

From the Desk of The Executive Director

Spring is here! My favorite time of the year. I love to see new life starting all around – trees and flowers are getting ready to show their beauty and baby rabbits and ducks will be wandering around for all to see. And with Spring comes much warmer weather, something that makes all of us happy! So take some time to get out and enjoy it.

Well, I am sure everyone has noticed the construction project at Luther Towers I is completed. There are still some finishing touches to add – the lettering for LUTHER TOWERS I on the front of the building; furniture is on order; and pictures for the walls are needed. This whole project has not only ensured the safety of residents when exiting the building, it has certainly brought the area up-to-date.

Gardening: In addition to the building construction and Spring, I know many of you are itching to start planting in the garden boxes. I am sure you noticed some of them were in great disrepair. Kelly and his awesome maintenance staff are out there right now making new beds. So it won't be long and you can start your vegetable and flower gardens. I will notify you when they are ready for you – *do not start without notification from me.* Thanks!

STATS SYSTEM: As you may be aware, we were encountering difficulties with our entry/daily status check system. I would really like to thank you all for your patience during this time. It was as frustrating to staff as it was to you. Your visitors and others struggled to get access to the building; we even had new residents move in who were not able to enter their own building. Not to mention the necessity for you to call in or stop by the desk every day to check in. We believe it is almost at 100%, but please let us know if there is an issue with your card and we will rectify the situation.

Remember, your safety and security are very important to us and this system helps us to provide both.

MORE POSITIVES – we have numerous residents and staff who received both COVID vaccinations and there have been no new reported cases of individuals on either campus coming down with the virus. I know we all look forward to the day we no longer have to wear these masks. However, in the meantime, please continue to wear your masks when you cannot social distance and please wash your hands.

PERSONNEL CHANGES: As you are aware, there have been some organizational changes. I was hired on as the Executive Director in March; Jessica Parsons will assume the position of Deputy Director in the middle of April; and Kari Ebert has been promoted to Security Lead Agent for all Security personnel. And we have hired two new individuals: Jessica Balog is the new Director of Admissions and Rachel White is the new Affordable Housing Assistant (she is the one who will be conducting your annual recertifications).

So as you can see, a lot has been changing around here – though there is one constant... we continue to strive to make Luther Towers and Luther Village a place you are proud to call home.

Kim Mendoza



INFORMATION FOR BOTH CAMPUSES

Rent will be pulled on April 5th.

In some months, your rent may not come out of your account on the 4th due to holidays or weekends.

Please check with your bank to verify rent funds have been deducted *before* pulling your money out while assuming the rent was already paid.

This will save you from Insufficient Funds problems.

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Welcome to Our New Residents!

LUTHER TOWERS

LT1 – 205 John Wyatt
 LT1 – 214 Robert Shaner
 LT1 – 401 Wayne Springer
 LT1 – 420 Shirley Johnson
 LT1 – 421 Santiago Gonzalez-Pinto
 LT1 – 507 Renaldo Sierra
 LT1 – 511 Ralph Lord
 LT1 – 521 Merritt Brown
 LT1 – 612 Florence Garrison
 LT1 – 613 Barbara Jackson
 LT2 – A14 Zoranne Moody
 LT2 – A16 Audrey Singletary
 LT2 – B10 Mary Rivera
 LT3 – 2010 Ronald Cadogan
 LT3 – 3007 John Andes
 LT4 – 4115 Sandra & David Jones
 LT4 – 4116 Harry Barrett
 LT4 – 4302 Barbara Katz

LUTHER VILLAGE

LV1 – 1205 Patricia Courts
 LV1 – 1301 Karlton Schmidt
 LV1 – 1318 Florence Enders
 LV2 – 1222 William Cain
 LV2 – 2119 Larry Davis
 LV2 – 2205 Gloria Seahorne
 LV3 – 3210 James Gorham



LUTHER TOWERS DINING HALL

Luther Towers Dining Hall will resume in-person dining on Monday, April 5th.

RESERVATION GUIDELINES:

- Reservation times for in-person dining will be 11:30am and 12:15pm.
- Reservations must be called in to the Luther Village Front Desk Security at 302-674-3780 ext 212. To ensure your call is received, we recommend calling between the hours of 8am to 4pm.
- Facial coverings (over both nose and mouth) must be worn when entering and exiting the dining hall. Individuals who present without a facial covering will be denied entry into the dining hall.
- Those who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 (positive testing and/or symptoms) or who have been exposed to the virus and are quarantining will not be permitted to utilize the service.

Menus are printed every month in this Newsletter for your convenience. Healthy meals are provided by the Modern Maturity Center for \$5.00 per person. Currently, guests are not permitted due to the COVID restrictions.



BLUEBIRD SHUTTLE SERVICE

Partial Bluebird services for Luther Towers and Luther Village will begin Saturday, April 3rd, effective as of March 29th. Reservations will be take by Luther Village Front Desk Security.

For the month of April, we will only be running the Bluebird on Saturday's. Luther Towers will ride in the a.m. and Luther Village will ride in the p.m.

If we see an increase in ridership, we will open the schedule to full use in May.

BLUEBIRD SHUTTLE GUIDELINES:

- Reservations are required to ride on the Bluebird.
- Luther Towers reservations will be available for Saturdays at 9am, 10am, 11am
- Luther Village reservations will be available for Saturdays at 1pm and 2pm.
- The shopping schedule for each campus will be North Walmart and Camden Walmart for the month of April.
- Maximum passenger capacity for the Bluebird remains at 7.
- Residents utilizing the service must reserve a seat by calling Luther Village Front Desk Security at 302-674-3780 ext. 212. To ensure your call is received, we recommend calling between the hours of 8am to 4pm.
- Facial coverings (over both nose and mouth) must be worn at all times while in the vehicle. Individuals who present without a facial covering will be denied entry into the vehicle.
- Those who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 (positive testing and/or symptoms) or who have been exposed to the virus and are quarantining will not be permitted to utilize the service.



NOTES FROM THE SECURITY DESKS

Happy Spring to everyone! The days are getting longer and the blossoms are showing their beautiful colors. I hope everyone is looking forward to warmer weather and taking strolls in the sun.

I've been blessed to accept a new position at the security desk, so you'll be hearing more from me in the coming months. I have big shoes to fill, but I'll be doing my best to maintain a standard of excellence concerning your safety and security.

A few reminders to help keep everything running smoothly:

- ♦ Please state your full name, Luther Towers or Luther Village and apartment number any time you call. This helps us be more efficient.
- ♦ Make sure both you and your guests know how to use the Door King properly to allow them entrance into your building. This keeps the buildings secure. Security staff can help explain the procedure if needed at any time.
- ♦ Luther Towers' new Nurse Call System summons an ambulance when it's pulled just like the system at Luther Village. This reduces response time in the event of an emergency. Please notify the desk immediately if it's pulled in error and we can cancel the ambulance. Of course, if it's an emergency, you're in good hands.

In honor of Spring and National Poetry Month, here's a lovely poem by **Mary Oliver** that I hope brightens your day:

God bless,

Kari – Senior Front Desk Security



And this is the lady
 Whom everyone loves,
 Ms. Violet
 in her purple gown
 Or, on special occasions,
 A dress the color
 Of sunlight. She sits
 In the mossy weeds and waits

CHILDREN, IT'S SPRING

To be noticed.
 She loves dampness.
 She loves attention.
 She loves especially

To be picked by careful fingers,
 Young fingers, entranced
 By what has happened
 To the world.

We, the older ones,
 Call it Spring,
 And we have been through it
 Many times.

But there is still nothing
 Like the children bringing home
 Such happiness
 In their small hands.



From the Desk of Tricia Robinson

Hello Everyone! 🙋

SPRING IS HERE! THANK GOODNESS!

We made it through a very difficult Winter with COVID lockdowns and the cold weather. I know we are all VERY HAPPY TO SEE SPRING! You are encouraged to get out and breathe in some fresh air! Hopefully, activities will be up and running soon.

I have been visiting quite a few apartments recently to deliver paperwork and I want to have a little chat about FALL RISK. There are small and simple changes that can be made to your living space which will prevent the possibility of a major fall...

I know throw rugs can add beauty to your apartment but they are also a major trip-and-fall risk. Remove throw rugs from your main walking areas to avoid tripping on your way to the bathroom or kitchen in the middle of the night.

Clean up piled clutter. Get rid of excess furniture. It is essential to make a clear walking path throughout your apartment. There may come a time when you may need to navigate a walker through your apartment. Preparing in advance is very important.

Clear doorways. Make sure that you can open the door to the bathroom, bedroom and entry door all the way. There should not be anything behind your doors so that, if you need to, you can easily guide a walker in and out of the space.

Do not place extension cords across the floor in any room! Very Dangerous!

CHANGE COMES: As you have all heard by now, our Mr. Gary Coy has retired and Kim Mendoza has taken the position as Executive Director. Mr. Coy will be greatly missed. It has been my pleasure to work under him for the past 9 years. He led our organization with such grace, compassion and strength and we were all very lucky to have had him as our Director. Mr. Coy leaves behind an amazing legacy and we are all very proud to work here.

I have also worked under Kim Mendoza for the last 9 years and I think she will do an excellent job as Executive Director. Kim has a huge heart for this organization and a passion for the mission at Luther Towers • Luther Village. We are all in great hands under her leadership and I look forward to this next chapter.

GO TEAM GO! I can guarantee that we are all working to serve your needs and to make living conditions in your home optimal.

WINNER OF DOVER PLACE TRIVIA Question for March is ~Hazel Grooms~ from LT4. Her prize was a TARGET gift card!

If you have an answer you would like to submit for this month's Trivia Question, please put it in the BLACK BOX next to the security desk (both campuses have one). Jennifer from Dover Place will do a door prize drawing for those who have the correct answer!!

APRIL TRIVIA QUESTION:

Which Country invented Tea?

Thank you,
Tricia

MAINTENANCE NEWS

KELLY'S REMINDERS: If any resident has a Maintenance Repair issue in their apartment, please call the Front Desk. I'm getting a lot of calls on my office phone and I may not check messages until the end of the day.

PEST CONTROL

Luther Towers Apartments

April 28th 4301-4316

Luther Village Apartments

- Apr 7th – LV-3 – 2nd, 3rd, 4th Floors
- Apr 14th – LV-2 – All Floors
– LV-3 – 1st Floor
- Apr 21st – LV-1 – 2nd & 3rd Floors
- Apr 28th – LV-1 – 1st Floor

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH






What you do makes a difference...

And you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make...



Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	Lunch Served Noon to 1:00pm Reservation Required Call 302-734-1200					1	2	Center Closed	
5	Chicken Pot Pie Broccoli Wheat Bread & Milk Peaches	6	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Chef's Choice Vegetable Italian Bread & Milk Pudding	7	Minestrone Soup Tuna Sub w/Lettuce & Tomato Crackers Rice Pudding	8	9	BIRTHDAY DAY Roast Beef & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Carrots Wheat Bread & Milk Cake	
12	Pork Chops w/Onion Gravy Mashed Sweet Potatoes Yellow Squash w/Tomatoes Wheat Bread & Milk Brownie	13	Beef-A-Roni Tossed Salad Italian Bread & Milk Fruit	14	BBQ Chicken Potato Salad Greens Wheat Bread & Milk Apple Crisp	15	16	Chili White Rice Broccoli Cornbread Peaches	
19	Chicken & Dumplings Biscuit Peas & Carrots Wheat Bread & Milk Fruit Cocktail	20	Ham & Cabbage Boiled Potatoes Bread & Milk Lemon Mousse	21	Two Beef Hot Dogs On Buns Baked Beans & Coleslaw Milk Oatmeal Cookies	22	23	Baked Cod Macaroni & Cheese Stewed Tomatoes Wheat Bread & Milk Sherbet	
26	Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Harvard Beets Wheat Bread & Milk Mandarin Oranges	27	Pepper Steak Jasmine Rice Green Beans Wheat Bread & Milk Banana Pudding	28	New England Clam Chowder Tuna Salad on Bun Coleslaw Milk Congo Bars	29	30	Liver & Onions Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Wheat Bread & Milk Bread Pudding	

April 2021 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 	2 	3
4 	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 3pm Cherub Group I/C	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 12:15pm-1:00pm Food Box	21	22 	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30  Arbor Day	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 12:00pm Ceramics III Arts & Crafts Room	2	3
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11	12	13	14	15 12:00pm Ceramics III Arts & Crafts Room	16	17
18	19	20 11:30 to 12:00 Food Box	21	22 12:00pm Ceramics III Arts & Crafts Room	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 12:00pm Ceramics III Arts & Crafts Room	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8



Phone Extensions

302-674-1408

Name & Position	Extension #
Kim Mendoza, Director.....	112
Jessica Parsons, Deputy Director.....	130
Tricia Robinson, Social Services..... (Tuesday / Thursday / Friday)	131
Jessica Balog, Admissions.....	119
Rachel White, Affordable Housing Assistant.....	113
Sharon Poisson, Accounting.....	132
Kari Ebert, Security Lead	0
Kelly Hauer, Maintenance	111
Nicole Newton, Kitchen.....	128
Karen Ambruso, Beauty Shop..... (Wednesday / Thursday / Friday)	129
Front Desk	0



Phone Extensions

302-674-3780

Name & Position	Extension #
Tricia Robinson, Social Services..... (Monday & Wednesday)	210
Luther Village 1 Desk.....	212
Karen Ambruso, Beauty Shop..... (Tuesday)	674-2712 ext 305
Medical Transportation	242-6187

