

Message from the Administrator

Dear Residents:

Happy 4th of July!! Be sure and check your July Lifestyle Calendar for 4th of July celebrations. I have always enjoyed the 4th of July. Fireworks, picnics and time with family and friends are just some of my fond memories about this holiday.

However, let's not forget Independence Day, commonly known as July 4th or the Fourth of July, commemorates the Continental Congress' adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The document, primarily written by Thomas Jefferson, served as a formal announcement that the 13 American colonies were no longer a part of the British Empire and would henceforth be free and independent states. Regarded as the birthday of the United States of America, the day is typically celebrated with parades, fireworks, ceremonies, barbecues and family gatherings. I hope each of you have a safe and fun 4th of July!



Tammy Braun, Social Worker for The Plaza has accepted a position closer to her home near The Woodlands. Tammy was an integral part of The Plaza Team for three years and we wish her the best in her new endeavor. As we interview Social Worker candidates, LaVera Davis, will serve as Interim Social Worker during the evening and Sunday mornings. Ms. Davis became familiar with our community in 2008 when she served as Interim Social Worker while Tammy was on maternity leave.

We have recently added a Concierge position for the 3rd Floor. Susie Barnes will serve as our temporary Concierge as we search for the appropriate permanent candidate. The 3rd floor concierge will be available at the nurse's station every day from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Concierge will answer phones, be available to assist residents and families with questions, supervise resident call lights and provide an after dinner activity.

As always, my door is always open and I am available to you if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Barb Martin
Health Care Administrator
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The Butler's Pantry
is available to everyone. Check out the key
at the Plaza Concierge Desk.

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Concierge: 713-979-3777

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July 4th Festivities



Sunday, July 4th
7:00 & 9:35 p.m. - Fireworks
2 & 3 TV

It's that time again. We'll celebrate our freedom at Eleanor Tinsley Park with "Freedom Over Texas" on Sunday, July 4, 2010. And if you can't make it out on Sunday, catch the concert and fireworks display live on ABC13 beginning at 7pm! Come gather with friends to watch!

July Birthdays

02 Dorothy Kotowicz
07 Nancy Harris
15 Ruby Lamb
19 Laura Huston
19 Marzetta Shelton
23 Clephane Aldridge



Birthday Celebration
Friday, July 9th



3:00 pm
Living Room

Time to celebrate! ... another year well done as we toast July Birthdays with eat sweet cake. Curtis will be at the piano playing some of your favorite tunes. The party starts with YOU!

Team Member Spotlight

Oscar Ascencio-Dining Services

Oscar has been with us since July 2005. He came from the Omni Hotel where he worked for 8 years in the restaurant as a bus boy and runner. When Oscar joined us he helped with a great many of the opening parties and developed his serving skills.

Oscar was born in Honduras and came to the United States in 1998. His parents and one sister are still there and his brother is here in Texas. While in Honduras, he worked in banking for six years. He came to Boston first and worked at Whole Foods while living with friends of his family. He came to Houston to work for his uncle's landscaping business. He quickly found out this was not his calling as the heat and type of work did not fit with his personality. It is here he started his career in the hotel and restaurant field, working first with Marriott and Crown Plaza hotels. Oscar works very hard so he can help his parents back at home.

When not at work Oscar really enjoys his social time. He loves to dance, especially Salsa and comedy is his favorite type of TV.

As for what he likes most about The Buckingham he replied "The people here, they are friendly and I have my friends here."

