



# SPRINGFIELD Masonic Community

WHERE LIFESTYLE SPARKS NEW BEGINNINGS

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



By Tony Berardi, President

As we are in the heart of winter here at the Springfield Masonic Community, a new year has us filled with excitement to make 2021 a fantastic year! Even though we are still amidst the pandemic, we are always looking at the things we have right in front of us to be thankful for and keep us moving forward.

The campus is breathtakingly beautiful when the snow flies and covers the trees and the rolling landscape. The architecture of the buildings holds the snow in the little details of the masonry work and make impressive backgrounds for seasonal pictures! The residents still get out and walk the campus. The staff works hard to keep the walkways safe. They also work to clear the roads to keep the campus navigable.

There are so many things about the campus to experience while knowing you are being cared for. You do not have to worry about the little things, just like the snow, we have you covered!

**COMING SOON!**  
2nd annual Rose Society Weekend  
Check out Page 6 to learn more!

## LET'S GET SOCIAL!



Join Us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SpringfieldMasonicCommunity](http://www.facebook.com/SpringfieldMasonicCommunity).



**TAKE A LOOK AT THE  
BACK PAGE FOR OUR BEST  
FINANCIAL ADVANTAGE  
EVER!**

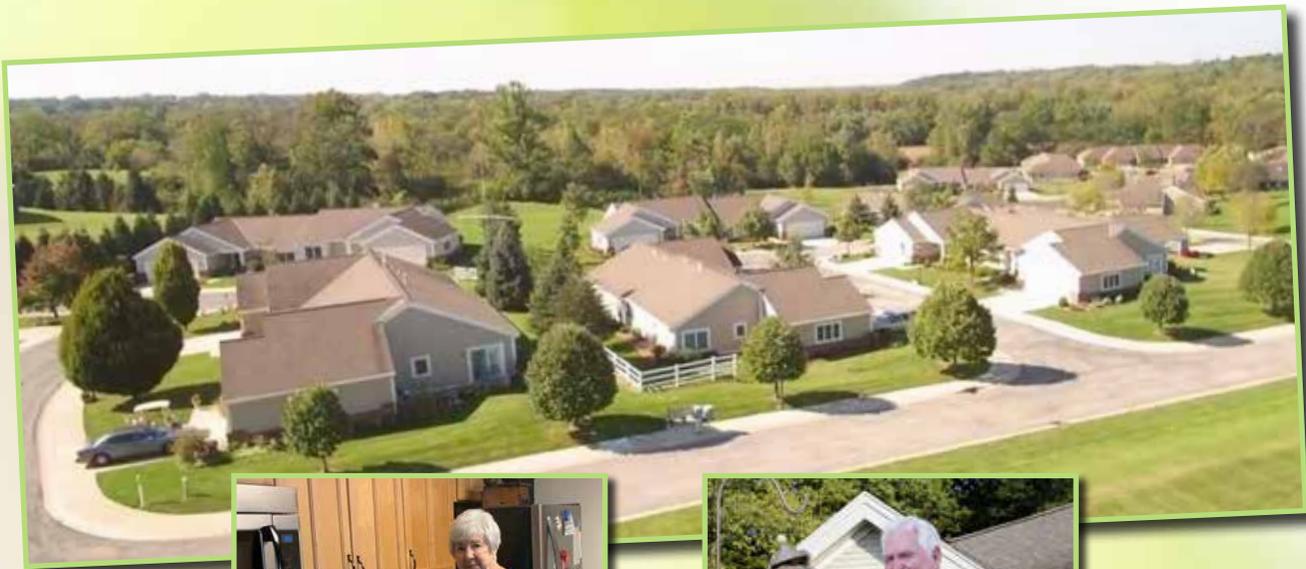
**COME JOIN US!**

Check out interesting facts about Springfield Masonic Community in the boxes like this throughout the newsletter.



***New Home – New Adventures – New Memories***

“Take a look” at our garden villas and start on the path to your new beginning!



**Contact Brian Clayborn today to take a look!**  
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# ON THE Chopping Block

DELECTABLE RECIPES FROM OUR EXPERT STAFF!



**FACT!**  
SMC has a pickle  
ball court!

## Chef Xavier's Taco Stuffed Pasta Shells

### Ingredients

- 12 ounces jumbo pasta shells
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 packet taco seasoning
- 2/3 cup water
- 1 1/2 cups jarred salsa divided
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese divided

### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. Cook the pasta shells in a pot according to the directions on the box and drain.
3. Add the ground beef to the pot and brown well.
4. Drain the fat.
5. Add the taco seasoning and water, stir and cook until water is gone.
6. Stir in 1 cup salsa and 3/4 cup cheese.

7. Scoop into the jumbo pasta shells and top with the remaining salsa and cheese.
8. Bake in a covered pan for 15 minutes



**DID YOU MAKE IT? POST A PICTURE OF YOUR CREATION AND TAG US ON FACEBOOK FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A GIFT CARD!**

## NEW BEGINNINGS ACADEMY

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Welcome to:  
**Social Media**  
for Seniors



**How to Buy Red Wine**  
In a sea of wine

# Lifestyle

at  
Springfield Masonic Community

Here's what our community members have been up to!



*"Keeping the magic of Christmas alive for those young at heart."*

Barbara, SMC Community Member



**FACT!**  
SMC has beautiful walking paths throughout our community!

*"Volunteering at the ice cream parlor is one of my favorite things to do. Who doesn't love giving away free ice cream to all community members?"*

Bill, SMC Community Member

*"Every winter, SMC decorates the community with Christmas lights. I love to see the community spreading the holiday cheer!"*

*Leslie, Staff Member*



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
SMC has FREE snow removal and salting services during the winter!

*"I enjoy volunteering at SMC's gift shop. It really brings me joy knowing that I am a part of something like the volunteer committee."*

*Alice, SMC  
Community Member*



## I'M THANKFUL FOR...

The Ohio Masonic Home Foundation participated in the first annual Rose Society Weekend to include the Rose Society Ball-Masquerade at the Mills Park Hotel in Yellow Springs, Ohio. The weekend began as guests were greeted by a quartet band. After dinner, they were transported to The Ohio Masonic Home where they were joined by community members to enjoy dessert while watching comedian magician, Michael Kent.



Saturday's activities included private tours by Lieutenant General John Hudson, United States Air Force (retired), and Lieutenant General Richard Reynolds, United States Air Force (retired), of the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

Hosted by US Bank and The Ohio Masonic Home Foundation, the Rose Society Weekend and Ball raised several thousand dollars in support of the Iredell / Cunningham Dining Hall at the Springfield Masonic Community. Mark your calendars now for the 2nd annual Rose Society Weekend including the Rose Society Masquerade Ball on August 14, 2021.

Springfield Masonic Community appreciates the generous donations from The Ohio Masonic Home Foundation that is making this project possible.

## THE OHIO MASONIC HOME FOUNDATION

### *Keeping Life in Balance*

The words SOCIAL WELLNESS seem a bit laughable these days. Staying social during these times has certainly been a challenge. As we look forward to the year ahead, there is a lot of uncertainty that either puts our social lives on hold or make it simply nonexistent. Social wellness is a crucial component to overall health. Studies show that 60-year-olds who visited with friends almost daily were 12 percent less likely to develop dementia than those who only saw one or two friends every few months. While planning for the New Year, be sure to "Take a look" at your social calendar and give a few of these tips a try in order to keep your social wellness in balance.



#### Tips for staying socially well

- Schedule a daily call to friends and family
- Join online Lifelong Learning opportunities- Like those available in the OMH New Beginnings Academy!
- Virtual happy hour or card games with friends
- Avoid negative gossip- With so much weighing us down this past year, we can keep a positive mind when we remove the negativity in our conversations
- Volunteer virtually- With opportunities to read to children, or simply lend an open ear, there are plenty of ways that we can engage virtually to volunteer.

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

### Virtual Open Houses

January 12, 2021 from 12pm – 1pm  
February 16, 2021 from 12pm – 1pm  
March 16, 2021 from 12pm – 1pm

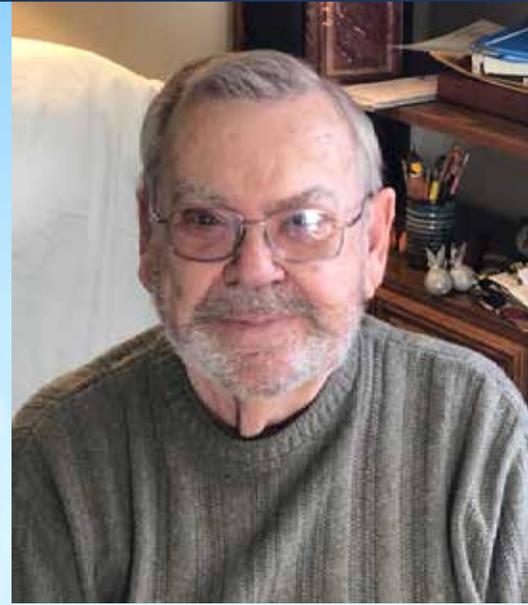
Watch your email and social media for ways to register.

## OMH RESOURCE CENTER: GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING...

The Ohio Masonic Home Resource Center is designed to help members of our Masonic family, and other Ohioans, wherever they may be find solutions for their financial, social and clinical needs.

Ohio is divided into regions with representatives covering the different regions of the state. A representative covering the Southwest territory paid a visit to Charles Jordan in Hamilton, Ohio. Charles and his wife called the Resource Center and said they wanted to move to Springfield Masonic Community. They needed assistance filling out their residency application. A home visit was made to help him fill out the application and answer his questions. A short time later their application was approved to move onto campus. He then needed assistance to find a moving company to move them in late October. The Resource Center was able to find someone that fit their needs. They moved into assisted living, and are adjusting well! In Charles's words he said, "It has been even better than expected."

If you or someone you know needs help, call us toll free at 877-881-1623. We are here to help with your clinical, social or financial needs whether you are at home, on one of our campuses, or elsewhere.



**FACT!**  
*SMC has 2 dining options for community members and guests to enjoy a nice dinner or a quick bite to eat!*

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



# CARRIE WOOTEN

Carrie Wooten is the Assistant Director of Nursing of Assisted Living at SMC.

Dedicated and compassionate are among the many words to describe Carrie. She has devoted over 21 years to providing premium care and clinical services to seniors. Carrie was born and bred in Springfield, Ohio and has always had a heart to serve and to take care of others. She oversees the care and needs of our community members in Assisted Living along with the tier assessment. Carrie says, "It brings me joy knowing that every one of our community member's needs are being met. I wouldn't want to be a part of any other family than the one we have at SMC."



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# TAKE ADVANTAGE NOW!

As we reflect on this past year and look forward to the year ahead, we recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has touched all of our lives. While this has impacted how we interact with one another, it has not affected our commitment to enhancing the lives of all we serve. As part of that commitment we have created solutions to help make your move to our community a smooth and exciting one. "Take a look" at some of our best financial advantage packages we have ever offered!

**For more information contact  
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## ADVANTAGES INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO

**PAID PACK  
AND MOVE  
SERVICE**

**HOME  
STAGING  
FOR  
PRE-SALE**

**HOME  
FURNISHING  
OPTIONS**

**TRAVEL  
CREDITS TO  
KEEP YOU  
EXPLORING**

**UNIT  
UPGRADES**

**RENT  
CREDITS**