

July 2024 Issue

The Gardens greetings & St. Elizabeth stories.

CommonSpirit

Featured Meetings and Activities

IL Resident Meeting

Mon. Jul. 1st - 1:00 PM Auditorium

AL Resident Meeting

Tues., Jul. 22nd - 1:30 PM Day Room

AL Activities Planning Meeting:

Tues., Jul. 22nd - 2:00 PM Day Room

Science Talk with Trina Tues. Jul. 2nd- 1:00 PM Auditorium

4th of July Celebrations

Red, White & Blue Pancake Breakfast Buffet - 7:30 AM

4th of July Lunch Buffet 11 AM - 1 PM

Hamilton Musical Movie 1:00 PM - Auditorium

Ice Cream in the Bistro 3:00 PM

Fireworks and Snacks 9:00 PM - 14th Floor

Christmas in July Craft Fair Tues. Jul. 23rd - 1 PM - 5PM Auditorium

Let's celebrate and have some fun!

Memory Care Ribbon Cutting and Independent Living Rededication

Friday, July 19, 2024 Ceremony 10 a.m. | Reception 11 a.m.

The Gardens at St. Elizabeth 2835 West 32nd Avenue | Denver, Colorado

Light snacks and guided tours immediately following.

Carnival celebration!



Memory Care Grand Opening and Independent Living Rededication.

Saturday, July 20 • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Gardens at St. Elizabeth 2835 West 32nd Avenue Denver, Colorado

Games, prizes, food trucks, performers, music and more! Please stop by the gazebo in the front yard when you arrive to check in for the fun. 303.964.2000 CHILivingCommunities.org/TheGardens

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Monthly Reflection by Chaplain Aram: Time to Pause, Gain Perspective, and Party!

We've been through quite a time recently, with various leadership departures and changes, and the opening of the new Memory Care Building (at long last!). As I've thought about it, what we have been through as a community has not been "ordinary" or "normal", it's been anything but – for quite some time. I think it's helpful to place all these recent changes in context. For those who have been around a while, you will recall that we began a MAJOR renovation/construction program back in 2017. All of the "common" areas were torn apart and remodeled – e.g. the dining rooms, auditorium, lobby area/bistro, all the 14th floor rooms; and many if not most of the apartments were remodeled as well. It was a noisy, stressful time with the sound of saws, jackhammers, and lots of sawdust, and temporary plywood walls throughout! In addition, an entire wing of the Assisted Living building out front along 32nd Avenue was demolished, and the front entryway and front area was reconfigured. AND, at the same time, construction began on the new ALWest/Memory Care building.

Well, the major renovation was completed in March of 2020, which was – you guessed it – the onset of the COVID Pandemic. I remember the exact moment when everything changed: It was Friday, March 17 and we had the funeral Mass for longtime IL resident Clara Perini (remember her?). As soon as that service was over, we shut down the Chapel, all the common areas, and it was a dark time for our community. For Lent that year I remember setting up a makeshift "14 Stations of the Cross" outside along the front walkway. All inside common areas were closed – including the newly renovated Pub and all the other wonderful spaces on the 14th floor. COVID has been with us ever since, though it gradually loosened it's grip. The common areas were reopened, but as you know there were many delays with the opening of the new building: Memory Care was finally opened at the end of May. So all that to say, the past 7 years have been anything but "normal". It's been hard for all of us: Residents, family members, and staff. But we all are emerging from this time of upheaval, and I believe better times are ahead. All of these major challenges are now behind us, and while we never know what's in store around the corner, we are looking forward with great hope. I am reminded of the words of Solomon in his Song of Songs (chapter 2:10-13):

"Arise, my beloved, my fair one, and come! For see, the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear in the countryside; the season of joyful songs has arrived, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs and the blossoms on the vine give forth their fragrance. Arise, my beloved, my fair one, and come!"

As a means of celebrating this important marker in the life of our community, we are going to have a GREAT BIG FAT CELEBRATION! Mark your calendars for July 19 & 20. We will be having a "Grand Reopening Dedication and Celebration" to celebrate the completed renovations on our Independent Living building (which we never got to celebrate due to COVID), and the opening of our new Assisted Living West and Memory Care building! On Friday the 19th, after an (earlier than normal) Mass at 9:00 AM, we will be having a special Dedication Ceremony at 10 AM in our Auditorium. Several dignitaries have been invited to come and speak; and this will be followed by a reception. The next day, Saturday July 20, we will have big CARNIVAL from 10 AM – 2 PM, with BBQ, a VIP Beer Garden, Food Trucks, and lots of activities for all ages: we want residents and staff to bring their families! Look for more details in the coming weeks!





New GSE Neighbors

Sam Kervin Molly Hedeen Susanne Leiss Mary Popp



Are you interested in meeting with today's youth and talking about your life & work? Do you have advice for the next generation? Do you like fun games and hands-on crafts? Then join us for SWAP Buddies Wednesdays this summer!

SWAP Buddies will meet at the Gardens at St. Elizabeth's

Wednesdays 9:30 - 10:30

City View Room

Each Wednesday SWAP will bring in supplies to make a craft with our high school students. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

June 26th - BINGO & nail polish station

July 10th - Painting Canvases

July 17th - Sand Art Bottles

July 24th - Plant Pots & Flower Craft

July 31st - Decorate Picture Frames

Featured Services

GSE Security 720-614-4373 6:00 PM to 6:30 AM

Therapy Services

Legacy Healthcare Services Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy Services. Call 303-964-2112

Concierge Care Services

Family Tree In-Home Care Call 303-791-3155

Hearing Aid Clinic

Monthly visit. Sign-up at Activity Desk

Dermatologist Visits

Monthly visit. Sign-up at Activity Desk

Optometrist Clinic

Monthly visit. Sign-up at Activity Desk

<u>Foot Care Clinic</u>

Please sign-up with the Front Desk.

Religious Services

Mass Schedule

Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 10:00 AM Sat. 4:00 PM Sun. 10:00 AM **LOCATION:** Chapel

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary

Mon., Wed., Fri. - 3 PM Sun. - 9:30 AM **LOCATION:** Chapel

Interdenominational Service

Wed. 10:30 AM LOCATION: Chapel

Centering (Silent) Prayer

Thurs. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM LOCATION: Chapel

Televised Mass Channel 12 Sunday - 6:30 AM

Catholic Programming: EWTN - Channel 233

Protestant Programing: TBN - Channel 230 & 236

<u>Scripture Study</u> Independent Living: Every Tuesday 2:15PM 14th Floor Skyview Pub

> Assisted Living: Every Thursday 11:00 AM Day Room

Spiritual Life Reminders - by Chaplain Aram

Monday Afternoon Video Series: Mondays from 3:00 – 4:00 PM in the Auditorium. We continue with Season 4 of The Chosen.

In-Person Scripture Study Discussion: <u>IL residents meet at 2:15 PM in the Pub on the 14th floor.</u> <u>Assisted Living residents meet on Thursdays at 11:00 AM in the Day Room.</u>

Visitation: if you would like a visit for prayer, encouragement, pastoral counsel, or a Home Blessing, please call me at ext. 2355. Also, I am available to discuss/create a funeral plan with you (it's never too early!)

Movie Night with Chaplain Aram: Monday, July 29 at 6:00 PM. Aram will be showing the uplifting and delightful film, The Biggest Little Farm (2018), about a couple who purchase a sad, 200 acre farm outside of Los Angeles. Through their efforts, the desolate farm begins to thrive and is transformed.

Funnies From Betsy

l've been in bed for 20 minutes and l've just remembered, l only came upstairs for a pen.



Looks like everyone is online

Me as a child, waking up my mom in the middle of the night to tell her that I just puked



My little niece asked me "Why is his body so little?" Now I can never unsee it.





Happy Birthday!

- Jul. 1st Asha Salim Healthcare
- Jul. 3rd Betty Merva
- Jul. 4th Leondard Plank
- Jul. 4th Patricia Cordova Healthcare
- Jul. 8th Dee Dowdle
- Jul. 9th Bosa Kokotovic Dining
- Jul. 11th Jameta Banks Healthcare
- Jul. 13th Mary Jane Noto
- Jul. 14th Connie Martinez
- Jul. 14th Rebenia Valle Lozano Dining
- Jul. 15th Mai Roland Healthcare

Fun Photos from June!

- Jul. 16th Ann Richards
- Jul. 16th Tina Morales Healthcare
- Jul. 19th Joanne Gardner
- Jul. 20th Deanna Cook Healthcare
- Jul. 21st Pauline Erskine- Massey
 - Jul. 21st Sandra Crowe
 - Jul. 23rd Al Jiron
- July 24th Sheila Boone
- Jul. 28th John Schmalz
- Jul. 29th Alicia Garcia Herrada Housekeeping
- Jul. 30th Tanya Ontiveros Reception
- Jul. 31st Denise Earley



