



COMMUNITY BRIEFING

March 01, 2022 • 2 p.m.

- **Good afternoon, Fowler Family!**
- **COVID UPDATES:**
 - On Friday, the CDC updated its guidelines on wearing masks.
 - Here are a few things for you to consider as you make your decisions
 - New variants of the virus are still expected to occur
 - Continue to use your best judgement about masking in public spaces – the CDC suggests that people in areas with high community spread should still wear a mask indoors
 - If you are sick and need to be around others, wear a mask
 - If you are around someone known to have COVID, wear a mask
 - If you are at increased risk for severe illness, a mask would be beneficial
 - Masks are still recommended for at risk populations – which includes older adults
 - Last Tuesday, we announced our updates which are in line with the CDC guidelines – no additional changes will occur at Fowler at this time
 - Masks are not required in our unlicensed areas
 - They are still required in our licensed areas
 - The vaccine remains the best protection against severe illness and death
- **FOWLER UPDATES:**
 - Last Friday, we hosted the JFC Board meeting through zoom – we had announced it would be in person in the Means Activity Center but the weather prohibited some board members from traveling; we have a very loyal and supportive board and we are always grateful to share Fowler stories with them – they are very proud and appreciative of the work our team does and grateful for the residents who chose Fowler as their home
- **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
 - Today, we hosted more than 25 area ministers for a Shrove Tuesday service and luncheon – we are thrilled to be inviting our friends back to Fowler for in person events
 - Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday and services will be held in the Chapel at 230pm. Staff and residents are invited to receive ashes
 - I hope you can hear a difference in our audio system in the chapel. We have just completed a significant upgrade in our sound system that was funded by a very generous donor
- **RESIDENT MEMORIAL:**
 - Leona, a beloved long-term resident in our Carroll Neighborhood, passed from this life last Thursday. Please pray for Leona’s loved ones and the many team members who

cared for her; may they feel peace in her passing. We will celebrate her life on April 12, 2022, at JFC

- **RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS**

- No PNCC or JLC Birthdays
- 3/1 – Laura L (FCA), and Mary M (FCA)
- 3/2 – Mary T (FCA)
- 3/4 - Natalie at The Ebby House will celebrate her 20th birthday!
- 3/5 – Robert M (FCA), and Janet B (FCA)
- 3/6 – Candida R (FCA), Norman R (FCA), and Virginia M (FCA)

- **RESIDENT MOVE-IN ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 8 Years- Susan T (PNCC), Charlotte B (FCA)
- 2 Years – Nancy C (FCA)
- 5 Years – Leta S (FCA), Corinne M (FCA)
- 7 Years – Paul W (FCA), Connie G (FCA)
- 10 Years- Liz T (JLC)
- 11 Years- Ann H (JLC)

- **TEAMMATE TUESDAY!**

- Happy birthday to William Palacios! His birthday is today!
- Happy birthday to Tammy Oliver! Tammy’s birthday is March 4.
- Lisa McKey celebrates 1 year at Fowler today! Happy anniversary, Lisa!
- Wishing Hope Ross a happy 15-year anniversary today!
- Shout out to Dwight Ausbrooks for making a difference. A teammate shared, “he has been amazing helping me with creating new paperwork for the A/L residents. He always makes a difference. Thank you, Mr. Dwight”.
- Welcome to our new teammate, Danielle Friends. Danielle is a new C.N.A. with us and she will be serving PRN. We are thrilled you joined our team, Danielle!
- This week everyone who came to work on the inclement weather days will receive a special winter weather bonus on their paychecks. Those who stayed the night at Fowler to ensure coverage will also receive an additional amount. Thank you to these team members. It’s always difficult to ensure coverage in inclement weather but your presence and dedication to Fowler made such a difference. Thank you!

- **DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION**

- This year Mardi Gras festivities are set to take place on March 1st around the world – a time filled with celebrations, parades, balls, and parties! Also known as “Fat Tuesday”, it was traditionally the last time for Roman Catholics to enjoy rich foods before Ash Wednesday, which kicks off the fasting season of Lent.
- The first Mardi Gras celebration in the United States is said to have occurred in New Orleans in March 1699—however, to this day, Mobile, Alabama claims to hold the oldest Mardi Gras celebrations in the country!
- Did you know that each of the official colors of Mardi Gras has a secret meaning? Purple represents justice, gold symbolizes power, and green represents faith.
- And interestingly, the King Cake, a traditional dessert, has biblical roots dating back to Medieval Times, when French, Belgian, and Spanish cultures commemorated the 12th

day of Christmas with gifts and sweets. Biblically, the kings during this time would have been visiting the newborn baby Jesus, bringing gifts and sweets of their own. That's where the "king" in king cake comes from.

- **Make it a great day on purpose!**

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