

THE SUNRISER

Sunny Hill's Renovation Progress—Dining Room Changes Coming Soon!

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If you are wondering if Sunny Hill's construction will ever be finished, you are not alone! We are all anxious for the dust to settle. Unfortunately, we have at least another year of renovations to complete, but fortunately we are amazed at how all the updates look and are very appreciative of all the changes that makes Sunny Hill a wonderful place to live.

Very soon a major change will be taking place when we will need to close the part of the dining room that we are currently using for renovations. This will be a challenge for all the residents that currently have their meals there as the entire area will close all at once.

Residents from 1st, 2nd and 3rd Avenues will be enjoying their meals on their avenue in the newly created activity space across from the nurses station.

Residents that live on 4th and 5th Avenues will either be asked to have their meals on their avenue's day room or they will be eating in the new dining room



space where the renovations have been completed.

Sunny Hill Administration realizes that this is not a very big area and this will be a change in the resident's routine, but the only way to complete the renovations is to vacate the area. Everyone's patience is appreciated, especially family members visiting during meal times. We are asking that families request a table in the Sunshine Room if they are visiting their loved one during meals.

With everyone's cooperation we will get through this phase and will soon be able to enjoy a fully renovated dining room. Once the dining room renovations are completed in early 2016, we will be

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Happy Halloween!

Please join us on Thursday, October 29th for our annual Halloween Costume Party and Fashion Parade.



From the desk of Larry Walsh, Will County Executive

I am pleased with the progress Karen Sorbero and her staff have made in the significant renovations of Sunny Hill Nursing Home. All of us in Will County government are committed to maintaining a safe and comfortable environment for the 200 residents who call Sunny Hill home.

Working with the County Board, we have completed renovations to five of the six avenues. I am sure many of you have already noticed the improvements to the dining hall and conference rooms, as well as our admissions and social services offices. We have made substantial investments in updating our technology at Sunny Hill.

I am very proud of the high energy level that is part of Sunny Hill. Each time I visit, the residents are engaged in some sort of activity or event. I know the staff works hard to schedule interesting programs.

We are blessed in Will County with a high quality nursing facility such as Sunny Hill. The dedication and compassion of the staff brings comfort to the residents and their families. I wish all our residents, their families and our staff much health and happiness in the future.

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

Sunny Hill Administration:

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| <i>Administrator</i> | <i>Karen Isberg Sorbero, LNHA</i> |
| <i>Assistant Administrator</i> | <i>Becky Haldorson, LNHA</i> |
| <i>Director of Nursing</i> | <i>Debbie Stanko, RN</i> |
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| <i>Financial Supervisor</i> | <i>Andrea Dolan</i> |
| <i>Social Services</i> | <i>Tammy Sangmeister, LSW</i> |
| <i>Admissions/Marketing Coordinators</i> | <i>Charlotte Mather Stephanie Cupples</i> |

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| <i>Dietician</i> | <i>Paula Hall, LD/RD</i> |
| <i>Kitchen Manager</i> | <i>Bonita Dodson</i> |
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| <i>Activity Director</i> | <i>Danette Krieger</i> |
| <i>Maintenance Supervisor</i> | <i>Rene Munoz</i> |
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Nursing Department

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| <i>MDS Coordinator</i> | <i>Marbe Flores, RN</i> |
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| <i>Lori Chancey, RN</i> | <i>Sheila Altis, RN</i> |

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| | <i>Vivian Bibber, RN</i> |

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| <i>Ferdinand Cantor, RN</i> | <i>Jennifer Calma, RN</i> |
| <i>Alicia McLaughlin, RN</i> | <i>Munawar Gill, RN</i> |
| <i>Amy Varghese, RN</i> | <i>Nenita Labay, RN</i> |

Dear Family Members, Volunteers and Community Friends:

Though summer is ending, the residents and staff of Sunny Hill are still enjoying the beautiful seasonal changes and can be found on our patios. So much work has been done to keep the flowers and grounds in shape – thank you to the Friends of Sunny Hill and our other community volunteers (especially KSKJ and the University of St. Francis Alumni).

Renovation continues to be center stage at Sunny Hill with the final phase at a midpoint. The front hallway, new activity space (former Finance Department), a chapel (formerly the Nursing Department office space), family room (which will house a coffee bar, library and computer center), replacement flooring and an enlarged unit day room area for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Avenues are all awaiting Illinois Department of Public Health’s occupancy survey. Once that is complete and all areas moved into, the Main Dining Room and 6th Avenue renovations will begin, which means change to everyone’s routine.

The Main Dining Room will be the most difficult transition, with so many of our residents that currently dine in the Main Dining Room now being assigned to dine on their avenues. There will only be room for 40 – 50 residents to dine in the Family Room area next to the Main Dining Room compared to the almost 90 that dine in the Main Dining Room at the present time. It is so important that NO family members eat with their loved ones in the avenue day rooms or other dining area, but take their loved one to the Sunshine Room to dine.

Other reminders are that all family members must purchase their meal ticket at the reception desk no later than 10:30am for lunch and no later than 3:30pm for dinner and due to the many dietary restrictions faced by our residents we are asking that family members allow the staff to serve all residents meals. We know that you just want to assist, but safety precautions, allergies and dietary likes and dislikes must be followed.

Holiday events are already being finalized and we look forward to the seasonal entertainment and décor.

Please let me know if you have any concerns or suggestions that you would like to have addressed - my door is always open! Enjoy the beautiful Autumn season!

Sincerely,
 Karen Isberg Sorbero
 Administrator
 Sunny Hill Nursing Home of Will County



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 and Community Friends of
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**For more information, offer suggestions
 or submit materials,
 contact Becky Haldorson, Assistant Administrator
 815-774-4375**

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The following Memorial Gifts have been received by either The Friends of Sunny Hill or Resident Council. The Families and Friends of these Residents are in our thoughts and Prayers.

Kenneth Barbee

Ms. Evelyn Barbee
 Ms. Olivia Barbee
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Barbee
 Mr. Richard Blackwell
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 Ms. Judith A. Bumbalo
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OTHER IMPORTANT DONORS:

Catherine J. Engler
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S.T.A.R. Spontaneous Thanks and Recognition

The following staff members have joined the ranks of those who are going above and beyond the call of duty and providing the best care possible to our residents and Sunny Hill. Department Heads, Supervisors and Family Members have nominated these employees since August 1, 2015

Activities

Danette Krieger (2 certificates!)

Environmental Services

Gordon Taylor (2 certificates!)

Marcus Galvan

Gordon Taylor

Nursing

Stacy Bargas

Graciela Duarte

Christina Guzman

Rebecca Hurley

Jasmine Johnson

Bertha McGaughey

Shannon Ortiz

Amber Smith

Benita Smith (4 certificates!)

Shatonga Starks

Stacey Bargas

Narkita Thompson

Graciela Duarte

Sheila Topps-Triplett

Amie Gonzales

Bernice Trent

Marijess Gonzales

Amber Smith

Christina Guzman

Shatonga Starks

Rebecca Hurley

Connie Knight

Jasmine Johnson

Brenda Climer

Bertha McGaughey

Naty Basilio

Ning Moraga

Shannon Ortiz

Angela Shaw

Angela Babicki

Adrienne Brown

Jennifer Cole

Carl Conley

Tess Dobbs (2 certificates!)

Shirley Reed

Narkita Thompson

Maintenance

Steve Brann

Bill McFarland

Thank You!



Special Donors

Thank you to the following individuals and organizations for your generosity to our residents!

Judy Ogalla

Omattoa Family

Harold Damron

Jan Howard

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Mary Ann Bowden

Fred Bertagnoli

Margaret Sherpan

Gretta (JACH)

Pamela Putrich

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Daylight Savings Time Ends!

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on November 1st.



purchasing new furniture for the entire area.

Other additions to the dining room area will be a brand new 160 gallon fish tank with custom built cabinetry that is being provided by Friends of Sunny Hill. The cabinet and tank may be installed well before we are actually able to add the fish. We need to get past the creation of dust in renovating the dining room before the installation is completed.

Also in the new dining room area in the corner by the entrance to 2nd Avenue is our beautiful new library. Our residents have really enjoyed having a designated space for a library and this area will allow us to have even more reading materials as well as computers and a magnifier to help people that have vision problems.



Across the walkway to 3rd Avenue is an area that will eventually be used as a coffee bar. We don't have any definite plans of how this will be utilized yet but we will make use of this area as extra serving space until the dining room is completed.

You may have noticed a small room with a sign above the door that says, "Main Street Café." This room will not be opened until the dining room is completed but we are looking forward to having this area for families to use for small gatherings.



Once the areas that are now complete have been inspected by the Illinois Department of Public Health, we will be able to start to use them. The areas we are waiting for approval to occupy in-

clude new activity rooms on 1st, 2nd and 3rd Avenues, the completed part of the dining room, the rooms off of the main hallway (more about these rooms later on), and the new offices across from reception.



We will have a new area we will be calling "Resident Services" that will be located across from reception. These offices will be a "one stop shop" for family members and residents.

Located in this suite of offices will be: Resident Banking with **Tim Costigan**, Financial Liaison, Financial/Payment Assistance with **Sheri King**, Fiscal Tech, Admissions & Marketing Office with **Charlotte Mather** and **Stephanie Cupples**, Social Services with **Tammy Sangmeister**, Social Service Director and Social Workers, **Judy Munoz**, **Jackie Palmer-Hosey** and **Kristine Smith**.

The rooms off the main hallway will also be new usable space for the benefit of our residents. The hallway has been designed to resemble a Main Street.

The first room on the left as you pass by reception in the office that will accommodate the nursing schedulers and the house supervisors. This location will help to streamline "checking in" staff as they arrive for their shift.

The next door that you will see is our new, huge activity room. We are so excited about this area as it will be equipped with a stove,

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refrigerator and microwave. We can't wait to fill the room with the smell of fresh baked cookies!



The new activity room also has direct access to the Sunshine patio so we will be able to use the area for picnics as well as other outdoor activities.

It will be wonderful to walk into the front door of Sunny Hill and have the first thing we see is our residents having a good time making cookies or working as a group in a craft project!

We also have a new conference room in this area that is used for meetings as well as educational events. This room will be equipped with conference phone, computer access and a large screen TV to use for presentations.

As you walk down Main Street, you will notice the streetscape lighting and faux storefronts with windows and special thoughts on the



glass. It is exciting to see these areas completed.

The last door you will pass is our new Chapel. We are really excited to have a place for residents and families to spend some quiet time or join in on a small group study. Although the Chapel is not a large room it will comfortably accommodate 20-25 people.

Sunny Hill Administration appreciates your patience as we enter into our final phase of renovations within the next couple of months. We realize the dining room may be disruptive to many of our residents and we apologize in advance.

We also want to wholeheartedly show our appreciation to Will County Executive, Larry Walsh, the Will County Public Building Commission, and the Will County Board for supporting and investing in Sunny Hill in order to make it possible for our extensive renovations. Sunny Hill staff and our residents are very proud of our beautiful building and grounds.

Without the support of this wonderful, caring group of people none of these improvements would be possible. Our residents want to thank you for making their twilight years the best years possible in a beautiful home!



Our next phase of renovations will of course finish the dining room and 6th Avenue. As you may have noticed, there are a lot of materials in the front parking lot as the crew replaces the roof on 6th Avenue in preparation of the interior work.

Want to see photos from our special events? Tune into Channel 25 in resident's rooms or "like" us on facebook. Search "Sunny Hill Nursing Home of Will County".



THIS & THAT

A COUPLE OF REMINDERS FOR OUR FAMILIES

With the limited closet space we have available in our resident's rooms, please do not stuff the closets with clothes. We suggest 7 outfits for each resident with a maximum of 10. Our laundry staff are having a very hard time putting clothes away as there is no room. When the closet is that full, the clothes are all smashed together and become very wrinkled. We would appreciate family members cleaning out the closets of any unnecessary items.

Especially now, with the season changing, would be a great time to take summer clothes home for storage. It is also time to make sure our residents have winter coats, gloves and hats if they participate in outings. Sunny Hill does not have access to these items and we rely on our families to provide what their loved one needs.

Also, please make sure any new clothes brought to the residents are marked. We have a procedure for marking clothes in our laundry department. Drop off your items at reception and complete the checklist. You will receive a receipt for the clothes you bring. It may take a couple of days to receive your clothes back from being marked, but it is VERY important that they are marked.

We could also use your assistance in keeping your loved ones dresser drawers cleaned out. Food can not be stored in the resident's room unless it is an airtight container. This is extremely important as we move to colder weather to keep "pests" away.

We want your e-mail address!

In order to reduce the cost of mailings and to simplify communications, we would like to add you to our e-mail list. Please contact reception with your e-mail address at 815-727-8710.



SUNNY HILL'S WISH LIST!

- Walker/Wheelchair Bags – pattern available
- Music CDs – all variety of music
- Movie DVDs- current movies or travelogues
- Volunteers to do: craft classes, individual visits, Sweet Shoppe on Mondays
- Women's purses, Wal-Mart Gift Cards
- Women's Make-Up, Knick-Knacks – for prizes or room decorating
- Fashion Scarves, Manicure Supplies
- Large Piece (Child size) jigsaw puzzles
- Party Decorations – all seasons & holidays, Beach Balls/Punch Balls
- Large Print Novels – mystery or romance, Large Print Word Search Puzzle Books
- Large Button TV remotes, E-readers – Nook or Kindle, iPods
- Sweet Shoppe Volunteers

**Our Make-a-Wish Tree will be in the Front Lobby on Monday, November 23rd
Please help us make the Christmas extra special for our residents!**

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

COMPLIMENT/CONCERN FORMS—Reporting forms are located in our information rack in our front lobby and from any department head or unit nurse. Please feel free to fill out these forms or ask for assistance. We are committed to making the stay of each of our residents as comfortable and wonderful as possible. All forms are sent to our Administrator and investigated.

ACCOMPANYING RESIDENTS TO OUTSIDE APPOINTMENTS—Many of our residents leave the facility to go to physician's offices to receive services. Family members should make arrangements to accompany their loved one to outside appointments, including riding with your loved one in the med-car. This allows you, as a family member, to provide your input to the physician, improves the communication process and allows you to receive any information first-hand.

WEEKEND SUPERVISOR AVAILABLE - There is an additional supervisor on weekend duty. Department Heads such as our Administrator, Director and Assistant Director of Nursing, and Social Service Director are available on assigned weekends to help with any needed tours, concerns, meals, etc.

EVENT NEWS

Mark Your Calendars!

Home for the Holidays

Saturday,
December 12th
2:00-4:00pm



*Entertainment
Dessert Bar
and Santa!*

Due to our dining room renovations,
each avenue will be hosting their own
resident's families and friends
for the afternoon.



The Holidays are very special times here at Sunny Hill. If you or a group you are a involved in would like to be a part of our celebrations, contact Danette Kreiger, Activity Director and Volunteer Coordinator at 815-757-8711.

New Year's Eve Celebration

Join us on
Wednesday,
December 30th for
a rockin New
Year's Eve Party
celebrating the
60's!



The Louis Armstrong of the Harmonica

THIS IS SOMETHING MUCH MORE THAN JUST THE BLUES.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us for any or all of the following events. You are ALWAYS welcome!

This is only a partial listing of activities for the upcoming months. Check each month's activity calendar for additional events and for time changes.



October

3-Trip to Alzheimer's Walk at Rock Run Park
4-Trip to Sacred Heart Church for Mass and Brunch
9-Oktoberfest
12-Columbus Day-Music with John Boda
13-Chair Yoga with Megan
15-Lunch out Trip, Music with Larry Levin
16- Fall Color Ride and Chili Cook-Off
17-Sweetest Day Special-Dan's Caramel Apple Sale
21-Accordion Music with Joe
22-Resident Council and Food Council
23-Red Hat Club and Fall Color Ride
27-Childrens Costume Parade and Pumpkin Painting
28-New Lenox Dulcimers Group Performs
29-Halloween Bash with Bob Kalal
31-Haunted Sweet Shoppe enter IF YOU DARE!!

November

1-All Saints Day—Daylight Savings Time Ends
3-Election Day
6-Gilbert Entertains on the piano
9-John Boda Entertains

12-Ryan Peterman Entertains and Veterans Day Program with Color Guard from American Legion
21-Michael Finn Entertains
18-Joseph plays accordion
27-Christmas Parade Trip downtown Joliet

December

1-Peace Lutheran Ladies Ensemble sings
4-Gilbert Entertains on the piano
5-University of Saint Francis Carols around the building
12-Home for the Holidays Christmas Party
14-John Boda Entertains
16-Faith Bible Church/Awana Club caroling
18-Noteworthy St Mary's Mokena performs
25-Christmas Day
30-Taking a Trip Back to the 1960's Blues Style-New Years Eve Celebration with Mo Beat Blues

Weekly Events

Juke Joint - Thursdays at 3:00 pm - **"Sweets & Treats" Shoppe**—Daily 2-3:30 pm - **Senior Scholars** - Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am