

The Crossings News

The Crossings at Riverview Assisted Living and Memory Care Community



Celebrating September

Classical Music Month

Sewing Month

World Alzheimer's Month

Nutrition Week

September 1-7

Victory Over Japan Day

September 2

Labor Day (U.S.)

September 4

International Day of Charity

September 5

Grandparents Day

September 10

Patriot Day (U.S.)

September 11

Rosh Hashanah

September 15-17

Yom Kippur

September 24-25

World Tourism Day

September 27



New Residents

A very warm welcome to the newest members of our community:

- Linda Smith
- Clarastee Boatright (MC)



New Staff

A warm welcome also goes to those that joined our team in the month of July!

- Demetreal "Meme" – Med Tech
- Sydney – Resident Aide
- Vernice – housekeeping
- Alex – housekeeping
- Gloria – Nurse
- Jazmin – Med Tech
- Antonleshia "Ally" – Med Tech



September Birthdays

A very happy Birthday to the following residents this month:

- Edward Start 9/01
- Barbara Garmon 9/04
- Susan Stead 9/07
- Wanda Westbrook 9/10
- Erika Schmidt 9/13
- Clarastee Boatright 9/13
- Francoise Menendez 9/17
- Mary Malatesta 9/26



Living a Fantasy



For those unfamiliar with the literary works of J.R.R. Tolkien, the word *hobbit* and the celebration of Hobbit Day on September 22 might sound like utter nonsense. But for those well-versed in Tolkien's great works of high fantasy *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, this day is not just a celebration of the birthdays of the fictional characters Bilbo and Frodo Baggins but a day to honor all the contributions Tolkien has made to the fantasy genre.

In many ways, Tolkien single-handedly created the genre of epic fantasy that is filled with magic, mages, wizards, elves, and orcs. Fantasy as a genre existed and even thrived before Tolkien, but this early fantasy consisted of formulaic fairy tales and fantastic medieval romance. Many of the stories predating Tolkien were meant for children and filled with whimsy, such as L. Frank Baum's *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*, and J. M. Barrie's *Peter Pan*. Tolkien, while fighting as a British soldier in the trenches during World War I, began to formulate not just a novel but an entirely new world and mythology filled with its own gods, goddesses, races, and continents. Moreover, the conflicts found in these novels were not whimsical but were dark and foreboding.

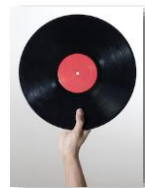
Much of Tolkien's inspiration came from Norse mythology. He was profoundly influenced by the Old English epic poem *Beowulf*, within which we can find templates for Tolkien's giants, elves, orcs, and dragons. As a linguist, Tolkien found many of the names for his fantastic creatures in Old English manuscripts like the *Codex Junius*. Tolkien was also a devout Roman Catholic. There is no denying the influence of Catholicism on his writings, from the creation of his fantastic universe harkening to Genesis, to the conflict of good and evil between God and Satan, to the fall of humankind reminiscent of the Garden of Eden. Whatever Tolkien's influences, what remains are novels that have profoundly influenced not just fantasy but pop culture all around the world.

Begging the Question

Ask a Stupid Question Day on September 28 prompts us to wonder what happens if you ask a stupid question. Will you get a stupid answer? Or, as the other saying goes, is there really no such thing as a stupid question? This holiday was invented by teachers in the 1980s as a way to get children to be fearless when it comes to asking questions. The notion is that if students feel comfortable asking stupid questions, they will feel more confident asking questions in general.

Questions are the cornerstone of learning. This was understood by Socrates back in ancient Greece when he developed his own questioning methods. Over the millennia, questioning has allowed us to explore complex ideas, clarify meanings, provide evidence, explore consequences, and challenge assumptions. Without questions, there is no learning! So yes, ask questions even if they are stupid! Even if they reveal obvious truths, truths in the open are better than truths hidden.

Hit Parade



If you had only one chance for greatness, would you really make it count? September 25, One-Hit Wonder Day, honors those artists who took their one chance and made a lasting musical impression on popular culture. In 1957, Dale Hawkins wrote the rockabilly hit "Suzy Q," a one-hit wonder that was remade into a hit by Creedence Clearwater Revival in 1968. In 1969, Norman Greenbaum was inspired to write a gospel song, so he penned "Spirit in the Sky" in 15 minutes. The ode to Jesus became a massive hit despite Greenbaum being Jewish. The single went gold, selling two million copies. It wasn't the first one-hit wonder to go gold. In 1966, "96 Tears" by ? [Question Mark] and the Mysterians hit No. 1 on the pop charts and went gold. Frontman Rudy "Question Mark" Martinez never questioned the song's mysterious popularity.

Upcoming Events

Laughter Wellness with Josie 9/21 @ 9am

MC Friends & Family Party 9/14 @ 3:30 pm

Resident Council Meeting 9/2 @ 2:00pm n1

Caregiver Support Group Meeting 9/16 @ 5:30pm

Butter Bean Auction 9/28 @ 2pm

AL Friends & Family Party 9/28 @ 4pm

Regular Events

Pet Therapy will be on 9/13 with Ms. Sherry and Keeper for both AL & MC

Happy Hour is every Thursday at 2pm

Catholic Service Fridays at 10:00am

The salon is open Mondays & Tuesdays, if you would like an appointment, please see the front desk.

Pastor Joe will be here 9/10 and 9/24

Gratitude Corner

August's Employee of the Month
Milda Denis

August's WOW Card Winner
Sherine Gray

Outings This Month

For Assisted Living

Bowling Alley 9/6 @ 10 am
Rays Game 9/21 @ 9:30 am

For Memory Care

Tijuana Flats 9/13 @ 11 am
Bistro Lunch-in 9/27 @ 12 pm

