



Life+Style

Winter
February 2024

Amber Lights
Newsletter



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AMBER LIGHTS
AN SRG SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY



Community Happenings



February



Cardio Drumming, 1:00pm-1:30pm
Theater Room
Join the Zest Team, as we lead Cardio Drumming on February 6th. Cardio Drumming is a dynamic cardiovascular workout that combines drumming, rhythm and music! This exercise can incorporate some dance moves and steps, enhancing the overall experience. It is a simple, fun way to impact our lives both physically and mentally.



Super Bowl Party!, 4:30pm-5:30pm
First Floor
It's Super Bowl time! Which team are you rooting for? Or are you cheering for the commercials, or just looking for the chips and dip?
Whatever draws you to the big game, join us on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 4:30PM on the First Floor for football, food, and fun during our Super Bowl Party!



Valentine's Day Event, 3:00pm-4:00pm
First Floor
Love is in the air...
Join us for our Valentine's Day Party on February 14th. We will be having a spectacular piano performance by Steven Schwartz.

Immediately after the Valentines Day Party be sure to make reservations for a lover and friends dinner with the Dining Room. Our amazing Culinary Team will be preparing a special dinner for Valentine's Day.



Adventure in Art: More than a Kiss, 10:30am
Theater
For the month of February come join Carlye Dundon as she does a lecture of More Than A Kiss.
As a symbol of love, loyalty and life the kiss is eloquently expressed in the masterpiece of artists Picasso, Rodin, Cassatt, Munch and Klint.





The Art & Science
of WellBeing

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The Wellculator™: Small Steps to Big Health

By Celynn Morin (Wellbeing Whisperer)

Navigating health advice can feel like wading through a maze of confusion. For those in the golden years, starting on a new health path can seem daunting, especially when old habits are like comfortable slippers - easy to slip into and hard to replace. Enter the Wellculator™ - a friendly Lifestyle Assessment tailored for seniors, providing clarity amidst the clamor of health advice. This handy tool doesn't just gauge where you stand health-wise; it charts a practical roadmap to enhance your wellbeing with manageable adjustments.

With the Wellculator™, there's no need for drastic changes. The accompanying Express program brings you a collection of videos brimming with actionable insights. They're your personal guide to making the Wellculator™ work for you, fitting snugly into your routine. Why not watch the welcome video and find out what your Wellculator™ score is right now? You can access the program on the Zest app or using this link:
<https://www.celynnmorin.com/srg-residents>.

If your Wellculator™ score has left you pondering your next step, consider embracing the philosophy of tiny habits. Prof. BJ Fogg's concept is simple: start small, anchor new behaviors in your daily life, and celebrate growth. This approach transforms mountainous goals into walkable hills.

Suppose your Wellculator™ score suggests more hydration or stretching could benefit you. Here's how tiny habits might look:

- Pair a glass of water with your morning coffee.
- Integrate five minutes of gentle stretching into your bedtime routine.

It's about consistency, not complexity. Small, daily actions can lead to significant health improvements over time. Also feeling good and celebrating every small step helps to reinforce the behavior!

So, what's your Wellculator™ inspired tiny habit?
What small step will you take towards a healthier life today?
Remember, every big journey begins with a small step.
Let the Wellculator™ guide yours.

How Food Drives Your Body's Groove

By Amanda Archibald

In January, we told you that exciting changes are on the horizon. We're introducing a groundbreaking dining experience in March designed to optimize your health from the inside out and it starts with your genes. Now we want to tell you a little bit more about this dining experience.

You, Your Genes and Your Plate

Genes are the remarkable instruction manuals within each of your cells. Genes house your DNA—which is your unique code (or recipe) for life. Picture your genes as the architects of your existence. This genetic blueprint, inherited from your parents, shapes both who you are and how your body functions. Your genetic blueprint does not sit in a drawer. In fact, it is active every moment of every day. Thanks to modern science (genomics), we now know a lot more about how to get the best out of our unique Gene Blueprint to influence our health. And the great news is that a lot of influence comes through the food we consume. Nutrients in your diet and other molecules in your food called bioactives act as signals that can turn genes on or off. This means that you can literally target different aspects of your well-being by choosing food that turn individual genes on or off depending on if, when and whether you need those genes to work.

Examples of Powerful Food-Gene Conversations

Cruciferous vegetables (think cauliflower and arugula) and other nutrient-rich foods have the power to turn on genes that produce potent antioxidants, serving as a front-line defense for your cells and overall health. B vitamin-rich legumes, mangos, oranges, and Brazil nuts can activate genes that help remove harmful molecules from your body. Pumpkin and sesame seeds can boost genes responsible for producing serotonin, the hormone that helps to enhance your mood.

A New Science for Eating and Dining

The science we are describing above is called Nutrigenomics. Nutrigenomics explores how nutrients and information in the food you eat interact with and influence your genes. It's a fascinating "food-gene conversation" that goes beyond just "good for me," allowing you to make food decisions that influence your unique gene instruction manual.

Introducing to the Menu

Starting in March your menu will feature dishes that invite you to savor and experience the potency of gene-influencing foods firsthand. It's a fresh and revolutionary approach to eating, cooking, and dining that links the food you enjoy to your overall well-being.

Get ready for a dive into the world of personalized and health-focused dining.

Learn More about how Food Talks to Your Genes: <https://www.genomickitchen.com/blog/say-hello-to-bioactives>

Mind



SRG Zest Trivia Week

Get ready for a week of intellectual excitement and camaraderie as we present the SRG Trivia Week! Each day, challenge your knowledge with our engaging daily trivia questions, covering a wide range of topics. The highlight of the week is our much-anticipated end-of-week happy hour trivia session – a chance to unwind, socialize, and showcase your trivia prowess. Gather your friends and fellow enthusiasts and join us for an evening of fun and friendly competition. Plus, there are prizes waiting to be claimed by the sharpest minds.

Body



ZestFit: Cardio Circuit

Cardiovascular exercise, also known as aerobic exercise, has numerous benefits for the cardiovascular system and overall health. Participating in regular cardiovascular exercise can improve your heart health by strengthening the heart and making it more efficient at pumping blood throughout the body. This month try our ZestFit Cardio Circuit class to help improve cardiovascular endurance. Cardio Circuit is a ZestFit Program designed specifically for you by our fitness experts. This class will take you through multiple stations of bodyweight and loaded exercises that will challenge your cardiovascular system no matter your fitness level. As with starting any new fitness program, we recommend consulting your doctor before giving it a try!

Soul



Edible Art Series: Fruit Bouquets

Indulge your creative cravings with our enticing edible art classes, where we delve into a captivating array of delectable and visually stunning arrangements. This month's session invites you to immerse yourself in the world of edible aesthetics, as you sip on a glass of wine and learn the art of crafting a beautiful fruit bouquet. During the class, relish the opportunity to experiment with different techniques and styles, learning the nuances of presentation that transform ordinary ingredients into extraordinary works of edible art.

Resident Birthdays

February Birthdays

Helen L. - 3rd

Frances P. - 6th

Minnie B. - 9th

Janet M. - 17th

Henry G. - 19th

Tim R. - 21st

Gary E. - 22nd

Judy M. - 22nd

Frank S. - 29th



A Word from our Executive Director

Hello and welcome to February. We are excited about a couple upcoming events that are planned and I hope you will try to attend all of them.

February is Black History Month and America Heart Month. For American Heart Month, be sure to participate in National Wear Red Day on February 2nd! Let's not forget the Superbowl is also part of the month of February and we will be hosting a Superbowl party on the first floor. Come ready to cheer on your favorite team.



Staff Directory

Teresa Merritt, Executive Director

Sandy Sharrah, Director of Assisted Living

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