

Rose Villa Resident Forum

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Employee Anniversaries

ONE Year:

- Malinda Eska, PCA, Avencia
- Hailey MacDonald, Lead Housekeeper, EVS

FIVE Years:

- Charlene Linhart, Madrona Grove Cook, F&B
- Donovan Smith, Line Cook, F&B
- Amy Brafford, Restaurant Manager, F&B
- Beth Knoll, Operations Support Manager, Admin

Welcome NEW employees!

- Welcome back to Brett Mann, Building Operations Tech II
- Casey Morando, Weekend Receptionist, Courtesy Services
- Lindsey DeMars has moved to the Resident Services Counter
- Dylan Krehbiel, Building Operations Tech
- Kim Manuel, Weekday Receptionist
- Cheryl Franceschi, Director of Development, RV Foundation

Welcome New Residents!

Donna Young and her poodle, Riley, moved into **Classic Cottage #83** on Wednesday, October 13, from Bend, OR.

Hobbies & Interests: walking, reading, sewing, knitting, and quality time with family and friends.

Former Occupation: Gerontology

Her phone number is 503-652-3083.

Susan Nestor and Phyllis Solow moved into **North Main Loft Apartment #5207** also on Wednesday, October 13, from Tucson, AZ.

Hobbies & Interests: Susan: Oil painting & portraiture, collage and mosaic art, historical fiction, writing, coffee & conversation, learning new things, theater, film.

Phyllis: Film, theater, meditation, folk music, intergenerational dialogue, narrative writing, mixed media art, alternative medicine.

Former Occupations: Susan: CPA and CFP; Phyllis: Community College
Instructor
Their phone number is 503-652-3066.

Announcements

Pet Reminder

Reminder to all pet owners - pets must be on a leash no longer than six (6) feet in length and under their owner's control. Retractable (flexi) leashes are not allowed. At no time are pets allowed to roam freely on the Rose Villa campus. Also, if you have not updated your pet records, please pick up forms at the Resident Services Counter. The Resident Handbook has details on Pet Behavior Expectations.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

Late last Thursday, the decision was made to cancel our going to the Walk at the Oregon Zoo. On Friday at high noon, Jan Wainscott put out a message on RVChat inviting all who could to please come to our Rose Villa Walk to End Alzheimer's...on Saturday at 10:00am.

With less than a 24-hour notice, 17 folks showed up at the Promise Garden, picked up Alzheimer's flowers, and held them high as they took a short walk through our neighborhoods. It was a beautiful day and a beautiful way to honor those who have passed, are living with, or caring for those with Alzheimer's or another type of dementia. Seventeen was more than the twelve who had signed up to walk at the Oregon Zoo!

As of this minute, we are at \$6,311 in donations. That's our best ever contribution - thank you to all Rose Villa residents, staff, family and friends! We have continued each year to do our part to help further research and to support families.

And now, it's time to pick up your Flower to keep. Please do this today. If you go tomorrow after 11:00 AM, the flowers will have been pulled up and placed on a bench for you to pick up by Thursday afternoon. You can keep your flower; maybe plant it by your home!

Upcoming Events

Mending the Social Fabric – Wednesday, October 20

Take a bus trip to the Oregon Jewish Museum to see artist Bonnie Meltzer's fabric art exhibit, featuring an interactive "Mending Bee" hosted by the artist herself.

While you're there, enjoy the rest of the Oregon Jewish Museum's exhibits! Sign up on Touchtown or by calling ext. 3289. The bus leaves at 12:30 pm; cost of transportation is \$7.00.

Watch Party – My Name is Pauli Murray – Wednesday, October 20 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Overlooked by history, Pauli Murray was a legal trailblazer whose ideas influenced RBG's fight for gender equality and Thurgood Marshall's civil rights arguments. This is a portrait of their impact as a non-binary Black luminary: lawyer, activist, poet, and priest who transformed our world.

Halloween Porch Decorating Contest

Break out the spooky, creepy, or cutesy décor to cover your porch, patio, or front door!
If you wish to submit your display for a vote,
Grey is the one who should be wrote.

Contact Grey Davis at gdavis@rosevilla.org or call x7001 by Thursday, October 21, to be considered for one of three prizes!

Spirit of Halloweentown – Friday, October 22

Head on over to St. Helens (Oregon, not the mountain!) to see their annual Halloweentown display and local shops, including the “Dark Market.” Sign up on Touchtown or by calling ext. 3289. The bus leaves at 10:00 am; cost of transportation is \$7.00.

UN Day – Monday, October 25

Each of us is one of many millions and our U.S. taxes make us dues-paying members of a global citizenry of the United Nations. We are quite literally one people living on one planet. Our wealth and our privilege are not ours alone to keep if we are to flourish. The annual United Nations Association UNICEF Drive is a decades long tradition at Rose Villa. Last year residents raised **\$4,875!!** Children are a third of the population, but they are all of our future. In this year of crushing need, your gift is especially consequential. Watch for the UNICEF flyer for more information on how to donate.

To celebrate UN Day on Monday, enjoy Chef Marty's dinner special - Kitchari. Chef Marty describes Kitchari as a “wholesome, healing, balanced dish composed of modest, unassuming ingredients -- sustenance and healing for people of the world.” On that same day, when you pick up your dinner, stop by the Club Room to renew your membership or to sign up as a new member of our **Rose Villa**

Chapter of UNA. At that same time, you can donate the cost of a meal to our food insecure neighbors in Milwaukie through the OR Food Bank or Meals on Wheels. See you in the Clubroom anytime from 4-7 pm on October 25!

Halloween! – Friday, October 29

Rose Villa will be having resident-only trick-or-treat stations and walkthrough Halloween events at the PAC and in South Main. Award-winning ROVER will feature Halloween-themed snacks and drinks. Watch for more information coming soon!

Neighborhood Walk – Saturday, October 30

New Residents please sign up for the Neighborhood Walking Tour via Touchtown. On Saturday, October 30, meet outside South Main at 11:00 am. We will walk through the North Main building and the Northeast neighborhood.

Heidi and Grey Davis Halloween Jazz– Saturday, October 30 at 5:00 PM via Zoom

Join charismatic performer and classically trained soprano, Heidi Davis, and spouse Grey Davis (who is – self described as - slightly less charismatic and classically trained) for an hour of fall and Halloween jazz. Grey is happy to be providing entertainment for a community who has welcomed them so warmly in their new position! This will be a live Zoom event.

Back by popular demand is a seminar sponsored by the Rose Villa Foundation. Navigating the health care system as your health care needs change can be challenging. Erin Cornell, Kama Stout, and MaryHelen Clausing will take some of the mystery out of these challenges. Mark your calendar now for **Tuesday, November 9, at 11:00AM** via Zoom for a comprehensive discussion on health care at Madrona Grove and services with Avencia.

The next **Resident Forum** is on Tuesday, November 16 at 2:30pm in the PAC.

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Q&A

Q1. I understand Rose Villa’s electrical power is to be switched from Laurie Avenue to a primary feed on River Road. Is that true? If so, when is the work to be completed?

A. PGE power comes into our campus from multiple locations. There are a handful of transformers in our western and central area neighborhoods, currently fed from Laurie Ave, that we are working with PGE to feed from River Road. This is a fairly simple project and will improve that area's resiliency to power outages. We are still waiting on PGE to present their proposal this month and we hope to have this completed before Winter storm seasons come.

Q2. Is there a plan to hide the ugly black boxes on top of the Schroeder Bldg?

A. I'm not positive I know which elements you are referring to. Screening will go up to hide the mechanical equipment on top of Schroeder Lofts on the east, north and south sides. We have also black vent hoods on the side of the building, which ventilates each home. They will not be covered.

Q3. Is there a drinking fountain planned for the south end of campus?

A. There will be a drinking fountain/bottle filler on the south end of the ground floor of Schroeder Lofts. We do not have any plans for outdoor fountains.

Q4. Some of our residents have mobility issues and it makes it difficult to pick up meals, even if they were to use a surrey to do it. I'm proposing that the Delivery Fee be waived for any independent household who has at least 1 resident that uses a cane or walker.

A. Interesting idea. That is a decision for the entire community, whether to subsidize free delivery. It sounds like you're thinking that would be the case even if another member of the household could go and get the meal. While I think *that* sounds problematic, a proposal to subsidize delivery for a household that truly cannot go get their own food orders – no one in the household can use the surrey and no one is able, with or without assistance, to walk to Harvest Grill – would be something we would need to talk through, as we would with any new fee or subsidy on the campus. This seems like something Tina can discuss with the Resident Council to see if there is really interest to change our practice here, as well as what objective criteria we would use.

Q5. How many employees did we lose due to lack of a COVID vaccine? What departments?

With the shortage of overall qualified workers, Will Rose Villa consider rehire if they comply in the near future?

A. The total number of team members that left due to mandatory COVID vaccine requirement was 9. The breakdown is as follows:

- Avencia - 3
- Building Operations - 1
- Courtesy Services - 1
- EVS - 2
- Madrona Grove - 2

All these staff will be eligible for rehire in the future, should employment requirements change, or should they decide to get vaccinated (assuming there are open positions available). We also let each of them know we are happy to provide them with a positive reference, as they seek other employment opportunities.