

February, 2021

Talk of the Towers

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/4-Priscilla Mickey

2/5- Anne Chapman & Jay Fiske &
Sheryl Leddon: 2/6- Karen Langemak

2/8- Anatoliy Kirillov:

2/14- Maureen Mullen

2/19- Carmen Poindexter

2/22- Brian Bass: 2/23 Ofilia Perez &
Susan Waite: 2/24- Frank Timmons

2/27- Rouhollah Fathabad

The board members will be bringing a
treat to your doors to help you celebrate.

The Bus Is Back (kind of)

Management has approved limited bus
runs, with some restrictions.

- 1) Only 6 people will be allowed on the
bus for each store run.
- 2) All residents MUST wear a mask
- 3) You will be asked to use hand sanitizer
each time you get on the bus

The bus schedule is on the calendar.

There will be some changes to the stores
and the days the bus is running.

You will be signing up for the bus on
Friday, for the next week with Janice, at
the front desk.

Because of limited space, you can only
ride the bus to one store each week.

Mr. Willie will assist you for your safety

HAPPY SHOPPING



COFFEE TIME

Wednesdays

@

8:30am

Grab a cup of coffee and a pastry and
Socialize: (from a distance)



The snack bar will be opened every
Thursday @ 2pm

MANAGEMENT CORNER

Hoping this Valentine's Day brings you loving
thoughts, good wishes, health and happiness!

We as a staff, want to make your life at the Tow-
ers of Jacksonville a pleasant and safe place to live,
especially during this pandemic. We now have a
new housekeeper that is doing a great job to en-
sure that our facility is kept clean and sanitized.

We are making lots of plans for future opportu-
nities, as soon as restrictions are lifted. However,
for now, we must remain vigilant and continue to
be aware of our surroundings and wear a mask and
stay as safe as possible. We can only do what we
can as a management team, you have to make the
smart decisions for your own safety.

Please keep an eye on your bulletin boards for
any updates that are happening here, and in our
community.

We are all working hard to get through this
pandemic. Let's do it together as a team.

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All the fun stuff is still happening
BINGO



Wii Bowling



Game Day



And Ice Cream



Check your calendar for days and times

Residents Association Corner

Hello (again) from your new officers

Cheryl Barker– President

Marge Robertson– Vice President

Pat Conlin– Treasurer

Ferrell Long– Secretary

Floor Captains

1st– Dr. K: 2nd– Jane Miller

3rd– Marilyn Moore: 4th– Frank Timmons

5th–Connie Savage: 6th Pat Conlin

7th Sal Arena: 8th– Ferrell Long

9th– Nevin Alwine: 10th –Maureen Mullen

11th– Christel Hansel: 12th Bob Schmidt

Please let us know if we can assist you in
any way

Please join us in thanking the 1)Board of
Directors for our new carts. 2)Holly
Walsh (HolyWogs) for the delicious cookies.
3) Southside Baptist Quilt Ministry for the
prayer quilts (See Marvin)

We want to express our appreciation to
Sal and Laury for volunteering at our snack
bar. And to Sal for opening our coffee bar
every Wednesday morning.

Southside Baptist Church

Would like to invite all seniors to their mid
week church service on Wednesdays @
10am– 11:30am.

This includes transportation, refreshments
and fellowship after the service

Look for a sign up sheet in multipurpose
room if you would like to attend. Sign up by
Tuesday @ 5pm each week.

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February 2nd

Ground Hog Day

Groundhog Day is a uniquely American tradition, but its roots come from across the Atlantic. The February 2 holiday can be traced back to the ancient Christian celebration of [Candlemas Day](#), the halfway point between winter solstice and [spring](#) equinox where clergy would bless and distribute candles needed for winter. Germany added something extra to these festivities: They used a hedgehog to predict the weather, saying if the hedgehog saw its shadow, they'd endure six more weeks of bad weather. Between 1725 and 1775, a swath of Germans made their way to the United States, many of them [settling in Pennsylvania](#). They kept their Candlemas tradition, replacing the hedgehog with a groundhog, which were plentiful in the area. Pennsylvania newspaper *Punxsutawney Spirit* published a story about the groundhog festivities in 1886, and the next year, the city embraced the celebration and held [the first Groundhog Day](#) at Gobbler's Knob. The newspaper's editor (who belonged to a group of groundhog hunters) declared that Phil, Punxsutawney's groundhog, was the nation's only weather-forecasting rodent.



February 14th

Valentines Day

The history of Valentine's Day—and the story of its patron saint—is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?

The [Catholic Church](#) recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Still others insist that it was Saint Valentine of Terni, a bishop, who was the true namesake of the holiday. He, too, was beheaded by Claudius II outside Rome's ancient rite?



Service Coordinators' corner

OK. Here we are the 2nd month of this 2021 year and still COVID-COVID-COVID.

Well the good news is that we have a vaccine. As of January 26th, the only place you can get a vaccine is at Regency Mall. Call 866-200-3762 and leave a call back number to get an appointment. However, here in Duval County, the vaccine news changes day by day. So keep your eye on the local news if you intend to go off property to get the shot. Or, you can wait until the CDC and the Health Department decide to choose the Towers of Jacksonville for a vaccine clinic. We are on the list of senior facilities to receive the in house clinic. Just waiting for the call as to when.

I would like to say thank you to all residents for the holiday cards, gifts and kind words during the last holiday season. And thanks to those who set up decorations in the common areas and made the TOJ feel like a happy place. Also, some of you went all out on your floors for the holiday. I really enjoyed seeing the holiday spirit in you.

We now have 2 new employees here at the Towers; Mr. Stephen Sailor (Maintenance Tech) and Ms. Vera Martin (Housekeeping). Please help me in welcoming them as I'm sure you will all get a chance to meet them as time goes on.

Let's talk about the \$600.00 stimulus check. Some of you have not received the money yet. If you got the last payment you will qualify for this one. The IRS made an error with where they sent the money, in some cases. If you do not get the payment by the end of January, you will have to file a tax return to get it as a refund. I can help you with that and it is free to file.

Dr. Daniels (Podiatrist) will be here on Monday, Feb. 1st between 10am and 2pm. The best way to get an appointment with her is to call 904-686-6525. I will put a sign up sheet in the multipurpose room. Please leave your apartment # and a phone #.

Dr. Tra (Dermatologist) will be here on Tuesday, Feb. 16th. I will have a sign up sheet in the room as well.

Sara @ UCOM has been making sure that we have our food distribution days at least twice a month. She has been great and deserves a big thank you. She will also offer any person in need of food a special delivery package. Please give her a call and show your gratitude to 904-396-2401.