

May Day



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CROSSING COURIER MAY VOLUME 6, ISSUE 5

Dear Riley Crossing Family,

As the weather warms up, we're excited to roll out a fresh lineup of engaging activities throughout the month of May. Here's what's coming up:

Dock Fishing at Lake Riley

We're pleased to kick off fishing season at Lake Riley in Eden Prairie. Join us on the dock for a relaxing and enjoyable experience in the great outdoors.

Picnic at Lake Riley

Enjoy an afternoon of sunshine, fresh air, and good company at our community picnic by the lake.

New Program: Current Events & Coffee

Join us for thoughtful conversation and community connection as we discuss current events over coffee in a relaxed setting.

Lemonade Socials on the Patio

Soak up the sun and connect with neighbors during our lemonade socials, held on the patio near the community room.

Sweet Tea Party – Celebrating Moms

We're honoring the amazing mothers in our community with a special tea party. We look forward to celebrating with all the wonderful moms!

Raised Garden Bed Reservations

Gardening season has arrived! If you'd like to reserve a space in our raised garden beds, please contact **Danell** at 952-906-7222.

Co-Ed Lunch Outings- Patrick's French Bakery

We're delighted to return to Patrick's French Bakery TWICE for this month's Co-Ed Lunch Outings. Enjoy delicious food and great conversation!

We're looking forward to a month full of community, connection, and springtime fun. We hope to see you at these upcoming events!

-Your Riley Crossing Activities Department

Events and Happenings:

5/1 Resident Birthday Party

5/5 Crafting Maracas w/ the Kids

5/5 Active Minds

5/5 Let's Talk

5/7 Women's Lunch Outing (Sign-up)

5/8 Scott Nelson Presents: Fireflies

5/8 Mother's Day Tea Party (Sign-up)

5/12 Unwrapping Music

5/15 Picnic at Lake Riley (Sign-up)

5/15 Dance with Laura

5/19 Travelog: The Great Lakes

5/19 Let's Talk

5/20 Ceramics with the Kids

5/21 Men's Lunch Outing (Sign-up)

5/21 Resident Council Meeting

5/22 Decoration Day Celebration

5/26 Coffee with the Chef

5/26 Art Adventure

5/27 Fishing at Lake Riley (Sign-up)

5/28 Lunch with the Kids (Sign-up)

5/28 Book Club

5/29 Lemonade Social

Entertainment this Month

Resident Birthday Party: 5/1 @ 3:00pm | CR

Pianist, Evan Kasseth

Decoration Day Celebration: 5/22 @ 3:00pm | CR

Guitarist and Vocalist, Rock N Roll Joe

Presentations

5/5 Active Minds: The Story of Salt, (Zoom Presentation), CR

5/8 Scott Nelson Presents: Fireflies, MC

5/12 Unwrapping Music: Anti-war Protest Music, Andrea Leap, CR

5/13 Insurance Brokers of MN-Derek Nelson: Renter's Insurance

Outing Cancellation Policy

With unpredictable weather upon us, we want to remind you of our Weather Outing Policy. Outings will be canceled if weather warnings for snow, ice, or extreme cold are issued. If an outing is canceled, a notice will be posted in the mailroom

Outings:

5/5 Grocery Shopping in Chanhassen @ 12:30

5/7 Co-Ed Lunch Outing to Patrick's French Bakery @11:00

5/12 Grocery Shopping in Chanhassen @ 12:30

5/15 Picnic at the Lake @ 12:00

5/19 Grocery Shopping in Chanhassen @ 12:30

5/21 Co-Ed Lunch Outing to Patrick's French Bakery @ 11:00

5/26 Grocery Shopping in Chanhassen @ 12:30

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The Daily Perk is distributed to the **mailroom black organizer** (left corner on the counter.) The current date will be on the top and any extra from the day prior will be stored below.



May Birthdays

5/1 Mary H.

5/2 Earl M.

5/8 Roger O.

5/10 Rich C.

5/21 Pat M.

5/22 Donald K.

5/24 Sandy G.

5/30 Vivian O.

Executive Director	Taryn Bartz	952-906-7221
Maintenance Dir.	Avi Khusial	952-906-7228
Essential Beauty	MaryJane	651-302-5644
Culinary Director	Alex Buko	952-906-7229
Reception	Tammy Schaefer & Molly Swenson	952-934-7777
Resident Services Coordinator	Kayle Kube	952-906-7224
Nursing Director	Jennifer Whereatt	952-906-7240
Sales and Marketing	Shelley Brady	952-906-7225
Life Enrichment Director	Danell Eklund	952-906-7222
Dimensions Manager	Jennifer Ardat	952-906-7232
Resident Council President	Jerry Noack # 330	952-212-6831



A warm welcome to the residents who have joined us in **APRIL**:

Everett W.

Darlyn K.

Beth G.

Just a reminder that you can tune in to Channel 991 to check out activity updates and more!



In loving Memory

Lynn P.

Mary W.

John M.

Have a suggestion or two for us?

Put them in our suggestion box by the Front Desk. We'd love to hear from you!



Spiritual Matters

A Message From Chaplin Craig

My mother brought some old photographs with her on a recent stay. One night, she called over my two daughters, ages 6 and 3, and asked them if they could identify any of the three children pictured in the black and white photograph she held in her hand. Three young girls, about my daughters' ages sat smiling on the edge of a top bunk at bedtime, each of them clutching a teddy bear or doll. What my daughters didn't know is that the one on the far left was my mom. They couldn't figure it out. When the truth was revealed, they were still a bit suspicious. Could Grandma have really once been a girl their age?

Almost every resident I speak with tells me that they never thought they'd get to be as old as they are. "Old" was an adjective that always applied to other people. Time moves in a curious way. Sometimes it seems to move all too slowly. At other times, it can pass so quickly that we only recognize just how far we've come by looking backward.

Age is a lot more than just a number. Rather, it's a testament to everything that we've already been through and our ability to navigate all life's changes with purpose and persistence. The children in our lives may not always recognize us in those old photographs. We may not always recognize ourselves in the mirror. But time has made us who we are. When we stoop to reflect on our lives,, we can celebrate wherever we are right now-no matter our age! -and share with others what we've learned and what we've been through in all the years past.

The Gathering: Every Thursday @ 11:00am, CR

Worship Service with Chaplain Craig: Every Friday @ 11:00am, Chapel

Chicago Cathedral Mass Livestream Service: Every Sunday @ 11:00am, CR

St. Hubert's Mass & Communion: 5/6 & 5/20 @ 11:15am, Chapel

St. Hubert's Confession: Tuesday, 5/20 @10:45, TH

Learn & Explore

This month...

Activities with the kids:

Create Colorful Maracas w/ the Kids: Monday, May 5th @ 11:15am | **Club**

Ceramics with the Kids: Monday, May 20th @ 10:00am | **Club**

Lunch with the Kids: Wednesday, May 30th @ 11:30am | **Club** (Sign-up Required)

Other Events

Dance with Laura: Thursday, May 15th @ 3:15pm | **Club**

Book Club: Wednesday, May 28th @ 3:00pm | **EC**

Coffee with the Chef: Monday, May 26th @ 11:00am | **Club**

Let's Talk: Monday, May 5th & Monday, May 19th @ 4:05pm | **PD**

Carpenter's Corner: Make a Checkerboard. Wednesday, May 14th @ 3:00pm | **Club**

Lemonade Social: Thursday, May 29th @ 3:00pm | **CR Patio**

May Celebrations:

May Resident Birthday Party: Thursday, May 1st @ 3:00pm | **CR**

Decoration Day Celebration: Thursday, May 22nd @ 3:00pm | **CR**

Mother's Day Tea Party: Thursday, May 8th @ 2pm | **CR**

Presentations:

Active Minds: Monday: May 5th @ 3:00pm | **CR**

Scott Nelson Presents: Fireflies. Thursday, May 8th @ 3:00pm | **MC** (Sign-up Required)

Unwrapping Music: Monday, May 12th @ 3:00pm | **CR**

Travelogue Destination: The Great Lakes. Monday, May 19th @ 3:00pm | **CR**

Art Adventure Presentation: Monday, May 26th @ 3:00pm | **CR**

May Shopping Outings:

Monday, May 5th @ 12:30 | **Lobby**

Monday, May 12th @ 12:30 | **Lobby**

Monday, May 19th @ 12:30 | **Lobby**

Monday, May 26th @ 12:30 | **Lobby**

May Lunch Outings:

Co-Ed Lunch Outing to Patrick's Bakery. Wednesday, May 7th @ 11:00am | **Lobby**

Co-Ed Lunch Outing to Patrick's Bakery. Wednesday, May 21st @ 11:00am | **Lobby**

Additional Outings:

Fishing at Lake Riley: Tuesday, May 27th @ 10:00am | **Lobby** (Sign-up Required)

Picnic at the Lake: Thursday, May 15th @ 12:00pm | **Lobby** (Sign-up Required)

THEATER SCHEDULE

Friday, 5/2 @ 6:00pm • Irish Wish-N

Saturday, 5/3 @ 6:00pm • Dances with Wolves-A

Sunday, 5/4 @4:00pm • Virgin River Series, S.5, Ep. 7 –N

Tuesday, 5/6 @ 3:00pm • Anne with an “E” Series, S. 2, Ep. 3 & 4-N

Friday, 5/9 @ 6:00pm • Happiness for Beginners-N

Saturday, 5/10 @ 6:00pm • The Bodyguard-A or Y

Sunday, 5/11 @4:00pm • Virgin River Series, S.5, Ep. 8 –N

Tuesday, 5/13 @ 3:00pm • Anne with an “E” Series, S. 2, Ep. 5 & 6-N

Friday, 5/16 @ 6:00pm • The Dad Quest-N

Saturday, 5/17 @ 6:00pm • The Sound of Music-H

Sunday, 5/18 @4:00pm • Virgin River Series, S.5, Ep.9 –N

Tuesday, 5/20 @ 3:00pm • Anne with an “E” Series, S. 2, Ep. 7 & 8-N

Friday, 5/23 @ 6:00pm • Moving On-H

Saturday, 5/24 @ 6:00pm • Exodus-A

Sunday, 5/25 @4:00pm • Virgin River Series, S.5, Ep. 10 –N

Tuesday, 5/27 @ 3:00pm • Anne with an “E” Series, S. 2, Ep. 9 & 10-N

Friday, 5/30 @ 6:00pm • Life List-N

Saturday, 5/31 @ 6:00pm • A Beautiful Mind-A

We would love to hear your **movie requests/suggestions**! Please stop by the mailroom to write movie suggestions in the activity binder.

But wait, there's more!



Fridays @ 3:00pm | Community Room

Come enjoy savory treats and alcoholic & NA drinks every Friday afternoon in the Community Room! We hope to see you there!

Friday 5/2 — Theme: **Cinco De Mayo**: Margaritas with Salsa and Chips

Friday 5/9 — Theme: **Paris in May**: French 75 and Jambon Rouleaux de chèvre

Friday 5/16 — Theme: **National Mimosa Day**: Mimosas with Cinnamon Rolls

Friday 5/23 — Theme: **Safari Day**: Side Car and Quiche

Friday 5/30 — Theme: **World Jazz Day**: Mojitos and Chicken Skewers

Beer and wine will be available as an alternative drink to the special.

Resident Led Cocktail Hour

Every Saturday at 4:00pm | Club Room

BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle) to Resident Led Happy Hour every Saturday at 4pm. Socialize with other residents while enjoying a drink before dinner.

Please remember to clean up to the best of your ability.

Dining Room Schedule

Meal Times

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Lunch: 11:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Dinner: 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

All Meals \$15.50



Intergenerational Corner

Cinco de Mayo Maracas with the Kids

Monday, May 5th @ 11:15am, Club Room

We're excited to invite you to a fun and engaging activity with the childcare kids! In this hands-on project, we'll be decorating our very own maracas, adding vibrant colors and designs to make each one unique. Once the maracas are ready, we'll wrap up the activity by singing an adorable and lively song together.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the kids to get creative, have fun, and enjoy music in a lively, interactive way. We can't wait to see the maracas come to life and share the joy of singing with everyone!



Ceramics with the Kids

Tuesday, May 20th @ 10:00am, Club Room

Come join us for a joyful and enriching hands-on clay project alongside the wonderful children from our daycare! This unique event is all about creativity, connection, and community.

- Get your hands messy and your imagination flowing with fun clay crafting activities
- Work side-by-side with our curious and creative daycare kids
- Create a meaningful keepsake to take home—or gift to someone special
- Enjoy laughter, learning, and lots of little smiles

Whether you're an experienced artist or just love spending time with kids, this interactive session promises to be a heartwarming and memorable experience for all ages.

Lunch with the Kids

Wednesday, May 28th @ 11:30am, Community Room

You're invited to share a special lunchtime with the children—full of sweetness, smiles, and joy. We'll enjoy a delicious meal together, play fun games, and engage in cheerful conversation that's sure to brighten your day!

Community Updates



Lemonade Social

Thursday, May 29th @ 3:00pm | CR Patio

You're invited to a delightful afternoon on the Community Room Patio for our Lemonade Social. A cheerful gathering designed to bring neighbors together for fun, laughter, and a little sunshine!

Whether you are looking to unwind, or sip on something sweet in great company, this event is perfect!

Creative Writing

Tuesday, May 6th @ 2pm | EC
(Sign-up Required)

Unleash your inner storyteller! Come share your stories, connect with fellow writers, and receive helpful critique and guidance to support and strengthen your writing skills.

This is a beginner friendly creative writer's workshop. All materials are provided. Join us in the Community room and unlock your creative potential!

Poetry

Monday, May 20th @ 2:00pm | EC

Looking for a creative way to unwind, connect, and express yourself? Join us in the Poetry Parlor!

A comfortable space to celebrate the power of poetry together. At Each gathering, we read and chat about different styles of poetry, try writing our own, and share at the end if desired. All materials are provided. Whether you're a seasoned poet or just curious to give it a try, the Poetry Parlor welcomes you!

"Here is a poem
In the form of a haiku

Fishing

Tuesday, May 27th @ 10:00am | Lobby
(Sign-up Required)

We invite you to join us for a peaceful and enjoyable day of **fishing at Riley Lake**. Whether you're an experienced angler or a first-timer, this is a fantastic opportunity to spend time outdoors and enjoy nature.

Riley Crossing will provide all the necessary fishing gear, so all you need to do is show up ready for a relaxing time by the water. Please remember to dress appropriately for the outdoor conditions, as this will be an outdoor activity.

Picnic

Thursday, May 15th @ 12:00 | Lobby
(Sign-up Required)

You are cordially invited to join us for a special offsite lunch outing to **Riley Lake**, where we'll enjoy a serene setting and a thoughtfully prepared meal.

Our culinary team will skillfully craft and package **gourmet boxed lunches**, ready for us to take on the go. Upon arrival at Riley Lake, we'll settle in to enjoy lunch surrounded by the natural beauty of the area — a perfect opportunity to relax, unwind, and connect with others in a peaceful outdoor setting.

Carpenters Corner-Session Two

Wednesday, May 14th @ 3:00pm | Club
(Sign-up Required)



Join us this May for the second installment of **Carpenters Corner**! This time, we're getting hands-on with a fun and creative project — building your very own **take-home checkerboard**.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn new skills, meet fellow makers, and walk away with something awesome you've built yourself!

Community Updates Cont'd...

Let's Talk

Please join residents for their Let's Talk group as they create a safe space for healing conversations, building strong connections, and allowing residents to choose a compelling topic for each session to be discussed. Let's Talk meets at **4pm every other Monday in the Private Dining Room**.



Thursday, May 8th @ 1pm | Community Room
A Celebration Honoring All Remarkable Mothers!

We cordially invite you to join us for an elegant afternoon in celebration of motherhood. This special event will feature a selection of refined refreshments, including:

- Assorted cupcakes
- Savory tea sandwiches
- A curated selection of three distinct teas

It will be a delightful occasion to honor the incredible women in our lives. We look forward to your presence as we gather to celebrate and appreciate the many contributions of mothers.

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Thursdays @ 9:30am, Community Room

Join Us for a Fun and Thoughtful Conversation on World Events!

Come join us for an engaging chat about the latest news, interesting stories, and big ideas from around the world. Whether you're into politics, culture, or global events, there's something for everyone.

Grab your favorite mug, enjoy a hot cup of coffee, and share your thoughts in a relaxed and welcoming setting. It's a great chance to unwind and have a lively discussion that will keep your mind sharp and your spirits high!



*It's that time of year again to start assigning spots in our **raised garden beds**!*

We have raised garden beds for resident use! The raised gardening beds are located on the back patio of our community.

Please reserve a gardening spot by **May 31st** by calling **952-906-7222** or speak to Danell to reserve your spot

If you are interested in helping maintain a raised bed, but do not want one for yourself, we will have an additional raised bed that will be for community use!

may your life
be like a wild flower...
growing freely
in the beauty and joy
of each day.