

Cultivating Connections Through Enriching Pursuits

Note: All residents are invited to all activities and groups—whether for a one-time drop-in or a longer-term commitment. The times and locations will be listed on monthly, weekly and daily schedules/calendars that are distributed.



Cards and Games

Game Clubs—Includes bridge, mahjong, poker, Rummikub, Scrabble and Five Crowns games played by residents in groups.



Community Life

Resident Council—An elected body of representatives meets with the executive director to address community issues. The Resident Council also holds open office hours once a month, where residents are welcome to bring their comments and concerns to the elected officials. Minutes reside in the library. A town hall-style monthly meeting is held by the Resident Council president and executive director.

Programming Advisory Committee—Works directly with the programming director and programming assistant to advise on activities.

Resident Weekend Activities Committee—Helps plan and provide the activities in which residents would like to participate on Saturdays and Sundays. Past activities include: Super Bowl tailgate dinner, Oscars red carpet night, Kentucky Derby, Sunday potluck dinners, Sunday games day and Saturday night Bingo in the parlor every other month.

Fitness Committee—The committee seeks resident input on what kind of movement-based programs to offer and updates residents on upcoming fitness events.

Technology Helpers Committee—Residents needing help with their computer, smartphone, printer or streaming device reach out and other residents in the committee help them navigate the problem.

Cider Press Committee—A resident-produced bi-monthly newsletter with content pertaining directly to community activities and events.

Resident-Associate Mentoring Program—Residents volunteer to mentor and tutor associates at The Commons in English and other skills.



Dining and Hospitality

Dining Committee—Meets to provide feedback, plan special events and discuss menu changes.

Welcoming Committee—Works to support new residents and enhance connection within The Commons community.

Wine Club—Holds meetings to sample wines and socialize.

Country Store—Residents order supplies/restock The Commons' Country Store on the first floor and volunteer to work during open hours.



Gardening and Craftmanship

Gardening and Landscape Group—Members grow vegetables and flowers in the community garden as well as indoors in the green room. The committee partners with management for long-term landscaping and planting plans for the community.

Basket Weaving Club—Weaving materials into miscellaneous items, such as baskets, mats, bags, etc.

Knitting Group—Residents enjoy working on their own knitting projects together or knit for charity projects.

Art Committee—Seeks to enliven the visual arts at the community through classes, demonstrations, open studio hours and the exhibition of artwork. Painting, ceramics, fabric arts, basket making and beading are some of the current endeavors.

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Resident Discussion Groups

Men's Discussion Group—The group considers a topic that has been chosen or suggested by a member of the group. A member may suggest a topic and lead the discussion, though it is not required to take the lead.

Women's Discussion Group—Women residents are invited to share thoughts, feelings and ideas as they explore a selected topic. This group will provide a supportive, positive and safe space to build new friendships and support systems.

Resident Discussion Group—Evening discussion topics held by residents.



Literature

Book Club—A rotating resident leads the discussion. The group chooses a book each month.

Library Committee—Organizes the collection in the library, decides on what new materials to purchase and reshelves borrowed books and periodicals.



Movies, Music & Theater

Playreaders Group—Reads plays aloud, selected by the group.

Theater Committee—Chooses upcoming theater outings for the community with the Programming Department.

Commons Choral Group—Meets weekly for rehearsals and occasional concerts. Led by a choral director.

Museum Committee—Plans outings to local museums with the Programming Department.

Short Story Readers—Meets monthly to read and discuss selected short stories.



Religion

Resident-Led Christian Worship Service—All are invited to come with prayer concerns, sing hymns and hear scripture.

Bible Study—Various resident-run groups meet to study and discuss the Bible.



Science

The Commons Green Initiative—The mission is to research, educate and act to make The Commons in Lincoln community as sustainable as possible. Members work as individuals, as groups and in cooperation with the associates and management of The Commons.