

# **Forum Announcements**

## Tuesday, September 15, 2020

### **Employee Anniversaries**

#### **1 Year:**

- Michele Bailey, Building Operations Manager, Building Operations
- Celena Jimenez, Server, Food and Beverage
- Huy Nguyen, RN, Madrona Grove

### **Announcements**

#### **Phase 3**

Sales are now at 32 out of 41 homes available! The project is 78% sold.

For information about the Phase 3 jobsite and construction project, make sure to read The Hammer and tune into the weekly Phase 3 Coffee Time meetings at 10am on Tuesday mornings.

#### **Wildfire related evacuation planning and environmental smoke**

As if COVID-19 wasn't enough to manage, the Clackamas County Beachie Creek and Riverside fires brought our area of the county to a Level 1 evacuation status last week. This is something that to our knowledge, we have never had to manage before since we are in an urban area. The planning for our community to possibly be placed into Level 2 evacuation was a huge undertaking by staff and residents. Everyone did an amazing job of getting organized to be ready to (or actually did) leave Rose Villa and communicating evacuation plans to Courtesy Services. I am grateful that this was a drill and that our campus residents and staff remained safe. It's not over. The fires are not yet contained and, as of today, the wildfire smoke remains present and is still causing our air to be in the hazardous range. We continue to ask that you remain indoors as much as possible and wear the N95 protective mask provided to you if you must go outside.

*Here are a handful of key tasks to note:*

The work that went into planning for the potential evacuation of Madrona Grove residents was intense. Our Health Services team worked to find places for every

single Madrona Grove resident to go if we went to a Level 2 evacuation status. We have such an incredible team – and wonderful community partners as well!

A group of staff from various departments hand-delivered information and N95 masks to residents across campus.

Beth Knoll sourced hotels that still had rooms available for residents who did not yet have solid plans of where to go. Her team was the hub of communication distribution (and there were A LOT of communications!).

Katie Morales set up a plan with a bus transportation firm to transport anyone who was still at Rose Villa to the Convention Center if we were to move to a Level 2 evacuation status.

Erin Cornell was in daily contact with Clackamas Fire to receive up-to-date information for our neighborhood.

Steve Morris was an additional communication conduit from managers to residents via RV Chat.

Everyone worked so hard to support resident safety - even as some staff were managing their own evacuations due to their home's proximity to the fires. We also had droves of staff and board members volunteer to help evacuate if we moved to Level 2 or beyond.

And now we have a comprehensive emergency plan for managing a wildfire situation at the ready. Managers will continue to debrief the experience and collect lessons learned to ensure an even smoother and more efficient response in the future. If you have feedback to share, please send it to me. And let's hope we never again need to use a wildfire plan!

### **DEIA Survey Deadline Extension**

In light of the recent disruption on campus from wildfires and resulting smoke, the deadline for the DEIA (Diversity Equity Inclusion and Accessibility) survey has been extended to Friday, September 25. Responses from the survey will help to inform and focus the work of the DEIA Coordinating Committee as we better understand the individual experiences and issues that are most important to Rose Villa Residents. As of Monday, only 84 responses had been received (about a quarter of our community); don't miss this chance to share your thoughts and shape the future of community life at Rose Villa!

You can fill out the survey online (<https://forms.gle/8JqGeDTE3e8F4gXr7>) or submit a paper copy, found in the literature racks in the mailroom.

### **Rose Villa Foundation Event**

We know you've been waiting for it. It's time for the **Foundation's Fall Fund Drive, kicking off on October 1**. Three hot air balloons will soon appear across from the Resident Services Counter. Vote for your favorite by donating to the drop box just below the display. Our goal is \$32,800 by the end of the year, and we already have a challenge match of \$11,655. Let's make this our most uplifting fund drive ever!

If you would like to know more about the Foundation, we will have a **Listen and Explore session on October 20**. Contact Jennifer Allen for more information.

### **Rose Villa's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Did you know that this year marks Rose Villa's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary?! While we can't celebrate physically together as a community with a big party, drinks, food, and music, plans are underway for a distanced celebration. This is scheduled to take place on September 29, 2020. Watch for more information on timing and details on TouchTown!

The next Resident Forum is on Tuesday, October 20 at 2:30pm.

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### **Q&A**

Q1: Would you commit to a common high quality MERV 16 minimum standard for our campus going forward? As part of this effort would you pledge to do a very speedy evaluation of existing conditions? For all cases where this is possible, will filters be changed out to MERV 16 and not at cost to each resident and not by requiring that they purchase them individually? Where a filter upgrade to MERV 16 is not possible, will an appropriately sized true hepa air purifier be provided to clean the air? Finally, will you do a review of the Phase 3 specs, systems and building practices to ensure that the new buildings meet these same common high standards?

A: With every decision we make, we must evaluate the highest good, given our resources. All of our resources come from residents and they are finite. Right now, we are focused on ensuring our HVAC systems run to their best, most effective

levels with the manufacturer indicated filter, rather than purchasing an air purification system for every resident. Considerations that require more thoughtful planning are that high-quality air purification appliances are not readily available locally and the most impactful systems come at a considerable expense. As with all projects of this magnitude, we have to have a sense from the larger community if that is where they want their fees to go.

And yes, we are asking out mechanical engineers to review the specs for managing smoke in Phase 3, just as we have for COVID-19.

Q2: We are supposed to have a “Ready Force” program for emergencies. Does administration plan to activate that network in the future? Is it just for earthquakes? It appeared to be everyone for themselves during last week’s evacuation crisis. Just wondering what the expectation is between administration and resident volunteers as we face future emergencies.

A: We were in touch with the Ready Force Chair during the wildfire situation last week and we focused on communicating information. There is definitely room for Ready Force to activate during any emergency situation and we would value working more closely with this team.

Q3: Would it be possible to employ one of René’s substitutes to come in and supervise the workout room on Saturdays? I believe there are several residents that would welcome the opportunity to use the facility on Saturdays when, of course, René is not available on campus.

A: René has contacted her subs about working on the weekend and unfortunately, nobody is available. At this time, we also do not have other staff we can assign for weekend wellness department operations.

Q4: Can you speak about Governor Brown’s plans regarding re-opening pools?

A: René is writing the plan for us to be able to open and operate the pool and changing rooms safely. She will schedule the opening date and will publish guidelines and schedule for use.

Q5: A group came in and resurfaced an area of sidewalk in the Phase 1 area. From asking the gentlemen doing the work, I got the impression that they were trying out a technique that could be used to repair the pock-marked sidewalks on campus. What can you tell us?

A: You have that correct. There is potential that instead of breaking up, removing, and re-pouring sidewalks, we may be able to apply a product to the surface to repair the damage. The area you saw is a test area so we can see how the coating looks, feels, and holds up. This is a huge, disruptive, expensive project, so it is

worth the time to be sure we have explored alternatives and are proceeding with the best possible plan.

Q6: The stone-faced light fixture on Main Street that keeps getting damaged and was replaced with a wooden box is now being rebuilt. Are there any steps being taken to keep it from being destroyed again?

A: Other than hoping that drivers will be more aware of their surroundings and stop destroying the pillar, we are rebuilding in a way that will allow for a timelier and less costly fix if it gets hit again. (Check your mirror before you back up!)

Q7: How did the fence on Wild Rose Drive get broken? Aren't there video cameras on campus?

A: On Monday, September 14, around 3am, cameras captured a red car which we believe damaged the fence. The footage has been reviewed to attempt to obtain the license plate number. If we are able to learn who the driver is, we can pursue having that person compensate us for repair. In any case, the fence will be repaired when the air quality is no longer dangerous. We have placed caution tape at the affected area and are scheduling the repair.

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