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# Sierra View Homes Retirement Community

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## IN THE COMPANY OF FRIENDS



Self-giving, not self-assertion is the way to  
happiness.

-Anonymous

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August  
2025  
Newsletter

## Executive Director's Note . . .

August is a month filled with sunshine, laughter, and golden moments. It's a time to enjoy warm days, good friends, and the simple joys that make life so special.

Happiness isn't found in big things—it's in a smile, a shared story, a morning breeze. This month, let's celebrate the happiness all around us and within us. Every day is a chance to shine a little brighter and love a little deeper.

Happiness isn't something we have to chase—it lives in the little moments we choose to notice.

It's in the laughter of a friend, the warmth of the sun, a favorite song, or a kind word shared.

Happiness comes when we let go of what we can't change and embrace what we can: **our attitude, our gratitude, and our connections.**

Happiness for me includes the laughter and chatter that is heard on Thursdays as residents and friends enjoy ice cream, coffee and board games in the Sequoia Room. The smiles and interaction when the Skilled Nursing residents participate in a musical experience. Singing old time hymn with the Marden's Place residents and listen as they join in. The conversations around the dining tables as residents support each other with joy and connection. Happiness is in the joy of the scriptures, in the Sunday Worship services and our shared Christian way of life

We can look for the good, offer a smile, lend a hand, or take time to simply breathe and be.

Happiness grows when we water it with appreciation and share it freely with others.

So today—and every day—look around, look within, and remember: Happiness is right here, waiting to be found in the life you're living now.

It is once again that time of year when we start to plan the budget for the upcoming year. It has always been difficult since the consequence is a resident rate increase to pay our expected costs. This year it is doubly difficult since the State of CA is in dire financial straits caused by its own over regulations and over promise of services. The consequence of that is a Medi-Cal re-imburement rate that is now \$50 per patient day less than published and promised. Sierra View Homes is a non-profit company and has always subsidized Medi-Cal residents but the difference between what the cost is and the care has never been so significant. As the month progresses we will keep you involved in the process.

*Ra Linscheid*



## Ticket Sales for Senior Prom



Don't forget! **Jodi** will be in the Kings Canyon Room on **August 19 at 4:30 PM** to sell tickets for Reedley's Senior Prom & Dinner. Tickets are \$25 each—be sure to stop by and grab yours for this exciting evening of dining, dancing, and entertainment!

## Thank you

The Staff of Sierra View,

During a time like this we learn how much our friends and family really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent for Lucille Olson's memorial. The three years she lived there she felt at home and made many friends. All the staff treated her with respect and friendship.

We're so grateful to everyone there for the excellent care you provided to her. We couldn't have done it without you.

Sincerely,

Brian and Trista Olson

Keith and Barbara Olson



## Budget Call

It is the time of year where we once again start to think about setting the budget. This month we begin in earnest to 'build' a budget for 2026. It has always been difficult since the consequence is a resident rate increase to pay our expected costs. This year it is doubly difficult since the State of California is in dire financial straits caused by its own over regulations and over promise of service. The consequence of that is a Medi-Cal reimbursement rate that is now \$50 per patient day less than published and promised. Sierra View Homes is a non-profit company and has always subsidized Medi-Cal residents but the difference between what the cost for care and the reimbursement rate has never been so significant. As the month progresses we will keep you involved in the process.



## Movie Matinee



Join us for a Movie Matinee on Monday, August 25 in the Kings Canyon Room!

The movie is still to be determined, but popcorn and good company are guaranteed. We hope to see you there!



## Fruit Festival

Join us for a Fruit Festival on Monday, August 4 in the Kings Canyon Room!

Enjoy a variety of fresh, seasonal fruits, fun treats, and a refreshing way to celebrate summer with friends!

## Senior Prom & Dinner – September 19, 2025!

Join us for Reedley's 16th Annual Senior Prom & Dinner on September 19, 2025, at 4:30 PM at Sierra View Homes! Tickets are \$25 per person and available at the Reedley Community Center from August 1 to September 10.

Enjoy dinner, live entertainment by Thomas Hayes, and a free professional photo by Denny Mason. Raffle tickets will also be available for a chance to win great prizes!

Call (559) 637-4207 for more info. Don't miss out!



## Beat the Heat with Bistro & Games!

Looking for a fun way to stay cool this summer? Don't forget—every Thursday at 2:00 PM, the Sequoia Welcoming Room is the place to be! Join us for Bistro & Games, where you can enjoy soft serve ice cream and play games with friends.

It's the perfect way to relax, cool off, and enjoy some midweek fun. We hope to see you there!

## Mourning the Lives We'll Never Live

When we were young, everyone asked us what we wanted to be when we grew up. There were no wrong answers, the sky was the limit. We had unlimited potential and our whole lives ahead of us! We were told we could do anything and perhaps we confused that sentiment and believed we would eventually get to do everything.

Nobody gets to do everything in life. The world is too wondrous and big and our lives are too short. Growing up means facing the disappointment that some things we hoped to achieve were not meant to be. This can cause us resentment and despair.

Sometimes we unintentionally try to live our lives through our children, hoping that they might be able to accomplish things that we were unable to do. Or perhaps you have struggled with the disappointment of your own parents. I heard someone once articulate this as “grief for the loss of a narrative you had already written for your life.”

There is nothing wrong with grieving when our dreams do not come true, or when life does not work out the way we thought it would. But we must also trust that the God who loved us enough to create us, desires the best for us, and accompanies us through those hardships, equipping us with the resiliency to see blessings in futures we had never anticipated for ourselves.

When Israel was conquered by Babylon and taken into captivity, they could not imagine a future with any good left in it. But Jeremiah 29:10-11 prophesies:

*“When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

We may not be living the lives we expected to live, but when we focus on the surprising gifts we *have* been given and live into that goodness, we can release the could-have-beens back to God. That which God has created is good, let us live it fully.

*Caley Ortman*



# ACTIVITY CALENDAR

## August 2025

(MK)=Mineral King Room (KC/FR)=Kings Canyon Room or Founder's Room (SW)= Sequoia Welcoming Room  
 Daily activities are posted on the white boards in the Residential Care Facility  
 TURN YOUR TELEVISION TO CHANNEL 2 FOR A LIST OF DAILY ACTIVITIES.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					9:00am- Chats with Chaplain 10:15am- Spring into Action(MK) <b>2:00pm-Service of Remembrance (KC)</b>	10:00am-Spring Into Action(MK) 10:30-Arm Chair Travel 1:30pm-Cinema Saturday(MK)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00am- <b>Church Service</b> 2:00pm-Nails (MK)	10:15am-Spring into Action(MK) <b>2:00pm-Fruit Festival (SW)</b>	9:30am-Men's Coffee 10:15am-Spring Into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Bingo 	10:15am-Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am-Resident Council <b>2:00pm-Bible Study(KC)</b> 2:00pm- Exploring More Together (MK)	10:15am-Spring Into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Bistro & Board Games (SW) 	9:00am-Chats with Chaplain(Chapel) 10:15am-Spring Into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Bingo (MK) 	10:00am-Spring Into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Table Top Cooking(MK)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:00am- <b>Church Service</b> 2:00pm-Nails (MK)	10:15am-Spring Into Action(MK)  <b>2:00pm-Residential Care Birthday Celebration (MK)</b>	9:30am-Men's Coffee 10:15am- Spring into Action(MK) <b>2:00pm-Bingo (MK)</b> 	10:15am-Spring Into Action(MK) 10:30am-The Weekly Brew <b>2:00pm-Bible Study (KC)</b> 2:00pm- Reminiscing	10:00am- <b>Food Committee Meeting (KC)</b> 10:15am-Spring Into Action(MK) <b>2:00pm-Bistro &amp; Board Games (SW)</b>	9:00am- <b>Chats with Chaplain (Chapel)</b> 10:15am- Spring into Action(MK)  <b>2:00pm-Bingo (MK)</b>	10:00am- Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am-Name That Tune 1:30pm- Cinema Saturday(MK)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00am- <b>Church Service</b> 2:00pm-Nails (MK)	10:15am- Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am-Memory Jogger 2:00pm-Arm Chair Travel (MK)	9:30am- <b>Men's Coffee</b> 10:15am-Step It Up (MK) <b>2:00pm-Bingo (MK)</b> 	10:15am- Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am-Weekly Brew <b>11:45am-Ron Surabian(KC)</b> <b>2:00pm-Bible Study(KC)</b> 2:00pm-Crafty Creations(MK)	10:15am- Spring into Action(MK)  <b>2:00pm-Bistro &amp; Board Games (SW)</b>	9:00am- <b>Chats with Chaplain</b> 10:15am- Spring into Action(MK)  <b>2:00pm-Bingo (MK)</b>	10:00am-Spring Into Action(MK) 10:30am-Trivia 2:00pm- Arm Chair Travel (MK)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:00am- <b>Church Service</b> 2:00pm-Nails (MK) 	10:15am- Spring into Action(MK) <b>1:30pm-Movie Matinee</b> <b>Movie TBD (KC)</b>	9:30am- <b>Men's Coffee</b> 10:15am- Spring into Action(MK) <b>2:00pm-Bingo (MK)</b> 	10:15am- Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am-Weekly Brew <b>2:00pm-Bible Study (KC)</b> 2:00pm-Residential Care Spa Day/Memory Lane (MK)	10:15am-Spring Into Action(MK) <b>2:00pm-Bistro &amp; Board Games (SW)</b> <b>3:00pm-Communion(Chapel)</b>	9:00am- <b>Chats with Chaplain (Chapel)</b> 10:15am- Spring into Action(MK)  <b>2:00pm-Bingo (MK)</b>	10:00am- Spring into Action (MK) 10:30am-Name That Tune 2:00pm- Jingo
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