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Meet Our New Director of Community Relations Gina Johanssen

We're thrilled to introduce our new Director of Community Relations, Gina Johanssen — a proud Hammonton native who's come full circle to give back to the community that raised her. Born and raised right here in Hammonton, Gina brings not only a wealth of experience, but also a deep, personal connection to the people and places that make our town so special. In addition to bringing a strong background in community engagement, Gina is also a dedicated mom of three who knows the value of connection, compassion, and family. She's passionate about building meaningful relationships, supporting local families, and creating spaces where everyone feels seen and valued. Her heart for the community and her family-first mindset makes her the perfect fit for this role. Please join us in giving Gina a warm hometown welcome — we can't wait to see all the great things we'll accomplish together!💙



Notable Quotable

"Painting's not important. The important thing is keeping busy."

~ Grandma Moses (born Sept. 7, 1860)

Generation Celebration (cont. from pg. 1)

Even without a formal program, small moments matter. Reading to a grandchild over video chat, teaching a neighbor's teen how to knit, or joining a local school's mentorship program are all simple ways to build connections that stretch across generations. Volunteering with youth groups, offering career advice, or attending events at community centers can also open the door to meaningful exchanges. And don't underestimate the value of a casual chat at the park or the grocery store—sometimes the best conversations happen when no one's trying too hard.

Bringing generations together isn't about nostalgia—it's about building stronger communities full of curiosity, empathy, and mutual respect. This month let's celebrate the many ways we can all learn from each other, no matter our age.

 Don't forget to follow us on Facebook. We love recognizing our residents and staff 

Resident Birthdays

- 9/8 Joseph S
- 9/15 Germaine S
- 9/17 Marie M



There's nothing like a cool, sweet treat to bring back memories and spark joy—and that's exactly what happened this week when our memory care residents were treated to Rita's Water Ice!

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Celebrating September

Intergeneration
Month

World
Alzheimer's
Month

Labor Day
Sept. 1

Eat an Extra
Dessert Day
Sept. 4

Day of Charity
Sept. 5

Bald Is
Beautiful Day
Sept. 13

Balance
Awareness
Week
Sept. 14–20

Respect Day
Sept. 18

Centenarian's
Day
Sept. 22

Good Neighbor
Day
Sept. 28

Generation Celebration

September gives us a great excuse to celebrate the power of cross-generational connection. With both Grandparents Day and Intergenerational Day on the calendar, it's a reminder that meaningful relationships don't have to come from the same age group.

Spending time with younger generations isn't just heartwarming—it's genuinely beneficial. Studies show that older adults who interact regularly with children or teens often feel more purposeful, experience less loneliness, and even see improvements in memory and mood. Meanwhile, younger folks gain a sense of perspective,

patience, and emotional intelligence when they build relationships with seniors.

Some communities have taken this idea to the next level. In countries like Japan and the Netherlands, preschools and daycare centers are joining forces with senior living facilities, creating shared spaces where little ones and older adults can learn and play together. Finger painting and storytelling sessions can do wonders for everyone involved, young and old.

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Mythic Mateys

September 19 means it's once again Talk Like a Pirate Day. Should we go around spouting "Arrgh" and "Ahoy, matey"? Researchers view this pirate speech as Hollywood hoopla.

Many real pirates from the Golden Age of piracy most likely spoke like riverside-dwelling Londoners. After all, most pirates were former English-speaking merchant sailors.

Most pirate myths—from speech patterns to parrots, eye patches to peg legs—come from the book *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson. When Disney turned the book into a movie in the 1950s, actor Robert Newton's portrayal of Long John Silver became the benchmark for nearly every pirate to follow. Perhaps September 19 should be renamed Talk Like Robert Newton Day instead?



A Joyful Afternoon of Bingo with St. Joseph's Students

There was no shortage of smiles or lucky numbers at Spring Village. Our community was delighted to welcome a group of enthusiastic students from St. Joseph's School for a special intergenerational bingo event.

Residents and students gathered in the community room, where laughter and friendly competition filled the air. As numbers were called and cards filled, stories were shared, and new friendships began to bloom. Some residents even said it was the liveliest bingo game they'd played in years!

The students brought wonderful energy and kindness, and their presence lit up the room. It was heartwarming to see them assisting residents with cards, cheering on their tablemates, and celebrating every "Bingo!" with high-fives and claps.

These kinds of visits remind us of the joy that comes from connection—across ages, experiences, and generations. We extend a big thank you to St. Joseph's School for making the time to visit us. We look forward to welcoming them back again soon! Until next time—may your numbers be lucky and your days full of joy!



Sweet Moments at Spring Village: Rita's Water Ice Delight!

Nothing says summer quite like the refreshing taste of Rita's Water Ice—and here at Spring Village at Hammonton, our residents enjoyed every cool, delicious bite!

The courtyard came alive with laughter, sunshine, and the sweet, fruity flavors of everyone's favorite treat. From classic cherry to the ever-popular lemon, there was a flavor for every palate. Residents gathered with friends and staff to soak up the

up the sunshine and savor a true taste of summer. Events like these are just one of the ways Spring Village creates joyful moments and builds community. We love seeing our residents happy, engaged, and, of course, enjoying a little extra sweetness in their day!



"The Price Was Right" at Spring Village!

Sponsored by Jackie of Seacrest and Christy of Berlin Rehab

Residents of Spring Village recently had the chance to "come on down!" for a lively and laughter-filled edition of *The Price is Right*, brought to life by the ever-energetic Jackie from Seacrest and the delightful Christy from Berlin Rehab. With excitement in the air, contestants tested their price-guessing skills on a variety of unique items—each more intriguing (and sometimes surprising!) than the last. The twist? All the featured products were delicious **snacks from around the world!**

Residents had a blast learning about global goodies while trying to guess their value. Winners walked away with some tasty prizes—and lots of smiles. A big thank you to Jackie and Christy for hosting such a fun, interactive, and flavorful event. It was a sweet success in every sense!



Mondays with Mindy: A Special Visit from Serenity Hospice

Here at Spring Village at Hammonton, Mondays have become something to look forward to thanks to our wonderful friend, Mindy from Serenity Hospice! Every other Monday, Mindy brings joy, laughter, and a little something extra to our residents with her cheerful visits.

Known for her kind heart and fun spirit, Mindy hosts engaging activities that get everyone smiling—whether it's arts and crafts, games, or simply sharing stories and good conversation. And of course, she never comes empty-handed! Residents enjoy delicious snacks and refreshing drinks that she thoughtfully provides each visit.

"Mondays with Mindy" has quickly become a favorite around here, offering not only entertainment but a comforting and uplifting presence that means so much to our community. Thank you, Mindy, for being such a bright part of our Spring Village family!

