

The Resident Newsletter

September 2013



The Senior Residence at St. Peter the Apostle

Calendar of Events:

Wednesday, Sept. 11

Patriot Day

Sunday, Sept. 15

Family meal day

Tuesday, Sept. 17

Senior Picnic at Van Saun Park 10am-3pm

Sunday, Sept. 22

Fall begins;

Family meal day

Thurs. - Sunday, Sept. 26-29

St. Peter's Parish Carnival

Sunday, Sept. 29

Family meal day

Welcome Home!!!

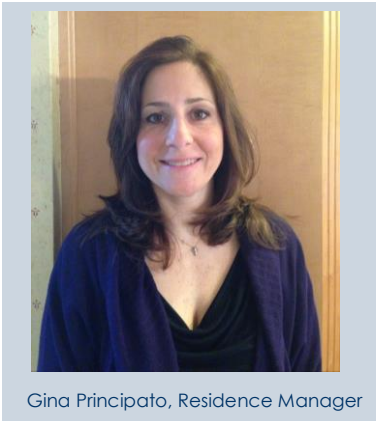
The Senior Residence at St. Peter the Apostle ("The Senior Residence") opened August 15th, 2013 when our first resident, Charles Mackey, moved in. Welcome home Charles! We are delighted with how things are progressing and will keep you updated through The Resident Newsletter.

A Little Bit about The Senior Residence

Build with Purpose, owner, developer and manager of The Senior Residence has a goal of providing affordable senior housing in a supportive environment. The Senior Residence offers independent living with support services in a community and family-type setting, all at reasonable and affordable rates. The focus of providing services at affordable rates is what makes The Senior Residence unique, especially when compared to the traditional model of assisted and supportive senior housing. Rental rates in more traditional senior housing facilities are often astronomical, placing heavy financial burdens on families or making them out of reach for many seniors.

Shelley Edelson, Marketing and Community Relations Coordinator at The Senior Residence, explains that what makes the residence unique stems from our interests and mission. As a small non-profit our goal is to serve the elderly population who cannot afford the more traditional, for-profit assisted living facilities that dominate the market. We focus on finding the right fit for both the residents and the community rather than filling rooms in order to make a profit. In doing so, we are building a national model by providing much-needed services at lower costs. Along the way, residents experience a higher sense of community and care than they might at a larger, more corporate-type facility.

The convent has long been a part of the River Edge community. Built in 1952, it was home to the Sisters of Religious Teachers Filippini until they relocated to a smaller building due to their declining numbers. It was then used as senior housing for several years before once again becoming vacant. Most recently, the building served as the administrative offices of a Catholic Charities adult day center until early 2012.



Meet the Manager

Gina Principato is the manager of The Senior Residence, where she oversees the daily operations of the facility. A resident of Oradell, Gina brings a wealth of knowledge and long-standing involvement in the community to her position at The Senior Residence. She has an established presence in the community, where she is currently raising her family.

A graduate of Binghamton University, Gina worked at Lord & Taylor in New York for over ten years most recently as a Divisional Merchandise Manager, where she managed staff and directed sales, marketing, and merchandising. After leaving the workforce to raise her two daughters, Gina became heavily involved in her community. She served as the PTA President of Oradell Public Schools and is the current treasurer of the Oradell Swim Team. She has also been heavily involved in her church where she has organized retreats and prepared lesson plans and teaching materials for children. A warm and caring individual, Gina will help every resident feel at peace with their new home at The Senior Residence. Welcome Gina!!!

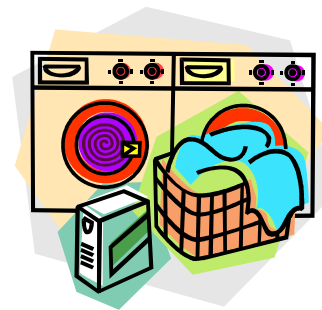


Construction Update

We apologize for any inconvenience construction has caused. The good news is that construction will soon be coming to an end! Third floor bathrooms should be completed by September 15th and the second floor bathrooms by September 21st. The ramp and deck are scheduled to be completed by the end September. An official ribbon cutting is being planned for October. More information on the ribbon cutting will be provided as planning progresses.

Laundry Room

The laundry room is located in the basement. There is no cost to use the washer and dryer. Detergent is provided by The Senior Residence. While laundering of linens and towels is provided free of charge, there is a \$3 fee per load for those choosing to have their laundry done for them.



Visiting Hours: 8am -9pm

Just a reminder that visiting hours are from 8am – 9pm. For the safety and enjoyment of all our residents we ask that family and friends respect and adhere to this policy. If exceptions are needed, please discuss the matter with the Manager. Please be advised that no visitors will be allowed entrance to the building after 9pm.

Sunday Family Meals Wanted!!!

We at The Senior Residence would very much like every family to “break bread” with our residents. We are asking that each family volunteer once a year to come in and cook a favorite family meal for our residents. This is a wonderful way to get to know all the residents and help make our community more welcoming and homey. Families will have full access to the kitchen on any scheduled Sunday during the year. Families will provide all the ingredients and share their recipe with our chef who will use it in the future. Contact Gina at (732) 225-0707 or email her at gprincipato@stpetersresidence.org to schedule your Sunday Family Meal!