

Rose Villa Resident Forum
Tuesday, November 17, 2019

Employee Anniversaries

ONE year:

- Dessie Cote, CNA, Madrona Grove
- Amelia Hinkle, CNA, Avencia
- Ashley Nickell, Prep Cook, Food and Beverage

TWENTY years (you heard that right – 20!):

- Tammy Edge, LPN, Madrona Grove

Department Intro – Wellness!

Announcements:

Thank you Elliott for helping **SEEDS** with our resident volunteers scheduling the past 4 years -- Job well done! SEEDS Garden Center is our one stop retail shop for plants, flowers, home decor and so much more! Serving you, our fabulous residents and staff, as well as welcoming shoppers from our community, SEEDS is a little gem right here on Main Street, Rose Villa.

Resident volunteers are an integral part of SEEDS, and we are always in need of volunteers to help keep growing our business. If you have time and interest in volunteering a couple of hours a week or month, please stop by SEEDS and visit with Patti or Carolyn and learn how you can become part of our amazing team of volunteers! Thank you

Comfort Companions - Many believe that dying is one of the most sacred moments in life and no person should die alone unless they request to. Comfort Companions is a team of resident volunteers who sit vigil with residents in Madrona Grove in the final hours of their life to assure that the dying person is never alone. This program was created in conjunction with a hospice partner. Training for volunteers is coordinated by the social work and activities team. We are currently seeking new members and will be putting on a **training on Monday, January 27**. If you are interested in becoming a Comfort Companion

or have questions about the program, please contact MaryHelen Clausing, Director of Social Services, at ext. 3044. If you would like to speak to a current Companion about their experience, that can also be arranged.

Sales News: This just in! Our remarkable Sales & Marketing Team has already obtained **9 presales** for our Phase 3 neighborhoods!

Upcoming Dates

The **Holiday Open House Party is tomorrow Wednesday, December 18, from 11:00am to 5:00pm in the Lobby and Club Room.** Joins us for cookie decorating, a sing-a-long with Portland Rose Festival clown Angel Ocasio, pictures with Santa, and much more! Snacks and beverages will be provided throughout the day plus a **special happy hour in the Club Room starting at 4pm.**

Staff and residents are invited to wear their ugly holiday sweaters on **Friday, December 20, for National Ugly Sweater Day.** Stop by the **Lobby between 12:00 and 1:00pm** to get your picture taken by Rick Simpson.

Join us for a **trip to OMSI on Friday, December 20. Bus leaves at 9:30am** and will return around 12:30pm. The feature exhibit “Exquisite Creatures” examines the connections between art and science through stunning 3-D displays or rare specimens from all over the world. Plus, visit “Gingerbread Adventures,” a sweet and smart look at the science behind building gingerbread houses! **Sign up by December 18** via TouchTown or by calling x3289. Minimum 6 sign ups required for trip to take place.

Ken Iverson stops by to share Christmas stories **on December 20 at 2:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.**

Sweet Adelines quartet **Happenstance** perform holiday favorites on **Saturday, December 21, at 3:00pm** in the **Performing Arts Center.**

Local piano students from Keys to Expression will hold a recital for residents on **Sunday, December 22 ,at 2:30pm in the Performing Arts Center.**

We wrap up the holiday season with **baritone Ian Timmons on December 23 at 10:00am in the Performing Arts Center.** Ian is a recent graduate from Portland State’s Opera Program and has previously performed with the Oregon Symphony,

Opera Theater Oregon, Astoria Music Festival, and the Eugene Concert Symphony.

Ring in 2020 with our End of the Year Celebration on December 31! Join us in the **Performing Arts Center** for a toast with me (Vassar!) at **3:00pm** followed by our year-end slideshow. The slideshow will run on a loop for 2 hours in both the PAC and Club Room.

Renewal Week is coming back this **January 6 – 10**, with a host of fun programs to help you feel refreshed and ready for 2020. Be on the lookout for announcements for the following activities:

- Monday – Art journaling and intentional crafting & Fitness Testing
- Tuesday – Tincture tasting and staff tea
- Wednesday – Food demo
- Thursday – Pressing Reset & Eat, Pray, Love
- Friday – Fireman Appreciation

Do you have questions about the Dining Credit, your Food & Beverage Receipts, monthly statements, or the resident portal and you missed yesterday's Q&A? Don't worry – you've got another chance! Come to the **Training Room on Tuesday, January 7, at 1:00pm**, where Angela Hansen will be waiting to answer all your questions.

Discover the mystery surrounding Bigfoot with a trip to the **North American Bigfoot Center on Friday, January 17**. Displays feature a wide array of Bigfoot evidence and historical artifacts, a life-sized sasquatch replica, and short documentaries and films. More information will be distributed after the first of the year.

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Q1. (This came up at the November Forum.) Can we re-use the fencing we are taking down for Phase 3 to put up for the dog park?

A. No. We reviewed what we have and salvaging really isn't worth the expense because of the cost of labor to remove fencing and then re-install.

Q2. May we have an update on progress toward the opening of the two dog parks on campus?

A. Dog park #1, the Community Garden Dog Park, will be put back together when Clackamas County completes their survey process. We are still in wait mode with them, but it CAN'T be that much longer! I know this is frustrating, but we have no voice there. If we can improve the Community Garden Dog Park, we will.

Dog park #2, the area behind the house we own on Laurie, is on hold for a few reasons. The estimates for all the work came in high (there is A LOT of work needed to make that into a usable space). Reducing the scope of work to reduce costs makes for a dog park that will not meet your expectations. And there have been concerns expressed to us by residents that the property is not well-suited for a dog park. For all of these reasons AND the fact that this property could be of great use during Phase 3 construction, we are re-thinking this idea.

Q3. I am concerned that the south end of Schroeder is already very dark on the east side. When the buildings there are removed for construction, where will the street light come from? The motion detector lights are inadequate because of their limited range.

A. We are working with PGE lighting to get improved streetlighting added to this area. We hope to have this in in the next 60 days.

Q4. What is the Rose Villa Administration's response to the proposal approved by the Residents' Council at its November 4, 2019, meeting and forwarded to the RV Administration that Rose Villa develop "a plan to save money, to save energy, and to reduce urban heat island effects by implementing a comprehensive campus landscaping plan"?

A. At the November meeting, the Residents' Council approved a proposal to amend the current Rose Villa Landscape Policy with the overarching goal of increasing tree canopy. The November Council meeting minutes provide the detailed pros and cons of each of four proposed elements of the proposal as well as the Council's approved recommendation for the policy amendment. The following amendment

language has been developed from the approved proposal. It has been provided to the appropriate RV staff and has been incorporated into the RV Landscape Policy.

Amendment:

A group consisting of Rose Villa staff (2), residents (2), and a professional Arborist (1) will be formed to tour and assess the campus tree canopy on an annual basis. Led by the Rose Villa Grounds Manager, this group will meet in the winter/spring each year with the goal of identifying sites across campus which would benefit from increased tree canopy. As potential sites are identified, the Grounds Manager will determine final placement and species so as not to disrupt utilities, sidewalks, and will be considerate of the surrounding resident yards and views, and any known future construction, building, or development plans.

Q5. Has Portland Audubon been consulted in the landscape planning for Phase 3 with the goal of having the landscape certified?

A. Rose Villa and our landscape architects are following the same criteria as for Phases 1 and 2, which is Audubon Gold certification. At this point in the process for Phase 3 (and since we've done it already, via the same architect), there is no need to consult with the Audubon society, just follow the guidelines.

Q6. I understand that Tina Moullet is a member of the Community Advisory Committee for the feasibility study of the Oak Grove – Lake Oswego Bike and Pedestrian Bridge. Could you address the following questions, especially since Metro appears to be intent on pursuing more studies:

- What does Rose Villa management believe are the opportunities and challenges of this project for Rose Villa?
- What opinions, representing Rose Villa, have been expressed to the Committee?

A. Tina has participated in a number of community projects within the Oak Grove neighborhood, including the Trimet Orange Line Max station and parking structure. For this particular project, her membership on the Community Advisory

Committee (CAC) is solely to provide recommendations to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the purposes of determining the feasibility of a pedestrian bridge connecting Oak Grove with Lake Oswego. The CAC members were charged with establishing bridge landing criteria, preferred bridge connection points, and bridge concepts. The TAC then informs the Policy Committee (PC) who ultimately determine if they will make the recommendation to continue with the development of the bridge planning.

The CAC members were asked to be objective in their evaluations and recommendations despite their representation of neighborhoods on both sides of the river. The CAC group developed their top priorities within six criteria based on potential pre-determined bridge landing sites. These priorities are: concerns about parking, make the bridge iconic, something neighbors can be proud of, enhance the environment and minimize negative impacts in the water and from lighting pollution, create a positive user experience – views, smooth access and accessible grades, preserve the experience of nature in parks, connect the trail network, use a small footprint for landings, avoid negative impacts on neighbors.

At the top of our list for Rose Villa are priorities centered around preservation of River Villa Park and the natural habitats surrounding bridge landing locations, mitigating negative impacts to neighborhoods in the bridge landing sites, and community access for all types of potential bridge users. The public comment meeting hosted at Rose Villa on August 7, 2019, was promoted to all of you, so hopefully some of you went to voice your own thoughts and opinions.

All of the meeting agendas, presentations, and meeting summaries with outcomes are available online at <https://www.clackamas.us/transportation/oglo>.

The current status of the feasibility project is that Lake Oswego withdrew from the study in early November and the PC is working on determining if the project will move out of feasibility and into the next phase of study.

NEXT FORUM: Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 2:30pm, in the Performing Arts Center.