

The Village News



January Edition

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Community Updates

A NEW YEAR, A NEW SEASON.

As we conclude a year of construction on our new D Building, our team would like to express again our sincere gratitude for your patience and understanding throughout this process. We recognize that the many changes made to the site have impacted each and every member of the community, and we deeply appreciate your flexibility and cooperation during this time. We are thrilled to welcome our new tenants to the Village and believe that they will be wonderful additions to our community. We encourage you to join us in extending a warm welcome to our new tenants. It means a lot coming from our staff, but even more coming from you all! We look forward to many more years of providing a safe and enjoyable living experience for each and every one of our tenants.

Sincerely,

OUR TEAM

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 Colleen Barry, **Asst Property Manager**
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WE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY,
 JANUARY 20TH FOR MLK DAY.



THE MOBILE OFFICE WILL **NOT**
 BE VISITING THIS MONTH.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR



The following question has been submitted by a tenant to our Main Office:

Q: The doors to the hallway that connect the B and D Buildings close and lock behind you. How do we get back in after visiting the D Building?

Thank you for your question! We recognize that many of the tenants have been wondering about this. Those doors will be removed in the next couple of weeks as they no longer serve the purpose for which they were originally installed.



JAN 10 @ 1PM

Join the students of OLA for singing and games in the Community Room!

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS

Tenant Meetings!

This month, we'll have our next round of tenant meetings on Thursday, January 9th at 11am and 1pm in the Community Room. Please join us for several updates and to cast your vote for the name of the new cleaning robot! We've had quite a few submissions...



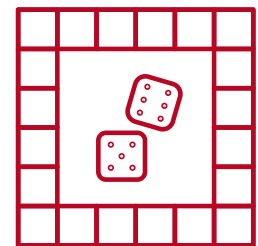
Ceramics is back!

Unleash your inner artist at our Ceramics class on January 15th at 1pm! All materials are provided, and no prior experience is necessary. This class is perfect for beginners. Register with the Office by 1/8 for just \$10 per person. Spaces are limited, so don't miss out!



Game Night is Expanding!

We've had many of you ask for additional nights for games! To meet the demand, we will be adding a 2nd Game Night on the 3rd Tuesday each month, which will be hosted in the Arts and Crafts Room. Various games will be played!



THIS MONTH'S GOOD IDEA

Clean your shower weekly.

Wiping down your shower at least weekly is crucial for more than just aesthetics. Leaving water droplets on shower walls and floors creates the perfect breeding ground for mildew, an unsightly and unwelcome fungus. This also helps combat "the pink stuff," otherwise known as *Serratia marcescens*, a type of bacteria that thrives in damp environments. Regular cleaning helps keep it at bay. A quick wipe down with a squeegee or a clean cloth, while using a mild cleaner with anti-fungal properties, will do wonders to keep your bathroom looking clean and fresh! For questions or a consultation on any issues you've been facing with your shower, please contact the Main Office.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Intercom Call Hack



Have you ever forgotten your fob in your unit and needed to be buzzed in by a friend? Did you know that you can buzz yourself in? Call yourself on the intercom using your assigned intercom # or by scrolling to your name, and your call will go to your own phone! Dial 9 when you pickup the call and, voila!

HUD Inspection



HUD will be visiting our site again on January 15th to conduct a review of our site's units and processes. Each of you will receive a more formal notice by the end of the week. We appreciate your patience with the many visits that we've had from agencies over the past 12 months. This next year should be much quieter!



HANDMADE Trinket Box

Join us Tuesday 1/21 at 1 pm in the Arts and Crafts Room as we create small treasure boxes. Your imagination is the limit!

THIS MONTH'S MOVIE NIGHT



ACTIVITIES SURVEY

PLEASE CUT OUT AND RETURN TO OFFICE

What types of activities would you most like to see offered that are not currently available?

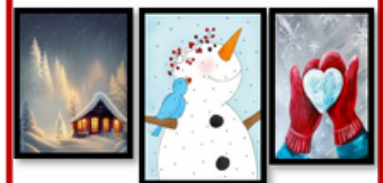
Which of our existing activities do you enjoy most?

What are your preferred times for participating in activities? (Please circle)

Morning - Afternoon - Evening - Flexible

Do you have any suggestions for improving the overall activity program at this facility? (Use back of sheet for more space, if needed)

JANUARY PAINT PARTY



TUES JAN 14
1-3:30 PM
216.855.1675
TEXT/CALL Jude
to reserve \$15
CRAFT ROOM

NOTES FROM THE SERVICE COORDINATOR



Reflections on the New Year

The New Year marks the time when a new calendar year begins, and the year count increments by one. Across the globe, many cultures celebrate this transition in their unique ways. For instance, in the Gregorian calendar, the most widely used calendar system today, New Year's Day falls on January 1. This tradition traces back to the Julian and Roman calendars, which also recognized January 1 as the first day of the year after 153 BC.

Other cultures observe their New Year's celebrations on different dates, aligning with their traditional or religious calendars. These often follow a lunar or lunisolar system. Well-known examples include Chinese New Year, the Islamic New Year, Tamil New Year (Puthandu), and the Jewish New Year.

As the New Year approaches, it's a natural time for reflection. Inspired by the season, I recently took a quiet moment to consider three key questions:

- What did I learn this past year?
- What do I hope to leave behind?
- What do I look forward to in the coming year?

Lessons from the Past Year

The past year reinforced several lessons for me: humility, resilience, empathy, and kindness.

While these aren't new ideas, I've come to hold empathy and kindness especially close. Life's challenges and losses affect us all, but I've found that practicing empathy—starting with myself and extending outward—and small acts of kindness help pave the way. Both empathy and kindness require focus and intention. This year, I'm committed to deepening my practice of these virtues, to make a positive difference, however small, in the world around me.

Leaving Limits Behind

As I bid farewell to 2024, I hope to leave behind the limits I place on myself. Reflecting on my journey, I realize that my biggest obstacles often come from within: self-doubt, anxiety, inertia, and other internal barriers. In 2025, my goal is to break free from these constraints and pursue what truly matters most to me.

Looking Ahead to 2025

The coming year holds the promise of new connections and possibilities. A recent thought-provoking question during a video I watched asked, "If you had unlimited charitable funds, where would you donate?" My immediate answer was threefold: feed the hungry, especially children; promote literacy; and help rescue dogs. Then I began to wonder: What if I connected these dots?

Could I create a program that combines these passions? For example, a free lunch initiative where children could read to foster dogs. While this is still a dream (and contingent on finding the funds), it's an inspiring idea that embodies the power of connecting resources, ideas, and people. What I'm most excited about in 2025 is applying the lessons of empathy and kindness to foster such connections and build a sense of community.

Your Turn to Reflect

Now it's your turn. What did 2024 teach you? What do you hope to leave behind? And what will you carry forward to create a bright and successful new year? Let's make this New Year a time of growth, connection, and meaningful change.

JANUARY EVENTS



Coffee with the Cops
January 8 @ 1

Community Room

Come join our Community Officers to talk about life in West Park and at the Village!

Line Dancing!

January 23rd @ 2

Community Room

We had a huge turn out last month! If you couldn't make it then, don't miss out this time!



Book Club

January 24th @ 2

Bowling Alley

This month's book will be **The Reading List** by Sarah Adams. Join us to read this captivating story about how reading books can bring people together!



EMS

January 27 @ 10:30

Bowling Alley



Food Bank

December 17 @ 12

Bowling Alley

A note from Alister to please bring the carts back after using them! Enjoy this month's food boxes!

JANUARY



COLD	RESOLUTION
FROZEN	RUNNY NOSE
GLOVES	SCARF
ICICLES	SHOVEL
IGLOO	SKIING
MITTERS	SLEDDING
NEW YEAR	SNOWBALLS
PENGUIN	SNOWFLAKES

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TODAY, WE SMILE TOGETHER



HAPPY MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

JANUARY 25



Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		1 OFFICE CLOSED	2	3
6	7 GAME NIGHT 6 COMM ROOM	8  SHOP VAN COFFEE W/ COPS 1	9 TENANT MEETINGS 11 & 1	10 GAMES & SONGS W/ OLA @ 1
13 KNIT 4 CANCER 1	14 COFFEE 11 PAINT PARTY 1	15 CERAMICS 1 HUD VISIT	16 BINGO 6	17 MOVIE NIGHT 6
20 OFFICE CLOSED	21  CRAFTING 1 GAME NIGHT 6 A&C ROOM	22  SHOP VAN	23 LINE DANCE 2	24 BOOK CLUB 2
27	28 FOOD BANK	29	30	31
ACTIVITY CENTER		WEEKLY PROGRAMS:		
FITNESS ROOM	24/7	SILVER SNEAKERS	FRIDAY	10
ACTIVITY ROOM	24/7	THE BAZAAR	WED & FRI	1-3
LIBRARY/COMP LAB	24/7	WII BOWLING	WEDNESDAYS	1
		TAI CHI/WEIGHTS	WEDNESDAYS	10:30