

“For Your Information”

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Holiday Weather Event

I wanted to reach out to assure you that the winter storm events over the Christmas weekend have been addressed. This was an extraordinary event which affected us all. As you are aware, the storm started Friday morning and temperatures went below zero. Minus 5 was the actual temperature and the windchill was at minus 30. As soon as the staff would clear a sidewalk, the wind would blow more on top. Salt lost its effectiveness to melt snow and ice as the temperatures dropped. The grounds crew and maintenance staff worked throughout the day to spread salt and clear everything possible. Maintenance staff was here Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, but we admit more should have been called in.

Prior to winter, we updated the snow policy so maintenance and security departments would understand the on call procedures for events such as these. The policy has been revised so if on call staff is not able to get to campus timely, maintenance leadership will contact additional staff to report.

Your safety and security are our priority, and we are taking steps to improve our effectiveness when dealing with not only snow removal, but other events which may happen as well.

Retirements

This month we say goodbye to two ladies who have each worked here at Sherwood Oaks for over ten years. Kathy Vacca's last day will be January 11th. I am pleased to welcome Isabella Hall as our new billing specialist who has been training with Kathy for a few weeks. June Dimond from housekeeping and laundry's last day will be January 12th.

Please join me in wishing them the best of luck in retirement. Good wishes cards can be dropped off at the reception desk.

