

When did you retire?

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In the 19th Century Germany, Otto von Bismarck , Chancellor to Kaiser Wilhelm I, was responsible for enactment of Germany's National Insurances; for Sickness (1883), Accident (1884) and Old Age & Disability (1889). These, a base for Government Insurance programs world wide.

The United States Social Security, enacted in 1935, remains the cornerstone for employee pensions in Unites States. Bismarck's Old Age Pension began age 70, when their life expectancy was estimated at 43 years. (Wags reported that Bismarck asked his advisors for the age when most Germans had died, was told 70, thus his standard.) When enacted in United States, Old Age Pensions began at age 65; life expectancy then, just below 60 years. Variations in age to initiate retirement Social Security dollars are chosen by the employee, base today, 62.

United States Seniors 65 years of age, living in Windsor Gardens, are likely eligible for Social Security. When they choose to request this income, that 's up to each.

Even when electing to get monthly Social Security Checks, retirees can continue working, by making certain adjustments.

Receiving Social Security is no longer that drastic step toward the grave.
In fact, Life expectancy is 80, a bit higher for females.

So you're receiving Social Security. What can you do to "keep busy"? Volunteer. Windsor Gardens has a generous share of retirees who volunteer in maintaining their building. This cadre is responsible as Building and Floor Reps, Secretary, Treasurer; decoration of each floors' lobby, laundry schedule, holiday flag raising, picnic, meetings.

Want to get involved? Speak to your Building Rep. Building Volunteers, often unrecognized, add to the daily enjoyment of those in their building, and more, all living or visiting here.

Then in the larger world of Windsor Garden, Management is caring for us constantly through a professional team. Beyond those individuals, we have a Board of Directors, a few elected each year. Those two groups provide activities for everyone.

Your welfare is central topic at their every meeting.

Changes are published monthly, in the free Windsor Gardens Life newspaper.

On move-in day, new residents' minds can be overwhelmed. Papers to sign, transfer of furnishings, setting up house, attending mandatory orientation meeting, first at the front office, then by the Building Representative on features unique to your new home. That's

a load. So it is not unusual for pertinent facts to be missed, forgotten. To aid your memory, the monthly Windsor Life, forty pages of fact, which residents are encouraged to read, use as reference. Then there's gossip garnered at the lobby, mail room, laundry, walking the halls, whatever.

Here, a list of activities, alphabetically, to consider for your "I always wanted to do that" list.

Cards and Games (Billiards, Bridge, Canasta, Ping Pong, Pinoche, Pool, Poker),Community MeetingsClubs and Groups (Art, Beading, Brits, Cat and Dogs, Crafts, Computer, Golf, Health, Local Travel, Movies, Politics (Democrat or Republican), Trivia, Toastmasters, Veterans, Writers, and Yoga.....Faith GroupsSwimming, summer and winter,.....AA and Al Anon Genealogy Garage and Estate Sales Fitness CenterWalking.

In fact, only a few here have time to join more than a handful, enjoy them thoroughly. And if half here decided to join any group, well, we don't have a building that large. Choice counts.

Want more information? Ask at the Office, Activities Desk.
Find your interest. Increase retirement enjoyment, with neighbor, friend.
Show yourself. We'd like your friendship.
Short of that Final Service, you're not retired.



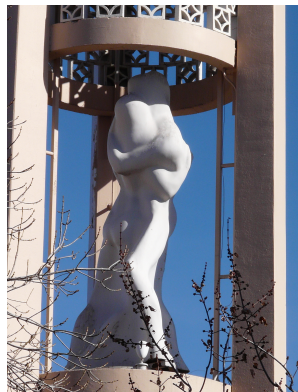
Still, the speed limit is enforced.

Warning. T'is a place for fun.

or the Eternal Youth pair atop the kiosk at the Alameda and Clinton entrance.



Welcome to Windsor Gardens



Naked? In Windsor Garden? I don't thing so.