

THE VICINIA VIBE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



BUTTERFLY EFFECT

Discover the hidden world of bluebirds and butterflies during a special afternoon at **For-Mar** on **Tuesday, August 12th**, from **10:30 AM to 1:00 PM!** We'll view *The Secret Life of*

Bluebirds, a charming documentary by Charles St. Charles, and hear his incredible insights on monarch butterfly migration.

Then, take a stroll through For-Mar's Butterfly House for an up-close look at these winged wonders!

A WHEELY GOOD TIME

Let's get together on **Tuesday, August 26th**, from **5 to 8 PM** at **Boston's Pizza** to explore amazing classic vehicles! Enjoy door prizes, shirts, raffles, and gift certificates while connecting with fellow car enthusiasts.

Whether you're a car lover or just appreciate vintage charm, this event promises a delightful evening of pizza and classic cars.

HOWDY, PARTNER!

Connect with your neighbors for a **Meet and Greet Mingle** on **Friday, August 15th, at 1 PM!** Everyone is welcome to enjoy some light refreshments and introductions! If you're unable to make it, you're more than welcome to come to our **resident council meeting** on **August 11th @ 1PM** to introduce yourself to the neighborhood!



A PICTURE-PERFECT DAY AT THE GALLERY

Join us on **Wednesday, August 27th at 1:30 PM** at the **Flint Institute of Arts** for a relaxed drawing session for older adults and all skill levels. Draw inspiration from gallery artwork in a supportive environment with guidance from a local artist. All materials are provided, and no experience is required! Just bring your curiosity and creativity!

DINING À LA CARD!



The dining room is going cashless! To keep things smooth and speedy, all additional purchases will now need to be made with a card—so don't forget to bring one with you. Our servers are all set and trained on the new process, and if you have any questions, just ask! They'll be happy to show you our handy infographic that explains everything.

WE LISTENED:

In July, we sent out Resident Surveys to find areas for growth. Based on your responses, here are some changes that we're implementing:

- Maintenance has been assigned to making sure all doors are locked and secured in the evenings.
- The Barker system has been updated! Check it out for news on events, outings, cancellations and more!
- If you miss your cleaning, a makeup date can be scheduled for \$40 through housekeeping or concierge.
- We're pleased to share that the Kitchen has implemented a 6-week rotating menu, based on your feedback. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to fine-tune and improve the dining experience.
- Buffet Updates: Residents will be seated at their tables to enjoy drinks and place any additional orders with the server. Once everyone is settled, servers will release each table one at a time to visit the buffet.
- Join us in congratulating Lily Hunter on her new role as Lead Server/Bartender! Lily will be assisting with staff training to support improved efficiency and service quality.



RESIDENT REMINDERS:

- Please make sure to tell your visitors where they should park. Any of the unmarked spots are available and tour spots are available during the weekends. Anyone parked where prohibited is will have a boot applied to their car and charged \$20 to remove.

YES, CHEF!

A chef is typically a more experienced professional who creates, manages, and oversees the kitchen, while a cook mainly focuses on preparing food by following recipes and instructions. Chefs usually have formal culinary training and broader experience, which gives them greater responsibility and creative control, like menu planning and developing new recipes.

For example, I graduated culinary school with honors and a highest dedication medal. Beyond school, I have 9 years of professional kitchen experience, became an Executive Chef at 18, and intentionally chose roles to develop different skills. Competing under pressure taught me quick problem solving and creativity which are essential traits for a chef.

Key differences:

- Training & experience: Chefs have deeper training and often years of experience.
- Responsibility: Chefs manage the kitchen and staff; cooks focus on preparing dishes.
- Creativity: Chefs innovate and create recipes; cooks follow established methods.
- Title: "Chef" implies higher skill and leadership in the kitchen.

In short, cooks are vital to daily kitchen operations, but chefs lead, innovate, and shape the culinary vision.



Monday - Salmon

Tuesday - Tilapia

Wednesday - Potato Pollack

Thursday - Cod

Friday - Rotating
(as part of the main menu)

Saturday - Tilapia

Sunday - Cod

*Served with a hot or cold vegetable side.

A NOTE FROM APPLE HVAC

"We are committed to ensuring the reliability of your furnace and air conditioner to keep you comfortable through the remainder of the heat season and the upcoming cold winter! Starting the last week in July and for the next couple of months, Apple Mechanical will be accessing your HVAC Enclosures on your balcony or patio to perform quality checks and tune ups. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns."



SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH



GEORGE BROWN
VICINIA VICTOR



SCOTT MARTIN
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

DO IT FOR THE 'GRAM!

Join us on **Monday, August 18th**, from **3 to 4 PM** for a visit to the sunflower field, where our senior residents can delight in the breathtaking blossoms. Capture some unforgettable photos among the golden sunflowers—it's an experience you won't want to miss! Make sure to bring your camera to preserve these beautiful memories.

PEACE, LOVE & MAGIC...BUS

Join the Magic Bus Concert in the Park on **Thursday, August 15th, 7:00–8:30 PM**, at **Millpond Park, Fenton**. Enjoy classic rock hits from the '60s and '70s with colorful costumes and psychedelic lights. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair! It's the perfect way to relive the golden era of rock and roll under the summer sky.

FENTON ROTARY BOAT TRIPS

Join us on **Saturday, August 5th** at **9 AM** for the **Fenton Rotary Pontoon Boat Trips!** Bring your lake legs and enjoy a delightful lunch while cruising on the beautiful Lake Fenton. Limited seats available so don't miss this wonderful opportunity to relax and take in the scenic views!



WALK THIS WAY!

Join us in the craft room on **Monday, August 18th**, from **1:00 to 2:00 PM** for a fun craft day making personalized name signs for residents' walkers. Sign up to create a custom decal featuring your name and number. It's a great chance to personalize your walker while enjoying a social and artistic afternoon with friends.

Under the Big Top

August 7th from 4-6 PM

DUNK TANK

PETTING ZOO

FOOD

ENTERTAINMENT

SWEET TREATS

& MUCH MORE!

Show your spirit to gear
up for our summer bash!

Monday, 8/4 Sunglasses Day

Tuesday, 8/5 Crazy Hair day

Wednesday, 8/6 Anything But A Cup Day

Thursday, 8/7 Vicinia Day

Friday, 8/8 MisMatch Day

Residents are free. Family & friends can purchase tickets for \$20!

Your \$10 t-shirt purchase earns you an extra dunk tank ball!



\$150-200/night

GUEST SUITE

RENTALS

1 & 2 BEDROOMS • FULL KITCHENS
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Here's your friendly reminder for the exciting & busy summer season! With friends and family visiting, don't forget to share the details about our fabulous accommodations right here on campus before we're all sold out! Make your reservations at the concierge desk or call **810.354.7050**.



Opportunities & Promotions:

WANT TO MAKE SOME EXTRA CASH?

RESIDENT REFERRAL PROGRAM

\$2,000

REFERRAL BONUS!

(\$1,000 FOR YOU AND \$1000 FOR THEM!)



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BEAT THE HEAT WITH POOLSIDE POPSIDES!

Come hang out with us on **Friday, August 15th**, from **11:00 AM to 1:00 PM** for some refreshing popsicles by the pool! It's the perfect way to beat the heat—dip your toes, lounge in the sun, and enjoy a sweet frozen treat. Whether you're in the water or poolside, there's no better way to soak up those summer vibes. Don't forget your sunglasses, sunscreen, and sense of fun—you won't want to miss this chance to chill out with your piggies out!



BRANCHING OUT AT APPLEWOOD ESTATES

You're invited to join us for a tour of Applewood Estate on **Monday, August 5th**, from **1:00 to 4:00 PM**. Come explore the beautiful historic home, lush gardens, and scenic grounds of this Flint treasure. Learn about the legacy of the Mott family while enjoying a relaxing afternoon filled with culture and natural beauty. Use the sign up book to reserve your spot!

WANT TO KNOW THE SCOOP?

Join us for the Scoops Brunch hosted by SLRP on **Thursday, August 8, 2025**, from **10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**. This refreshing mid-morning event will feature a light brunch menu followed by a fun build-your-own ice cream sundae bar. It's the perfect opportunity to connect, cool down, and enjoy a sweet summer treat with fellow residents and team members. We'll see you there! This event costs **\$10** and can be paid in the pub!

WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT!

Get ready to make a splash at our Toy Boat Racing event on **Sunday, August 4th**, from **2:00 to 4:00 PM**! Join us by the front pond as we race toy boats and see whose vessel sails to victory. Whether you're competing or just cheering from the sidelines, it's sure to be an afternoon full of laughter, friendly competition, and summertime fun. Boats will be provided—just bring your sea legs and team spirit!



PURCHASE TICKETS IN THE PUB BY AUGUST 8TH!

TASTE OF FENTON

Summer is the perfect season to head outdoors and enjoy two of life's greatest pleasures — delicious food and refreshing drinks! Taste brings together restaurants from the Fenton and Linden regional area to offer a mouthwatering selection of menu favorites, all in one lively event. Guests can savor a variety of culinary delights, sip on local beer, wine, and spirits, and enjoy live music throughout the evening. Don't miss the crowd-favorite pie-eating contest! **Tickets are available to purchase in the Pub for \$15 and includes 10 tasting tickets for you to use at the event!**

Wednesday,
August 13th
from 4-8pm

- Food Samplings
- Beer, wine and cocktails
- Live Music
- Pie Eating/Cake Walk
- Grand Prize Drawing
- Vendors
- & much more!





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STEFFEY'S PUB

*Check out our drink specials
and new mocktails!*

MON-FRI = 2 PM-7PM

SAT & SUN = 3PM-7PM

Upcoming Events and Outings

AUGUST 4TH FROM 2-4 PM

BOAT RACING IN THE POND

AUGUST 5TH AT 9 AM

FENTON ROTARY BOAT TRIPS

AUGUST 5TH FROM 1-4 PM

APPLEWOOD ESTATE TOUR

AUGUST 7TH FROM 4-7 PM

UNDER THE BIG TOP SUMMER BASH

AUGUST 8TH FROM 11-3 PM

CAR SHOW

AUGUST 12TH FROM 10:30 - 1 PM

BLUEBIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES

AUGUST 13TH FROM 4-8 PM

TASTE OF FENTON

AUGUST 15TH FROM 11-1 PM

POOLSIDE POPSICLES

AUGUST 18TH @ 3-4 PM

SUNFLOWER PHOTO TRIP

AUGUST 19TH @ 2 PM

ENTERTAINMENT W/ JAKE GIESLER

AUGUST 21ST FROM 5-8 PM

FENTON FARMER'S MARKET

AUGUST 22ND FROM 11:30 - 2 PM

SWINGING SCOOPS BRUNCH

AUGUST 26TH FROM 5-8 PM

SUMMER CRUISE AT BOSTON'S

AUGUST 27TH @ 9 AM

COFFEE & DONUTS

AUGUST 27TH 1:30 - 2:30 PM

SKETCHING AT THE FIA

AUGUST 27TH 4-6 PM

DINNER OUTING - MACKEL'S TABLE & TAP

AUGUST 28TH 7-8:30 PM

CONCERT IN THE PARK - MAGIC BUS

ACTIVITIES UPDATE!

Please note that any activity or event charges must be paid in the Pub in order to sign up.

This will allow us to better track payments and participation.

Additionally, check the Barker for event cancellations. During the past two months, we've had to cancel several outings due to low or no participation, including all of the Burton Senior Center Dances, the Violassi Bee Farm trip, Taste of Brighton, and Wax Melts. Ensure you're signing up for events so we can continue scheduling more fun events in the future.

