



Nothing says spring like fresh blooms and green shoots.

We cherish the beautiful gardens on the Chelsea Retirement Community campus, and invite you to come visit us to check out some of our early bloomers! When you enter through the stone pillars you will be welcomed by the lovely **Helleborus Orientalis** (*Lenten Rose*).

The lenten roses can also be found at many other locations around our campus.



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SPRING 2011

A Newsletter from Chelsea Retirement Community



TIME TO SMELL THE ROSES

A Letter from President and CEO John Thorhauer



Spring is one of my favorite times at Chelsea Retirement Community. It's at this time of the year that we begin to see green shoots popping up out of the ground, signifying not only the warm weather on its way, but also the hustle and bustle of activity on our campus. From our fun and informative monthly Coffee Clubs, to a festive Cinco de Mayo Open House Event (details on back!), there are lots of great ways to check us out and meet our staff and residents. And, speaking of spring flowers, make sure to come by and tour the beautiful gardens at Chelsea Retirement Community. Maintained by community partners, staff and residents alike, the flower beds and landscaping are undoubtedly one of the most beautiful, appealing aspects of our campus. I look forward to seeing you this spring!

Sincerely,

John J. Thorhauer, *President and CEO of UMRC*



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Our Rhododendron Garden

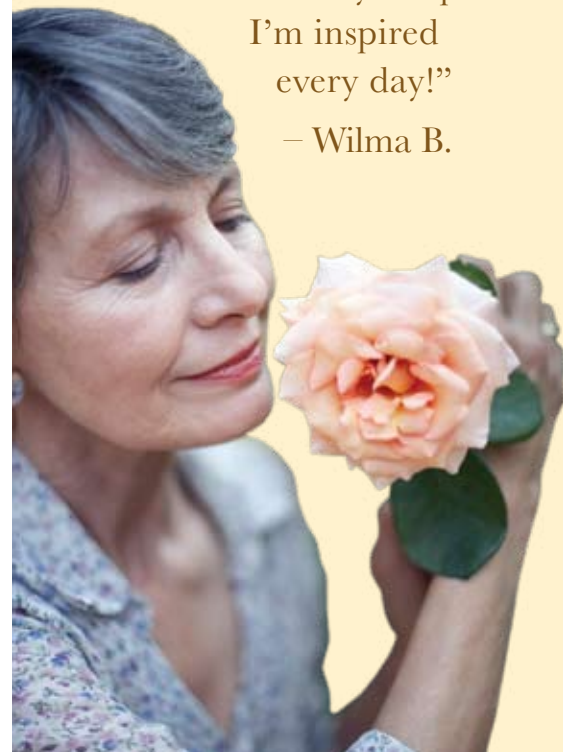
Rhododendrons produce absolutely beautiful spring flowers. Our Rhodo garden was established, and lovingly cared for, by a resident who took great pride in knowing that he played an important role in beautifying our campus.



“I love walking through the beautiful grounds of the Chelsea Retirement Community campus.

I'm inspired every day!”

— Wilma B.



CHOICES. CHOICES.

Seniors looking for a fulfilling, maintenance-free lifestyle need look no further than Chelsea Retirement Community. With a number of different living options available, and lots to do on campus, our residents live life on their own terms. What can our maintenance-free lifestyle mean to you? For starters, you'll have more time and energy to pursue hobbies and to spend with friends and family. More broadly, though, you'll have the personal sense of freedom that can only come from a mind at ease.

DANCEY HOUSE APARTMENTS

Dancey House features charming studio, one- and two-bedroom apartment living with centrally located amenities. With its inviting community living and dining rooms (and our award-winning chef's enticing selections), contemporary bistro grill and ice cream parlor, well-stocked library and media center and elegant movie theater.

THE GARDEN COTTAGES

Our Cottages feature our newest, most spacious living opportunities. They include elegant floor plans with gracious spaces, beautiful kitchens and baths, fireplaces, private patios and more. Residents of The Cottages have all of the options and resources that Chelsea Retirement Community offers available to them.

THE GARDEN APARTMENTS

Located just across a lovely landscaped drive from the main building and dining rooms, The Garden Apartments feature spacious floor plans and private patios. These one- and two-bedroom apartment homes feature private entryways, personal gardens, and access to all campus amenities and resources. You can also take advantage of our "short stay" arrangement, entitling you to stay in a Garden Apartment for a short period of time. Come be close to your family and enjoy the summer months with no long-term obligation!

GARDEN SPECIAL
SAVE \$500
per month at our
GARDEN APARTMENTS
for up to a year
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Current and future residents experienced the strong community spirit that permeates our campus during the Celebration of Yesteryear event.

RECENT HAPPENINGS

A Celebration Of Yesteryear
On March 24, 2011 we hosted this fun event at our Garden Apartments. Guests enjoyed food, games and music of times gone by. Current residents welcomed guests with open arms, providing many with personal tours of their homes and the community. Everyone also enjoyed the opportunity to pop a balloon to see if they won a prize. A great time was had by all!

Lunch & Learn
On April 14, 2011 we kicked off our Spring Lunch & Learn series. Guests enjoyed hearing firsthand accounts from staff and residents about lifestyle options, housing choices, events, activities and more about what makes our community so special.

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"We really enjoyed our 3 month stay in The Garden Apartments. It allowed us to spend time closer to our family and escape the brutal winter Up North."

TAKE A GARDEN *Tour!*

We'd be happy to take you on
a tour of our beautiful gardens!

Give us a call at 734-433-1000



GROUNDBREAKING THOUGHTS *From Chelsea Retirement Community's Groundskeeper Nancy Wiley*

I first met Polly over 12 years ago when she lived in The Garden Apartments. She asked if I would help her plant a garden that included a special sculpture that her daughter had made. We came up with a design that included flowers that would bloom throughout the summer. When we were finished, she laughed and remarked what an "optimist" she was to be putting in a new perennial garden at over 70 years of age. That was the beginning of a long friendship between the two of us. After caring for that garden for many years, she has moved on to an apartment in Dancey House where she still enjoys container gardening. The gardens at Chelsea Retirement Community are not only a source of natural beauty, but have helped many friendships bloom over the years.



Hamamelis 'Arnold Promise' (*'Arnold Promise' Witch hazel*) is one of the earliest trees to show signs of spring,

typically blooming in late February or early March. If you stand close, you may notice a light fragrance. On our campus, you will find them on the Middle Street side of The Garden Cottages, in front of the Crippen Building, and in the garden outside of Kresge Rehabilitation Center.



Helleborus niger (*Christmas Rose*)

If you look out the window of the West End Salon, near the Kresge entrance, you will see our Christmas roses. Many perennials are early bloomers, and one of the earliest in our area is *Helleborus niger*, commonly known as Christmas Rose. These beautiful white flowers are sometimes seen as early as January or February.

Cornus mas (*Corneliancherry Dogwood*)

Dogwood is a familiar plant, but the Corneliancherry dogwood here may not look familiar. *Cornus mas*, Corneliancherry Dogwood, is a beautiful shrub that announces spring's early arrival. Look for *Cornus mas* in Kresge Rehabilitation Center's entrance and courtyard. Revisit these bushes in July to see them covered with large red fruit.



Spring Flowering Bulbs

We also have thousands of spring bulbs sprouting up on campus. In addition to the many varieties of daffodils, hyacinths, iris reticulata, crocus, and snowdrops, be sure to check out *Fritillaria persica*. Look for these exquisite spring flowers at many of our facility entrances, in the Memorial Garden, and in the beds at The Garden Apartments.



COFFEE CLUB EVENTS

Enjoy coffee, pastries and conversation on the second Tuesday of the month from 9:30 – 11 a.m. Please RSVP to 734-433-1000 ext. 7429 or solson@umrc.com to attend.

Tuesday, May 10

Learn about container gardening – just in time for spring!

Tuesday, June 14

Enjoy a cooking demonstration and learn about healthy eating.

Tuesday, July 12

Groundskeeper Nancy Wiley will be giving a special tour of our grounds and providing gardening insight.

See additional upcoming events on backside!



UPCOMING EVENTS

SOCIAL HOUR May 25 | June 29 | July 27

This is a great way to meet your future neighbors while enjoying refreshments, hors d'oeuvres and learning more about The Garden Apartments.

Crippen Building from 2 – 3 p.m.

CINCO DE MAYO OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, May 5 from 2 – 4 p.m.

Enjoy festive snacks, refreshments and celebratory fun while learning more about the community.



ADDITIONAL OPEN HOUSES May 12 | June 9

Join us the second Thursday of every month from 2 – 4 p.m. for complimentary refreshments and tours of our campus.

LUNCH & LEARN

Wednesday, July 13 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Visit ChelseaRetirementCommunity.com for more event information. RSVP to 734-433-1000 ext. 7429 or solson@umrc.com.



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