

# *“For Your Information”*

(A periodic publication by Sherwood Oaks Executive Director, Annette McPeck)

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## **HIPAA Privacy Rule**

HIPAA (The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) covers all residents and employees on the Sherwood Oaks campus. By following HIPAA, we are not permitted to give out any personal or medical information about a resident or employee unless we are given permission to do so. The HIPAA privacy rule must also be adhered to while attending committee meetings, board meetings and public meetings that are held on the campus. A resident and/or employee’s personal/medical information cannot be spoken about at these types of meetings unless the person you are speaking about remains anonymous.

## **Pet Reminder**

The grounds crew started cutting grass last week and came across a few areas of the campus where residents are not cleaning up after their pets. I would like to remind you that the Pets section 1.11 in the Resident Handbook states the following:

- Owners must clean up after their pets on all areas of Sherwood Oaks property.

Ignoring this policy can cause a real mess for the grounds crew who are mowing grass and landscaping the campus.

## **Take a Walk with a Friend**

Spring is here, so take advantage of the fresh air and join Bill Burtner and other residents on a weekly walk around campus. Sherwood Oaks’ “Take a Walk with a Friend” program begins Tuesday, April 12 and lasts until Tuesday, November 1. The group meets every Tuesday at 11AM in the main lobby. Please feel free to contact Bill Burtner at #8543 with any questions.

## **Swans**

The swans arrived on March 21 and seem to be adapting well to their new home. Later this month, we will post details for a naming contest.

