

# KNICKERTICKER NEWSLETTER

## **DECEMBER 2020**

KNICKERBOCKER SENIOR CENTER    HOURS: 9 – 2:30 M-F

NANCY PLAIN    ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR    440 – 835 – 1111

**EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE WEEKDAYS AFTER 4 P.M.    440-376-4162**

### **Message from the Manager**

**Charlotte Paoella, Property Manager**

**CONSTRUCTION ZONE** The light at the end of the tunnel is nearing. Construction is scheduled to be completed this month. All the apartments are finished except for a few things that have to be gone over. They are concentrating on the public areas and entrances now. Please stay out of construction zones. They are not safe for you to be in. I know, everyone says nothing will happen to me, until it does. Things can fall, you can step on something and lose your balance, etc. A dozen different things could happen. Let's not make you a statistic. We have waited this long we can wait 2 more months. We need to be smart to stay safe.

### **WEATHER**

Please be careful when venturing out and watch out for black ice. You can't see it, but it will take you down quickly. We will have the parking lots plowed when snow exceeds 2 inches. We will keep the sidewalks clear and salted. We do not salt the parking lots, please be careful. When going outside, even to your car, please consider the weather. If it is extremely cold or a blizzard do not go out unless necessary.

### **NEW MOVE-INS**

We will be having a lot of new people moving into the building from October through the end of the year. If they need help, please help them out or direct them to the office. We will be blocking off 1 elevator for these moves so they can be done as quickly as possible. I know this will be an inconvenience (we should be used to it), but after this is completed the building will be fully operational and construction complete. (Fingers crossed)

### **SMOKING**

This is a non-smoking building and anyone caught smoking in their apartment will be evicted. We will be putting up a smoking pavilion when the weather breaks. When smoking outside, please stay 30 feet from entrances.

## **COVID 19**

The wearing of masks is mandatory for everyone, (residents, family members, guests, aides, friends, visitors, workers, delivery persons, anyone) if you are in the public areas of the Knickerbocker. There are some who have said they have breathing problems, so they don't need to wear them. It is our policy and the policy of LSC that everyone must wear a mask if you are in a public area. You do not need to wear a mask in the privacy of your own apartment. Since our public areas are pretty much closed down to prevent gathering, you only need to wear it from your apartment to the outside, or to the office, or while in the laundry room. However, we still need to practice social distancing. If you are outside and cannot practice social distancing you must wear a mask outside. You do not need to wear a mask outside if you are able to social distance. Violations of this policy can result in a 30 days' notice to move. Thank you all for doing your part not to spread this disease. WE ARE AN AT RISK population and we must try to protect ourselves.

## **THE PARKING LOT**

Both parking lots are open. The East Entrance is not open yet. We are waiting for the entrance to be completed.

## **LAUNDRY ROOM**

The new laundry will be opening this month. There may be some down time between the temporary one closing and the new one opening. (maybe a week) I will let you know when I find out more.

## **CABLE AND INTERNET**

All residents should be on the Spectrum cable and internet. If you have requested additional channels that we have not supplied or a landline you will receive a bill for those channels. If you have not requested additional channels or landline you should not receive a bill from Spectrum. If you do, please see Carryeane for assistance.

## **EMERGENCIES**

Please remember AFTER HOUR EMERGENCIES are just that: emergencies. Our maintenance staff works all day and when they go home to their apartments they want to relax also. They are on call for emergencies. Emergencies are fire, flood, water coming from ceiling, clogged toilets, clogged drains, heating or A/C, clogged garbage chute, your apartment entrance door or lock is not working properly, lockouts, etc. They will get a package from the office if it is medicine that you have to have immediately and cannot wait for the office to open. Emergencies are things that cannot wait until the office opens. I must pay maintenance overtime to work afterhours. Items that are not an emergency are resetting of clocks if the power has gone out, your shades are not working properly, getting packages from the office, dripping faucets (if it is only dripping it can wait until normal business hours), resetting of your tv or cable. You should not be calling maintenance, waking them up or interrupting their time off for items that are not an emergency and that can wait until the office opens.

**You can call the maintenance man on call directly at: 440-376-4162.**

## CONSTRUCTION

Construction is everywhere you look and also where you can't see. I will keep a list going adding and taking items off as they are completed so you can be aware of where things are and the progress that is being made. After you move into your newly renovated apartment if you notice anything wrong, please write it down and give it to the office.

- New chiller system is being installed. The actual chiller has been installed but new lines are being installed also so it is ongoing. (It is quieter now) Lines are being installed for the chiller, ongoing.
- We are in the process of replacing the roof. **Completed**
- The new patio has been poured out front. This is still a construction zone because there has to be grading done to the yard and they are still running pipe and electrical in the roof of the patio.
- The concrete has been poured in the old courtyard. **Completed**
- Work is still continuing in the social hall. We have the larger portion of the room now, but we have to stay flexible as they are still working in there. It can change from day to day.
- Spectrum should finish their initial wiring this month. Then as you go into a newly renovated apartment you will have Spectrum Cable. This will be ongoing until everyone has moved into a permanent apartment. **Completed**
- Most of the windows have been replaced in the courtyard, all but the second floor. Those are not being done right now because of the roof going over the courtyard. **Completed**
- The roof is being installed over the courtyard and temporary walls have been installed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. **Completed**
- The skylight has been installed **Completed**
- The large storefront windows by the atrium are being taken down **Completed**
- The heating boilers are being replaced **Completed**
- New offices are being built
- The booster for better water pressure is being installed. **Completed**
- Work has started in building the new service coordinator office
- Work has started on the new clinic
- Work has started on the new media room
- Work has started on the new exercise room
- Work will begin soon on the west parking lot **Completed**
- Work continues on the atrium
- The fire place has been installed.
- Nancy and I are in the new office.
- The East parking lot is being done with the rain garden.
- A new awning is being put up over the front entrance.

- The new Senior Center Activity (Nancy' office) is being built
- The laundry room and grey water system are being built

## NANCY'S NOTES

Again this month I open with sad news. Ron Lorentz passed away Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family. We will miss him scooting around on his scooter.

So here we are at the end of 2020. What a year it has been. Never in my lifetime did I fathom living through a pandemic and all the havoc it would wreak with the world. My wish, like everyone else's, is for things to return to normal in 2021. It will be a *new normal* and we will have to adjust but we are resilient and will adapt. I continue to count my blessings...thankful for family and friends, thankful for my job, including co-workers and all of you residents, a roof over my head, healthcare that keeps me upright and moving and my faith in a Higher Power. I pray you enjoy your holidays and are ready to begin again in 2021. Hugs to you all.



Sock-tober was a big hit again this year thanks to everyone's generosity. Thank you for donating new socks for the homeless. I delivered them to Common Threads Resale Shop in Fairview where they are the collection point for such items. They in turn, shall pass them along to those folks who distribute them to the homeless.

And our flu shot program was successful also. Claire Postle sits down with Marie Grosh from House Calls in the Falls to get her shot.



The Social Hall is still under construction. I had hoped to be using it by now but even so, the covid-19 reports are not good so we must still be very careful so as not to create a super spreader situation.

If you have items for sale or are looking to purchase something, please let me know as I can put it in the Knickerticker. It always helps if you have a picture.



So I'll start it off. Many know that one of my hobbies is acrylic paint pouring. I've made a selection of trivets that are coated with high heat enamel. They are \$8 each, 6" x 6", and \$1 of each sale goes to the Senior Center. For now I'll display them in the office window and if you are interested, let me know. Once I'm in my office, I'll have more room to display them. Do you have a craft to sell? Or something else? Just let me know.

You'll notice another page of good wishes sent to us from the children at Bethesda On the Bay Lutheran Church. These pages are filled with hope and happiness.

And new folks have started settling into their new apartments. We welcome the following: Ramona Zavada (218), Carol Sitar (517), Mary (Patti) Coreno (518), Allen Sacco (818) and Mark Miller (821).

Until next month, be kind, stay safe and when in doubt, just stay home. If you must go out, don't forget your mask and your sense of humor.

### **THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR THE RESIDENTS**

Thanksgiving 2020 will be remembered as the first holiday meal all of us had to make due. It was unadvisable to eat with family, let alone friends. Not being able to connect with those we love during this holiday is taking its toll on all of us. We need to be resourceful and discover new ways to connect...computer folks might be in Zoom meetings or receiving email or phone texts. But when in doubt, pick up the phone and call someone. Most likely they are experiencing some of the same distress you are and both of you will benefit from the conversation. In light of this worldwide event, Bay United Methodist Church came through with a meal and dessert, along with well-wishes from their parishioners and minister, plus a message from our mayor Paul Koomar. So there are folks out there that care about us and we need to remember that. A big thank you to Todd Dresing from Bay United Methodist Church for delivering the meals and Arline Hartman for help in passing them out. I appreciated their kindness.

## **CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THE RESIDENTS**

As I write this notice, due to the pandemic, this year's Christmas dinner, sponsored by our Board of Trustees, will be delivered to your room on Wed., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> around 6:00 pm. It is for all residents who reserve a meal, but not family or your aides. Catered again this year from Brennan's, the menu is:

Roast Round of Beef w/Gravy  
Penne Rigate with Meat Sauce  
Au Gratin Potatoes  
Carrot and Green Medley  
Garden Tossed Salad w/Dressing  
Rolls & Butter  
Dessert

Unlike the Thanksgiving dinner, it is coming hot, having been prepared and packaged offsite at their catering facility. To reserve your meal, please sign up with Nancy by Wed. Dec. 9th and pay your \$1.00 to hold your meal.

## **STAFF TRIVIA QUIZ**

Let's see how well you know the staff. There's a page at the end of the newsletter with 4 true facts for each staff member. They are all jumbled up and all you have to do is match the fact with the appropriate staff member. Turn your sheets into Nancy and we will see who knows us best. The first 5 correct entries turned in by Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> will receive a Heinen's gift card.

## **MASKS FOR SALE**

The Knickerbocker has an official mask now. You may have seen the staff wearing them...black with the work Knickerbocker in white on them. There's a place to insert a filter, have stretchy ear loops and they are very soft on your skin. If you'd like to buy one, see Betty or me. They are \$5 each.

## **FLOOR BINGO**

The winner of **Game 8 was the 3rd floor**. Sponsored by 2 anonymous donors, the residents received bundt cakes from *Nothing Bundt Cakes*. The winner of **Game 9 was the 7<sup>th</sup> floor**. Sponsored by *Marie Grosh, Housecall Primary Care*

*Provider*, they received a chicken tender snack pack lunch. We certainly appreciate their generosity.

Remember, each floor will have 1 bingo card, posted at the elevator and we will pull 4 numbers daily. We will check each floor and mark off your floor bingo card if you have a match. As soon as a floor gets a bingo, they will be deemed the winner and everyone on that floor will receive a prize. Be sure to check to see what the current bingo game is: single, double, postage stamp, etc. as it changes with each game. Then we will begin again, the following Monday, with a clean bingo card. Just one more way of socializing from a distance.

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS AND LIST**

This year probably more than ever, it's so important to keep in touch with friends and relatives, both near and far. Just letting someone know you are thinking of them will be a bright spot in their day during this crazy health crisis we are experiencing. I had a good number of residents sign up for the voluntary Christmas card list. With that being said, we have been gifted a surplus of Christmas cards that I'd like to share with you for free. If you'd like a package of them, stop in and see Nancy. First come, first serve. Let's put smiles on some of our friend's faces this holiday season.

### **TRIVIA ANSWERS FROM NOVEMBER**

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. sand box                  | 11. neon lights            |
| 2. man overboard             | 12. circles under the eyes |
| 3. I understand              | 13. highchair              |
| 4. reading between the lines | 14. paradise               |
| 5. long underwear            | 15. touch down             |
| 6. crossroads                | 16. 5 feet underground     |
| 7. downtown                  | 17. mind over matter       |
| 8. tricycle                  | 18. he's beside himself    |
| 9. split level               | 19. a backward glance      |
| 10. zero degrees             | 20. life after death       |

21. G. I. overseas

23. see through blouse

22. space program

24. just between you and me



### **TUESDAY – THURSDAY LUNCHES**

Our current lunch program is on hold at the present time. But the Barton Senior Center has allowed us to join their Affordable Lunch program. They have contacted several restaurants willing to offer a simple lunch menu whereby all lunches are only \$5. The latest meal was from Melt, known for their huge sandwiches.

This is how it works: I deliver you the menu, you choose and pay me by the date given, I will go get the lunches and bring them back to be delivered to you. Please jot yourself a note for delivery day and be available to receive the lunch. I hate putting them in the refrigerator for you to pick up later. The dates and restaurants are determined totally by the Barton Center and will be listed on your order form. I'm hoping this program takes off as it's something a little different for us. If you have questions, just call me.

### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

Carryeanne facilitates this and it is a service of daily meals delivered to your door. Cost is \$9.00 per meal, coming from Bay Village Wheel on Meals. See Carryeanne to sign up.

### **HAIR CUTS**

Donna is in the building every Wednesday. Call her for an appointment. 440-463-2091.

### **BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER**

While we can't get together yet to celebrate as a group, if you run across any of these folks, wish them a happy birthday.

8 Mary Field

9 Ismael Rodriguez

9 Dave Wright

21 Ron Inghram

## **ACTIVITIES DURING DECEMBER**

I continue to leave this section in the newsletter first: because it's a familiar piece in the Knickerticker and second: when activities return you will see them here. A blank space after an activity means it's still not available.

<b>FOOD MINISTRY</b> Fri. Dec. 18th	<b>MONTHLY BIRTHDAY PARTY</b>	<b>FRUITS AND VEGETABLES</b> TBA
<b>COFFEE</b>	<b>BAY PRESBYTERIAN STREAMING SERVICE</b>	<b>KNITTING FOR CANCER</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>POST OFFICE ON WHEELS</b> Mon Dec 3:30-3:50	<b>BP CHECK</b>
<b>DISCUSSION GROUP (ALL ARE WELCOME)</b>	<b>MOVIE NIGHT</b>	<b>PODIATRIST Dec 22nd</b>
<b>BINGO</b>	<b>MARCS SHOPPING TRIP</b>	<b>EXTERMINATOR Dec 10<sup>TH</sup></b> 3 <sup>RD</sup> floor only
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>		

## **DONATIONS**

As many of you know I am all about passing along good, useable items to someone in need. Until I am in my new office, I can't accept anything further. There just isn't the room in the office where I am now.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

I'd like to say thank you to those folks in the building and outside of the building for being generous in donating time and goods. As for notices/Knickerticker delivery and bulletin boards, here's the lineup:

- Floor 1 Barb Kopp 514
- Floor 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (delivery) \_\_\_\_\_ 606 (board)  
(temp handled by Arline Hartman 723)
- Floor 3 Candace Tsarnas 305 (delivery) Candace Tsarnas 305 (board)  
(temp handled by Arline Hartman 723)
- Floor 4 Geraldine Jones 401 (delivery) Geraldine Jones 401 (board)
- Floor 5 Paulette House 611 (delivery) Cindy Conklin 710 (board)
- Floor 6 Paulette House 611 (delivery) Barb Young 620 (board)
- Floor 7 Arline Hartman 723 (delivery) Arline Hartman 723 (board)

Floor 8 Lakota Snow 810 (delivery) Lakota Snow 810 (board)

If you are responsible for delivering notices and/or decorating the bulletin boards, please do so right away. Most material is time sensitive. If you can't post the things or deliver notices, please let me know. I'd also like to ask that when the boards go back up that you respect the time, energy and materials these "board" folks give. They do this because they want to participate, so please enjoy the fruits of their labor and do not disturb the contents of their boards. A good rule of thumb is...don't remove a notice unless you were the one who first posted it. That especially goes for the little boards next to the bigger boards where staff posts special notices.