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Apartment inspections and extermination schedule

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Annual apartment inspections for Building 1, Floor 2 will begin on Tuesday, February 2. As a precautionary measure, all residents must observe social distancing and wear a mask, if possible.

- Tuesday, February 2 : Apartments 1201 to 1210
- Wednesday, February 3: Apartments 1211 to 1220
- Thursday, February 4: Apartments 1221 to 1229

Inspections will be conducted by a Maintenance staff member between 9 and 11:30 a.m. Specific times for each individual apartment are not available. All residents need to sign off on the inspection and should be present to discuss any issues or concerns. If you have any questions, call Rolando Diaz, Superintendent, at (201) 897-5402

The regular **extermination schedule** will resume in February. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Diaz.

- Building 1, Floors 1 and 2, and all common areas: Third Monday morning of every month
- Building 2, Floors 1 and 2: Second Monday morning of each month
- Building 2, Floors 3 and 4: First Monday morning of each month

What to know about snow

Snow plowing at Siena Village takes place during snow storms of two inches or more. The Security Guard will contact you to let you know when to move your car into a visitor parking space so that your parking space can be plowed. Once you move your car, you will need to move it back to your assigned parking space in a half hour. Moving resident vehicles into visitor parking before a storm is prohibited. These spaces must remain open so that they can be plowed first to allow room for residents to move their cars for plowing. Your cooperation is critical for the safety of all residents. If you do not move your car, it may result in an additional expense.

To have your car cleaned and moved by staff, keys will be accepted Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. by our Community Coordinator, Rebecca Czarnogursky, at the main lobby desk. She will give you an envelope in which to place your keys and a \$20 check made payable to "CHCC of Wayne LLC." Sidewalks and common areas will be plowed and shoveled before parking spaces to allow emergency vehicles access to the building. Please do not follow the plow truck in order to have your space cleared sooner.

Faith Talk

By Rev. Phyllis Palsma, MDiv, Siena Village Chaplain

February is a short month, but packed with holidays, special days, and holy days. Valentine's Day reminds us that God's love "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never ends." (1 Corinthians 13:7-8a). In February, the Christian church will also begin its annual journey to the cross and Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday is February 17. It marks the beginning of Lenten preparation for Holy Week observances. Devotional resources are available to help Summer Hill residents on that Christian spiritual journey. Print materials will be available on special table in the lobby starting on Ash Wednesday. If you would like personal prayer or conversation, please call me at (201) 848-5801.

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THE NEWSLETTER FOR SIENA VILLAGE A CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE CENTER COMMUNITY

Siena Village 25th anniversary spotlights



Patricia McGonigle, Apartment 2448

If you could not tell by her lovely brogue, Pat grew up in Northern Ireland. There, she resided with her parents, five sisters, and two brothers. She worked in Belfast as a secretary for a law firm known as the Law Courts. When she was 25, Pat decided to make the trip

to America by herself. Once in America, Pat lived in Manhattan, where she worked as an executive assistant with a major architectural firm. Her apartment was close to the United Nations, which she enjoyed exploring regularly.

Pat kept in touch with cousins who lived in Wayne. Her relatives asked her on many occasions to move to Wayne. Pat eventually completed an application for Siena Village and moved into her current apartment in 1996. For 10 years, she continued to commute to her job in Manhattan before retiring.

Pat has always felt very happy and safe living at Siena Village. She still enjoys spending time with her cousins in Wayne. Leaving her family in Ireland was incredibly difficult, and she missed them desperately. Fortunately, Pat is a social person and has made many good friends over the years. Those friendships helped her feel comfortable in her new home.



Elsa Martely, Apartment 2328

Elsa was born in Cuba and moved with her family to Spain. When she 39, Elsa came to America with her husband and two daughters. They lived in West Milford with her sister for less than two months before moving to Prospect Park, where they resided for more than 15 years. As an accomplished

seamstress, Elsa worked in a coat factory in Paterson for 18 years. She recalls a time when her daughter was invited to a party and needed a new dress, so Elsa finished making her daughter a dress by the time she was all gussied up for the party! After the coat factory closed, Elsa worked at the Rag Shop and began attending night classes at the Paterson Adult School. In 1977, she proudly obtained her high-school diploma.

Elsa always enjoyed reading, knitting, cooking, and, of course, sewing. She has known the Diaz family since she moved to Siena Village in 1996. She considers them to be part of her family. When asked how many grandchildren she has, she replies five - that includes the Diaz children! Elsa has many special memories living in the Siena Village community; she stated that there are too many to remember. The one thing that has changed everything is COVID-19. She hopes and prays for some normalcy soon.

Wayne Township wants to hear your voice!

Mayor Christopher Vergano is proud to announce Wayne Township's Age-friendly Initiative. Wayne residents 45 years and older are invited to share their feedback by completing the township's Age-friendly Survey. Information collected from the survey is anonymous, and will be used to better understand the needs of the community and to prepare a plan to make Wayne more age-friendly in the future. Blank surveys will be available in Siena Village's main lobby. Place completed surveys in the Rent Box. Surveys will be forwarded to the township for review.

Welcome to Siena Village

Lois Larson-Apartment 2425
Lois, a Paterson native, is a proud mother of two, grandmother of four, and great-grandmother of two. Before moving to Siena Village, she resided in West Milford.



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Service Coordination Corner

The Siena Village Service Coordination program is a FREE benefit to the residents. Karen Clemente, Service and Activity Coordinator, promotes self-sufficiency, aging in place, and connects you with community services. She can assist you with scheduling free seasonal cleaning, physician referrals, Medicaid and Medicare assistance, transportation assistance, and much more! Ms. Clemente can be reached at (201) 897-5404 Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you would like to meet with Ms. Clemente in person, call for an appointment to ensure that enough time is allotted to address your questions/concerns. Please do not come to the office without an appointment; we want to provide each resident the attention required. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Satisfaction survey results

Results of the Siena Village 2020 Resident Satisfaction Survey are in! We received an overall score of 91.96% based on 112 resident responses, which represents a 2% increase from the 2019 survey.

Blood-draw Clinic

Thursday, February 11, 10 a.m., Founders Great Room

Registration in The Valley Hospital binder in the lobby is required. Residents will also need their Medicare card, driver's license or other form of photo identification, and a prescription. First-time participants will be required to complete a form. Results will be sent to the prescribing physician. Registration and face coverings required. Contact Ms. Clemente for information.

Do you love lunch Italian-style? Mangia!

Friday, February 12

Deadline: Friday, February 5

Baked Ziti and meatballs will be delivered to your door and warm your heart between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, February 12. Cost is \$10 per meal. To enjoy this delightful cuisine, prepared by World of Foods, submit the order form with a check made payable to "CHCC of Wayne LLC." Place in the Special Events box on or before Friday, February 4.

Rehabilitation Services available right in your apartment.

Contact Kimberly Martin, OTR/L, Rehab Services Manager for Christian Health Care Center's Wayne campuses, at (201) 848-5915 for details.

Help fight Medicare fraud

Medicare covers the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost to you, so if anyone asks you to share your Medicare number or pay for access to the vaccine, you can bet it's a scam. Here's what to know: You can't pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine, and you can't pay to get early access to the vaccine. Don't share your personal or financial information if someone calls, texts, or emails you promising access to the vaccine for a fee. Con artists may try to get your Medicare number or personal information so they can steal your identity and commit Medicare fraud. Medicare fraud results in higher health-care costs and taxes for everyone.

Protect yourself from Medicare fraud. Guard your Medicare card like it's a credit card.

- Medicare will never contact you for your Medicare number or other personal information unless you've given permission in advance.
- Medicare will never call you to sell you anything.
- You may get calls from people promising you things if you give them a Medicare number. Don't do it.
- Medicare will never visit you at your home.
- Medicare can't enroll you over the phone unless you called first. Check regularly for Medicare billing fraud. Review your Medicare claims and Medicare Summary Notices for any services billed to your Medicare number you don't recognize. Report anything suspicious to Medicare. If you suspect fraud, call 1 (800) MEDICARE.

Love is all around us! Valentine's Day is Sunday, February 14.

The roots of Valentine's Day goes back to ancient times when couples celebrated the feast of Lupercalia on February 14. Valentine's Day has evolved from being a holiday when people express their affection with greetings and gifts only for the significant other in their lives. Today, the holiday has been expanded to include communicating feelings of fondness and appreciation for relatives and friends as well.

Think of someone who comes quickly to your mind; children, grandchildren, sibling, close friend. Please share one picture of a person (or persons) whom you are thankful to have in your life. Place it in the Special Events box on or before Friday, February 5. In the spirit of Valentine's Day, all submitted photos will be displayed in the main lobby for all to enjoy. Make certain to write your name and apartment number on the back of the photo so it can be returned to you.

A Valentine tale

Siena Village is known to be a lovely place to live. Residents are kind and caring, and look out for one another. Dottie Mathez and Ken MacDonald, for example, have found companionship through the Siena Village community.



Dottie, originally from East Rutherford, has lived at Siena Village for 10½ years. She worked in Wayne as a business manager at a physical therapy office for 20 years. Dottie drove by Siena Village just about every day, without knowing much about the community. After applying and visiting the residence, she moved into the apartment she occupies today. Dottie was an avid golfer who was a member of two women's golf leagues. The sport afforded her the opportunity to travel to other states, including Florida and Arizona, to play.

Ken, a former resident of Englewood, Rockaway, and California, lived in Wayne prior to moving to Siena Village. He worked in retail for several companies, including IHOP. Ken's occupation afforded him the opportunity to visit the Orient on numerous occasions. He has especially fond memories of his time in Hong Kong and Singapore. Ken moved to Siena Village nearly six years ago.

The first time Ken met Dottie was at a Trash and Treasures sale at Siena Village; she assisted him with his purchases. The two had a mutual friend at the residence named Janet Jelly. Dottie would walk Janet's dog Peanut for her when she was unable. Ken visited Janet regularly to check in and met Dottie while at her apartment. Eventually, Ken and Dottie often took Peanut for a walk together. Ken invited Dottie to lunch. They would meet in the parking lot so as not to bring attention to themselves. Eventually they began to see each other almost daily.

Together, Ken and Dottie are very active in the Wayne community, both on the Siena Village Resident Committee and in the Golden Age Circle of Wayne. They enjoy going for walks and traveling together. Most memorably, according to Ken, was a cruise. Ken is an avid cook and enjoys treating Dottie to delicious dinners he prepares. In all the time they have been together, Dottie reports, "I haven't had a bad meal yet!"

Siena Village staff members are here to help you!

To make the most of your time and get the proper attention you deserve, please to the following guidelines:

- Call the office first, since most issues can be resolved over the telephone.
- If you get voicemail, please leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. Please do not leave multiple message on the same day for the same issue or contact other staff members.
- If you need to speak with a staff member in person, you must make an appointment so that you can have his/her undivided attention.
- When arriving, ring the doorbell and take a seat in the waiting area if the staff is busy.
- If the staff member is on the phone, please do not interrupt.

For your convenience, our new **Community Coordinator, Rebecca Czarnogursky**, is available by telephone or in person in the main lobby from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. She can assist you with general questions, direct you to the appropriate staff member, issue a Maintenance Work Order, or make a quick copy.

If you need assistance connecting to available resources or services, call **Karen Clemente, Service and Activity Coordinator**, to schedule a convenient appointment. Ms. Clemente is also responsible for social activities, such as our delivered luncheons, and our monthly newsletter, the *Village Voice*.

If you need to meet with **Laura Koblitz, Resident Director**, she is typically at Siena Village on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Appointments are required and can be scheduled with Ms. Czarnogursky. Ms. Koblitz is responsible for rent, lease, and recertification renewal; Section 8 assistance; and any other issue or concern you may have in our community.

Stacy Swarts-Carver, Leasing Manager, handles all move-ins, move-outs, and parking-space matters. If you have a friend or family member who has questions about Siena Village and would like to complete an application, he/she should call Ms. Swarts-Carver for additional information.

Contact information for all staff members can be found on the back page of the *Village Voice*.