



What is a Leap Year? Leap Year is when an extra day (Intercalary Day) is added to the shortest

month of the year.

Leap Years have 366 instead of the typical 365 days and occur almost every four years. Why do we have leap years? Leap days keep our calendar in alignment with the Earth's rotations around the sun. If we didn't add a leap day *almost* every four years, each calendar year would begin about 6 hours earlier in relation to the Earth's revolution around the sun.

As a consequence, our time reckoning would slowly drift apart and get increasingly out of sync with the seasons. By adding a leap day every four years, we actually make the calendar longer by over 44 minutes. Over time these extra minutes would also cause the seasons to drift and that is why not every four years is a leap year. The next time a leap year will be skipped is in the year 2100. Well beyond our lifetimes!

### College Basketball Road to the Playoffs!

Basketball fans unite! The Program and Services Department has purchased a subscription to the Peacock streaming service to enable us to watch our favorite teams this season.

Unfortunately, streaming is only available on *smart tv's*. The television in the Hub and the A Street Lobby are both capable of streaming.

See or call Adrienne (982-3940) if you would like more details or have questions.

### Secret Valentine

A fun memory I have from elementary school is of our annual Valentine's Day party. We would spend an afternoon decorating small lunch sacks, and then we would fill up each other's sacks with valentines that we meticulously printed our names on.

We won't go to that extreme but invite you to participate in the Secret Valentine Exchange. **Turn in your ballot by February 1.** Carol will draw the ballots and let each participant know who their valentine is on February 2.

The secret will be revealed at the **Valentine's Day Party on Wednesday, February 14 at 2:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room.** Contact Carol @ 982-3925 with any questions!

### Quilt Show

February is the perfect time to wrap up in your favorite quilt and snuggle in with a book or your favorite television program. Unfortunately for you, we want to borrow those quilts!

Timbercrest quilters and quilt collectors have the opportunity to display their favorite pieces throughout the month of February. Quilts will be on display in the **Assembly Room beginning February 1.**

Ballots will be available to vote your favorite works. We will tally the votes and announce the winners at the **All-Resident Meeting on Thursday, February 15 at 9:30 a.m.**



## SHEPHERD'S CENTER PROGRAMS

**February 7**

**February 21**

Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. with Current Events, and Adventures in Learning follows at 10:30 a.m. Transportation is provided **leaving from the Hub at 9:15.**

**Sign up in the notebooks at Rose Garden and Courtyard.**

### **The Art Giraffe Offers Art Classes**

The Art Giraffe is the studio of artist/teacher Brenda Ramseier located in the countryside west of North Manchester. The Art Giraffe is open for an Art Safari (open studio) on the **first and third Thursday of each month. The cost is \$5** and a snack to share. You can take current projects you are working on or one you want to begin. If you need supplies, see Carol Gebert!

The bus leaves **from the Hub at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 1 and 15. Sign up in the notebooks at Rose Garden and Courtyard.**

### **Parkinson's Support Group**

The Parkinson's Support Group meets **Thursday, February 1 at 3:00 p.m. in the Resident Activity Room.** Contact Sabine Thomas with questions.

### **Manchester University VIA Lecture Series**

Manchester University returns for their Spring semester in February, which means the lecture series we enjoyed in the fall will resume as well. Lectures are held on Monday mornings at 11:00 a.m. **Timbercrest transportation may not be available for each lecture.** Watch channel 98 and the bulletin boards for further details!



### **Oasis**

Come for inspiration and reflection every **Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.** in-person in the Chapel.

February 7 Hymn Sing  
February 14 Ash Wednesday, Laura Stone  
February 21 Justin Lasser, MU Professor  
February 28 "Our Loving Father"

Come to Oasis in person. It is also broadcast live on the Timbercrest Senior Living YouTube Channel and can also be viewed at a later time on the YouTube channel.

### **Timbercrest's Very Own Rock Snake**

Join Carol in the **Resident Activity Room on Friday, February 2 at 2:00 p.m.** for rock painting. Rock painting was a very popular way to spread cheer a couple of years ago. Now days, people are putting a spin on the craft by placing the rocks in a snake pattern in their landscaping. Timbercrest's Rock Snake will be placed somewhere on campus as the weather permits.



### **Animals of Kenya**

Rhoda Gerig will present her Kenyan safari program, *Animals of Kenya*, in the **Assembly Room on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m.**

Rhoda, a teacher at Southwood High School, has been interested in photography since she was a teenager, which has continued into adulthood. Since 2010 that interest developed into a passion of capturing a moment in time, especially of birds in flight. Finding a photo that tells a story or showcases God's creation is the driving force behind her photographic pursuits.

### **TUG**

The Technology User Group (TUG) will meet on **Thursday, February 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. This is a change of date** to the second Thursday of the month to avoid conflict with the All-Resident Meeting on February 15.

At this meeting, the Thunderbird e-mail client will be demonstrated. Thunderbird is a free, simple-to-use program for sending and receiving e-mail. It contains an address book and other features. It is downloaded from the Thunderbird website and can be used with any of the e-mail providers such as Gmail, Yahoo, Hotmail, Outlook, and others.

TUG is a resident-led user group to assist residents with any problems with or questions about their personal technology devices such as computers, tablets, smart phones, and others. Education is also a focus of our meetings. All residents are welcome even if you currently don't have any problems or questions.

### **Walmart, Here We Come!**

Shop at Wabash Walmart on **Thursday, February 8 departing from the Hub at 1:00 p.m.**

We generally arrive at Walmart at 1:30 p.m., depart at 3:00 p.m., and return to Timbercrest by 3:30 p.m.

Shopping lists for those unable to go must be in **CAMPUS MAIL ONLY** by **NOON, February 8**. Remember to include a phone number where you can be reached in case the shopper has questions.

**Sign up in the notebooks at Rose Garden or Courtyard.**

### **Storytelling Workshop**

There's a little storyteller in all of us! Join Carol Gebert every **Monday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the Resident Activity Room** for a storytelling workshop. Carol is a certified storyteller and is eager to share the craft with Timbercrest!

### **Income Tax Return Preparation**

Dana Krull, from Himes & Krull, LLC, Certified Public Accounts will be available again this year to prepare income tax returns for residents.

He will pick up your information on Thursday, March 7. Please turn your information into the Receptionist. Appointments can be scheduled with him on March 7 if needed.

### **Serendipity Bible Study Groups**

Everett and Lois Shattuck lead Serendipity Bible studies, incorporating sharing and discussion in the context of Bible passages. These low-key studies are geared for people new to Bible study and long-time Bible students. "Serendipity" comes through mutual discovery and reflection.

- **Fridays, February 9 & 23 at 9:30 a.m.** in M Wing Lounge, led by Everett Shattuck.
- **Thursdays, February 8 & 22 at 3:00 p.m.** in B Wing Lounge led by Lois Shattuck.

### **Table Tennis for Fun and Fitness**

Table tennis in the Recreation Room is each **Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00 p.m.** All skill levels are welcome, and new players are encouraged.

### **Storytelling Showcase**

A fun new group of Timbercrest residents have been learning and practicing the art of storytelling under the tutelage of our very own certified storyteller, Carol Gebert. Join us for their storytelling debut on **Friday, February 9**. Health Care and Crestwood residents at **2:00 p.m.** in the **Health Care Family Room**; for Residential residents, the program is at **2:45 p.m.** in the **Assembly Room**

### Super Bowl Sunday



It's the biggest sports night of the year! Super Bowl LVIII broadcasts on **Sunday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m.** Join our watch party in the Chapel! We don't know yet which teams will be playing, but, in my opinion, the commercials are the best part anyway. Bring a snack to share, whatever you need to be comfortable and your football attire for a fun night of rivalry.

### Reader's Theatre

Carol Gebert is starting a fun new theatrical group called Reader's Theatre. Participants will be rehearsing the 1945 radio script *The Case of the Careless Client* for a performance at the April Fellowship Hour. Participants may remain seated for the full 25-minute performance. All parts are read; memorization is not required.

Rehearsals will be **twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> (February 12) and 4<sup>th</sup> (February 26) Mondays at 3:00 p.m. in the Resident Activity Room.** Call Carol Gebert with questions at 260-982-3925.

### Timbercrest Book Club:

The Timbercrest Book Club will meet **Monday, February 12 in the Resident Activity Room at 2:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in joining, text or call Marilyn at 260-578-5008. We love new members!

### Knit for Kids

Knit for Kids meets **Tuesday, February 13 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Education Room. Contact Marie Willoughby if you have questions @ 260-982-6970

### Memoir Writing Group

We meet on the **second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 2:00 p.m.** in D Wing Lounge. We choose topics to write about in between times, and then we read to the group at our meetings. Sometimes a member might write about some other topic, or just come to listen. We always have a good time. Questions? Contact Eileen Flory, 982-0088, eflory@peak.org.

### Museum Tour & Lunch Out

Join us on an historical tour **Wednesday, February 13 leaving from the Hub at 11:30 a.m.** The bus will make 3 stops including the Brew Ha Coffee Shop, the Whitley County Historical Society Museum in Columbia City and the Thomas Marshall House near the North Manchester Public Library.

**Sign up in the notebooks at Rose Garden or Courtyard.**

### Aging Pianos

The pianos located in the **B Wing and Upper I Lounges** have reached the state that upkeep is not feasible. If you or someone you know routinely uses either of these pianos, please let Adrienne know as soon as possible.

### Timbercrest Choir – Spring Season



The Spring season is upon us! Choir rehearsals will begin on **Monday, February 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room.**

Members will begin working on music to be performed on Friday, May 17. If you would like to join the choir, now is the time!

The Fall season contained 32 choir members and we'd love to add many more.

To ensure we order enough music, please sign up by returning the slip you received in your mail in January by Friday, February 9. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to Delora Roop @ 765-620-7605.

### Dr Katy Gray Brown – Virtual Meeting

**Wednesday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel** we will virtually join Dr Katy Gray Brown, MU Professor of Philosophy, as she presents her Jan. Term trip to Kenya.

## Friends of Manchester University



Friends of Manchester University will meet on **Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 PM in the Chapel.**

Dr. Heather Schilling, the Director of Clinical Experience at Manchester University, will present a program entitled

“Envisioning the Future of Education.” Dr. Schilling graduated from Manchester University in 1990, earning a BA in history and English secondary education. After teaching for 12 years at Whitko High School in South Whitley, Heather joined the faculty at Manchester University in 2002.

While teaching a wide range of education courses, Dr. Schilling earned her Ed.D. from Ball State University in 2011. Heather is especially interested in progressive education, empowering young people, and culturally responsive and trauma-informed teaching.

## Our Grocery Cart Food Delivery System

Food distributed on the second Wednesday of the month comes from the Second Harvest Tailgate at the Manchester Church of the Brethren. This is a resident-sponsored program.

The schedule for food delivery on **Wednesday, February 14** is:

- 1:00-2:00 p.m. Distribution in the Manor
- 2:00-3:00 p.m. Neighborhood Home residents may pick up food in the Resident Activity Room before or after the snack in The Nook.

Distribution in the Manor may run a little later than scheduled. If you won't be home, ask a friend to get some food for you.

## Valentine's Day Party

Bring your Valentine or your Galentine to our Valentine's Day party on **Wednesday, February 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room.** Secret Valentine's will be revealed, and romance-inducing refreshments will be served!



## All-Resident Meeting

February is a time for an All-Resident meeting. **Thursday, February 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room** is your chance to hear important updates from the Resident Council and Executive Director Christy Huiras. It is also your chance to ask questions of the department Directors.

P.S., we will announce the winners of the Quilt Show at the beginning of the meeting.

## The Penalty Box

Don't put yourself in the Penalty Box as the rest of us enjoy some Komet Hockey. **Sunday, February 18** the Komets are hosting the Cincinnati Cyclones. Puck drop is at 5:00 p.m. The bus **leaves from the Hub at 3:30 p.m.**

**Tickets are \$24 a piece and we have to reserve them early! Sign up with Adrienne as soon as possible at 982-3940 or [akamphues@timbercrest.org](mailto:akamphues@timbercrest.org).**



## Dementia Learning Group

Family, caregivers and friends of persons with dementia are welcome to the Learners' Group, **Monday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m.** in The Nook. This group is open to Timbercrest and the general public. The mutual sharing and support is positive and helpful for those involved. The group moderator is Mari Adkins from Bickford Cottage, Wabash

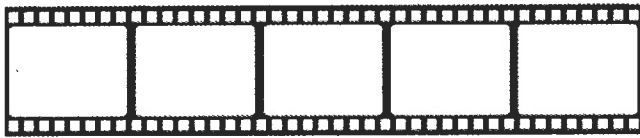
## Dining Services Notes

Call the Receptionist (982-2118) to make guest-meal reservations for the Courtyard Dining Room. For Sunrise Dining Room (Health Care) and Crestwood Dining Room, call 982-3960.

Reservations should be made 24 hours in advance. Guest-meal prices are: Breakfast: \$10 Dinner: \$12 Supper: \$11

## Timbercrest Spring Communion

Communion is scheduled for **Thursday, March 28, 2024, 10:00 a.m.** Please mark your calendar and come join in this moving and inspiring time. All are welcome! More details to come in the March *Timberline*.



### February Films

*Come to the Chapel for our films*

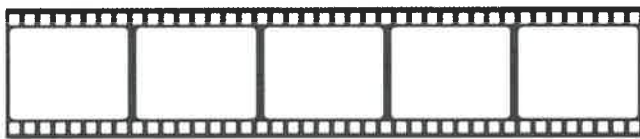
**Friday, February 2: Schindler's List**  
**Split Showing: 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - Chapel**  
3:16 hours - w/subtitles

Businessman Oskar Schindler (Liam Neeson) arrives in Krakow in 1939, ready to make his fortune from World War II, which has just started. After joining the Nazi party primarily for political expediency, he staffs his factory with Jewish workers for similarly pragmatic reasons. When the SS begins exterminating Jews in the Krakow ghetto, Schindler arranges to have his workers protected to keep his factory in operation, but soon realizes that in so doing, he is also saving innocent lives.

**Friday, February 16: The Pelican Brief**  
**7:00 p.m. - Chapel**  
2:20 hours - w/subtitles

A taut thriller about a young law student (Julia Roberts) whose legal brief about the assassination of two Supreme Court justices causes her to be targeted by the killers. She realizes just how accurate her accusations are when her boyfriend and mentor is murdered. Forced to go on the run in New Orleans, she is aided by a journalist (Denzel Washington) who helps her unravel the conspiracy involving senior government figures.

Based on the bestseller book by John Grisham



### Weekly Bingo Games

Join the fun at Bingo in the **Resident Activity Room Mondays and Fridays at 11:00 a.m.**



### February Chapel Schedule

Come to Chapel to hear thoughts from scripture, prayer and other inspiration. Devotions are **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:00 a.m.** Oasis (see pg 2) is **Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.** weekly. **Worship Service at Manchester Church of the Brethren is live streamed in the Chapel at 9:30 every Sunday morning.**

#### February Speakers:

- February 1 – Jan Gawthrop, UNM
  - February 2 – Tim Ritchey Martin, MCoB
  - February 5 – Mark Bendes Huntington CoB
  - February 6 – Gwen Gustafson-Zook, MCoB
  - February 8 – Aaron Kline, Warsaw Evangelical Presbyterian
  - February 9 – Jim Smith, UMC
  - February 12 – Denis Schwaberow, Heart to Heart
  - February 13 – David Rogers, MCoB
  - February 15 – Mary Earle, Urbana Yoke Parish
  - February 16 – Roger Eberly, Eel River Community
  - February 19 – Marilyn Kieffaber, MCoB
  - February 20 – David Lawrenz, Zion Lutheran
  - February 22 – Erin Huiras, Liberty Mills CoB
  - February 23 – Travis Hartman, North Liberty CoB
  - February 26 – Father Dennis Koehl, St Roberts Catholic Church
  - February 27 – Michael Cook, German Baptist Church
  - February 29 – Karen Eberly, Timbercrest Chaplain
- Thanks to the Chapel Planning Committee for scheduling these dedicated speakers!*

### Tuesday Matinee

Join us for an afternoon matinee and popcorn on **Tuesday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel.** This is in addition to the Friday evening films offered twice a month.

The chosen film for February is *From Here to Eternity*, a 1953 American romantic war drama based on the 1951 novel of the same name by James Jones.

The film highlights the challenges of three United States Army soldiers, played by Burt Lancaster, Montgomery Clift and Frank Sinatra, stationed on Hawaii in the months leading up to the attack on Pearl Harbor. Deborah Kerr and Donna Reed portray the women in their lives.

### **A Civil War Spy**

Join Carol Gebert as she tells the story of a Civil War Spy on Monday, February 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room.

Emma Edmonds, A Civil War Spy is based upon the life of Sarah Emma Edmondson, a Canadian girl who escaped her abusive father finding her way to Michigan. To survive and have independence, Sarah dressed as a man and sold Bibles door-to-door.

When the Civil War began, she had to decide to either return to the life of a woman or to fight in the war as a man. The first time she, as Frank, tried to enlist, 'Frank' was rejected for being too short. The second attempt was successful causing Frank to serve as a nurse, soldier, and spy.

Would the truth of Frank's identity be discovered? Were there those who knew the secret or perhaps had secrets of their own? This 45-minute epic tale is based upon the book written by Sarah Emma Edmondson *Nurse and Spy in the Union Army* and other Civil War stories.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions or to discuss the story following the presentation.

### **Daniels and Metzger to Serve in El Salvador Eye Clinics**

Retired Program and Services Director Brian Daniels and Timbercrest resident Lin Metzger will serve with Eye Care International/El Salvador later this month. The team will visit various villages in the area of Santa Rosa de Lima for one week followed by a week in the main clinic in Santa Rosa. The all-volunteer team is made up of ophthalmologists, optometrists, nurses, opticians, and support staff from all over the US and Canada.

**On Feb. 21, immediately after OASIS,** everyone is invited to gather in the Chapel to send Brian and Lin off with a brief time of anointing and prayer.

### **Seniors for Peace**

Timbercrest Seniors for Peace invites everyone to join them on **Thursday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel** as they welcome Manchester University students.

The students are just returning from their Jan. Term trip to Kenya and will share their experiences. Manchester University uses the short term between fall and spring classes for many different trips both abroad and within the United States.

### **Who's Got Talent Timbercrest Edition**

Are you familiar with the popular television series *America, Who's Got Talent?* Timbercrest is going to host its very own talent show on **Thursday, February 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room.**

Talents may vary, be solo acts or a small group. See Carol Gebert with any questions and to sign up!

### **Art Songs and Arias**

The Honeywell House is hosting Mezzo-Soprano Mackenzie Sheridan on **Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m.** Mackenzie, a graduate of Wabash High School and current Manchester University student, will present a program of classical vocal music. She is currently studying under Dr Debra Lynn. She will be accompanied by David Hupp.

There is no charge for this event but seating is limited! **Sign up in the notebooks at Rose Garden and Courtyard.**

### **Game Night with Mike and Lucy**

Join Lucy and Mike McKinley for an evening of cards, billiards, dominoes, board games and refreshments **Thursday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Recreation Room.

No sign-up needed. Just come for a great evening, and maybe learn a new game.

### Quilters' Circle

The Timbercrest Quilters' Circle is a "Sew and Tell" group to share ideas and projects. Come with a completed project, one in process, or an idea to share. We can help if you want to learn to quilt. Quilters meet **Wednesday, February 24 at 3:00 p.m. in the Resident Activity Room**. Contact Lois Shattuck at 260-982-6024 with questions.

### Symphony of the Lakes Presents Wind Quintet

Symphony of the Lakes present Wind Quintet at the Wagon Wheel Theatre on **Saturday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$10. The bus will leave from the Hub at 6:00 p.m. Call Carol at 260-982-3925 with any questions.

**Sign up in the notebooks at Rose Garden and Courtyard.**

### Breakfast Out with Carol

Join Carol for breakfast at **Don Pablo's Family Restaurant in Warsaw on Tuesday, February 27** leaving from the Hub at 8:00 a.m.

**Sign up in the notebooks at Rose Garden and Courtyard.**

### Midweek Breaks

A tasty treat is served each **Wednesday from 2:30-3:30 p.m.** in The Nook. Note that this is a **later start time** than in the past. This month features:

- February 7** Home-baked goods  
*Made by Beth Sollenberger*
- February 14** Valentine's Day Treats (in the Assembly Room)
- February 21** Ice Cream Sundaes
- February 28** Popcorn Parlor

### Contemporary Book Club

How To Know A Person by David Brooks is the next book being studied by the Contemporary Book Club. The club meets every **Friday at 3:00 p.m. in the Timbercrest Conference Room**. An e-book is available for Kindle, and the audio book is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Contact David Doudt with questions @ 260-578-4748.

### Manchester Church of the Brethren Luncheon with the Pastors

Members and friends of Manchester Church of the Brethren will have lunch with their pastors **Wednesday, February 28, at noon, in the Assembly Room**. Timbercrest residents who attend or are affiliated with the congregation are welcome.

The meal includes a salad, entrée, dessert, and beverage. Indicate special dietary needs when you sign up. Cost is \$12 per person, paid to the Timbercrest receptionist. Full-service residents do not have to pay; neither do those with meal contracts (counts as their daily meal). Guests are welcome and should be listed on the sign-up sheet. Cost per guest is \$12.

If you need to cancel your reservation, please do so as early as possible. Contact the Timbercrest receptionist, Kim Ebersole or David Doudt (numbers below). If you do not cancel in advance, you may incur a meal charge if you do not have a meal contract.

Contact Kim Ebersole, (312) 339-4545, or David Doudt, (260) 578-4748, with any questions. We hope to see you there!

**Sign up in the notebook at Courtyard by Wednesday, February 14.**

### Thank You for the Lids

Thanks to all who are donating plastic lids to the blue bin in the Resident Activity Room. The lids are going to Manchester Church of the Brethren for the making of park benches for use at the Church.

We continue to collect lids. Please read the paper attached to the blue bin to be sure which lids are being accepted. Prescription bottles are also accepted. Again, keep 'em coming, please! Thanks so much!

**If you have something you would like featured in the Timberline or a group you would like highlighted, please email Adrienne @ [akamphues@timbercrest.org](mailto:akamphues@timbercrest.org)**



## Words from The Basement



Safety at Timbercrest is a top priority for our residents and staff. We have a large binder of the procedures dedicated solely to safety procedures including unwanted fires. The building was built and is maintained to assure fires are extinguished quickly or kept from spreading. These features are all around us, some go un-noticed while others are quite noticeable, especially when the horns are blasting away throughout the building. Let's take a look at some of these features and procedures we have in place for our safety and what responsibilities we have during an emergency.

The Manor was built with many fire safety features, including fire suppression, smoke and fire barriers, alarms. Barriers that can be seen are the doors which we've experienced as closing upon alarms. Unseen are fire walls and ceilings which are meant to contain fires and smoke to one area. Every door in the facility, including apartment doors, are fire rated and can withstand heat from a fire long enough for rescue to arrive.

In most areas you'll see sprinkler heads on the ceiling. Those chrome-plated star-looking objects which are overhead and sit silently every day. These sprinklers serve to extinguish fires which may occur near them. They are heat activated. You may notice some with a little red tube through the middle. These tubes are designed to melt away at 150 °F, releasing the valve and allowing water to flow out in a pre-designed pattern. When designed and installed, it is expected they will have an unimpeded path to the surrounding surfaces with cool water. Their job is to extinguish any fire below, keeping us safe. Our job is to assure they can work as intended by keeping them clear with no objects placed up near them. We should also not use them to hang decorations, clothes, etc. Using these sprinklers for hangers will cause a blockage of water, or in other cases, cause them to open and spray water when not wanted. Once the sprinklers are activated they cannot be shut off; the whole system must be shut down.

Portable fire extinguishers are located throughout the facility. Their job is to be ready to spray various fluids at fires on command by trained hands. Our job is to assure they are charged when needed, so we must notify staff

when they have been used and keep them readily accessible by not placing any item in front of them, which blocks them from view or immediate access because, during a fire emergency, seconds make a difference.

Smoke detectors can be seen on every ceiling around the facility, but, did you know there are some which monitors heating and cooling ducts? The alarm system digitally checks each system once every couple seconds looking for an abnormal condition caused by smoke or duct-particle intrusions.

The alarm system also monitors water flow in the water fire suppression system supplying the sprinklers. Flow switches are installed in the water risers which change conditions once water flows through the pipes.

And lastly, the system monitors the pull boxes, looking for switches which have been manually activated by humans. These pull boxes are located at each door and should be activated by anyone exiting the doors to escape a fire so that we give all others a fighting chance to escape as well.

The alarm system notices a problem, what happens next? The system immediately calls a monitoring company and signals the issue. The monitoring company calls the local fire department with details on where the issue lies. It simultaneously sounds alarms inside the building, which signals to all occupants it is time for them to react. For staff, we race to the problem area to assure all residents are safe from a possible fire. They all come toting fire extinguishers. What is a resident's responsibility during an alarm event? Upon hearing an alarm assure your apartment door is closed. Resist walking the hallways to keep them clear for emergency responders and to keep you separated from the fire and smoke. Your rooms are the safest places to be. We should never assume an alarm is a drill or falsely tripped. Always err on the side of safety.

Fire has been a friend for humans for thousands of years, and, if we remember its dangers to us and treat it with respect, we can remain friends in the future.

## Maintenance Hotline!

For Maintenance concerns, call the Work Order Hotline 982-1147. Questions? Call Maintenance!

