February Birthdays: Ianthia Woods Toni Partyka Mary Girard **FEBRUARY** Billy Terrell **BIRTHDAYS** Marilyn Ailes **CELEBRATION** Cindy Downing 14 Sandra Draughn Dennis Wezalis 16 19 Deborah LaRowe 20 Linda Mears 21 Billie Armstrong 22 Anthony Licavoli 22 Christine Bayer 23 Helen Bentley 23 Charles Leone 25 Michael Trombley **Shirley Curtiss** 27

The St. Clair Shores Housing Commission is sad to announce, that after 18 years of hard work and dedication, Sue Smart is retiring.



Her retirement will be spent camping, biking, doing arts and crafts and hanging out with the grandkids.

While we are sad to see her go, we congratulate her and wish her nothing but the best as she navigates this new life venture.

Sue, thank you for your service. We will miss seeing your smiling face around the building!

Valentine's Day is about all kinds of love, including friends.

Below are some ideas to help spread the love:

• Craft Night



- Cookie Exchange
- Candy Bingo—Play a round of bingo using candy as the bingo markers.
- Organize a Tea Time with Treats
- Pot Luck Dinner



 Movie Marathon/Binge-Watch Favorite TV Show

Friends are the family we choose! Let those closest know how much they mean!



WALKING WITH A FRIEND IN THE DARK IS BETTER THAN WALKING ALONE IN THE LIGHT.



Let's Welcome Our New Friends:

Laurie Chodoba~5013 Lucille Dedene~8010



Leisure Manor Gazette

What's New in Our Community

February 2024 Edition

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm

February Dates of Importance:

Ground Hog's Day 2

Housing Commission 8

Meeting

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Meeting
2PM in LMI Comm Room

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The Importance of a Clean Home:

As a tenant in community living, it is your responsibility to keep your unit in clean and safe conditions. An untidy unit can impact your neighbors health and well-being.

Make sure all garbage and rubbish is securely bagged up and removed from the unit immediately. Please dispose of trash in the appropriate receptacles. Trash DOES NOT belong piled up on the floor. Do not leave out food, as that can cause an infestation.

While maintaining a clean home can be overwhelming, set a timer for 20 minutes a day to tidy up. Keeping up on a clean unit can cause less stress and prevent an abundance of clutter.

Remember, if your unit is not in clean and sanitary conditions, you may receive a lease violation.

A clean home is



a happy home!



Tenant Council Meeting:

Reminder, the Tenant Council Meeting takes place the second Friday of every month at 2pm in the LMI Community Room.

We strongly encourage residents attend to offer suggestions, input and hear from our peers in the community!

This is your opportunity have your voice be heard and be an active participant in our community!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Tax Information:

It's that time of year again... **Tax Season**.

If you are required to file taxes, there is an insert inside the newsletter than will offer you **free** resources to help make the process quick and easy!

Do not forget, the deadline to file taxes is **April 15, 2024.**

Senior Center Day Trips:

The Senior Center has some exciting things planned for the month of February.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: When: Thursday, Feb. 8th Time: 9:45am-2:45pm

Cost: \$45

Enjoy the music of Duke Ellington & Billy Strayhorn. Lunch on your own after the show.



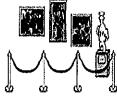
When: Tuesday, Feb. 27th

Time: 9:30am-3pm

Cost: \$10

Grab a friend and test your luck. Lunch on your own

at the casino.



Detroit Institute of Arts: When: Thursday, Feb. 29th

Time: 9:15am-3pm

Cost: \$10

Take a self-guided tour and see your favorites at the DIA. Lunch on your own at a local restaurant after visiting the museum.

Black History Month:

While black history deserves to be celebrated every day, Black History Month particularly focuses on recognizing African-American men and women who have had a great influence on the United States.

It can sometimes be difficult to consider how exactly to recognize Black History Month.

Here are a few ideas for honoring the month:

-Support black owned business in your community
-Contribute to black nonprofits
-Read black literature
-Research black history in your area
-Learn about prominent black figures.



Address Reminder:

Make sure you are using the correct address for the Post Office & for packages.

LMI and LMII
Your address should be as follows:

First and Last Name Apartment Number Blossom Heath Blvd. St. Clair Shores, MI. 48080

> For Example: John Doe 134 Blossom Heath Blvd. St. Clair Shores, MI. 48080

No one should be using the 1000 address. This address belongs to the office.

How Do I Know If I Have Bed Bugs?

- A visual verification of an actual bug is required by our staff to be 100% certain that you have bed bugs.
- Bite symptoms are a good indicator but cannot be diagnosed with 100% certainty. Medical professionals cannot give a positive diagnosis simply by examining bite symptoms.
- If bites occur at various times of the day in various locations such as at home, in the car, at work, etc. they are much less likely to be caused by bed bugs.
- Another indication will be the presence of bed bugs and/or small red to reddish brown fecal spots on bedding /furniture.
- Bed Bugs can live anywhere! Bed bugs don't care if you are wealthy or low-income, nor do they care if your house is dirty or clean, large or small.

If you think you have a bed bug problem take quick action and call the office and report the problem so we can perform an inspection. If necessary we will contact the pest control company so they can help identify the source of the problem and act quickly to get the issue resolved.

Keep Your Neighborhood Safe

Leisure Manor's Security System (fobs for building access)
Providing Tenants with a Safe
Neighborhood

- LM tenants are given an entrance fob to access all building entrances
- An additional fob can be purchased for a friend/family member for a deposit of \$15.00
- Lost or broken fobs need to be reported to the office immediately
- It is extremely important to report when you or a friend/family member have lost a fob
- Lost fobs will be rendered inactive and a new fob will be issued for \$15.00
- Broken fobs will be replaced at no charge

Intercom System Reminders:

The intercom system is programmed to the phone number you provided the office.

PLEASE REMEMBER, if you change phone numbers you MUST let the office know so we can update our system.

The phone number that will show up on your caller ID will be either:

- 586-773-3107 (LMI podium) OR
- 586-773-3430 (LMII podium)

It is a good idea to have these numbers programmed into your phone so you know when a visitor is trying to reach you!

If you have any questions, please contact the office!

Blocked Windows & Pull Cords:

ALL windows and pull cords are forbidden to be blocked and must be accessible at all times!

This is a HUD requirement and very important for safety reasons.

If upon entering your unit, it is noticed the windows and pull cords are not accessible you may be issued a lease violation.

We take your safety very serious.

Please ensure that you are compliant with these requirements!