

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT By: Joan Elliott

Chris and Larry Ford

Welcome to the “split screen” of Chris and Larry Ford: They love their HHR home and its activities; and they love to head out with their Airstream camper to visit other people, other places.

Pulled by a pickup truck, their camper, “The Phoenix,” has escorted them to every state in mainland U.S. -- visiting their kids and parks of every description. “We arrive, roll out a rug, set up lawn chairs and a gas fire pit,” said Larry. “It’s like another 55+ community.”

The Fords have flown to Russia, Thailand, China and Ecuador; also Europe, Mexico and Hawaii, often to visit folks they’ve previously housed here in the U.S.

Chris spent 41 years as a critical care nurse, both in Surgical Intensive Care and in the E.R. “In the beginning I loved the excitement of it,” she said, “and then I realized I was effective at helping patients and their families who were in difficult situations or at the end of life.”

Larry had a career with the fire department, eventually retiring as a Captain. He explained that he experienced some of everything, especially in homes that were fully engulfed in fire. “I was ‘on’ for 24 hours (around the clock) then off for 48,” he explained.

Chris and Larry met 22 years ago at a neighbor’s home. The attraction was immediate and six months later they were married. They have a combined total of four children who have blessed them with 7 grandchildren.

After retiring from their earlier endeavors, they opened a Bed and Breakfast in St Charles. “I loved cooking and we both enjoyed eating with our guests,” Chris said, noting how good Larry was at maintenance. “But after five years we were ready to do more traveling.”

Their marriage has brought both of them much joy. “Larry keeps me grounded and brings me back to reality when I get ‘carried away,’” Chris said, while Larry quickly noted that Chris is always forgiving and accepting.

They love their HHR activities – golf, for Larry; book club, water aerobics and Mah Jongg for Chris.

“When we’re away we know our home here is well cared for,” said Larry, “and we’re always ready to come back.”



Jen's Corner

With the yo-yo weather recently, it is hard to believe spring is finally here. The waterfall and fountain will open by the end of the month.

If you would like to help clean the pool furniture prior to the pool opening on May 1, please come to the clubhouse, armed with a bucket and scrub brush (we’ll provide the soap and water) at 10am on Thursday, April 18. We’ll plan a rain date for 10am on Tuesday, April 23. Family pool hours are posted on the pool house and remain the same as the last few years.

Streets and sidewalks will be evaluated over the next couple months and further repairs will be made this summer. Happy Spring! Jen

Upcoming Events & Activities

See the flyers for all of the details.

ON-GOING WEEKLY ACTVIITES

M	T	W	T	F
10 Video Exercise 11am Exercise MP 1:00 Bible Study 1pm Low Roller Poker 1pm Page Turners (2nd) 6:30 Cribbage Beginners (2nd/4th) 6:30 Texas Hold 'Em (3rd)	9am Pinochle 9:30 Cardio with Christi 10am Chess Club 1:30 Line Dance 2pm Billiards 3 Heritage Singers 3-5 Bridge 101 6pm Texas Hold 'Em 6:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Open Bridge	10 Video Exercise 11am Exercise MP 1pm Mahjong 1pm Story-Tellers Group (4th) 3pm Line Dance 4pm Pom Pom 5:30 Chick Flick (3rd) 6:30 Hand & Foot	9am Pinochle 9am Bocce 11am Quilters (2nd) 12:30 Open Bridge 1PM Low Roller Poker 1pm Diamond Dot (2nd) 4:30 Rosary (2nd) 6pm Mexican Train (1st & 3rd) 7pm Whiskey Club (3rd)	10am Video Exercise 11am Exercise MP 1pm Men's Pinochle 1pm Hand & Foot 6:30pm Pass the Trash
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				8:30 Yoga/Pilates 9:30 Dance Aerobics 10am Billiards

APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4 Opening Day 3:15	5	6 Fanfare 6pm
7	8 Era's Tour Movie 7pm	9	10 Charcuterie Class 6pm	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Trivia Night 6pm	18 POOL PREP 10AM	19	20
21	22	23 CPR Class 3pm	24	25	26 Blood Drive 1-5	27 No Exercise Classes
28 Golden Games Bocce 9am Poker 12:30	29	30	1	2	3	4

Upcoming Events



April 6—6 to 9pm

It's Time to Party at the Beach! The [Fanfare Band](#) will be here! Wear your Beach Party Best! Beachy snacks & a cocktail are included.

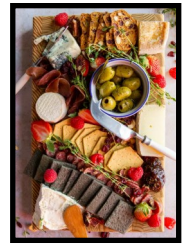
\$10 per person. [REGISTER](#) BY 04/01.

Charcuterie Board Class

Wednesday, April 10

6pm

Sara's Boxes & Boards will be here to teach us how to wow our guests with an incredible Charcuterie Board. [Open to friends & family.](#)
\$45 Sign up at the clubhouse with a check payable to Sara's Boxes & Boards. See the flyer for all of the details.



Trivia Night

Wednesday

04/17

6pm

You don't have to be a genius to have fun at this trivia!

Grab your neighbors and get a table. Or, join a table that needs more players. \$10 per person. Must register at the clubhouse by 4/12. [Now open to Friends & Family!](#)



AMERICAN RED CROSS



Friday, April 26 from 1-5pm Open to friends & family.

All must register on the Red Cross website by clicking this [LINK](#) or you can register at the office.

Mother's Day Luncheon

Friday, May 10

11:30-1:30pm

Special performance by Harpist, Amy Camie.

Lunch, dessert, tea and coffee included.

\$10 per person [register](#) by 05/02



MOVIE
Night



Featuring:

Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour

Monday, April 8 @ 7pm

No need to register, just come on up. Bring your own drinks/snacks.

Cardinals Opening Day

Thursday, April 4

3:15 Game Time

Hot Dogs & Nachos provided.

FREE—[Register](#) by 04/02



More Upcoming Events



Thanks to all who voted for the theme for this years
July 4th Parade!

And the winner is . . . **CIRCUS!**



FIESTA & FIREFIGHTERS

MAY 8

4:30PM



The Wentzville Firefighters are planning a fun night for us. Tacos and Margaritas are on the menu.

FREE, but all must REGISTER. Residents only.
Space is limited. No carry-out allowed.



FRIDAY NIGHT FUN NIGHT

The Friday Night Resident Golf and Potluck Group begins On May 3th.



This is a mixed, men and women, golf group. The golfers are mixed into foursomes for a casual, fun 9 holes of golf. We always play a scramble and sometimes it gets a little crazy! The theme for the entire evening is FUN...

Golf is usually followed by a potluck dinner in the clubhouse.

Your non- playing spouse or significant other is welcome to join us for dinner and fun after golf. Some players follow dinner by playing a silly card game called Pass The Trash. No experience required!

This is a great way to meet new residents and enjoy being with fellow residents. We are scheduled to begin on FRIDAY, May 3 at 4:30pm (tee time). Please arrive at 4:00. Sign up at the Pro Shop by noon on the prior Wednesday.

For any questions, please call Dick Faxon at 956-202-5453.

2024 HHR Putting Parties

Come join in on the 2024 HHR Putt-Putt-Putting Parties, monthly on a Monday from June-September. The planned dates are June 17, July 22, August 19, and September 23.



Again, like last year, we plan to have two starting times, 4pm and 4:45pm and you can sign up at the HHR Pro Shop beginning about two weeks prior to each event. If you haven't participated before and would like to receive email notifications about HHR Putting, please send an email to Don Skitt (daskitt@yahoo.com).



**Heritage Singers begin
practicing again**

**on Tuesday, April 9 at
3pm!**

Clubs & Activities

Bike/Hike Club News



We are starting up the Hike/Bike Club again and would like your input. Whether you like to walk the neighborhood, hike short trails or long, urban or dirt; this meeting is for you. Whether you want to bike the neighborhood, bike trails or road, long or short rides or ride an e-bike; this meeting is for you. This will be an opportunity to meet up with neighbors and find others to join you. Our first meet-up for planning purposes will be on Sunday, April 7th at 4:30pm in the ballroom. See you there!

Bible Study—May 13-July 29

BIBLE
STUDY

All ladies are welcome to join us for a summer Bible study as we complete our study on the book of Mark. We'll gather on Monday mornings starting May 13 and meet weekly through July 29. Join us in the craft room from 11:00 to 1:00pm.

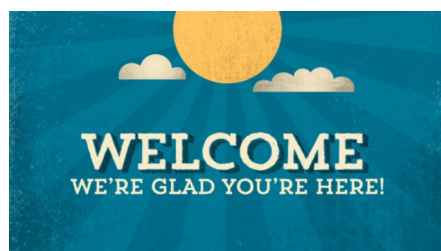
No experience necessary--just come. If you've got a Bible bring it with you.

After a brief review, Carrie Wallach will lead us as we pick up where we left off last summer. Feel free to give her a call if you have any questions. 314-308-1936

HHR Whiskey Club The club is off to a great start. We had 44 tasters and several non-tasters at the inaugural tasting. We tasted 4 great Irish whiskeys. This month we will be tasting bourbons recommended by Mike Grillo of Grillo's Chop & Barrell. The tasting is on Thursday, April 18, at 7PM in the clubhouse ballroom. If you haven't done so already, you can sign up for the club by submitting a check for \$10 per person for initial/annual dues, made payable to HHR Whiskey Club. The cost for the tasting is \$10 per person, also payable by check. Guests of residents can attend as well.



If you are not sure and would like to get more information before becoming a member, please send an email to the club email - hhrwhiskeyclub@gmail.com. It's going to be a fun and informative group. And where else will you be able to taste 4 or more whiskeys for \$10.



Shirley Sachs—2169 Hawks Landing

Carolyn & David Balfany—2179 Hawks Landing

John & Debra Lindell—664 Falconcrest

Shirley & Donald Vandervort—209 Pigeon

Sheri Lydick—342 Myna

GOOD TO KNOW

From the Pro Shop & Hawkeye Grill...

Golf season is officially here!

Leagues start Monday, April 1st. Please check the 2024 Calendar of Golf Events for additional league start dates posted in the Golf Section.

Signups will begin Monday, April 8th for the popular Crazy 8 tournament to be held this year on Friday, May 17th.

As daylight is extended, we are extending the pro shop hours; Pro Shop will be open daily 7am-6pm. The Hawkeye Grill will be serving 11am-6pm.

Please note Happy Hours are returning to Mondays, 4-6pm starting April 1st. All are welcome.

Correction from last Putterings: The Ladies golf group that will be playing on Monday afternoons from 4:30-5pm will start play Monday, May 6th. We will have a short meeting on Wednesday, April 17th at 5:15pm for those who are interested in playing. (originally, I posted Wed, April 15th)

We look forward to a great 2024 season. Ellen & Staff



The HHR Story-Tellers Group Is "Alive & Well" and You Are Invited

Join us Wednesday April 24th at 1 P.M.

Sign up on clubhouse bulletin board



Tuesday, April 23 @ 3pm

Sign up on the bulletin board.



A NEW RESIDENT DIRECTORY IS COMING!!

The new directory will be available on-line and on an app that you can install on your phone. An email will be coming to you in the next week or so from **"Instant Church Directory"**.

What do you need to do:

-Open the email and login to the directory.

-Make any updates / changes by 04/15. Upload a new photo if you would like.

We have many residents who would like a printed directory. So, making updates quickly is important. After 04/15 we will begin taking orders for printed directories for purchase. Watch your email for more information. **If you are not able to use the online directory, please update the printed copy that is in the lobby of the clubhouse.**

HHR Golf Committee Corner – April 2024

Since the HHR Golf Course is a big part of our community, your HHR Golf Committee is always looking for feedback and suggestions. If you have a suggestion or comment, please pass your thoughts on to one of the Committee Members: Barb Rogers (Chairperson), Elvira Johnson, Sally Paland, Gary Dyrek, Beth Beckfeld, Mike Feldewerth, or Steve Schauer.

Although it is only April, it is time to start thinking about the 2024 Golf season. The 2024 Calendar of Golf Events [can be found on the HHRLifestyle.org website under 'Golf', or click the following link: 2024 Calendar of Golf Events](#)

The first tournament of the year will be the **Spring Warmup** on Saturday afternoon April 20. This will be a 4 person / 9-hole scramble. Sign up closes on Saturday April 13. The outing flyer can be found on the HHRLifestyle.org website under 'Golf', or click the following link: [Spring Warmup Golf Outing](#)

The **Crazy Eight Golf Classic** is up next, taking place on Friday May 17. This is a 'backward' 8-hole event, where you will play your own ball (it is not a scramble). Sign up will begin on Friday April 19. See the outing flyer for all of the details. The outing flyer can be found on the HHRLifestyle.org website under 'Golf', or click the following link: [Crazy Eight Golf Classic](#)

Also check out the following information for this year's leagues and groups:

Men's Monday Morning Group will start on Monday April 1. Check-in at 8:30 am, play begins at 9:00 am. For more information about the group, contact Steve Aubuchon at 314 578-7245.

Wednesday Night Men's Golf League will start on Wednesday April 3. For more information about the league contact either Steve Aubuchon (314 578-7245) or Jim Surber (636 265-0977).

Men's Saturday Morning Group will start Saturday April 6. Check-in at 8:30 am, play begins at 9:00 am. For more information about the group, contact is TBD.

Ladies of Leisure (LOL) is a group for all golf levels, beginner thru experienced. This is a weekly event every Tuesday (weather permitting) starting on Tuesday May 14th. Check-in at 9:00 am and play begins at 9:30 am. For more information about the group, contact Connie Talmadge at 817 233-8790.

Lady Hawkes Golf League is a fun-loving group of lady golfers that meet every Wednesday beginning April 10 thru October 23 (weather permitting). For more information contact Sandy Wirtz at 314 438-7792 or Sandy Dyrek at 815 307-6874.

Friday Night Resident Golf begins on Friday May 3. This is a weekly 9-hole event for mixed, men, and women golf groups. Your non-playing spouse or significant other is welcome to join us for pot luck dinner and a silly card game called 'Pass the Trash' after golf. Sign up weekly in the Pro Shop by noon on Wednesdays. Check-in on Friday is 4:00 pm, play begins at 4:30 pm. Contact Dick Faxon for more info.