

Summer News

From the Director of Development, Anne Derby

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Friends House
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Phase One of Construction ... well underway.



The grounds look a little strange with all the construction, but even with the record breaking rainfall over the last few months construction continues. Here is a look at the entry way to Friends House showing what was, is, and will be.



“The new entrance to Friends House will be spacious and bright”

*Joyce Lenhardt, Lenhardt Rodgers
Architecture+ Interiors*

Getting to Know the Ladies of our “Elephant Shop thrift store”



The residents of Friends House have enjoyed having white elephant sales throughout the past years, so it was no one’s surprise when the ladies of Friends House decided to open a thrift type store named the “Elephant Shop” Today the shop takes donations from the community here at Friends House and the greater Olney area as well. All items are donated. The

shop has clothing, jewelry, household products, furniture, and knick-knacks. The shop operates under the opus of the Friends House Seniors Association, to support all resident programs and activities. The shop will be closed during July and August but open with bargains galore come September.

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Winter is Coming

Winter is coming and the garden needs your help. The 30 –year-old greenhouse is in need of repair and improvements, windows repair, and a new electrical and heating system. If you or your Family foundation, civic group would like to make a donation please visit our website at friendshouse.com.



Watch our Garden Grow

Friends House plots and raised beds are planted and growing. The Master Gardeners along side FH gardeners are hard at work. We anticipate a bumper crop this year to include lettuce, chard, egg plant, peppers, tomatoes, herbs, beans, rhubarb, an assortment of berries and lots of flowers.



Construction surrounds us and the 2+ acre garden provides all residents with a beautiful oasis retreat.

Friends House gardeners are always looking for ways to improve the garden: increasing the number of raised beds for our residents with wheel chairs and walkers; installing permeable paving for better access for our mobility challenged residents, and basic repairs to the Green House. It sounds like a lot of money is needed, and well, it is, but with Friends helping Friends everything is possible.

If you would like to help, please visit our website www.friendshouse.com and click “giving” to donate on line.





The Friends House Lunch Bunch at El Andariego, in Ashton, MD

Friends House Lunch Bunch

Going out to lunch together is one of the best activities at Friends House Retirement Community. The bus makes it so easy for residents. The **Friends House Lunch Bunch** meets once a month and travels to restaurants in the Sandy Spring and Olney areas. The **Friends House Lunch Bunch** has visited El Andariego in Ashton, the Olney Grill in Olney and will visit several more restaurants in the coming months. In June 15 residents went to El Andariego in Ashton. Special thanks to Nancy McIntyre for organizing and coordinating the Lunch Bunch every month.

The group travels on the Friends House Bus. The lift entry makes it easy for our wheel chair residents to climb aboard without limits or restrictions. Each restaurant has given the group the private room in the back making it easier for the residents to move around the tables. The food at Olney grill and El Andariego was strongly endorsed by the culinary experts of the Lunch Bunch.

It is also important to note that the regulars of the Friends House Lunch Bunch welcome all residents and have frequently offered to “treat” their fellow residents who may not be able to treat themselves. What true friends!

If you happen to see the Friends House bus around noon on the third Tuesday of the month wave to our Lunch Bunch as they travel to their next culinary adventure.

Exhibit by *The Well- spring Artist*

Friends House own artist and members of the Wellspring Artist group have their original art and photographs on display in Stabler Hall. Even with construction going on our artist are displaying their pieces. Stop by.



Appreciating the hard working staff at Friends House



In early Summer, Friends House honored its employees with a week of appreciation activities including an ice cream social, lunch, facility decoration contests, super fun cook out and a fashion and talent show . The residents loved it too! Our HR team is led by Elizabeth Nicely and Jennine Thwaites, their hard work resulted in a lot of happy employees. Thank you for our special gift, a friends House

stadium blanket. I will feel a special Friends House hug every time I wrap it around me. Thank you!



New Lodge, overlooking the pond

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