

S M T W Th F S

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### LOCATION KEY

AC Activities Room RA Resident Apartment  
CF Cafe  
CT Court Yard  
LB Library  
LBX Lobby  
O Outing

<p><b>04</b></p> <p>8:00 Church Services CH 41 RA 9:00 B-Fit w SPIRO AC 10:00 Flex Your Brain: CF Printed Word Games 3:00 Book Club: ZOOM AC 5:30 Court Yard Stroll CY w Social Distancing</p>	<p><b>05</b></p> <p>10:00 B-Fit Exercise w/Spiro AC 10:30 Resident/Directors ZOOM RA 2-4 Wine &amp; Cheese Crackers RA Snack Wagon Run 5:30 Court Yard Stroll CY 6:30 Wheel of Fortune CH 13 RA</p>	<p><b>06</b></p> <p>9:30 Hallway Bingo North Side RA 10:00 B-Fit Exercise/Stretches AC 2:00 B-Fit Exercise with Pam AC 2:00 Scenic Drive O 6:30 Classic Movie Night: RA Resident Choice</p>	<p><b>07</b></p> <p>10:00 B-Fit Exercise w Karen AC 11:00 My Life Story ZOOM RA What is YOUR Life Story? 1-3 Ice Cream Wagon Run RA 2:00 B-Fit Exercise w Karen AC 5:30 Court Yard Stroll RA w/ Social Distancing 6:00 Jeopardy Ch. 13 RA</p>	<p><b>01</b></p> <p>10:00 B-Fit w SPIRO AC 2:00 Netflix Series: Longmire RA 2:00 B-Fit Exercise w Karen AC 3:00 The Ellen Degeneres Show RA Channel 9 5:30 Evening Stroll w CY w Social Distancing</p>	<p><b>02</b></p> <p>10:00 B-Fit Exercise w Pam AC 11:00 Flex Your Brain: CF Printed Word Games 2:00 Arts &amp; Crafts w Dalene / AS Craft Packets 3:00 Pop Tabs for Kids LB 6:30 Friday Night Movie: RA Resident Choice</p>	<p><b>03</b></p> <p>9:00 Walk Kendrick Lake O 11:00 Adult Color Pages CF Printed Pages / Markers 1:30 B-Fit Exercise w Pam AC 2:00 Lets Make a Deal CH 7 5:30 Court Yard Stroll CY w Social Distancing</p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>8:00 Church Services CH 41 RA 9:00 B-Fit w SPIRO AC 10:00 Flex Your Brain: CF Printed Brain Games 3:00 Book Club: ZOOM AC 5:30 Court Yard Stroll w CY Social Distancing</p>	<p><b>12</b> Columbus Day</p> <p>10:00 B-Fit Exercise w/ Spiro AC 10:30 Resident/Directors ZOOM RA 2:00 Resident Engagement Chat RA ZOOM Call 3-5 Wine &amp; Cheese Crackers RA Sbnack Wagon Run 6:30 Wheel of Fortune CH 13</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:30 Hallway Bingo South Side RA 10:00 B-Fit Yoga/Meditation AC 2:00 B-Fit Exercise w Pam AC 2:00 Scenic Drive O 4:30 Birthday Celebration RA 6:30 Classic Movie Night: RA Resident Choice</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Great Pumpkin Pass Out Decorating Contest Start</b> 9:00 B-Fit Exercise w Karen AC 11:00 My Life Story: ZOOM RA 1-3 Ice Cream Wagon Run RA 2:00 B-Fit Exercise W Karen AC 3:00 New Resident Orientation AC 6:00 Jeopardy Ch 13 RA</p>	<p><b>08</b></p> <p>10:00 B-Fit w SPIRO AC 2:00 Netflix Series: Longmire RA 2:00 B-Fit Exercise w Karen AC 3:00 The Ellen Degeneres Show RA Channel 9 5:30 Evening Stroll w CY Social Distancing</p>	<p><b>09</b></p> <p>10:00 B-Fit Exercise w Pam AC 10:30 Active Minds: ZOOM RA 2020 CO Ballot Issues 1:15 Flex Your Brain: Printed CF 2:00 Arts &amp; Crafts w Dalene AS Craft Packets 2:45 Bookmobile/Pick up/Drop LBX 6:30 Friday Night Movie RA</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9:00 Walk Kendrick Lake O 11:00 Adult Color Pages CF Printed Pages / Markers 2:00 B-Fit Exercise w Pam AC 2:00 NCIS LA Ch. 51 RA 6:00 Big Bang Theory Ch.2 AC</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p>8:00 Church Services CH 41 RA 9:00 B-Fit w SPIRO AC 10:00 Flex Your Brain: CF Printed Word Games 3:00 Book Club: ZOOM AC 5:30 Court Yard Stroll w CY Social Distancing</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>10:00 B-Fit Exercise w/SPIRO AC 10:30 Resident/Directors ZOOM RA 2:00 Resident Council ZOOM RA 3-5 Wine &amp; Cheese Crackers RA Snack Wagon Run 5:30 Court Yard Stroll w CY Social Distancing 6:30 Wheel Of Fortune CH 13</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:30 Hallway Bingo North Side RA 10:00 B-Fit Exercise/Stretches AC 2:00 Scenic Drive O 2:00 B-Fit Exercise w Pam BT 6:30 Classic Movie Night: RA Resident Choice</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>10:00 B-Fit Exercise W Karen AC 11:00 My Llife Story: ZOOM RA 1-3 Ice Cream Wagon Run RA 2:00 B-Fit Exercise w Karen AC 6:00 Jeopardy Ch 13 RA</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>10:00 B-Fit w SPIRO AC 2:00 Netflix Series: Longmire RA 2:00 B-Fit Exercise w Karen AC 3:00 The Ellen Degeneres Show RA Channel 9 5:30 Evening Stroll w CY Social Distancing</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>10:00 B-Fit Exercise w Pam AC 11:00 Flex Your Brain: CF Printed Word Games BT 2:00 Arts &amp; Crafts w Dalene/ AS Craft Packets 4:00 Action Center Donation LBX Non Perishable Food 6:30 Friday Night Movie BT</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:00 Walk Kendrick Lake O 11:00 Adult Coloring Pages CF Printed Pages/Markers 2:00 B-Fit Exercise w Pam AC 2:00 Lets Make a Deal Ch. 7 RA 5:30 Court Yard Stroll w CY Social Distancing</p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p>8:00 Church Services CH 41 RA 9:00 B-Fit w SPIRO AC 10:00 Flex Your Brain: CF Printed Word Games 3:00 Book Club: ZOOM AC 5:30 Court Yard Stroll w CY Social Distancing</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>10:00 B-Fit Exercise w/ SPIRO AC 10:30 Resident/Directors ZOOM RA 2:00 Welcome Ambassadors RA ZOOM Meeting 3-5 Wine &amp; Cheese Crackers RA Snack Wagon Run 5:30 Court Yard Stroll CY w Social Distancing</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9:30 Hallway Bingo South Side RA 10:00 B-Fit Yoga/Meditation AC 2:00 B-Fit Exercise w Pam AC 2:00 Scenic Drive O 6:30 Classic Movie Night: RA Resident Choice</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>10:00 B-Fit Exercise w Karen AC 11:00 My Life Story: ZOOM RA 1-3 Ice Cream Wagon Run RA 2:00 B-Fit Exercise w Karen AC 6:00 Jeopardy Ch.13 RA</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:00 B-Fit Exercise w SPIRO AC 2:00 Netflix Series: Longmire RA 2:00 B-Fit Exercise w Karen AC 3:00 The Ellen Degeneres Show RA Channel 9 5:30 Evening Stroll w CY Social Distancing</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:00 B-Fit Exercise w Pam AC 10:30 Active Minds: ZOOM BT "Iraq" 1:15 Flex Your Brain: Printed CF 2:00 Arts &amp; Crafts w Dalene/ AS Craft Packets 2:45 Bookmobile P/U Drop Off LBX 6:30 Friday Night Movie BT</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9:00 Walk Kendrick Lake O 11:00 Adult Coloring Pages CF Printed Pages / Markers 2:00 B-Fit Exercise w Pam AC 2:00 NCIS Ch. 51/ ION RA 6:00 Big Bang Theory Ch. 2 RA</p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9:00 B-Fit Exercise w SPIRO AC 2:00 Netflix Series: Longmire RA 2:00 B-Fit Exercise w Karen AC 3:00 The Ellen Degeneres Show RA Channel 9 5:30 Evening Stroll w CY Social Distancing</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9:00 B-Fit Exercise w Pam AC 11:00 Flex Your Brain: CF Printed Word Games 2:00 Art &amp; Crafts w Dalene/ AS Craft Packets 3:00 Halloween Hootenanny RA Costume for a Cocktail BT 6:30 Halloween Movie Night RA</p>	<p><b>31</b> Halloween Happy Halloween</p> <p>9:00 Walk Kendrick Lake O 11:00 Adult Coloring Pages CF Printed Pages / Markers 2:00 B-Fit Exercise w Pam AC 2:00 Lets Make a Deal Ch. 7 RA 5:30 Court Yard Stroll w CY Social Distancing</p>				

# Health and Wellness

## Movement is Medicine



Regular physical activity is the closest thing we have to the fountain of youth. The frailty of old age is reversible, age related changes can be slowed or even reversed. It does not matter how old you are or what shape you are in now. Research has shown that the telomeres in the cell, which are directly correlated to longevity, are lengthened by exercise.

### Benefits of Exercise

Regular exercise and movement are critical to your health and well-being. A consistent exercise routine can help you to:

- *Lower your risk of heart disease* - Exercise elevates your heart rate, increasing blood flow and oxygen levels in your body. If you consistently exercise you'll lower your blood pressure and cholesterol which lowers your overall risk of heart diseases.
- *Control blood sugar and insulin* - Exercise lowers blood sugar levels and if you follow a consistent routine your body will have an improved response to insulin, reducing the risk of Type 2 diabetes or making it easier to manage if you have it.
- *Improve your mood* - Exercise causes your body to produce endorphins which make you feel more relaxed, making it easier for you to manage stress and reduce emotional challenges such as depression or anxiety.
- *Maintain brain health as you get older* - Proteins and chemicals released during exercise help improve the brain's structure and function which helps maintain your, and of course the ability to think, learn, and remember things as you get older.
- *Increase and maintain muscle strength and bone density* - Regular strength training exercises help improve your strength and prevent bone density loss and muscle atrophy associated with getting older.

Source: Medline Plus

## Wellness Challenge

### Exercise Safely

If you're new to exercise or getting back into it after a long break, it's important to start slow and increase your intensity gradually. If you exercise too intensely you can cause injury. Be mindful of how you feel during exercises and keep track of your progress. If exercises are difficult, consider lowering the intensity. If they are easy to complete, consider challenging yourself by slowly building up your intensity.

Exercising can be a feel-good experience when you discover the kind of motions that your body enjoys. May you find exercise that brings you health, happiness, and the pure joy of moving with ease!

*Be Well on Purpose!*



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



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## Brookdale News

### Protect Yourself Against Flu



Flu Season has begun, this time with a new set of challenges as it coincides with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Health and wellness is always our priority at Brookdale and this year especially, receiving your flu vaccine is critical.

With social distancing and infection control efforts heightened, this season's community flu clinic may look a bit different. You may experience staggered appointments to accommodate social distancing, and clinics scheduled sooner than before to help ensure flu vaccines can be administered as soon as they're available.

Kim Elliott, SVP Clinical Services at Brookdale says, "Due to the current pandemic, it's more important than ever to protect yourself from potential illness. And, we want it to be as easy as possible for residents to be vaccinated in their own home." CVS Pharmacy will be on site to deliver the senior-dose flu vaccine specific for people over 65 years old. Additionally, if you qualify for a pneumonia, Tdap or shingles vaccine, CVS can provide those on clinic-day as well.

Vaccine costs are covered by Medicare Part B and most Medicare Advantage insurance plans. CVS will perform a pre-authorization to advise you of any co-pays and to determine your eligibility for vaccine.

Watch for posters around the community to inform you of the clinic date, time and place. Then, make plans to receive your annual flu and other wellness vaccines to help protect yourself, your family and your fellow residents from illness this flu season

## An Engaged Life

### Shirlene Jackson - An Engaged Resident



Shirlene grew up and raised her son in Wichita, Kansas. Ten years ago, when she moved to Overland Park, Kansas to be closer to her son, she was truly excited about being near him.

Two years ago, Shirlene needed rehab for a broken arm and chose Brookdale Overland Park where she became very involved in all of the programs and actively participated in her therapy. After completing a few weeks of rehab, she moved into assisted living. During the first few weeks there, Shirlene frequently went back to the rehab area to participate in group activities, watch TV, and eat with the residents. Shirlene missed the friends she had made there. She enjoyed helping them as she became more and more independent.

As her rehab friends moved away, Shirlene became more involved in the programs offered in assisted living. She made new friends, participating in almost all of the programs, became a welcome ambassador, and recently was elected President of the Resident Council. Shirlene is truly living an engaged life!