



Update

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a newsletter for those interested in
Willow Brook Christian Village and
Willow Brook at Delaware Run

**You are invited to our
Summer Rally
Thursday, July 30th, 2:00 p.m.
at Willow Brook at Delaware Run
West William Street
Delaware, Ohio
RSVP by calling 740-201-5640
or register online at www.willow-brook.org**

We are racing toward the finish line for the construction of the Village Square that will house Delaware Run's apartments and healthcare centers. People who have signed up will be moving into their new apartment homes this summer, so round up the party hats. It will soon be time to celebrate!

Have you seen the Village Square lately? This grand structure is sitting pretty, right in the middle of our 50-acre *Willow Brook at Delaware Run* campus, on West William Street in Delaware. The 157,000 square-foot complex will not only house apartments, but also an assisted living center with a memory care wing, the Water's Edge Restaurant, a library, fitness center, and all the other community spaces you would expect in a Willow Brook retirement village.

The building is snuggled around a lake. One wing of the apartments spans the lake, so some apartments are literally above the water.

Landscaping is going in as I write, and it all is looking like the finished thing. I can't wait to fling open the doors and invite you in.

The summer Rally...

I am hoping that we will be flinging those doors open for you on July 30th. We are scheduling our next Rally for that date, keeping our fingers crossed that the building will be complete so we can all assemble in the grand banquet room on the third floor. If so, it will be a day of celebration for sure!

Just in case the building isn't quite ready for occupancy at that time, we have reserved Byxbe's Five Star Banquet Center next to the Delaware Run campus. So either way, we are calling everybody in for a Rally to give you the latest scoop on Willow Brook. Twin-single homes will be open for your inspection at both *Delaware Run* and our sister community, *Willow Brook Christian Village*, where you'll also be able to tour apartments.

With luck and a tail wind, we'll be able to show you the apartments and healthcare centers at the Village Square.

So mark your calendar for Thursday, July 30, 2:00 p.m., at *Willow Brook at Delaware Run*. Please RSVP by calling 740-201-5640 or register at our website www.willow-brook.org.

French chef chosen for Delaware Run...

We have snagged us a genuine French chef for our new Water's Edge Restaurant at Delaware Run. Marc Dillon will be heading up the dining program at the restaurant set to open this summer with the apartments and healthcare centers.

Marc is from France. He graduated from the esteemed culinary school Ecole Jean Ferrandi in Paris, and was voted among the top three apprentices of that city – and seventh nationwide. He has received advanced chef training in the United States and Mexico.

He has extensive chef experience at restaurants, hotels and resorts around the United States. I have sampled his food, and I think you will be delighted.

The restaurant itself is something to behold. The centerpiece of the octagon-shaped facility is a four-sided stone fireplace. Perfect for winter dining with friends or family. A broad deck overlooking the lake surrounds the restaurant. Perfect for summer dining.

Can't wait for you to try it out.

And as long as we're on the subject of Willow Brook's legendary dining...

Stop by the Taste of Worthington food festival on Friday, July 10. Our chefs will be offering samples of their talents, along with those of fine dining establishments in the Worthington area. Last year Willow Brook was voted *first place* in the entrée category. Year before that, 2007, we took *first*

place in the appetizer category. That's two years in a row! The event will run from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., on West Wilson Bridge Road, just off High Street in Worthington.

And as long as we're on the subject of Willow Brook being voted "best"...

For the second year in a row, Willow Brook Christian Village's nursing facility has been voted the "best nursing home" in Delaware County in the *Delaware Gazette's* Readers' Choice Awards. Readers vote on the best community businesses such as realtors, car repair shops, attorneys and more.

I have always known that our healthcare centers were the best (hey, I'm not biased), but it is gratifying to know that people in our community believe that we give those under our care the most loving, professional attention of anyone around.

I am more than proud of our team and all the wonderful things they are doing to have earned this honor.

Healthcare centers set to open...

Construction work on the two healthcare wings at Delaware Run is nearly complete, with carpet, light fixtures, and wall coverings lacking only final details. We are building these as part of the Village Square project set to open this summer. Unfortunately, we aren't able to open these wings early, so we intend to lock them to keep workers' dirty feet off the carpet, and open them with the rest of the building.

We are planning assisted living with a memory care wing (for those suffering the effects of dementia). Delaware Run residents will be well-served in years to come. In the early years, we intend to make the facilities available to those in the greater Delaware community in need of long-term care.

Nature at its finest...

Both of our Delaware communities are noted for their beautiful natural settings. Towering trees, flowing streams, nature trails and ponds are icons of the two Willow Brooks.

We have planted thousands of trees in woods restoration projects on both campuses, with more to come. A woodland at *Willow Brook Christian Village* has been certified as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. A local beekeeper is tending hives there, but beyond that, we are leaving it alone, letting nature take its course.

It is common to see deer and other animals that share our property foraging, roaming and scampering among the trees at both campuses. Many species of birds have been spotted. Following is a report from Delaware

Run resident John Hay regarding a recent bird watching outing at that campus.

On a beautiful sun-drenched morning in May, a budding group of birders took a leisurely stroll along the Delaware Run trail. Led by the Village's director of resident life services and ornithologist, Marlene Andersen, we enjoyed an inspiring glimpse into the merits of birding. I was truly amazed by her knowledge. I'm sure most Delaware "Runners" can name the familiar birds that visit our feeders, but during the walk, she added many more species to our list. Without referring to the bird book, she named, described, and imitated the songs of many birds. She could listen to the song and name the bird!

Examples of a few unusual birds we spotted: Eastern Phoebe, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, and Solitary Viero.

...Marlene indicated she would like to lead another bird walk. If this comes about, I encourage the residents of Delaware Run to come along and hear the stories related to us by this very knowledgeable lady.

*John Hay
Delaware Run resident*

Boy, it is downright inspiring to see the Village Square project come to completion. Soon it will be moving day for all who have reserved an apartment or healthcare room. Come to the Rally on July 30th and help us mark this special time.

On a personal note, my wife and I have two offspring graduating from Ohio State this month. This is a bittersweet time for Janet and me. We, of course, are proud to see our children succeed and move on. But we also realize that this means they will slip even further from our sphere. We have never been parents who were glad to see our children leave. There is a tinge of sadness in our celebration.

With love to all,

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