### **Rose Villa Resident Forum**

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

# **Employee Anniversaries-**

#### 1 Year:

- Ulia Gerkin, CNA, Madrona Grove
- German Sanchez, EVS Manager, EVS
- Jessi Whitaker, CNA, Madrona Grove

# 5 years:

• Tricia Opgenorth, Baker, F&B

#### **20 FABULOUS YEARS:**

• Lott Wilson, Housekeeper, EVS

#### **Welcome New Residents**

**Carol Jean Baker** took occupancy of Classic Cottage #246 on Monday, January 3, moving from Portland.

**Hobbies & Interests:** Art, travel, sailing, being outdoors, music, theater **Former Occupations:** Taught English in China; Tai Chi instructor; Sailing instructor

Her phone number is 503-652-3246.

#### 2 New Staff Members and 1 New Position

Kevin Moore, our new Infectious Disease Case Manager, started Jan 14. His focus is on managing the tremendous amount of work generated by living with COVID. We are obligated to track and report different statistics to a variety of different government bodies. We have to order and manage large inventory of PPE and tests. We manage regular testing clinics and – maybe there will be more! – booster clinics. We have to make decisions on return to work, quarantine, and exposure every day as different staff experience different symptoms (yes! The common cold is still out there!) Given the load on our staff – who all already had full time jobs – it became clear that now was the time to add some capacity in this area. Please welcome Kevin!

I am also very pleased to announce the hire of a new **RN Care Coordinator** as well – please welcome **Trina Wright** in Health Services!

#### **Announcements**

# **Changes to North Main Building Protocol**

Our recent experience with random strangers coming off of River Road to use the locker rooms has prompted us to decide to lock all entrances to North Main at all times. Your fob will get you into that building anytime you want, but it will provide more security for those who live and work there going forward. South Main will remain as is – because the main entrance is staffed, the access is much less. That building is also locked (and always has been) during non-staffed hours.

Let's Talk Returns! "Let's Talk" is a fun and exciting program with a history here at Rose Villa. Between 2016-2018, residents gathered on three different occasions to discuss our life in common. Over 100 of us got together in small groups all over campus to talk about our concerns, the challenges and opportunities of living together, and how to integrate newcomers. Then we processed all that in large all-community conversations. In anticipation of the new residents arriving in Phase 3, it's time to talk again. Save the date for **Saturday afternoon, March 5**. The Let's Talk committee is hard at work devising a plan for us to gather in small groups, COVID permitting (via Zoom if necessary), so we can meet our neighbors from other parts of campus. The fun is in getting to know new people by talking about things that matter to us. You'll be getting sign-up forms after the Resident Council meeting on February 7, so save the date and be sure to sign up. (SHARE VIDEO)

Cheryl Franceschi, the Foundation's Director of Development, is here to talk about the **Rose Villa Foundation**.

Rose Villa Foundation wants to know your opinions! A short survey is available this week via email or printed copies. When you share your thoughts, you can help RVF to be better prepared with the programs, grants, and assistance that serve our community best. Please take some time to respond at the link RVF Resident Survey.

And speaking of the Foundation, last week the Foundation sponsored a seminar on checking your investment portfolio to see if your investments match your values and information about how to do that. If you missed it or simply want to review it, you can. It was recorded and is now available on Touchtown under the Foundation icon.

The Council's Community Health Committee and the Infectious Disease Task Force would like to remind everyone to wear their masks properly! Since your nose is connected to your lungs, your mask should completely cover BOTH your nose and your mouth. Please wear your masks inside all Rose Villa common areas.

Susan Hyne is here to talk about the Welcoming Committee.

Jean Lofy will join us with some information from the **Green Team**.

# **Telephone update**

The Rose Villa staff phone migration part took place on Thursday, January 13. With that piece, the great telephone migration of 2021-2022 is finally complete! You are now able to dial four-digit extensions to all staff and resident phones on campus. And reminder: you do not need to dial 8 to access an outside line! Just dial the full phone number.

And finally, the news you have all been waiting for. The new name for Touchtown's replacement has been chosen by YOU! (Drumroll, please....)

- In third place.... IRV (Info at Rose Villa)
- In second place.... RV Info
- And first place, with 31% of 200 votes cast....RoseVine

Thank you to everyone who voted!

# **Upcoming Events**

Lance Rhoades January Presentation – Available through the end of January Enjoy the recording of "Mack Sennett: The Father of Slapstick Comedy" all month long and look out for Lance's program next month, which will be in its regular live-Zoom format. The recording can be found on Touchtown in the Flyers section under "Missed a Digital Event?"

# Alcohol Consumption and Aging – Tuesday, January 25 at 11:00 am

You've probably heard questions like the following: Is red wine good for you? Does alcohol prevent or cause dementia? Does age really matter with drinking? What's a safe amount? Join in the discussion and answers to these questions and more with Molly Watts, our Rose Villa Sales Counselor. She is also the author of *Breaking the Bottle Legacy* and creator of the podcast *Alcohol Minimalist*. Molly will provide scientific evidence to address persistent notions about alcohol consumption and aging. This presentation will be recorded for future viewing. See Flyer for Zoom link.

#### **RESCHEDULED:** Fernhill Wetlands Birding – Wednesday, February 2

Take a ride to what has been called a "mecca for local birders" for Patty Newland's monthly birding trip. The bus will board at 8:10 for a 9:00 AM tour and return by noon. Cost of transportation is \$10.00.

Child Development Center Presentation – Friday, February 4 at 3:00 PM Join Jennifer Loring, Director of Child Development Center, and learn all about this fabulous program. There will be plenty of time for Q&A, and if you have specific questions, you may email them to Beth Knoll at eknoll@rosevilla.org ahead of time. See flyer for Zoom link.

**Shopping Bus to New Seasons and Trader Joe's** – Second Wednesday of the Month at 9:00 AM, beginning February 9

Due to limited participation at Trader Joe's, the shopping bus to New Seasons and Trader Joe's will go on the same day. Please let the driver know when you get on the bus whether you would like to go to either New Seasons or Trader Joe's.

### Phase 3 Briefing – Monday, February 14 at 2:00 PM

The focus of this briefing is to answer your questions about how Phase 3 will impact Rose Villa community life—in areas such as Staffing/Services/Resources This special briefing, hosted by Tina Moullet, is in addition to the updates on new buildings at the monthly Resident Forums. It has been scheduled ahead of our March 5 *Let's Talk* so our discussions are based on up-to-date information. Please send in your questions by February 1 so Tina has a chance to answer them. See flyer for details and Zoom link.

# Q & A

- Q1. How is the search going for replacing the Director of Facility Operations? Many thanks to all the staff who are working to fill that position.
- A. We are not filling the Director position right away. We are focusing on understanding how best to accomplish the routine, everyday work and supporting that work with the resources it needs. We want to understand the management and type of resources needed by this department BEFORE we add the management. In the moment, we are functioning very well, building toward a future Director of some kind who can provide the strategic vision for this area of our community. We may well be able to grow staff internally to fill this role.

- Q2. I heard, from staff, that residents would be given a credit, on January bills, for the cancelled housekeeping for this month. Could you confirm this, please? And if that is in error, explain why a credit would not be given.
- A. Housekeeping and other services do not cost us less because of COVID exposure of staff. As in the beginning of the pandemic, we are focused on making sure staff stay well, stay away when they are not well, and continue to be supported financially and medically. The available staff on site are focused on infection control in common spaces, deep cleaning, EVS support, and filling in areas where other staff are missing.

The next **Resident Forum** is on Tuesday, February 15, at 2:30 pm. Our Phase 3 Overview Topic for that meeting will be Schroeder Lofts.

#### **PHASE 3 OVERVIEW – Trillium Townhomes**

- Q. Where will the solar panels for the Trillium Townhomes be placed?
- A. They are not yet installed, but will be on the roof of the building. We will address this topic in The Hammer and Coffee With the Contractors soon.