

# What's happening in Activities....

# A message from your Life Enrichment Director

Don't miss The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports!! Let's come together to celebrate the 150th Running For The Roses. The Kentucky Derby is Saturday, May 4th. Enjoy sweet treats, the iconic mint julep or some refreshing raspberry lemonade. Join Gail after dinner and if you would, please, wear your favorite hat!

Don't worry, Be HAPPY! Happy hour is from 2:00pm-3:00pm on Friday afternoons. Family and friends are always welcome to attend. The second Friday of each month is birthday happy hour and along with cupcakes we will be serving MOM-osas, as well.

'We are not makers of history. We are made by history." ~Martin Luther King Jr. The History Center presents ~ Linn County Unburied: Linwood Cemetery. Learn about the history of the oldest cemetery on the west side of Cedar Rapids.

La la la la Remember the questionnaire you filled out for the Bowman Woods 4th graders. Find out what they did with the information you provided by attending their concert on Thursday the 9th of this month. They are super excited to host us!

You asked and Floyd is going to deliver! This month the Armchair Traveler will be taking us to the Czech Republic. I wonder if he learned to make kolaches? Yum!

H2O, Aqua, Adam's ale, Water Learn about the importance of hydration and sun safety just in time for the warmer weather.

When did that happen? What was there before? New to the calendar this month are scenic drives. Sign up to join him on Thursday afternoons. You never know where you may go.

Let's go to the movies. The theme for this month's movies is sports, but you don't have to like sports to enjoy them. They have incredible story lines.

Let them roll. This month enjoy the dice game Tenzi. It will be played on select Wednesdays, learn today then play on your own on Saturdays.

Oh, who are the people in my neighborhood? Come and find out! On May 8th bring one keepsake to talk about and on May 29th share the best advice you have ever received.

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." ~Elmer Davis The life enrichment team won't be leading activities on Monday, May 27th due to observing Memorial Day. Don't let that keep you from enjoying each other's company and remembering all who gave the ultimate sacrifice.



#### **Environmental Services with Karla**

#### Housekeeping:

After each housekeeping visit, staff will write on the magnet, on your fridge, the date they came to clean your apartment.

They will also write when to expect their next visit.

Light housekeeping includes cleaning vinyl/tile floors, vacuuming carpet, cleaning sink(s), toilet, shower, emptying garbage. Light housekeeping will include dusting; however, surfaces must be free of personal items.

#### **Transportation:**

Everyone has been so understanding of the transportation process. We appreciate you working your appointments during designated transportation times. Remember, when you are done with your appointment, call the front desk or the transportation phone and the driver will arrive to pick you up.

#### Maintenance:

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Trash and recycling has been mixed together in the recycling bins. We need to make sure that trash is SECURED in a garbage bag and thrown down the garbage shoot. Recycling, and only recycling goes in the black bins in the garbage room. If you put boxes in the recycling, make sure they are broken down first. ANY APPLIANCES OR FURNITURE-is tenant and/or family responsibility to get rid of.

## A note from your

### Executive Director

Spring time: A lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be...

This is one of my favorite quotes. No matter what stage you are in your life change can be difficult HOWEVER it doesn't have to be!

Even the change from moving to senior living from a home. I see the positives everyday just in the tenant interactions and socilaization. The built in support groups we have within one another.

Thank you for being the kind and considerate tenants you are and thank you for building a positive culture within our Summit Pointe walls



The Summit Pointe Family is intentionally enhancing the lives of everyone.

## Updates from Kayla Howk-Erwin in Marketing

We have several fun community events coming up on the calendar. If you ever have any questions about scheduled events let Kayla know!

If you would like to help market Summit Pointe, There are several different ways you can help.

- 1. You could leave us a review on google, just search for Summit Pointe Senior Living on google and leave a review.
- 2. Did you know that if you refer a friend to Summit Pointe AND they move in, You are eligible for a cash reward!

Here's some upcoming events taking place this summer!

May 18th A Spring Affair 1-3pm
Music, Face painter, balloon artist
May 18th Great American Kite Event
June 6th Day Trip! Sign up to join us on the
American Lady River Boat Cruise
July 25th Watermelon Feast 1pm-we will be
inviting people from the community to join
us on the back patio for this event.
July 30th Day Trip Diamond Joe Casino 10am
Every Sunday in July: Sundaes on Sunday
August 24th: Corn Festival 1-3pm

Invite your friends and family, all are welcomed!





## **Nursing with Mary and Lindsey**

Hello Summit Pointe Tenants!
As always we want to help you stay healthy and active. Here's some tips we have put together for you AND since we are heading into nice weather...getting your daily exercise in will be even easier!

- 1. Take a walk: whether that walk is indoor or outdoors, you can go half way around the walking path with rest stops along the way and work your way up to several laps around the path!
- 2. Drink your water! Stay hydrated. Water is great for your heart, brain and body. The drink station is opened daily in the lobby!
- 3. Exercising your body is important BUT don't forget to exercise your brain as well. Brain exercises can be as easy as having conversations with others. Crossword puzzles, playing games, and listening to music!



## **Health** Corner



## How Seniors Can Find Help with Arthritis

One in four adults in the US are living with arthritis.1 In fact, it's one of the top three chronic health conditions experienced by those 65 and older.2 Although there are over 100 different types of arthritis, the most common form is osteoarthritis (OA). Symptoms often include joint pain, stiffness, and swelling.

According to the <u>National Public Health Agenda for</u>
<u>Osteoarthritis: 2020 Update</u>, there are four evidencebased public health interventions that are considered
the first line of <u>prevention and management of OA</u>:3

·Self-management education

·Physical activity
·Weight management
·Injury prevention

Luckily, there are community-based programs available across the country that can help you learn and apply some of these strategies to your everyday activities. In fact, there is a set of programs called "Arthritis Appropriate Evidence-Based Programs (AAEBIs)," meaning that they are not only proven to improve health outcomes for people with various health conditions, but they are also proven to positively impact arthritis symptoms specifically. All of the current AAEBIs are also considered Evidence-Based Programs by NCOA. They are widely available in community-based settings like senior centers, parks and recreation centers, healthcare settings, etc. The programs are categorized as either Self-Management Education programs or Physical Activity programs, and many of them address common skills such as goal setting, identifying barriers, and tracking progress.

Physical activity programs for people with arthritis
Although it used to be common for people with
arthritis to be told to "stay off" or "rest" the affected
joints, we now know that just the opposite is true.
Movement is good for joints, especially joints
impacted by osteoarthritis. Research shows that
people with OA can and should participate in physical
activity. It is, in fact, one of the most effective
strategies to manage common OA symptoms such as
pain and stiffness.4

If you have OA, or other forms of arthritis, you should aim for 150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week.5 However, learning how to be active while still protecting your joints can be nerve-wracking for some people with the disease. Taking part in an AAEBI that focuses on safe and effective exercise for people with arthritis can help ease fears, improve confidence, and lead to increased activity levels.

Check out this printable list of current AAEBI

<u>Physical Activity Programs</u>.
Self-management education programs for managing

Self-management education programs for managing arthritis

Your ability to manage your own actions related to the management of your condition/s is essential for improved health. Self-management can include everything from your food choices to communicating with your health care providers. Recognizing what needs to be done, making healthy choices, and maintaining positive behaviors will not only help control your symptoms, but will also contribute to your overall quality of life.

Self-management skills often need to be learned, applied, practiced, and revised in an ongoing cycle. The solutions and actions that work for you are not likely to work for someone else, but the skills themselves have been identified and proven to work. These AAEBI Self-Management Education programs can help you gain a deeper understanding of how the disease impacts daily activities, and how gaining control can improve not only your health, but your overall well-being.



# **Christian** Corner

There is someone who loves us! Bv Selah Ulmer

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Philippians 2:10.

Have you ever felt invisible? Maybe it was as a child at school, feeling like no one wanted to be your friend. Maybe it was as a teenager, feeling like you would never be understood. Maybe as an adult, feeling overwhelmed with the pressures of life. Or maybe it is now, the Golden Years, feeling alone, like maybe you don't have purpose anymore.

I think we all know what it is like to feel invisible.

The good news is, even when it feels like it, we aren't. There is someone in heaven, our Creator, our Father, who sees us every single moment and loves us deeply.

A contemporary Christian band, called, For King and Country, sings a song simply titled "Matter." The chorus goes like this: "To the One who spoke and set the sun ablaze/To the One who stopped the storm and walked the waves/To the One who took the tree so He could say/You matter, I hope you know you matter."

You matter so much to the Living God. He sees you and knows you and has a purpose for your life. In Philippians 2 we read that God has created us specifically for unique works on earth. Our God loves us enough to bring us into His mission. He doesn't need us, yet He wants us on His team. How amazing is that! God sees you and has a purpose for you, right now, just where you are. Spend some time reflecting on this and asking God what His purpose for you right now is.

To end, I will share another line from this song. Always remember that no matter what, "You're a treasure, I hope you know you're treasured."





















# Celebrations! Tenant Birthdays

5/04 Darlene Sodawasser

5/07 Lois Logan

5/08 Barbara Holt

5/10 Darrel Pedersen

5/16 Paula Drolet

5/22 Shirley Bishop

# Staff Birthdays

5/11 Kaelynn Bean 5/12 Julie Nunemaker Abigail Petersen

Mary McDaniel

Melinda Haley



