

Townehouse Management Team

Administration

Executive Director Evan Granucci
Director of Marketing Samantha Crisp

Customer Service Front Desk

Office Manager Antoine Guerrier II
Concierge Supervisor Jazmine Dominguez
Concierge Hazmin Garay
Chantel Hernandez
Alyssa Mora

Resident Relations

Social Services Kimmi Bryan
Director of Activities Anne Howorth
Fitness Frank Jackson

Clinical Services

Health & Wellness Director Marissa Fontanilla
Assisted Living Nurse Marina Shrauger
Assisted Living Nurse Anna Normandy

Memory Care Director Kimmi Bryan

Food Service

Dining Room Manager Sean Trujillo

Housekeeping

Director of Housekeeping Alejandra Hernandez
Janitor Leo Brizuela
Janitor Raul Quintana

Maintenance

Chief Engineer Steve Drake
Assistant Engineer Cliserio Meza
Maintenance Armando Ruiz
Arnulfo Estrada

Transportation

Bus Driver María De Los Reyes
Townehouse Car Chauffer Greg Nicely



Life at Ventura Townehouse By Bea Haitz

Life is so tranquil up here near the sea
You can be busy or lazy as you choose to be.
In Ventura the air is so fresh and so clear
Air that's polluted is never found here.

Days are so carefree, sun up to sun down,
No cooking, no cleaning, no work to be found.
Thru the dining room windows, you can clearly
see many trees, green lawns and birds of
variety.

Meals are prepared and served with flair
By serving staff who show that they care.
At tables with linen and fresh flowers on glass
As you find in the finest restaurants of class.

If you should feel ill or should suffer a fall
Help is as near as the switch on the wall.
Assisted Living will send help with all speed
And quickly determine what care you may need.

A courtesy bus schedule stops East and West
With Maria the driver who is one of the best.
Activities are many there is so much to do
Attend as you wish, it's all up to you.

Walk into the library and check out a book
All residents are welcome to come in and look.
A walk through the grounds with nothing to
fear. Makes me ever so grateful to be living
here.

Gratuities

We are asked not to give tips to individual employees, so Ventura Townehouse residents, as a group, give gratuities in June and December to all our hourly employees. We do this because we want to say, "Thank you" for their good work and pleasant attitude. Please join by contributing to the wooden locked box on the front counter of the lobby. We hope to be able to give a nice amount.

**Sandy Thieme
Resident Treasure**

VENTURA TOWNEHOUSE

CALIFORNIA'S CROWN JEWEL IN RETIREMENT LIVING

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December Holidays

December 3rd 1st Day of Hanukkah



December 21st Winter Begins



December 31st New Year's Eve



December at the Townehouse

Christmas tree decorating contest

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Christmas is fast approaching. Our annual tree decorating contest will begin on Saturday, December 8th. Samantha and I will place lighted Christmas trees on each floor for residents to decorate. There will be a 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place ribbon for the best decorations and pictures of the winners will be placed in the January, 2019 newsletter. Our theme this year is

"Country Living"

Here is a picture of Boy Scout Nick, pinning the blue ribbon on last year's winner.



dinner at 7pm in the Vista Room. Then at 8pm, we will dance the night away, bringing in the New Year at 9pm from Times Square! There will be music from Steve Ormond and Bob Porter.

Monday, December 31st, we have decided to try something different this year. We will hold a special New Year's Eve Bling Bingo! Cash prizes, door prizes, hors d'oeuvres, champagne and party favors. Join us after



THANKSGIVING 2018 AT THE TOWNEHOUSE

A letter of thanks! It's a family affair

As the days fly by too fast I would like to take a moment, besides dropping it off in the "Famous Front Desk Box," by thanking all of YOU in expressing my appreciation for that wonderful extremely smooth-running Thanksgiving Day. One could have not expected this Luncheon Treat being more professionally handled. Having spent 50 years in the culinary business, I certainly learned what it takes. I assume we had more than 300 residents and guests that day. I used to deal with 500 plus. I do know how hard every participant, from every department worked to make this day as unique as possible, stayed cool, smiled and remained as helpful to create this success. You were great! Our newly crowned food and beverage manager, Sean Trujillo, who probably had the most complicated & responsible position that day, has proven his expertise.

My thanks to all of you for creating this wonderful atmosphere!

Sincerely yours,
Friend & Resident,

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Dear VTH Family,



Most of you have met my little short-haired Jack Russell dog named "Nyles," but I wanted to share the photo of my newest addition. The cute long-haired broken coat, cream and tan, Jack Russell boy came to us because he was about to be euthanized. I cannot imagine why anyone would euthanize this little boy. He is only a year old. He came to us by way of my friend Janice. She rescues dogs all the time and currently fosters about 8 dogs. Three days ago, she found this little boy at the Downey Shelter. He had been there for almost two months. I cannot tell you his name because he came to me with no name. All the paperwork said was that they found him roaming the streets. I took him to the groomers the day after I got him. He cleans up nice, right? He is very mild mannered and deserves a good name. I was hoping you could

help me out by coming up with some great names for this sweet boy. Just a clue: this breed comes from England originally. Please drop names off at the front desk or give them to Anne. Thanks for helping. PS If you notice the sliding glass door behind my new dog, you will see a beautiful fig tree that Joe started from Catherine's fig tree in the Garden Villas. I love this tree because it produces the best figs in the world! And it was given to me by Joe as my new house warming present that he started from a twig!

Love, Samantha

FEATURE ARTICLE BY ANNE HOWORTH

I was born in a small village in England. Growing up in Lancashire, England, with my grandparents, I was exposed to and surrounded by great music and theater. On the weekends I often accompanied my grandmother to the local opera, the symphony or a pantomime. During the summer months the village brass band would perform a Sunday afternoon concert in the park. I remember vividly swinging on the swings while listening to the brass band play.



At the young age of 19, I married my teenage sweetheart. We married in England, then immigrated to British Columbia, Canada. Four years later we moved to California; there we raised our three children, Julie, Matthew and Elisabeth.

When my children started school, I volunteered in my neighborhood working with autistic children. These children taught me a lot about humility and gratitude. At age forty I went back to school and earned a degree in psychology. Then during my employment with Social Services, I became an advocate for individuals with disabilities. When I wasn't working, I was busy pursuing my other passion, listening and

studying classical music. I remember reading a little quote, "Don't die with the music still inside you." This short statement resonated in me. I instinctively knew I had to play in an orchestra. So, at the age of 40 I taught myself how to play the trumpet. I had the pleasure of playing trumpet in the Gilbert and Sullivan Operatic Orchestra. Since moving to California, I started a British Style Brass Band here in Ventura. We call ourselves "Ventura British Brass." Our next performance at the Ventura Townhouse is December 18th.

Last month we welcomed our latest addition to our growing family. Dayna Elizabeth was born November 4th, weighing in at 8lbs 4oz.



And finally, I consider working here a privilege, I look forward to your warm greetings each day. Thank you to all our residents and employees for all your love and support.

Anne Howorth
Director of Fun!