



Discover what's going on in our community.

The new month brings warmer weather and new opportunities. Spark challenge has become a weekly highlight for residents that enjoy competing with other communities, and it's been great to observe their perseverance, encouragement, and commitment to one another.

We plan to have a family meeting in early March for families to meet our new DHS Katie Germann, and to go over any on-going concerns from the last meeting we had at the beginning of October 2024. Look out for a date this week.

Notable March Dates:

- Family Council Meeting TBD
- All Staff Meeting Friday, March 21st
- Chef Chat with Emily Friday, March 28th
- Every Wednesday Centerville Treats & Tours 10-12 and 3-5

Community Life Events

Entertainment: Steve Rosa-
March 7th at 2:30

Joanne Bolles- March 14th
at 2:30

The Wyoming Wanderers-
March 21st at 2:30

Rob Ellos presents - The
Amazing Life of Amelia
Earhart March 26th at 2:00

We are headed to the Goodwill on the 5th and Red Ginger buffet on the 24th. Sign up with Mindy if you would like to go on either outing. Family is always welcome to join us. Check out our monthly calendar for all of our activities.

Anne & Shirley from St. Genevieve did a great job with Catholic mass in February. St. Genevieve is here the first Wednesday of the month for Catholic mass. at 11:00. Come join us! St. Genevieve is also here every Wednesday to give our residents that choose communion. If you would like to be added to the communion list, let Mindy know.



We would like to welcome Katie Germann to our community. Katie is our new DHS (nurse). Katie has a background of working in nursing homes and has also worked as an RN in state investigations.

We will be scheduling a meet & greet in the coming weeks to introduce Katie and answer any questions you might have.

Katie's contact information:

Email: Katie.germann@lifesparksl.com

Phone: 651-758-2149

We would also like to welcome the following new caregivers. Tess, Hanan, and Fadila.

We are happy to have these new employees join our team.

Reminder: Podiatry will be here on March 13th. If you are already on the list, you don't need to sign up.

If you are new to being seen by podiatry, please let the nurse know to add you to the list.

Leah is our hairdresser. The salon is open on Thursday from 9:30 to 12:00. If you would like to have your hair done, write your name in the book outside of the salon door and drop your money in the black box attached to the door.

Charity Disaster Fraud and Scams!

When crisis strikes, criminals seem to be among the first to respond and take advantage of others' suffering with fake charities and other schemes.

They may pose as contractors and FEMA officials after natural disasters such as those dealing with the California wildfires for example. These types of occurrences can bring out the best in people, as well as the scammers in hopes to make a quick buck.

According to the National Centers for Environmental Information, in 2023, disasters in the U.S. caused \$95 billion in losses. The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), a nonprofit organization which works to prevent and combat insurance fraud, estimates 10% of those losses (\$9.3 billion), was lost to post disaster fraud.

However, fraud comes in many forms from Fake Contractors, Government, Utility and insurance impostors and Bogus Charities.

Phony charities will get busy making calls, sending text messages, emails and social media posts soliciting donations for relief work. Scammers set up domains featuring the fire's location or the storm's name and use words like "help" and "relief". Other faux fundraisers imply a connection to a well-known aid organization like the Red Cross.

How to Recognize a charity disaster scam

When a disaster charity's name or website address resembles but does not quite match that of an established aid organization, and its website offers few details about it. (lack of physical location or history of relief work)

Check the Charity and only give to charities with a proven track record of disaster work. Use online resources like Charity Navigator, CharityWatch, GuideStar or the BBB's Wise Giving Alliance to check an organization. Research the sender before hitting the donate button.

If you are solicited by phone, HANG UP and go to [CharityNavigator.org](https://www.charitynavigator.org) and get the information on where to contact the real charity.



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to You

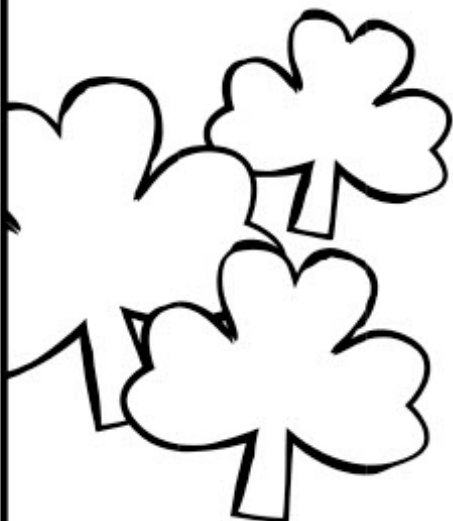
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HAPPY St. Patrick's Day!



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