

# Life + Style

Summer  
June 2024

The Village at Northridge  
Independent & Assisted Living



*Your lifestyle  
continues here*

# Community Happenings



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## **TVN Farmers Market**

11:00am-2:00pm | Front Parking Lot

Mark your calendars and come ready to enjoy a day of shopping, sampling, and supporting local businesses. We are excited to discover the best of what Northridge has to offer.



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## **Patriotic Flag Day Fashion Show**

11:30am | IL Living Room

Join us for a celebration of patriotism and style! Come dressed in your best patriotic attire and showcase your love for the stars and stripes! Show off your red, white, and blue ensemble and celebrate the spirit of our nation's flag in style.



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## **Father's Day Brunch & Brews**

11:30am | IL Dining Room

It's the day to honor and cherish the incredible fathers at TVN. Join us for a special Father's Day Brunch at our community as we celebrate the amazing fathers in our lives! Enjoy a delicious spread of brunch favorites, all served up with a side of love and appreciation!



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## **A Taste of The Village at Northridge Open House**

12:00pm | IL Living Room

Taste your way around TVN with an assortment of Executive Chef Miguel's best dishes. Enjoy listening to a beautiful Jazz Band and indulge in culinary delights that TVN has to offer. There will be guided tours of our vibrant community where you'll see why so many residents call TVN home.



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## **VJCC Mahjongg Tournament**

8:30am-4:00pm | IL Living Room

The Village at Northridge and The Valley Jewish Community Center are proud to introduce our annual Mahjongg Tournament. Join other Mahjongg enthusiasts for a chance to win the grand prize! Register with Zest Director, Karla Medina, \$45 per person.



# Your Community Spotlights



Born in New York, Bill Dworin spent his first twelve years in Brooklyn with his mom, dad, and three sisters. After High School, Bill attended Virginia Military Institute for a year and a half, and then joined the Air Force for four years. After being discharged, he moved to Los Angeles where he applied and was accepted to be a Police Officer. After eight years, he decided to apply to be a detective. He passed all the tests and was assigned to a Juvenile Division, working in Juvenile narcotics. It was as a narcotic officer when he met his wife Clarene who was working in the property division. They have been married for 48 years and have combined their children into one big family. Bill and Clarene enjoyed traveling the world. They love spending time with their grandkids, great grandson, and soon to be two great granddaughters. They are now living at The Village where they have made many new friends.

## Resident Spotlight



# Celebrations!

## June Birthdays

Caterina C. 6/1

Gertrude K. 6/2

Jay H. 6/3

Sue H. 6/5

Cecile A. 6/7

Mona F. 6/8

Roz P. 6/10

Mildred K. 6/12

Leo R. 6/12

Dorothy R. 6/14

Pauline G. 6/15

Mary Lou S. 6/16

Mary S. 6/16

Arthur George F. 6/17

Artemis O. 6/20

Joan L. 6/20

Joe H. 6/25

Mariana L. 6/25

James N. 6/28

Edith F. 6/28

Charlotte S. 6/29

Bernard F. 6/30

Arlene E. 6/30

# Water: Your Lifeline to Health

By Celynn Morin



Water is essential, not just beneficial, for your health. It acts as a lubricant for your joints and keeps your skin radiant. More crucially, it aids in transporting vital nutrients and oxygen to your cells and ensures the efficient removal of waste by your kidneys.



As seniors, staying hydrated is critical yet challenging due to diminished thirst and changes in body composition that reduce water reserves. Additionally, many medications can dehydrate the body further. Embrace hydration as a part of your daily routine and celebrate the life you live with each healthy choice you make.



## *How Much Water Do I Need?*

How much water do you need? An approximate guideline is to drink 8 ounces of water for every 22 pounds of body weight, daily. However, individual needs can vary, especially if you are on medications like diuretics. Consult your healthcare provider for tailored advice.

Enjoying herbal teas can boost your hydration without extra calories. For more practical tips, scan the QR code to access the Wellculator Express Program Module 4 - Hydration.



# Foods that Support Gut Health

By: Amanda Archibald



Your gut is like a garden, vibrant and alive with tiny organisms that are essential for your well-being. Nurturing it is crucial for optimal health. Let's explore how to seed and feed your gut for optimal health.



**Seeding your gut** with good bacteria is the first step. By maintaining its health, you create an environment

where beneficial bacteria can thrive. Aim to include one probiotic-rich food in your daily diet, like yogurt, kefir, or sauerkraut. These foods introduce beneficial bacteria to your gut, helping to crowd out harmful ones.



Once you've seeded your gut, it's time to **feed those good bacteria**. This is where prebiotic-rich

ingredients come into play. Prebiotics are like fertilizer for your gut, nourishing the beneficial bacteria already present.

By seeding and feeding your gut with care, you can promote a thriving ecosystem within your body. Just like a well-tended garden blossoms with beauty and abundance, so too will your gut flourish with health and vitality.

## LET'S ADD ON TO OUR BASIC TOOLBOX WITH THESE SUPPORTIVE FOODS



### Fruits

Blueberries  
Guava  
Pomegranate

### Vegetables

Green Peas  
Parsnip  
Winter Squash

### Legumes

Split Peas

### Probiotic Rich

Buttermilk  
Kefir  
Kimchi  
Kombucha  
Miso  
Sauerkraut  
Soy Sauce  
Tempeh  
Natural Yogurt

### Prebiotic Rich

Apples  
Asparagus  
Burdock Root  
Chicory  
Dandelion Greens  
Eggplant  
Endive  
Honey  
Jicama  
Radicchio  
Sunchoke

**Challenge:** Identify which foods you currently enjoy and which foods you would be willing to add to your diet.

# Strengthen Your Daily Life with Pull Exercises

By Amanda Archibald & Celynn Morin

Maintaining strength in our upper body becomes crucial for maintaining our autonomy. This June, we're shining a spotlight on Fundamental Movement #5 – The Pull: An essential part of our wellness offering tailored for our vibrant community of residents.

## Why Pull Exercises Are Essential

Pull exercises help strengthen your muscles, making your body more capable and robust. Several of our day to day activities require use of the muscle groups that are engaged when working on your pull exercises.

The pull fundamental movement is essential because it targets, strengthens and balances key muscle groups, improves posture, grip strength, cardiovascular health, and reduces pain.

Pull exercises strengthen your ability to handle daily tasks with more ease. What once seemed challenging, like lifting a heavy pot or picking up your Amazon package, becomes more manageable, helping you maintain or improve your mobility and minimize risk of injury.

## How to Integrate Pull Exercises

Integrating basic pull exercises into your routine is straightforward. Need some inspiration? Explore simple and effective strategies in Module Five of our FUNdamental Fitness Program. Spend 12 minutes with Darryl as he guides you through an introduction to this fundamental movement, practice exercises and practical application.



Scan the QR code to get started!



Mind



## Be Good To Your Brain

Celebrate Brain Health Month with Senior Resource Group! We're dedicated to promoting mental well-being by integrating brain and body exercises into our fitness classes. Enjoy enlightening TED talks on brain health, and participate in an interactive live brain health workshop. Join us for a month filled with activities designed to enhance your cognitive vitality and overall wellness. Don't miss this opportunity to engage your mind, invigorate your body, and connect with a community committed to lifelong brain health!

Body



## ZestFit: Aerobics

Join us for a lively aerobics class designed to boost your energy and improve your overall well-being! Our routines are adaptable and can be performed either seated or standing, ensuring a comfortable experience for everyone. Enjoy a fun and supportive environment where you can enhance your flexibility, strength, and cardiovascular health. With easy-to-follow movements set to uplifting music, this class is perfect for anyone looking to stay active and healthy. Come and be part of a community that values fitness and fun!

Soul



## DIY Skin Care: Natural Face Masks

Join us for an engaging program focused on skin health! Discover the benefits of natural skincare and learn why it's essential for maintaining healthy, glowing skin. Explore how using a face mask after shaving can soothe irritation and replenish moisture for men, while women can enjoy deeply cleansed and hydrated skin. After the presentation, join our hands-on DIY sugar scrub workshop to rejuvenate your skincare routine. Don't miss this chance to pamper yourself and promote radiant skin!

# A Word from our Executive Director

Dear TVN Residents,

Welcome to June, the first month of Summer 2024!! Make sure to plan time outside with friends and family. The community has several events planned to enjoy many of our outside patios and courtyards. Don't forget, our two dining room patios are a great place to eat al fresco! Enjoy!

Tom Rekowski, Executive Director



## Staff Directory

Tom Rekowski, Executive Director

Satina Warner, Human Resources Partner

Lynda Wiggins, Business Office Director

Mary Rose Okahata, LVN, Director of Assisted Living

Karla Medina, Zest Director

Miguel Lopez, Executive Chef

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