

Remembering Our Heroes



Armed Forces Day

May 15

Armed Forces Day is a special holiday for people all over the world to come together and thank the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. First conceived by President Harry S. Truman, the holiday was established in 1949. The creation of a single day celebration for all five branches of the United States military made sense due to its recent unification under the Department of Defense. Today, Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday of every May.

Memorial Day

May 31

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.

“Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices.”

Harry S. Truman

Birthdays, Celebrations and Updates



May Birthdays

This information is for
Christian Village at Mason residents.



May Anniversaries

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Grocery Pickups

Please turn in one list per week into the Front Desk (4 or 5 items). Due to increased number of lists submitted each week and limited staff, you may not get your groceries until Friday. We will try to accommodate you in a timely manner. **Please give list and money to the Front Desk or call Transportation at (513) 703-3415.**



CVM Transportation

Transportation services are available to all CVM residents. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Concierge Cards - \$25 for 12 round trips

For errand (non-medical) trips within 5 miles.

Appointments by Mile or Hour

For medical appointments or other trips that would not qualify as a concierge trip.

- \$2.00/mile from drop-off and pick-up
- \$30/hour for the driver to stay with you

Scheduling Transportation

Call 701-3415 to schedule an appointment

RESIDENT UPDATES

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Chaplain's Corner

BY CHAPLAIN TOM MOLL

“Honor Thy...Mother”

Mother's Day was first celebrated in the United States in 1907, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. She began trying to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday in the United States in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had cared for wounded soldiers during the Civil War. She and Julia Ward Howe campaigned for the creation of a Mother's Day dedicated to peace. Anna Jarvis wanted to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is “the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world.”

In 1908, Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday. However by 1911 all U.S. states observed the holiday. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

Many centuries earlier God commanded: “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you” (Exodus 20:12). While there is no way to fully measure the impact of our mothers and all of the godly women who have been influential in our lives, we thank God for them, not only on the second Sunday of May but every day of the year.

Joshua Sermon Series Continues

Our current sermon series is entitled “Used by God—the Story of Joshua.” Joshua was one of the Lord's greatest Old Testament warriors. He was a regular man who did spectacular things because he was a servant of God. Join us in the chapel on Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. (ten Garden Apartment residents may attend in person each week) or on Channel 1851.

“Pray the Village?”

Don't forget to take the Village directory and pray for those who live and work here. Never underestimate the difference your prayers can make.

Communion Sets Available

Remember that communion cups and wafer sets are available for pickup in the outer lobby from noon on Fridays until noon on Sundays (or we will deliver to you).

Offerings

We invite you to share in the ministries of CVC by giving to the Compassionate Care Fund and the Stone Center Building Fund. It's exciting to see progress being made on the Stone Center and even more exciting to think about being able in just a few months to worship there! Drop off your tithes and offerings for the Christian Village at Mason in the basket on my desk or leave them with the receptionist at the front desk. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving.

Contact the Chaplain

Please leave a message on my phone **(513) 701-3406**, or e-mail me at tom.moll@christianvillages.org with any needs that you may have. It is my privilege to pray for you.

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Social Services

BY HEATHER CARTER, LSW, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES



Driver/Vehicle Information

As a safety measure, CVM keeps a database of vehicle information including year, make, and model for our residents on campus. This form is usually provided prior to or upon move in. It is also available at the front desk or by contacting the Social Service Office at any time if you buy or trade vehicles.

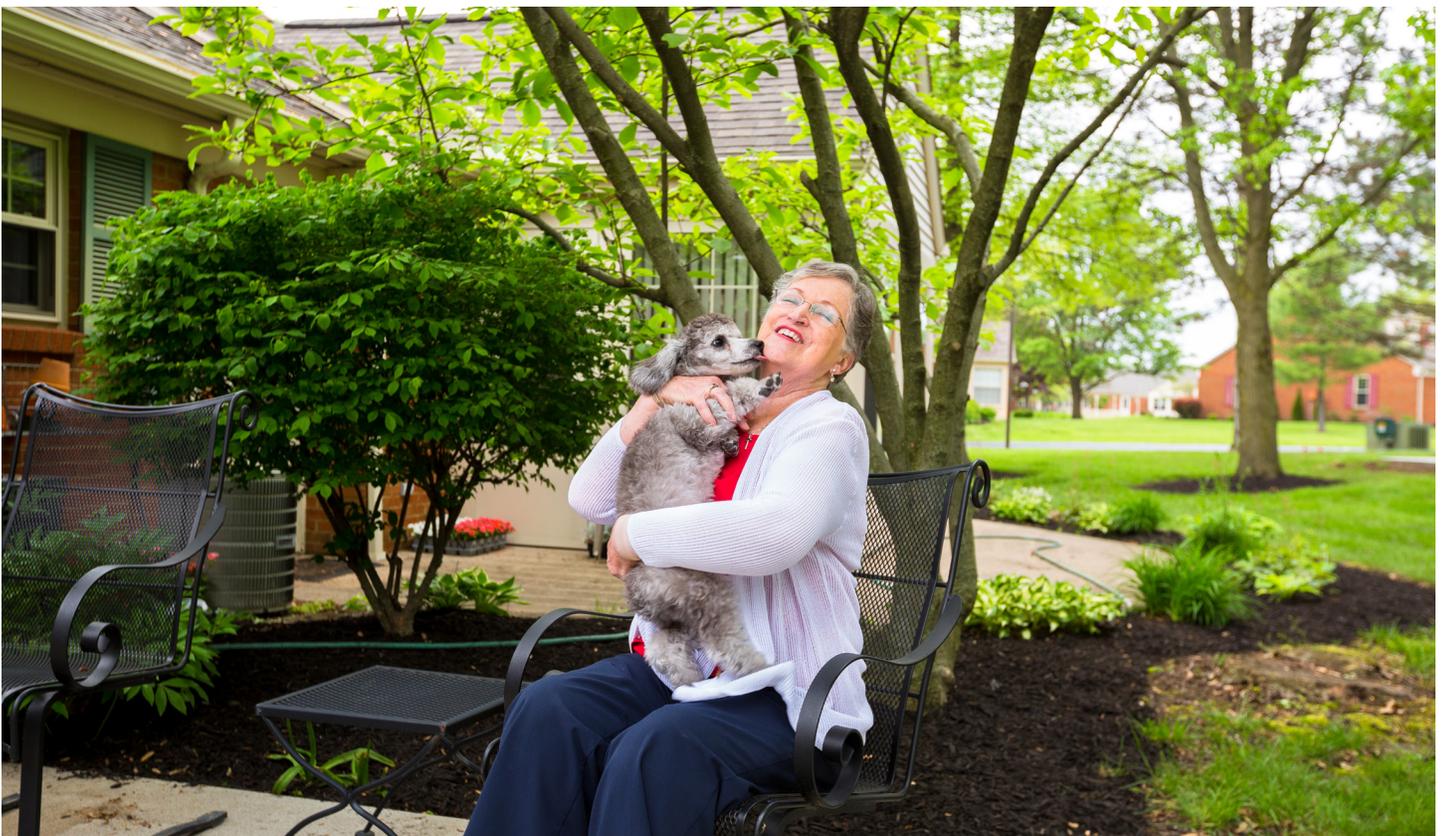
In addition, we have decals for your vehicles to help identify that you are a member of the CVM Community. These are also available at the reception desk or by contacting the Social Service Office.

Please remember to keep your vehicle information up to date.



Pet Care

Many of our campus residents enjoy the companionship of a cat or dog. If you are one of these residents, I would ask you to take time to consider a contingency plan for your furry friend, in the event of an emergency. Being prepared can be reassuring for you knowing they are being cared for while your own needs are being managed. Consider making arrangements with a family member or a friend to care for your pet. Once you have a plan, this would also be good information to include on your File of Life. This will help communicate to those responding, the need to reach out to your emergency contact about the care of your pet.



The Well

BY KYRA SCHROER, DIRECTOR OF FITNESS & WELLNESS

One thing I try to repeat to myself is “Look for the good”. I did not have to look too hard for the good in our Heart Mini events held in the Village. The best thing for me was seeing the number of people from various places inside and outside the building coming together to support an important cause.

The inside event held Friday, March 26th was a fun event with music, snack stations, and cheer squads. We had cheerleaders from nursing and participants from Guardian and Garden Apartments. Over 30 people joined in the fun, not including staff. Amy did a great job of marking a course, recruiting participants, and providing healthy snacks along the way.

It was a beautiful day for the outside event held Saturday, March 27th and again the residents outnumbered the staff by a wide margin. Kathy and Tracy organized the refreshment station. Ruth and Rhonda made sure Joyce Drake’s golf cart was decked out to lead the group. John Kalberg almost got ahead of that cart at one point but his wife (Mary) kept him back. Lots of laughs and many of the residents completed the full two miles. One resident pointed out that it was more than 2 miles since they had to walk to the start line and home again afterwards.



The American Heart Association set a goal of \$3.7 million for this event and as of this writing they are at 82%. The Christian Village at Mason exceeded our goal by raising \$1,555!!! Last year we raised \$1,020 but were not able to get together for the event so things are getting better.

In the fall of 2021 and spring 2022 we hope The Walk to End Alzheimer’s and the Heart Mini Marathon, respectively, can be held downtown Cincinnati. I think our team here at the Village does just fine on our beautiful campus so let’s stay “virtual” and continue having fun and raising funds for such important causes. Thanks to everyone who participated with donations, prayers, cheerleading, decorating, and walking. The pictures show a whole lot of good to celebrate!



Auxiliary & Resident Organization News

Auxiliary News

By Buzz Dorward

Greetings from your board of directors of the Mason Christian Village Auxiliary. I hope that each of you had a blessed Easter and are enjoying this beautiful weather as we approach spring.

On April 5th, the board held its first meeting of 2021 in the picnic shelter and was blessed with a nice warm morning. Tracy Wolcott, Director of Community Life, attended the meeting and presented a request for several small items totaling \$159.21. These items consisted of small puzzles, trivia books and DVDs which will be used in both the Lounge and Nursing areas. The request was approved and due to the nominal amount involved, the board agreed that this would not be put to the general membership for a vote. There were no other requests for funding.

Many of you have responded to Herb Schneider's request to pay your membership dues for 2021. While the response was very good, we would hope that you who haven't paid your dues will do so in the near future. We would love to increase our membership so that when we finally meet in the Chapel or Stone Center, the room will be filled with members!! If you are new and not familiar with the auxiliary and its' mission, please give me a call at 492-9642 and I would be happy to discuss it with you.

Let's hope that the spring weather is here to stay and that soon we will be meeting together.



Village News Policy

The Village News (VN) is a huge part of resident life at CVM and is a publication with five main objectives.

1. Provide programmatic information about what is happening in the way of resident life at CVM.
2. Share information to enhance and support the community and build social camaraderie among residents.
3. Provide information about the activities of resident organizations, such as Auxiliary and Councils.
4. Print articles that support the spiritual, emotional, and physical wellbeing of residents in accordance with the Core Values and mission of CVM.
5. Is a publication for people outside our community, such as prospective residents and resident family members, providing insights into life at CVM.

It is the primary responsibility of staff to provide content for the VN. Occasionally articles may be requested from other sources, including CVM residents that enhance editorial focus or themes, and which support the core mission of CVM.

The VN is a wonderful way to keep residents and prospective residents updated on the events, news, and activities at our community.

Flowers Update

By The Black's & Spreen's

I spoke with Oxford Greenhouse on 4/14/21 and our plants are coming along fine! They/We are hoping to get higher temperatures in the next few weeks in order for fuller growth, but everything looks positive. The flowers will be delivered early, Thursday, May 6th and our group of volunteers will sort and deliver them to your garden home or patio. Once again we thank you on behalf of the CVM Auxiliary!

Auxiliary & Resident Organization News

Rosary

Due to COVID restrictions Garden Home residents have not been permitted to lead the rosary in the Lounge. We are looking forward to when these restrictions are lifted but in the meantime Kyra is leading rosary in the Chapel on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. Our group is generally at least 5 but we can accommodate 10 people. All are welcome to join. We meditate and recite prayers either out loud or silently. The “Our Father” and “Hail Mary” are the most repeated prayers. If you have any questions, contact Kyra at 513 701-3455.

Channel 1851 Weekend Schedule

- Saturday May 1 “The World’s Most Unlikely Animal Relationships” 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 2 “National Geographic Wildlife Documentary” 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 8 “Deadliest Volcanoes” 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 9 Rick Steeves, “Egypt Yesterday & Today” 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 15 Wild Weather, “Richard Hammond investigates Temperature” 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 16 Rick Steeves, “Rome Eternally Engaging” 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 22 “Australia’s First 4 Billion Years” 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 23 Rick Steeves, “Andalucia, The Best of Southern Spain” 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 29 “The Real Story of JFK Irish Inner Circle” 3:00p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday May 30 “Patton A Genius for War” (Full Documentary) 2:00 p.m.

Library News

By Mary Ann Watrous

Thank you everyone for donating books to the CVM library! It is because of the generosity of donors that we are able to add new titles to the shelves. In that vein:

New Additions from mid-March to mid-April:

- Steve Berry, *The Columbus Affair, The Emperor’s Tomb*
- C. J. Box, *Dark Sky* (New!)
- Diane Chamberlain, *The Bay at Midnight*
- Lee Child, *Nothing to Lose, The Sentinel* (New!)
- Mary Jane Clark, *Footprints in the Sand* (LP)
- Michael Connelly, *The Law of Innocence* (New!)
- Kristin Hannah, *The Things We Do For Love*
- Beth Hoffman, *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt*
- Jenny Lecoat, *The Girl From the Channel Islands*
- Mary Doria Russell, *The Women of the Copper Country*
- Catherine Ryan Hyde, *Don’t Let Me Go*
- Lisa Scottoline, *Look Again*
- Garth Stein, *A Sudden Light*
- Susan Elizabeth Phillips, *First Lady* (LP)

Mason Public Library Outreach

Friday, May 7, 11:00 a.m.



You Never Know

BY RUTH ODOR,
GARDEN APARTMENT
RESIDENT

MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL

Perhaps when you were a child you said the same little rhyme that I did, and did the motions.

"These are my mother's knives and forks.
This is my father's table.
This is my sister's looking glass.
And this is the baby's cradle."

Looking glass is an old term, not used anymore. Instead we say "mirror." When we were young we could almost never pass a mirror or a store-front window without looking at ourselves, wanting to see if we looked okay. Looking in a mirror at home we checked hairdo, make-up, ties. These days we avoid mirrors. I look in a mirror and think, "That's not me; that's my mother." I avoid looking in a mirror sideways. "Who could that old, bent, white-haired person be? Surely not me."

But inside that body is the same person I used to be when I was twenty-five. I am still me. You are still you. Remember who you were. You were important--in the business world, socially, at home as you raised your children. Remember your successes, your achievements, your victories. It is good to remember who you were; just don't dwell too long on the past.

Remember who you are; you're still you. There are many things that you can no longer do, but there are also many things that you can do. Just move from the playing field to the grandstand. Help others; lend a

hand; be an encourager with a smile, a word, a visit. In one of his poems Tagore wrote of a friend, "After you had passed my way, I found God's footprints on my floor." Perhaps we, too, can leave such footprints.

It helps to remember to whom you belong, that you are a child of the King.

"My Father is rich in houses and lands,
He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands!
Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold,
His coffers are full; He has riches untold.
I'm a child of the King, a child of the King.
With Jesus my Savior, I'm a child of the King."

Harriet E. Buell

A friend of my brother's has a daughter who is a missionary. A few years ago she returned on furlough. A large crowd met at the airport to greet her--family, friends, church people. A passerby said, "Who's arriving? Must be a V.I.P." To this, one of the group replied, "It is. She's the daughter of a King." "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty" (2 Corinthians 6:18. Paul quoting 2 Samuel 7:14).

When things go wrong. When things go right.
When you are tempted or sad, whether
darkness or light,
Lift up your head; straighten your shoulders.
Lift up your heart.
Remember who you are.



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