniture Hall is complete with new ceiling and paint. Painting continues towards Health & Wellness and around 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 for a few weeks until the flooring material is ready for installation. The ceilings have been completed with the painting to be completed within the next week or so.

Wi-Fi Project

The installation of the new Wi-Fi will begin in the next several weeks. The equipment is still in the procurement phase with the remaining equipment expecting by the week of 2/24. The schedule of installation will be distributed soon. Our current provider will be working with our new provider during the transition to coordinate network mapping and network configurations. 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; we had low satisfaction with our current system due to poor connectivity and customer service. Secondly, our contract with our current provider was 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. Replacement of our Wi-Fi system is a crucial element in helping us build our technology infrastructure and programs for the future. 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.

WorxHub

WorxHub, our maintenance work order system is now up and running. Brock Nichols presented a training to the DVRA Chairs last week and we will be setting up a training open to all residents in the near future. The icon to submit a work order is in Uniguest under Maintenance. Work orders can still be called in to Maintenance or the receptionist, but with WorxHub, you can track the work order electronically.

Safety

Brock has been working with the ECH, WCH and Penrose ambassadors to finalize locations for the speed humps. These will be permanent speed hump locations. At this time, it looks as if there will be 7 or 8 new speed humps installed.

Easement

Brock and Maureen met with Steve Nease, Township Manager, to propose an alternative route (designed by our civil engineers at RGS) for the easement through Dunwoody Village from Bryn Mawr Avenue to 252. Mr. Nease was open to discussing the alternate route and has arranged a meeting with Dunwoody, the Township and our civil engineers. This meeting is scheduled to take place on February 20th.

Resident Satisfaction Survey Results

The results of the Resident Satisfaction Survey will be shared with the residents at a presentation on Thursday February 20th at 2:30pm in the Auditorium.

Infection Control

There are two cases of influenza A in Residential Living and residents are on quarantine. Please notify Health & Wellness if you are not feeling well and refrain from socializing if you have any respiratory or cold symptoms. There is one positive COVID resident and three residents experiencing the flu in our Care Center at this time. All are on quarantine. No staff members are reported to have COVID.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Maureen