

# ***“For Your Information”***

(A periodic publication by Sherwood Oaks president, Mark D. Bondi)

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## **Basic Cable Service**

Beginning September 1, 2015, basic cable service will be billed by Sherwood Oaks and not Armstrong Cable. This charge will show as a line on your Sherwood Oaks resident monthly statement. That charge will be reflected on the resident statement dated September 30. With this change, the rate charged for basic cable television will be reduced from \$72.45 per month to \$40 per month.

Armstrong cable has several billing cycles and there may be some overlap of billing from them for basic cable service. Armstrong has communicated to Sherwood Oaks that it will note on the invoices the amount that should be paid directly to Armstrong. Credits (if any) on the Armstrong invoices can be used for future add-on services with Armstrong, such as HBO, internet or phone as applicable. Questions can be directed to Annette McPeck at ext. 8467.

## **Updated Motorized Cart Policy – now asks you to label your adaptive devices**

Scooters are a great way to get around the campus. In order to promote the safe use of scooters and the effective use of the Sherwood Oaks Gallery when scooters are parked, we promulgated a “Motorized Cart Policy” in 2013. This policy was recently updated and is available to view on the Sherwood Oaks website by typing Sherwood Oaks Resident Handbook into your browser; clicking on the Resident Handbook -Sherwood Oaks link; clicking on “Policies, Forms and Other” and finally, choosing “Motorized Cart Policy.” A paper copy is also available at the front desk. One of the changes in the policy is that we are asking residents to place their names on walkers and other adaptive devices. A simple address label or piece of tape is fine. Please call Mike Mills at ext. 8482 with any questions.

## **Local Real Estate Tax Payments**

Sherwood Oaks has had a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (“PILOT”) agreement with our local Taxing Bodies (Seneca Valley School District, Butler County and Cranberry Township) since 2004. In this agreement, Sherwood Oaks asserts that it is tax exempt; but agrees to make payments in recognition of the services to the greater community provided by the Taxing Bodies.

This March, representatives of the Taxing Bodies notified us that they wanted to meet to renegotiate the agreement. After a meeting this week, we were informed that the Taxing Bodies would be filing an appeal to the current tax assessment. This appeal will preserve their right to appeal if we do not reach a negotiated settlement. We believe that a negotiated settlement is best for both Sherwood Oaks residents and the Taxing Bodies. We will continue to negotiate in good faith to reach an agreement. As usual, we will keep you informed about the progress of the negotiations.

## **The R&R Program**

Openings are still available for the R&R Club. This program is designed specifically for couples on our campus residing independently. The goal is to provide opportunities for structured, social stimulation for participants, while providing respite for their spouse and caregiver.

The program is running on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 2 PM and is supported by staff from Special Services and Therapeutic Recreation. So far, there are two participants; both have responded positively. Please call Lori Greer at ext. 4651 with questions about the program.

## **Cranberry Lake Fitness Center**

The construction on our new fitness center is coming along nicely. We expect to complete construction by mid-September and open for business shortly thereafter.

## **Dining Services Says Aloha!**

It's tiki time! Grab that favorite Hawaiian shirt and join us in the main dining room on Wednesday, August 26 for a Luau birthday celebration. We kick off the meal with Polynesian beef soup and chilled mango soup. The entrees include baked mahi-mahi with pineapple chutney, teriyaki glazed chicken, lime & ginger marinated flank steak and Hawaiian pulled pork. Choices of side dishes are oven roasted white & sweet potatoes, sautéed Asian cabbage or snow peas with water chestnuts. We finish the meal with a mousse filled macadamia nut cup with raspberry sauce or a chocolate decadence torte.

## **The CLAW**

Do you know what this is?



This is the CLAW – a device manufactured for holding pool cues but we have been using them very successfully in the dining room for holding canes. This allows the canes to be near the table and lessens the chance of creating tripping hazards. Please feel free to give them a try – they are available in the dining room, Café and in the health center.

## **LED Lights**

In an effort to conserve power and avoid burned out lights, we are testing a LED streetlight in parking lot A. It is the flat silver covered fixture on the light pole. Let us know what you think.