

VENTURA TOWNEHOUSE

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**October
2023**

**October
Holidays**



**October 9th
Columbus Day**



**October 31st
Halloween**



October at the Townehouse

Oktoberfest Celebration

Wednesday, October 25th, we will celebrate Oktoberfest in style. For your entertainment, we have invited a local oompah band. Come along and join the polka dancing when we roll out the barrel at 2pm in the Dining Room Lounge. We will serve Bavarian Beer with soft pretzels dipped in Bryan's delicious beer cheese sauce. There will be a special introduction and performance from Jim Wade on his authentic Alphorn. Join us for a barrel of fun! After all that dancing and beer drinking, join us for dinner when our executive chef will offer up a festive Bavarian fare. We will start with a variety of classic Bavarian sausages, served with plenty of mustard and sauerkraut, or you may prefer a thin breaded pork chop fried and served with a port wine glaze. All entrees will be served with sauteed red cabbage, apples and warm German potato salad. For dessert, choose from a variety of assorted strudel. Bon appetite!



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Halloween Celebration



Thursday, October 26th at 2pm, join your neighbors and friends in the Dining Room Lounge. We will make Halloween treat bags for all our Townehouse family kids.

Then on Tuesday, October 31st, we are hosting a Halloween party at 3pm.

We have invited a blue grass band for your entertainment. We will serve spooky cocktails and award ribbons to the best Halloween costume. Dress up in your Halloween best and flaunt your costumes.

Townhouse News

ARE YOU CONTRIBUTING TO OUR GRATUITY FUND?

The Townhouse has a no-tipping policy so, we residents have established a fund to offer a financial thank-you to the non-management staff members who, day in and day out, help to make our lives safe, enjoyable, and comfortable. How much you give is entirely voluntary and confidential, but with prices always rising, please consider giving more if you can. This is a way for us to thank these workers, and to encourage them to keep up the good work. You can contribute monthly, quarterly, or semi-annually—it's entirely up to you. Please make your checks payable to VTH Residents Fund, and deposit them in the Gratuity Box to the left of the front desk in the lobby.



Our large community is growing, and it is so good to see new people moving into the Townhouse. I hope you walk our beautiful grounds and enjoy everything we have to offer. I know many of you have questions. You don't have to be new to have a question, you can be a long time resident and still wonder about things.

It is part of my job as President of the Residents Council Board to be helpful, so, please don't hesitate to call me with any questions or concerns and I will certainly try to answer you or direct you to someone who can help you.

Best wishes for October.

Terry Gibson, President
805-407-7322

Grandparent's Day

Thank you to all who participated in our grandparent's bingo and ice cream sundae event last month. It was a fun day for everyone. Here are a few photos taken from this wholesome event.



TOWNEHOUSE NEWS

A warm welcome to James Darling



I was born July 7, 1940, in Carmel, California. I was raised in Monterey and graduated from Monterey High School in 1958. After a tour of several colleges, I finally finished at San Jose State. After sending out over sixty job applications, it came down to two districts for a job in Ventura, or Compton. Easy decision. I put in thirty-five years of teaching Physical Education and Mathematics, coaching eight different sports and spent several years working as a principal and a vice principal within the district. My favorite saying is in my 35 years, I affected over 8000 kids, hopefully for the better.

Almost 35 years ago I lost my right leg to cancer. Overcoming this was the biggest battle of my life. Having been an athlete my whole life, I used these skills to move forward. I started swimming five days a week, joined an amputee golf association, shooting an 84 was my highlight. Loving the outdoors, I continued catching trout, harvesting deer and elk and snow skiing on my one leg. I even did disabled triathlons a couple of times. I also bragged I was one of the best one-legged cooks in California.

My leisure time is spent playing my piano, enjoying music, especially Doo Wop oldies from the 50's. I write poetry and short stories and thrive on being in nature from Big Sur to the high Sierra's which are places I can sit and watch streams, sunsets, redwoods, and coastal waves. These are my happy places. Thank you to those of you who have welcomed me and made my early days a comfortable time.

A warm welcome to Dorothy O'Bryan



I was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. We moved to San Bernadino where I finished high school. I got my AA degree, became a secretary to the City Clerk and later took a job as secretary for a personal injury lawyer.

I married a handsome Irishman who sadly passed away 25 years ago. After my husband's passing, I went back to school at age 74 and earned a BA degree from CSUSB. I am proud of my great-grandfather Judge Heydenfeldt. He was an attorney in San Francisco and was elected a justice of the California Supreme Court in the 1850s.

Thank you from Carole Morris



Dear friends and family of the Ventura Townehouse, thank you for coming to my art show. I hope you enjoyed the "Oil and Watercolor paintings." To all those who purchased my paintings, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I sincerely hope they bring you many days of enjoyment.

Love, Carole Morris

Townehouse Management Team

Administration

Executive Director Evan Granucci
Executive Assistant Chantel Hernandez

Marketing Directors Harvey Marasigan
 Nancee Borgnine

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**Director of Activities
Fitness** Anne Howorth
 Frank Jackson

**Director of Memory
Care** James Christensen

Director of Social Services Kimmi Bryan

**Director of Culinary
Services/Executive Chef** Bryan Gross

Housekeeping
Director of Housekeeping Alejandra Hernandez

Maintenance
Chief Engineer Steve Drake
Assistant Engineer Cliserio Meza

Bus Driver Ed Cardona

Resident Bulletin

The Food Committee asks for your support.

The Food Committee is comprised of board members established to work directly with the Executive Chef. The goal of the committee is to review constructive feedback from residents regarding both food and service to help improve the Townehouse experience. We have experienced success working with Chef Bryan to implement positive outcomes and are looking forward to continuing in the same fashion.

We depend upon your comments and are desirous to learn about your daily dining experience. Both positive and constructive feedback are welcomed with no fear of retribution. We ask that you submit comments in writing by utilizing the yellow feedback cards available in the dining room or any other form you choose. Please deposit your feedback forms in the Comment Box in the Dining Room Lounge (DRL), or hand them directly to any member of the committee. Please feel free to be anonymous if you desire, however including your name will allow us to respond directly to you with an update.

We look forward to continuously serving you. We are grateful for your feedback and are appreciative of the hard work our dining team puts forth daily.

Food Committee members are:

Gary Spivey (Chair)
805-535-4007 or 520-236-2753

MJ Murphree Sandy Freetly

Helmut Hoenigsberg Faye Campbell

Nordine Sanders Harriet Ulmer

Maxine Snelgrove

**Be sure to check out our new and improved
Transportation Schedule
(Insert Provided)**

