

# TIMELESS

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READING IS  
*Fun* FUNDAMENTAL

Who said learning stops once you graduate? Let's put the FUN in the fundamentals of reading and encourage lifelong learning in our communities and teams!

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# READING IS *Fun*DAMENTAL

March is filled with so many special occasions! It's a time of jubilation and a month of education, religious observances and fun-filled events. One such event is National Reading Month. There are countless ways to embrace National Reading Month, which makes it an ideal topic for this month's Sagora theme, "Reading is FUNdamental."

How many of you grew up reading every day? Maybe you read J.D. Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye" or George Orwell's riveting "1984" multiple times. Perhaps you imagined yourself to be a character in "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. These classics impacted generations that were to come, and likely will continue to impact others in the future.

So what are your reading habits in this stage of life? It's vital to continue exploring reading options, as lifelong learning is necessary to your overall health and wellness. There are several ways to reignite your reading passion if it's something that has faded a bit over the years.

Reading and writing go hand-in-hand, too, so reading more will also help you put pen to paper and share more with those you love. You might engage in a bit of storytelling with family and friends or hold and participate in a trivia challenge focused on authors and written works. Your community is sponsoring some great "Reading is FUNdamental" engagement opportunities, so be sure to participate and continue following your journey of life-long learning! Happy reading!



## This Just In!

The "Here For You" nurse will be doing blood pressure checks on the first and third Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Billiards Room on the first floor.

**There is no charge for this service.**



Linda Maksel of Tarpon Springs and Deloris Coleman of Largo were on the Queen Mary celebrating Deloris' 200th cruise.

## Meet Resident, Deloris C.

Deloris C. (on right) was on her favorite cruise ship the Queen Mary, for her 200th cruise. On this trip she went to England and Hamburg Germany.

Deloris began her sea adventures back in the late 1960s. She has been all over Asia and Europe with Vietnam being her favorite location due to its uniqueness. I bet Deloris would love to share some stories with us.

Pictured with her is her traveling companion, Linda, who can be seen in our community alongside of Deloris.



## Welcome, Trinity D.

Trinity comes to us from Port St. Lucie, Florida. She is the newest member of our Lifestyle Department.

You'll see her in our Assisted Living areas bringing lots of sunshine with her contagious smile and caring spirit.



## Hello, Wonderful *Pinecrest Residents!*

The month of March will give us not one but TWO special days to celebrate: St. Patrick's Day and Easter.

Our community will host the Highland Dancers on Saturday, March 16th as part of our St. Patrick's Day line-up. Please note that the dancers will only be here for a short period of time, so get to the lobby early to enjoy some Irish shenanigans!

We will continue our Easter tradition of filling eggs on Good Friday morning and hiding them early on Saturday for your grandchildren and great-grandchildren to hunt. It's so heartwarming to meet our employees' children and watch the smiles and laughter as they collect all the eggs!

Lastly, as spring approaches, take time to go outside and take a walk on our beautiful grounds.

Warmest regards,  
Diana Baldwin, Lifestyles Director  
Karen McFarlin, Executive Director

## Pathways Storytelling Sessions

The Residents of our Pathways neighborhood have been busy creating stories. A picture is selected to then create a story. We name the characters, interpret what is going on, and have tons of fun laughing at what results.

A few story titles have been..."The Walk," "Amelia McGee," "Mystery of the Broken Thumb" and "Let's Race."

The stories are on display in the activity room. Come and visit and check them out!

Leslie J.



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### Key Associates

**Karen McFarlin**  
Executive Director

**Diana Baldwin**  
Director of Lifestyles

**Becky Porter**  
Assistance ED and ALF Administrator

**Cristina Colak**  
Director of Nursing

**Kevin Colligan**  
Director of Maintenance

**Christine Colligan**  
Director of Memory Care

**Jennifer Wilde**  
Director of Marketing

**Lorin Pirvu**  
Transportation Manager

**Josh Wyche**  
Business Office Manager

**Cynthia Carey**  
Housekeeping Manager

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Sunday

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Saturday

# Elison Memory Care of Pinecrest

## March 2024



						9:00 Musical Memories <sup>1</sup> 10:00 Fitness Together 10:25 Daily Devotion <b>10:30 Guitar Concert W/ Chris</b> 11:00 Memory Gym 1:30 Shake Awake Your Taste 3:00 Walking Strong <b>3:30 Lifelong Learning "Ireland"</b> 6:00 Hand Message	9:00 Good Morning Pinecrest Channel 732 <sup>2</sup> 10:00 Social Puzzles and Games 10:00 Morning Movie 10:25 Daily Devotion 1:00 Blarney Bingo Bash 5:00 Living Room Social 6:00 Manicures
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## What's Up With the Road Closure in Front of Pinecrest?

By Bill S. Pinecrest Resident

Construction work at Taylor Lake, across the street from Pinecrest, moved into a new phase in February that included Pinellas County's closing of 8th Street S.W. in front of Taylor Park.

The road closure should continue for most of 2024 and doesn't affect traffic going to and from Pinecrest, said Tony Fabrizio, a Pinellas County spokesman.

"We set a completion time of November, but the contractor believes they may be able to finish earlier. We can't predict how weather and other unknowns might affect the project. The main entrance to the park and the driveway to the pizza restaurant across the street will remain open," he said.

The project involves improvements to the northern edge of Taylor Lake, its drainage system, and the pedestrian bridge on that section of the road. It has led to some construction noise since it began last fall, but Fabrizio said it shouldn't get any louder as the workers shift to road replacement.

"I spoke to our construction manager, and he said the loudest noise is actually the hammers that are being used for the seawall construction. That has been underway for several months. But there will be additional heavy equipment. Eventually, the road (8th Avenue) will be demolished for the installation of stormwater infrastructure and then put back together," Fabrizio said. The workers usually finish by around 5 every weekday afternoon, though their contract allows them to work from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The main purpose of the project is to repair a retaining wall that holds back the soil from the northern boundary of the lake. The wall wasn't deep enough to keep water from seeping under the bottom of the wall. That caused it to buckle in several places.

Work on the road is extending beyond the street itself. "The sidewalk on the north side will remain open until a new sidewalk on the south side is constructed, at which time pedestrian traffic will be switched to the new sidewalk. Sidewalk access may have to be closed off if any unexpected safety concerns emerge," according to Fabrizio.

"We know this is a temporary inconvenience, but it's a necessary infrastructure upgrade that will improve stormwater drainage.

## How Do You Celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

One might think St. Patrick's Day traditions are the same around the globe, but that isn't the case. The patron saint of Ireland known as St. Patrick is celebrated on March 17. His holiday is a nationally-observed holy day in Ireland, his homeland. There's no school in session and the bulk of the businesses there are also closed.

Notice that it's a "holy day" celebration, unlike America's "holiday" celebration. Irish people honor St. Patrick by remembering the day of his death, which occurred in the 5th century. St. Patrick was a known missionary dedicated to bringing Christianity to the Irish, so this is very much a religious observance in Ireland.

In America, March 17 is a festive day when those with Irish heritage gather together in green and bond over a shared culture. The bonding is definitely not religious, however. Everywhere you look the color green is present. Green beer, green baked goods, green milkshakes, green T-shirts – you name it and it's likely somewhere in America painted green. You'll also find cities that hold parades featuring an influx of bagpipe players and dancers all in green. All these traditions are strictly American, not influenced by Ireland at all.

While the commemoration of St. Patrick remains a solemn day of celebration, with a number of church services, the country continues to attract large numbers of visitors who are more interested in the real St. Patrick's Day observance and less so in drinking green beer.



## Highlights from Our Dating Game and Valentines in the Bistro





## IN HONOR OF GRANDMA LOIS.

Recently a piano recital was performed at Pinecrest by family members of former Resident Lois S., who, in her younger years, was an Activity Director.

Pictured is Lois, her granddaughter, Grace M. and great-granddaughter, Aven M.

Thank you to the pianists who serenaded our Residents.

Aven M. now age 9, Jack M. age 7, Sophie M. age 7 and Julian M. age 11



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