

The Asbury News

News and Information for the Residents of Asbury Heights



September 2022

Resident Community Days

This year's Resident Community Days provided residents with an opportunity to invite their family and friends for a fun few hours of food, entertainment, and relaxation.

Each event was centered around a "down on the farm" theme which included decorations, live entertainment, and a variety of food.

These community-centered events have taken the place of the campus-wide Family Day of yesteryears. These smaller, individualized events offer a more exclusive experience in a more intimate setting.

A big thank you to everyone who made these days extra special.



Campus-wide Themed Day

This month's campus-wide themed day is Golf Day on **Wednesday, September 21**. Wear green or a golf shirt, and try to get a hole-in-one in the Mall!



A \$3 special and FREE fountain drinks will be available from the Café. All residents and staff will receive a golf themed wrapped candy bar.

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Billing Questions?

Diana Uzar 412-571-5160
(Independent Living, Personal Care)

Linda Costa 412-571-5140 (Nursing)

Family Hospice Peace Poles

Art therapist Corrin Corbin (below) has designed various peace poles that will be installed in Family Hospice's Meditation Garden (outside of Building 6, Level 2). Silver doves from Wendell August Forge will display the names of loved ones. Concrete was poured for the Meditation Garden late August.

This will be a unique and thoughtful display of memorializing loved ones who received services from the now closed Family Hospice building on Moffet Street.



This is a work in progress. Keep reading *The Asbury News* or follow us on Facebook for the latest updates.



Daily Basket Raffle On Sale Now!

1 Ticket = 30 Chances to Win!

Raffle Baskets include CASH, GIFT CARDS, DESIGNER HANDBAGS, AND MORE!
Visit 2022CSC.givesmart.com to view baskets and descriptions.

Ticket Prices: 1 for \$10 • 3 for \$25 • 6 for \$40

To purchase tickets, stop by our Reception Desk or Foundation Office (2403).

For more details - call 412-571-5106 or email kartmanca@upmc.edu.

One winner drawn each day in November. Proceeds support UPMC Senior Communities Benevolent Care Fund.

Kitchen Floor Replacement

Asbury Villas' kitchen floor was recently replaced. This was necessary to ensure a safe environment for our dining staff, and to meet the requirements of the Department of Health.

Dining was disrupted for several weeks while the work was completed. Residents are delighted to be back in the dining room to enjoy their meals.

UPMC Home Healthcare

Representatives from UPMC Home Healthcare will be on campus on **Wednesday, October 12** to promote their wide range of home health care services.

Representative **Leslie Henry** will be in the Mall between 10 am and 12 pm and at Asbury Villas between 12:30 and 1:30 pm.

UPMC Home Healthcare services include rehabilitation, wound care, behavioral health, nutrition support, medical social workers, and home health aides. There are also a few specialty programs available.

For more information, visit UPMCHomeHealthcare.com or call the referral line at 1-888-860-CARE (2273).

Embassy Mask Art Project

In 2021, when cloth masks were being phased out for disposable surgical masks, Embassy residents Joan Rogers, Joyce Magill, and Kay Didycz decided to create an art piece to commemorate the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. The three neighbors gathered 23 cloth masks,

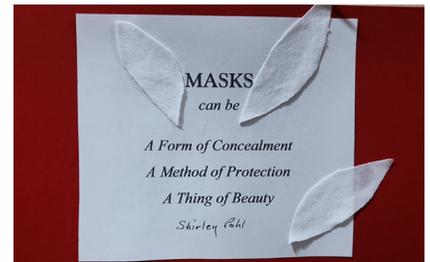


shaped them to look like flowers, and secured them in a large shadow box. The entire project took months to complete as the artists took their time and ensure the piece looked its best.

The goal of the artists was to convey the idea that cloth masks, despite the time of uncertainty around them, were a beautiful thing for various reasons.

“These masks served us well,” said resident Joyce Magill. “We wanted to show our appreciation for their patterns and purpose.”

The piece was finalized in August and is now on display in the hallway adjacent to the Great Room.



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

Please participate in a brief survey in the coming weeks!

More information to come....



Resident Satisfaction Survey for Independent and Personal Care Residents

Independent and personal care residents will have the opportunity to complete this year's survey beginning Monday, October 10. Surveys will be distributed with a detailed letter explaining how they can be completed on paper or online.

Your feedback is necessary for change to happen. The cumulative voices of many residents are needed so that change is not made from a few responses.

Resident Council/Community Meetings

Independent Residents

Monday, November 21 at 1:30 PM
Hickman Chapel

Asbury Villas

Wednesday, October 12 at 2:30 PM
Lifestyle Center

Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Monday, October 17
Staff will meet with residents one-on-one

Laurel Lane

Wednesday, October 12 at 2:00 PM
Ramp

Asbury Place

Monday, October 10 at 2:00 PM
Living Room

Shifting Positions to Gain Efficiencies

As part of a restructuring initiative of UPMC, Asbury has made some staffing adjustments within the maintenance and grounds keeping departments. These positions are being shifted to gain more efficiencies at Asbury and across all UPMC Senior Communities.

The grounds keeping team will no longer fall under Asbury's maintenance department. Instead, they will be with the UPMC Enterprises' Building Maintenance Services. The grounds crew will continue to provide landscaping services on Asbury's campus, but will also help maintain the grounds of other UPMC facilities in the area. The maintenance department was reduced by five positions. These five employees were offered other positions. A few decided to continue with

Asbury/UPMC in a different role while others have chosen retirement or other opportunities.

In addition to day-to-day maintenance issues, general unit turnover will be done by Asbury's maintenance staff. More time-consuming renovations will be done by UPMC Building & Maintenance.

Asbury is not the only campus to see such changes; similar adjustments are being made throughout UPMC Community Provider Services (of which UPMC Senior Communities falls under).

Furthermore, UPMC corporate leaders have conducted an evaluation for the next phase of improvements to Asbury's campus. This month marks Asbury's 5th year with UPMC Senior Communities. UPMC has made over \$13 million in improvements since the affiliation and intends to invest more capital in the upcoming years.

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