

NEWS FROM THE STAFF

COVID Vaccination UPDATE

By Dave Zeh, Resident Services Director

- The COVID vaccine is scheduled to be administered to the East Campus Residents and Staff on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021
 - The West Campus is scheduled for January 4th & 5th
- The vaccine will be available to those residents who *previously* signed-up and returned their forms to Wellness.
- If you have not previously signed up for the vaccine, you will be placed on a waiting list.

• **Please wear your mask and social distance.**



What to Expect on Vaccination Day – Wednesday 6 January 2021

- Walgreens staff will be here to administer the vaccine.
- They will start with The Mission and Arnold House residents and staff.
- Once they are completed with the Health Care facilities, the team will move to the Legacy Room to set up for the IL portion.
- Wear a short-sleeve shirt.
- Wellness will be scheduling the IL residents with an approximate time to show up for the vaccine.
- We plan to group residents according to your last name with about 35 people per hour. The TENTATIVE schedule is:

9-10am	A-E (32)
10-11am	F-J (41)
11-12am	K-M (45)
12-1pm	Lunch
1-2pm	N-R (35)
2-3pm	S-Y (47)
3-4 pm	Employees: FS, RS, BS (33)
4-5 pm	Employees: EVS, Maint (32)

- Approximate times will vary so Residents will be notified using OMNILERT phone calls and text messages to announce when they should arrive to the CC1 room.
- Only arrive if your letter of your last name is called. If you come early, we will ask you to depart and return later at your designated time.
- We ask you not to wait in the lobby area as that area will be closed during this time to allow for social distancing.
- Once notified, residents will report to the CC1 Room.
- Residents will sign in with Wellness in CC1 room.
 - Wellness will have your consent forms.
- Residents will await in CC2 & CC3 rooms until called.
- When ready, the Resident will proceed to the Legacy Room.
- A Walgreens staff member will review the authorization form with the resident.
- The vaccine will be administered to the Resident.
- Following receiving the vaccine, residents will remain in the Legacy Room for 15 minutes for observation.
- After 15 minutes of observation, the resident may depart.
- Upon departure, everyone will receive an informational handout.
- In approximately 3 weeks, we will follow the same procedure for the second series of the vaccine. More information will follow.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

By Dave Zeh, Resident Services Director



On behalf of the entire staff, I want to wish you and your families a Healthy and
Happy New Year!!

Who is ready for 2020 to be history...and it was a historic year!

Due to the improved COVID situation at BST, the alert status has changed to
ORANGE effective Thursday, 31 December 2020.

Medical Appointment Transportation: No Change

- Please contact the front desk if you need to schedule transportation to a medical appointment. *These will be scheduled case by case.*

Medicine Pick-Up: No change

Visitors: **Campus is Closed**

- Visits to IL residents are suspended.
 - This includes private personal service contractors such as pet groomers and technicians.
- Spectrum will continue to respond to service calls.
- Private laundry service can continue. Drop off/pick up at the front desk.
- Approved home health care providers are still permitted to assist residents.



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Dining Service: Pick up only

Maintenance: Service for Emergency and Safety Issues Only

- Others are being considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Submit work orders to: workorder@blueskiestx.org or work order desk 210-568-3261

Housekeeping: Suspended – Under evaluation to return soon.

Beauty Salon: Suspended

Religious Services: Suspended for In-Person Attendance

Swimming Pool: Open

- Locker room is closed per COVID guidelines.

Fitness Center: Open

- Physical Therapy sessions also continue with Select Rehab.

Exercise Classes: In-Person Classes are Suspended

- Classes offered via Zoom - See the flyer for times and location.

Sew & Sew, Billiards, Hobby Shop, and Art & Crafts: Suspended

Bingo: Suspended

White Elephant: Closed through January

Broadway Bank: Open on 4 January 2021

HEB, Commissary, BX, & Walmart: Trips available on Fridays –

- Please sign up at the front desk.

Other Deliveries:

- High Rise and Mid-Rise residents – Front desk
- Hills and Cottages – Doorstep

IN MEMORIAM



Margaret Halsell #809 – 20 December 2020

NEW RESIDENTS



James & Joanne Frank #555
Leonard "Blue" Wilkerson #653

NOTES FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

By Danielle Weintraub

 Happy New Year to all of the East Campus!! Thank you all for your kindness and patience while I have been figuring out my new role, I truly appreciate it!!

To kick off the new year I will be updating our resident roster. If you would like me to update your entry with a new phone number or e-mail please come by my office.



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PEST CONTROL SCHEDULE

By Scott Fischman, Maintenance Director

Thursday, January 7:		Thursday, January 14:	
Hi-Rise	Floors 11-12	Hi-Rise	Floor 13
Mid-Rise	Floor 7	Mid-Rise	Floor 8
Cottages	1727-1730	Cottages	1714-1719
Health Care	AH: interior common, exterior	Health Care	
Specials	Bistro: interior, exterior	Specials	Hobby Shop: exterior

Thursday, January 21:		Thursday, January 28:	
Hi-Rise	Floor 14	Hi-Rise	Floor 15, exterior
Mid-Rise		Mid-Rise	exterior
Cottages	1709-1713	Cottages	
Health Care		Health Care	Mission: Main/Kitchen Dining, exterior
Specials	MX Bldg: exterior	Specials	MX Bldg: interior common Vit/Fit: exterior

Maintenance Work Order Submittals

- Work Order Desk: 568-3261
- Work Order Email: workorder@blueskiestx.org

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

By Jennifer Berg Matthews

Employee Emergency Fund - Many of you as residents already support the Employee Appreciation Fund as a special “thank you” to our hourly employees. Another fund you may consider which impacts both hourly and salaried employees is the Employee Emergency Fund.

For years, this fund has helped staff who find themselves in critical financial situations through no fault of their own. Key examples include:

- Someone who received help with basic expenses after her home burned down
- Someone who received funds to travel to his mother’s funeral in Mexico, something he would have missed otherwise
- COVID-related financial hardships

Any gift you provide, whether one-time or monthly, can be life-changing for the staff member delivering your food, cleaning your home, or smiling at you in the hall. There is a formal application process through a BST staff committee, and funds are confidentially awarded based on individual circumstances. Your gift would add to the generosity already provided this holiday season by several staff members who responded to our challenge to become new monthly and one-time donors to this fund.

While the core mission of the Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation here at Blue Skies is to take care of residents who need assistance, we’re proud to say that we as



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a community take care of our own staff, too. After all, aren't we all family here at Blue Skies?

If you'd like to learn how to support this fund or any other, one-time or through your monthly statement, please call me at (210) 568-3206 or email me at jenniferberg@blueskiestx.org.

A New Name! – During this past year, we've seen a lot of changes, and personally, I've had one particularly significant change: my name. On November 28, 2020, I married a wonderful man and became Mrs. Matthews, so don't be alarmed if you see a new name coming from the Development Office. Mitch, Daniel, and I are all still here and proud to serve you, and for those waiting for your charitable giving tax receipt, look for my new signature!

Blessings to you and your loved ones as we forge ahead into the brighter days of 2021, and cheers to a new year!

ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES OF SERVICE

By Human Resources Team

The HR Team would like to thank the following employees for reaching an Anniversary Milestone of Service with Blue Skies of Texas. Thank you for serving our residents with love and care throughout the years. We appreciate you!

Employee	Anniv.	Yrs. Svc.	Department
Olga Perez	Jan 2	20	Environmental Services
Susan Ferlitto-Gonzales	Jan 3	1	Hospice
James Ballard	Jan 4	2	Hospice
Socorro Segura	Jan 9	20	Mission-Healthcare
Ashlie Campos	Jan 9	6	Marketing
Pamela Rodriguez	Jan 11	16	Environmental Services
Irma Medina	Jan 11	8	Mission-Environmental Services
Santiago Caro	Jan 13	9	Resident Services
Maria Teresa Reyes	Jan 13	9	Arnold House-Assisted Living
Teresa Elizondo	Jan 15	1	Wellness
Lt Gen Darrell Jones	Jan 15	3	Executive
Tim Hohon	Jan 18	16	Capital Projects & Safety
Agripina Moreno	Jan 19	3	Vista-Healthcare
Mario Serna	Jan 22	11	Maintenance
Robin Garza	Jan 23	12	Environmental Services
Kathy Phelps	Jan 24	3	Wellness
Carmen Arteaga	Jan 27	9	Personal Care Center



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Maria Elena Rios	Jan 27	9	Vista-Environmental Services
Margaret Richards	Jan 29	17	Resident Services
Gina Cortez	Jan 31	1	Vista-Healthcare
Robert Lopez	Jan 31	1	Dining Services
Froilan Vallejo	Jan 31	1	Dining Services

RESIDENT'S CORNER

DRAC: DINING ROOM ADVISORY COUNCIL

By Doris Megonigal

As the year closes we want to say "thank you" to all the staff that helped to deliver meals in the heat, wind, and rain. We appreciate you.

To the *Holiday* delivery elves, *thank you* for stepping in on a crazy weekend.

The DRAC will be trying something different in 2021, we will change our meeting day and time. Our meetings will be on the first Tuesday afternoon of the month at 2 PM. We will skip January. Since we will be in COVID mode. Will hopefully see you all in February.

 *Happy New Year everyone!*

FRIENDS OF THE VILLAGE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

By Sharon Rider, Treasurer



All new books in the *Blue Skies East* Library are purchased by Friends of the Village Library. Please help us continue to purchase new books (and supplies) by becoming a member or renewing your membership.

The \$25 we ask for membership dues each year does not cover the cost of one book, even discounted.

Make out a check for \$25 or more to Friends of the Village Library and place in the internal mail for Sharon Rider, Treasurer, Apt.#1207.

All readers will appreciate your contribution!

HAM RADIO NEWS – ACTION ON THE ROOF

By Betty Overacker



On Tuesday, Dec 8, three BST Amateur Radio operators constructed a 10-meter antenna on Tower 3's roof. This antenna offers superb long distance radio contacts, it's easy to build, and the cost is minimal. The antenna, called a delta loop, looks like a triangle. The new antenna was erected for the sole purpose of participating in the Amateur Radio Relay League's (ARRL's) 10-meter radio contest held on Saturday, Dec 12 and Sunday, Dec 13. The objective of this contest was to promote amateur radio activity on the 10-meter band. This band is not popular because



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long distance communication is only available during daylight hours (9:30 AM to 4:30 PM CST), because we are near the minimum of the 11-year sunspot cycle. BST's Radio Club exceeded expectations, with 119 stations contacted on 10 meters to include 13 each in Argentina and Brazil, plus a unique Namibia station (you may have to look up the location of that country)! The 10-meter antenna was dismantled on Tuesday, Dec 15.

With the continued pandemic gathering restrictions, the next BST Amateur Radio Club meeting will be virtual via Zoom on Thursday, Jan 21 at 11am. Please contact Joel Lichtenstein (Resident Directory) for more information.

73— (Best regards in Ham language).

MURIEL JONES TURNS 100 YEARS OLD!!!!

By Zizi Mackinnon



Muriel Jones is celebrating her *100th birthday* on January 3, 2021. She and her husband, Wilson, were among the early occupants of the Air Force Village (now Blue Skies). She was a charter member of Blue Skies during the early fund raising to get it established. Muriel has lived at Blue Skies East since 1975 and is proud to have lived there longer than any other resident!



To her family and friends, Muriel is described as strong, supportive, caring, dependable and curious. She is a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, mother-in-law, and friend to many residents, staff, and employees.



She cherishes the lifetime friendships she has made at Blue Skies as they have enriched her life in so many ways and they are like family to her.



Because of COVID, plans to celebrate this momentous occasion have altered and like so many other things have been put on hold. If you see Muriel, please wish her a happy 100th birthday. Sunday, 3 January dining services will be giving out cupcakes during regular meal pick up so all the residents at *Blue Skies East* can celebrate Muriel and this momentous occasion!



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