

The Gardens at Huntcliff, Plant, Pot, Plot, Plotz”...Oh Deer!

Dixie Lampert

When new residents move here they bring visions of their beautiful rose gardens, prize flower beds, fruit trees and home grown vegetables with them. They discover Huntcliff has a greenhouse and a garden. The newbies are enthusiastic and full of vim and vigor about recreating what they grew at their previous homes. Reality sets in...there are unrealistic expectations about these gardens and its upkeep. It is not a priority to the staff here due to budget restraints and resident necessities. Our safety and life are paramount. Yes, on Mondays, a gardener comes here to maintain the property but not the gardens.

Also, there can be a change in a person’s stamina and physical strength and a slowly developing lack of interest sets in. The plants and pots are the responsibility for the resident gardeners to deal with as they are considered a hobby, not a necessity, and not central to living here. We want a grand garden but often don’t want to do the work and be responsible for its maintenance. A paid private landscaper could really benefit us by getting rid of overgrown grass, weeds, and putting gravel into areas making them easier to clean. Hopefully, this is in the works.

So many wonderful and interesting plants are growing in the gardens. Placing signs identifying what is growing in each plot would perk up interest and appreciation of our home gardeners. Unfortunately , the deer enjoy the gardens too and the roses are a delicious delicacy in their diets. A fence would be great to keep them out of the rose beds but the cost is prohibitive. Any ideas?

Anyone interested in gardening would be most welcome to participate and share their talents, skills and knowledge. The key, I have been advised, is to observe, walk and enjoy the gardens.

Thank you Erwin Barrington, Nancy Halliwell, King Trousedale, Larry Hunt, Fatiha Lehkim for your input, caring, concern and contributions to understand and appreciate the Gardens at Huntcliff.

(*plotz: affected by frustration, excitement, collapse from exhaustion)

HUNTCLIFF HARBINGER

August 2025



The mission of the Huntcliff Harbinger is to announce planned events and activities for residents and interested parties. Also included are photographs and stories of resident artwork, club reports, and staff and volunteer recognition. The HH is written and developed by the Harbinger Editorial Staff.

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Huntcliff Residents Website: www.huntsumres.org

Highlights of August Events

- Visit to Chick-fil-A Headquarters
- Presentation by Brandt Ross—Pirates of the Barbary Coast
- This is Your Life—Don and Jane Radman
- Bingo is being extended to Sundays

A Message from Lisa

August is a busy month for the team here at Sunrise! We are coming off our annual team member celebration of the “Summer of Sunrise”! During this time, our leadership team takes extra effort to help our team members feel valued and appreciated. We are fortunate here at Huntcliff to have had the initial kick-off of this appreciation time on June 25th when so many of you came together to coordinate an appreciation social for our team! On behalf of all of us, THANK YOU for that special day!

As we celebrate our team, we focus on enhancing our Customer Experience. Your experience here at Huntcliff matters to us. We value your opinion, and we are always looking for ways to improve. By sharing your thoughts, you help us understand what we are doing well and where we can improve. At various times throughout the year, you may receive an email or a text from survey.customerexperience@sunriseseniorliving.com.. When you receive this, please take the time to complete the survey, which will help guide our team in improving your experience here at Huntcliff. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Lisa

Activity Summaries

Huntcliff Players: The Players all new program of skits includes “Marriage Encounter “, “Judge Barbara”, “Old Folks”, and “The Death of Humpty Dumpty”.

Huntcliff Book Club meets in the Essex room August 14 at 2:30 p.m.. The discussion will be on the novel, Last Patient of the Night by Gary Gerlach. All are welcome. Having read the book is not a requirement to attend.

Huntcliff Summit Singers: Thirty members met on July 8 for a planning session for their Fall 2025 program. Morgan Blacksmith will return as Music Director. We are happy to announce Holly Shavir as the Accompanist.

The Huntcliff Men's Club (HMC): Exciting, fun-filled activities continue during August. The men will have lunch at Joey D's on Wednesday, August 13. Men, reserve your spot by calling Fatiha at 770-552-3040. Men will visit the Delta Airlines Museum at the Jackson-Hartfield Airport on Thursday, August 21. They are inviting Huntcliff residents to join in this informative and exciting trip. Sign up with Fatiha.

Blackjack—Blackjack continues to attract new and current members. Mark your calendar for each Monday evening in August, 7:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. in the Essex.

Opera—The opera selection is “Otello” by Giuseppe Verdi. Otello’s jealousy, fueled by lies and intrigue, leads him to suspect the loyalty of his loving wife Desdemona, with tragic consequences.

Art—Great Courses—August 6: Frida Kahlo; August 13 and 20: Annie Leibovitz

Knit and Stitch Club—New residents who enjoy all types of needle work....knitting, crochet, cross stitch, needlepoint, quilting.... are invited to join us in the lobby, Mondays from 1 – 2 p.m. At present members provide items for Northside Hospital or shawls to be used on our bus. We can supply yarns, needles, or hooks for the knitters and crocheters who join us.

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Recent Events

Calligraphy, by Jane Radman



Jane introduced Calligraphy as the Art of Beautiful Writing. Showing two types of nibs (pen points), she told how they developed different writing styles. She wrote a sentence, with a broad edged nib, that included all of the letters in the alphabet—The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog. She offered a bookmark to everyone with their name written in Calligraphy.

Staff Appreciation



A staff appreciation day was held on June 25. Each staff member got a beautiful plate of treats to eat (shown at left), lemonade, and a personal note. Many residents came to the lobby to demonstrate their appreciation. The lobby was filled with people with big smiles all afternoon.

Sunrise Performance



The Sunrise Chorus (shown at left) performed on June 14. Several of the songs were singalongs with the audience. There were 28 singers in the chorus. The Essex room was filled with an enthusiastic audience.. A great time was had by all.

New Friends



Bruce and Pam Lubitz moved here from Sandy Springs. They previously lived in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Florida. They have three children and seven grandchildren. Bruce was an attorney, and Pam was a reading specialist. They are interested in sports and cards.



Carl Wanderman moved here from Rockland County, New York. He has two children and two grandchildren. He worked as an attorney and as an administrative judge. His hobbies and interests are travel, music, and photography.



Judy Brazeman is already a member of Harbinger staff. She moved here from Alpharetta, Georgia, and previously lived in Florida. She has three children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She worked as an X-ray technician. Her interests are scuba diving, boating, and travel.



Len and Brenda Dorrien have three children, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Len worked in sales and marketing, and Brenda worked in investment management. Their interests are walking, reading, skiing, tennis, and travel.



Ruddy O'Boyle is on his second stay in Huntcliff. He moved away, and missed us so much he moved back. Previously, he lived in Sandy Springs and Gainesville (both in Georgia). He has three children and three grandchildren. He worked as a chemist and senior account manager for Dow Chemical. His interests are walking, golf, and bowling.

August Birthdays

Renee Dudovitz	August 1	Sandy Kole	August 20
Julie Bakke	August 3	Winsome Barrow	August 20
Carol Barrington	August 6	Brenda Patten	August 21
Bill Long	August 15	Elsie McLaughlin	August 24
Grace Benator	August 16	Paul Greenberg	August 24
Manuela Bornstein	August 16	Linda Kappel	August 26
Larry Isaacson	August 19	Pat Harper	August 29
Joan Capper	August 19		

August Team Service Anniversaries

4	Luke Powell, Security	8 years
13	Sandra Newsom, Housekeeping	25 years
14	Brent Andrews, Dietary Services	5 years
15	Antoinette Crawley, Housekeeping	2 years