



# RESIDENT NEWSLETTER



## Thomaston Woods & Thomaston Meadows

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*An affordable living community  
sponsored by  
Episcopal Retirement Services.*

### **Important Phone Numbers:**

Maintenance: 513.752.1588 opt.2  
Social Services: 513.752.1594

### **Important Reminder!**

Rent is due by the end of the business hours on the 10th of the month to avoid late fees!

### **Office Closures**

Please note the office will be closed April 2nd and 18th.

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## Guitar Lessons Rocked!

### *Mission to Make Guitar Lessons Effective and Fun Successful*

Since mid-January, we have been extremely fortunate to have musician Kelly Richey teaching guitar classes on-site. Richey is a much-lauded blues rocker who has released 16 albums and performed over 4,000 shows across multiple continents.

Her website, KellyRichey.com, describes her signature style as “hardcore blues-rock on steroids, a blistering, in-your-face tour de force.” In addition to performing, Richey has over 30 years of experience in teaching guitar. Her teaching consists of “instruction tailored to meet the needs of her individual students, so that they can achieve their full potential.” We are so fortunate to have Kelly’s talent and expertise here at Thomaston Woods!

Resident and new guitar player, Penny Back, is effusive about Richey’s guitar classes. “The classes are fantastic,” says Back, adding that she is “having a blast” at the Monday evening sessions as she learns a new skill while making new friends.

With pupils ranging in age from high school students to retirees, Richey wants people to know that residents are welcome from all cross-sections of our community. While the winter session is wrapping up, the next set of guitar lessons will begin on Monday, April 9th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the back community room. The cost is \$25 for a set of lessons and \$25 for guitar rental. Anyone interested in registering should contact Abbie at [asingleton@erslife.org](mailto:asingleton@erslife.org) or (513) 752-1594.



**THOMASTON WOODS**

# Our Neck of the Woods

*News and events you won't want to miss!*

## *Beyond the Woods & Meadows*

### Spring Clean-Up

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Saturday, April 21st, 9 a.m.–Noon

The Spring Litter Clean-Up is an annual volunteer event held in many communities across Clermont County and the East Fork Little Miami River Watershed. Each year, volunteers come together to enjoy the outdoors, while also doing their part to keep litter out of local parks, streams, and lakes. Volunteers of all ages walk their neighborhoods or use canoes to collect litter to help keep our open spaces and waterways clean and safe. It is inspiring to see so many people come together each to year to protect the treasures that make Clermont County and the East Fork watershed a special place. Registration for volunteers is at the site, so see you in the park and let's help make a difference!



## Easter Egg Hunt

Spencer Shank Park

Saturday, March 24th, 11 a.m.

For more information, you can contact the Village Office at 513.753.4747



## Our “MLK Day of Service” Project

*Thanks for Making Thomaston Woods a Better Community!*

Monday, January 15th was Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and the middle schoolers at Thomaston Woods celebrated the holiday by engaging in community service. Dr. King said that “everybody can be great, because everybody can serve”. The TW youth used this quote as inspiration to observe MLK Day of Service, a nationwide movement spearheaded by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The youth began by identifying a challenge in their community that they have the power to address. They decided that bullying and lack of social inclusivity was a problem in their neighborhood, and brainstormed ways to alleviate the issue. Over two weeks of meetings, the

middle schoolers designed a Kindness Workshop for younger kids in the neighborhood. They chose a mission statement for their project, designated leadership roles, and created a flier to publicize the event.

On the morning of the Kindness Workshop, the middle schoolers arrived early to prepare materials and set up. They then led younger children through a reading of Dr. Seuss’s, *The Sneetches*, a “Golden Ruler” craft project, and a set of role-play scenarios that focused on kindness and healthy friendships. The kids learned that they, too, can be great, because they have the power to positively influence the lives of those around them through actions of compassion and service.

## The IPM Pantry has Free Food Available

Register online at [www.interparish.org](http://www.interparish.org) or call 513.561.3932

Once every 30 days **pre-registered** clients can receive 50 pounds of food from refrigerated trucks via the IPM Mobile Food Pantry at various locations in our service area. The next mobile pantry is at Anderson Hills Christian Church,

8119 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH on March 22nd from 10 a.m. to Noon.

**For more information, please call 513.561.3932.** You will need to bring a photo ID and proof of address.



## Thanks to Our Cookie Decorators!

The seniors of Thomaston Meadows and the youth of Thomaston Woods teamed up for a cookie decorating event before our community Christmas party in December. Residents young and old exercised their creativity by

decorating cookies shaped as candy canes, Christmas trees, stars, and bells. The festive confectioners spread holiday cheer by sharing their creations at the subsequent dinner party. Thank you to all who participated!



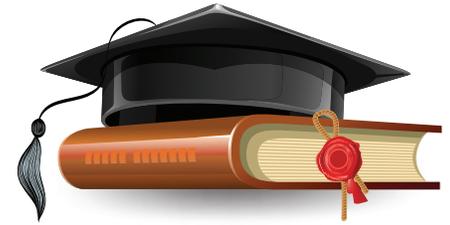
## Field Day

**Thursday, March 29th**

Wondering how you'll spend spring break once the excitement of being out of school wears off? Come join us for a field day! Kids of all ages are invited to participate in a variety of fun outdoor games and activities on Thursday, March 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A picnic lunch will be provided. Any adults who would like to be involved can contact Erin at [epurcell@erslife.org](mailto:epurcell@erslife.org).

## Here to Serve You in the Community Center Office

- **Lindsey Miller**, Community Manager (Property Manager)  
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## Going Back to School?

Did you know that St. Thomas Housing has a scholarship fund established for residents of Thomaston Woods for students attending UC Clermont?

In fact, this year we have seven scholars from our community. Care to join them? If you are planning to study at UC Clermont next year (or next term), make a point to contact Dawn Hundley in the Student Finance / One Stop Student Services Office (100 H). You can email her at [Dawn.hundley@uc.edu](mailto:Dawn.hundley@uc.edu) or call her at 513.558.0087.

## SATs/ACTs, Financial Aid, Scholarships, Apprenticeships

We have assistance available for all of these and much more with the help of Erin Purcell. She is available to meet with you or you can stop by the homework room/Computer Lab.

To contact Erin, please email her at [epurcell@ERSLIFE.ORG](mailto:epurcell@ERSLIFE.ORG) or call her directly at 513.607.5413.

## RESIDENT NOTICES

**Attention Thomaston Woods Residents:** Please do not use any form of aerosol spray, fragrance, or air freshener sprays in or near the utility room. The water heater has a sensor that picks up these sprays and will shut off your water heater, leaving you with no hot water until the part can be replaced. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Laundry Room Access:** We are in the process of changing laundry room access to an electronic locking system. Once everything is installed, residents will be able to unlock the laundry room door by using key fobs that react to a sensor on the door. Please look for more information in the following month as we roll out this transition.

# MARCH 2018

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11	12	13 Homework Room 2:30-5:30	14 Homework Room 2:30-5:30  Bible Study 12:30	15	16 Bingo 2:00	17
18	19	20 Homework Room 2:30-5:30	21 Homework Room 2:30-5:30  Luncheon & Communion 12:30	22	23	24
25 Community Dinner Night! 3:00 Sewing 4:00 Cooking 5:00 Storytime/Games 6:00 Dinner	26	27 Homework Room 2:30-5:30	28 Homework Room 2:30-5:30  Bible Study 12:30	29	30 Bingo 2:00	31 Kids Club 10:00-12:00

# APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10 Homework Room 2:30-5:30	11 Homework Room 2:30-5:30 Teen Talk/Awesome Kids 3:00-5:30 Luncheon & Communion 12:30	12	13 Cards with Rita 2:00 Bingo 3:00	14
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