The Weekly

October 3, 2024



From Executive Director Angie Roher:

Reminder, we have a meeting tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium for all residents to get more information on the <u>Traveling Tribute Wall</u> that is coming Freedom Plaza on Wednesday, October 30th. All residents are encouraged to come to this meeting. This is going to be an amazing event! See attached flyer for more details. See you there!

Managers on Duty this weekend- Saturday (10/5) Director of Finance, Dennis Kimble and Health Care Administrator, Chris Grella will be here on Sunday (10/6). Please let the Front Desk know if you need to speak with Dennis or Chris over the weekend.

<u>COVID Vaccines - Four Fridays Only (October 11, 18, 25, November 1</u> - If you make a COVID vaccine appointment at Walgreens between 8:00 am – 3:00 pm on a Friday (starting October 11th) transportation will take you and bring you back. Please book the appointment at Walgreens, then schedule transportation. It may be a shared ride depending on how many appointments there are and the times they are scheduled.

From Library Committee:

Just a reminder that when you take a book from the "free book" shelf located outside the Library, please DO NOT RETURN IT! These books have already been culled as duplicates or books that have not been taken out in more than 3 years. Thank you.

From Connie Lesko (ROC office):

The Walk to End Alzheimer's is Saturday, October 19th. This 2-mile walk starts at the United Methodist Church in Sun City Center, goes north on Del Webb on to Freedom Plaza's nature trail and then continues to GVT, then returns to UMC. We can use some volunteers at GVT to guide walkers. If you have done this in years past, or would like to participate, please call Connie Lesko from the ROC Office @ (813) 927-1147.

The Opening Ceremony begins at 9:00 a.m. so they will not be at GVT until maybe 9:45 – 10:00 am. It's a day of celebration and hope for these walkers and Freedom Plaza plays a vital role in this annual event.

From Resident Services:

If you have an emergency, please do not call the wellness center or Sheri's phone, please call the Front Desk 813-633-1992.

From Innovative Home Services:

IHS blood pressure screening will be held on Monday, October 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the Atrium.

From Freedom Fairways:

Freedom Fairways would kindly ask that all residents and staff please do not walk, ride bikes, or walk your dog. Other golfers have pointed out that it has become an issue. Please refrain from being on the golf course. It is very dangerous and not allowed for safety reasons.

From Maintenance:

<u>Pest Control</u> will be on Campus Tuesday, October 8th to spray 2nd floor - all wings.

Thursday, October 10th through Friday, October 18th we will be replacing the main hot water line on the B wing on the seventh floor, above the ceiling. Contractors will be here Thursday through Sunday removing the ceiling grid, lights, and installing temporary lights. Monday, October 14th and Tuesday, October 15th plumbers will be on that seventh floor with two scissor lifts, installing the new 3-inch hot water line. We will notify all residents 24 hours prior to the hot water being turned off. At this time, the hot water is scheduled to be off for only eight hours during the daytime between (8A to 5 P). We will notify you once it has been turned back on. The work that is to be done will be on the <u>B wing only</u> however, when the water is turned off, it will affect both B&C wings.

FROM THE WOODWORKERS - It's October, the month for Oktoberfest's, Halloween, haunted houses, ghosts and scary things. No beer, ghosts or scary things at the Woodworkers Shop, just our dedicated, talented monitors standing by each Monday between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. to repair the broken things you bring in. YOU BREAK IT - WE FIX IT!

From FP Gardens:

Congratulations to Dr. James Creighton, Jr., MD! His garden is beaming with shade-loving bromeliads whose showy foliage is displayed in diverse colors, varieties, and stunning flowers. Open to all, walk through our Freedom Garden and enjoy nature's beauty!



Miscellaneous:

<u>October movies:</u> October 5th - Logan Lucky; October 12th - Worth; October 19th - Shirley and October 26th - World Fastest Indian.

The <u>outdoor sports committee</u> will meet on Wednesday, October 9 at 11:30 a.m. in the Club Room.

Thank you:

Another September birthday arrived, and I was touched by Freedom friends who sent lovely and cheerful cards. Thank YOU to this beautiful and caring community! <u>Marcía K Wilson</u>

$\mathbf{\hat{n}}$

Bekker wags his tail and smiles in appreciation to the person or persons who secretly leave little gifts at his door. He also cherishes the attention and pats residents give him every day! Thank YOU!

Thanks to all my FP family for all the beautiful card and condolences on Mim's journey to see her heavenly father. <u>Don Quast</u>

Thank you for all the lovely cards and wishes for our Anniversary. We are truly blessed to be here to celebrate with friends. Thank you and may you all have a blessed day. <u>Mark and Becky</u> <u>Stefenelli</u>

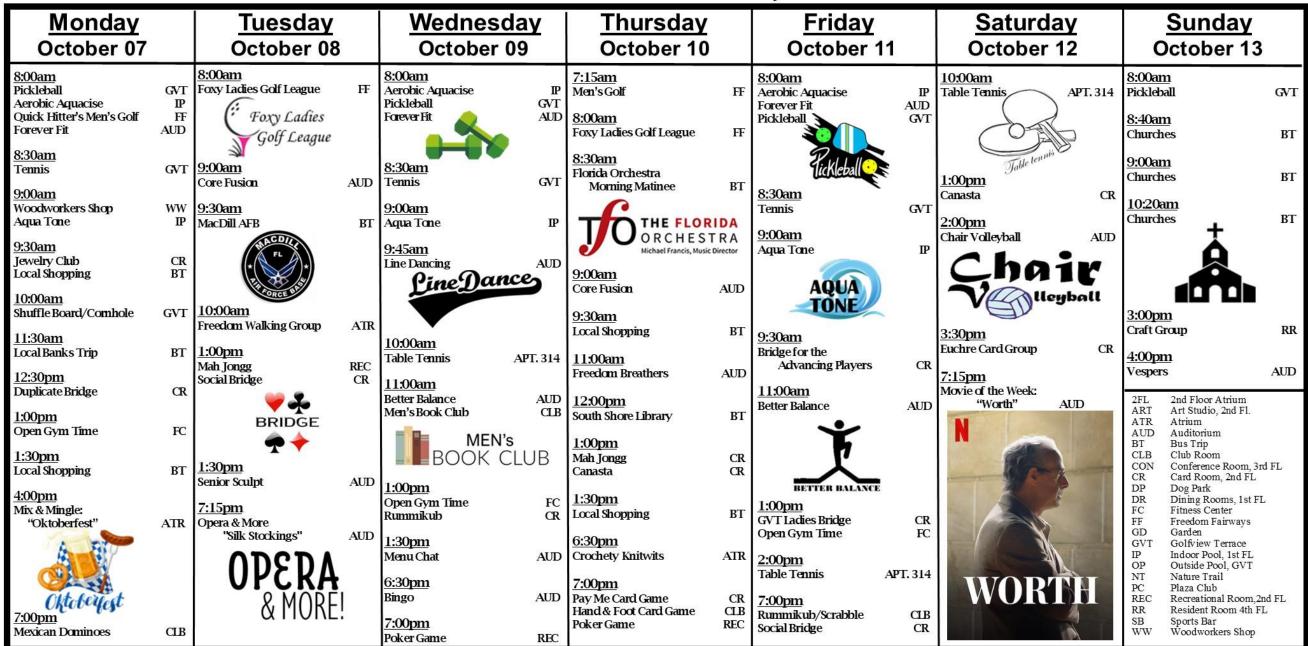
Thank you to all of our Freedom Plaza friends who wished us well on our recent Anniversary and my Birthday. You made our special days extra special! <u>Merv & Carol Rohwer.</u>

Thanks to all my FP family for all the candy and cards for my Birthday. Its always a joy to receive so many cards. <u>Mary Reter</u>

Having been in the closet for so many years about my age, it was really special when I finally admitted to being 100 years old. My birthday party in the Atrium was beyond great. It was really special. Thank you to Theresa, Pamela and Melly and to all the people who came to my party. I thank you for your kind words, cards, etc.. Probably the best birthday every! <u>Brad Braddy</u>

<u>Pat Snow</u> is recovering after recent surgery at Moffitt and is returning to Freedom Plaza by the end of the week. She wishes to thank everyone for their concern and well wishes.

Activities Reservation Request Line 642-1213 or utilize TouchTown Activities Department Plaza Planner Week of October 07, 2024 Activities Reservation Request Line 642-1213 or utilize TouchTown



For Reservations: Activities Reservation Request Line 642-1213 or utilize TouchTown

For CONFIRMATION of your reservations, printed copies of the Reservation Lists are posted on the GVT bulletin boards and the Plaza bulletin board outside the Activities office, as well as on TouchTown and FPN (Channel 732). Reservation Lists are updated and posted on Tuesday & Thursday, by EOB.

CALL THE ACTIVITIES RESERVATION REQUEST LINE 642-1213 OR USE TOUCHTOWN TO MAKE OR CANCEL RESERVATIONS



'Oktoberfest" Monthly Mix & Mingle – Monday, October 7; 4:00pm - 5:30pm; Atrium. Enjoy this month's Mix & Mingle with light appetizers, beverages, and live music.

REMINDER: Florida Orchestra Morning Matinee "For the Love of Italy" Mahaffey Theater - Thursday, October 10; Board Plaza 8:30am, then GVT 8:45am; Depart promptly at 9:00am; 45 min. drive to St. Pete; RT 2:00pm. This trip is for 2024/2025 FOMM subscribers. WAITLIST AVAILABLE



Philip Leto Lecture presents "The Road to the White House 2024" Lecture Series: Monday, October 14; 11:00am – 12:15pm; Auditorium. A FREE lecture series presented by Philip Leto, Chairman of the Education Department at Discovery University and an expert speaker and educator. REMAINING DATE: November 11

Latin Grill Restaurant, Brandon - Thursday, October 17; Board: GVT 10:45am, then Plaza 11:00am; DP <u>11:15am</u>; Reservation 12:00pm; RT 2:00pm; Lunch OYO. Enjoy a family style menu filled with authentic Latin dishes and delicious handcrafted tropical drinks. SIGN UP BY OCTOBER 11

Salvador Dali Museum & Grille, St. Petersburg - Tuesday, October 22; Board Plaza 10:30am, then GVT 10:45am; DP 11:00am; 40 min. drive; RT 3:00pm. Museum is a self-guided tour. Admission \$28pp includes access to the permanent collection and special exhibitions. Enjoy lunch (OYO) at your leisure at the Salvador Dali Café Gala offering light Spanish-inspired fare. Purchasing TIMÉD tickets (\$15pp OYO) for the Dali Alive 360 Immersive Digital Experience on the day of the trip is based upon availability. SIGNUP/PAYMENT BY OCTOBER 16

Tasting & Tour at Gasparilla Distillery & Cocktail Bar, Ybor City and Early Dinner at Ulele's Restaurant, **Downtown Tampa** – Thursday, October 24; <u>Board GVT 1:30pm, then Plaza 1:45pm; DP 2:00pm</u>; 50 min. drive to Tampa; Early Dinner reservations 3:00pm, followed by Distillery reservations at 5:00pm. Dinner is OYO. Distillery is \$12pp for tasting and tour which includes your choice of six 1/3oz pours OR mocktail options for nondrinkers. In-house-made cocktails with craft-distilled spirits, beer, wine, and seltzer options are also available for purchase. Angle and Chef Jaime will be your trip escorts. SIGNUP/PAYMENT BY OCTOBER 15



"Superheroes & Villains" Halloween Happy Hour & Party – Tuesday, October 29; 4:00pm-6:00pm; Auditorium. Get ready for a spine-chilling time to celebrate all things heroic and diabolical! Don the cape of a legendary superhero or dress in the dark allure of a notorious villain, or channel your favorite character from a book, movie, TV, or even real life. Festivities include themed cocktails, appetizers, trick or treat sweets, spine-tingling music, and the announcement of the Freedom Plaza's resident, "Superhero" or "Superheroine"!

Please refer to your **HALLOWEEN MEMO** which has been delivered to each apartment mailbox on **September 27,** for complete event details.

RESERVATION SIGNUP must be made by October 18, to receive a wristband, which is required for admission. WRISTBAND PICKUP is October 25 and October 28 from 11:00AM – 1:00PM and 3:30PM – 5:30PM in the Atrium.

Celebrate ith The Ditchfields

Ditchfield Family Singers 25th Anniversary Christmas Concert Gala, Bradenton Saturday, December 14; Board Plaza 12:15pm, then GVT 12:30pm; DP 12:45pm; Matinee 2:00pm; 45-min drive to First Baptist Church of Bradenton; RT approx. 5:00pm; General Seating Admission \$32pp. Join this talented family for a festive Christmas celebration, featuring 25 members from four generations singing beloved holiday classics. SIGN UP

/PAYMENT BY OCTOBER 17

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Freedom Plaza's annual Holiday/Christmas Train is arriving earlier than usual in 2024! The festive train will be set up the first week of October this year, perfectly timed for Halloween. Join us for a fun twist and early holiday fun as the train embraces the theme of our "Superheroes & Villains" Halloween Party with coordinating decorations. In November, the decorations will shift to a fall theme, and in December, they will be transformed into holiday décor.

Annual Southshore Alzheimer's Walk is Saturday, October 19. The Opening Ceremony begins at 9:00AM. It's a morning of Celebration and Hope, welcoming both participants and supporters. This 2-mile walk starts at the United Methodist Church in Sun City Center, loops around Freedom Plaza's nature trail, continues through GVT, and returns to UMC. Freedom Plaza is a vital part of this fundraising effort, so please consider joining us in the walk or with a monetary donation. For more information contact Retired Officers' Corporation (ROC) at 813-633-4467.



Freedom Plaza and the Retired Officer's Corporation Presents

American Veteran's Traveling Tribute Wall Ceremony Thursday, October 31 \sim 10:00AM \sim GVT ground Event details coming soon



	Dining News: October 6th- October 12th	
The American Grille Hours of Operation		Declining Balance
Sunday: 2:00pm-6:00pm Monday - Saturday 7:30am- 1:30pm		Did you Know? All Food Items in the general store can be used towards you declining balance. Please be sure to check your balance weekly so you car adjust your spending through out the month. This will help alleviate long line at the end of each cycle.
	Sunday, September 1, 2024	
Sunday Special: Chicken Fettuccini Alfred	e American Grille Hours of Operation 2:00pm-6:00pn lo, 2 sides ,choice soup or salad, cookie or brown Applesauce, Cottage Cheese, Bagged Chips, House	ie and a freestyle coke \$18.00 * Gril
If you haven't started using the online order	Ordering On Line Portal ing portal and would like to please email evanspame set up with a new account.	la@freedomplaza.fl.com and you will b
If you are having trouble accessing the full	Touch Town count portal through the touch town app please see F Resident Programs.	Pamela or Melly in Dining to help you, no
The next kitch	Kitchen Tours en tour will be November 7th at 10am - sign up at th	e host stand
	Menu Chats with Chef Jaime Every Wednesday Auditorium 1:30pm	
* You do not need to attend every meetir	ng* We would love to hear from you* Changes on the	menu are based on resident feedback
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	Weekly Buffets Oktoberfest (IRD Buffet Available 230-330pm) Taco Buffet (IRD Buffet Available 230-330pm) Asian Buffet (IRD Buffet Available 230-330pm) Fall Homestyle (IRD Buffet Available 2:30-330pm) Surf and Turf(IRD Buffet Available 230-330pm)	\$18.00 \$17.00 \$18.00 \$17.00 \$20.00
	Upcoming Holidays	¥20.00
When coming into the dining room for dir creates dissatisfaction for many before	Continental Breakfast in the Atrium 9:00am-3:00pm 10:30-11:30 Medical Deliveries m Appetizers in the Atrium, Wine, Beer and Non Alcoho <i>Congestion at the Dining Entrance</i> ner please do not make small talk while in line at the e even entering the dining room. We have residents of	host stand. This backs up the line and cutting the line due to the long waits.
	on the dinner hour with the host, by calling x1313, or Dining Spotlight	
Resident Suggestions Send in menus suggestions to lehmantheresa@freeedomplazafl.com		Dining Weekend Managers on Duty
or <u>simoesjaime@freedomplazafl.com</u> so we can get them incorporated into the menu	Ashley Cornell - Host	Saturday FOH Melly and Nashalie BOP
Be sure to ask your server about chef	Most recently relocated from Ohio. She previously worked in food services as a dietary aid and PM cook with Mercy Memorial Hospital. Most recently she worked in education for Springfield City School District, for the past 5 years, as a teaching assistant, for children with special needs. She is currently the lead host in our dining services department. Ashley enjoys interacting with our residents and loves hearing other and bloging is provided as an	Sous Chef Rochelle Sunday FO Nicole BOH Sous Chef Jake
specials!!!	stories about their lives and helping in anyway she can. Ashley also enjoys spending time with her children, family and friends, going to the beach, the Dallas Cowboys, talking with her son who is currently on his 2nd deployment and enjoying life in sunny Florida. She is grateful for her employment at freedom plaza and all the great relationships she has built here	Thanksgiving Reservations are now open in the portal!! Thanksgiving is Thursday November 28th 2024
Monthly our Dining Committee Chair Anita	Resident Feedback Ciota helps to monitor and input daily survey results.	This information is shared with the dining
	committee. Below are the results for September Menu Variety Staff Attentiveness Overall A 87.4% 96.1%	·
	g room for the Month of September :10,591 stress to near from you: to utside of the dining office it takes seconds OR	Survey's Submitted: 321 you can fill out a survey in the dining

AMERICAN VETERANS TRAVELING

Presented by

Freedom Plaza



819 Freedom Plaza Circle, Sun City Center | Open 7 a.m. to Dusk

View an 80% scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C., plus individual tributes for every U.S. involved conflict since WWI including a special 9/11 memorial.



FREE event

the

Date!

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute is brought to you FREE OF CHARGE by Freedom Plaza, the Chapters Health Valor Program of LifePath Hospice and our generous sponsors & donors.



SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

For details, contact Valor **Program Services Manager, Clifton Pease at 813.956.9137** or peasec@chaptershealth.org





www.chaptersfoundation.com/FreedomPlaza