

April 2025

# Grossmont Gardens

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## **Meet The Team of**

### **Directors**

***Reggie Jones***  
***Executive Director***

***Lane Hermosillo***  
***Assistant Executive***  
***Director***

***Gemma Espinoza***  
***Community Relations***  
***Director***

***Ruth Davalos***  
***Business Office***  
***Manager***

***Janett Medrano***  
***Food Services***  
***Director***

***Olamide Obesesan***  
***East Activity Director***

***Sommer Martin***  
***Gardens, South, West***  
***Activity Director***

***Marsha Terrell***  
***Maintenance Director***

## **Resident Spotlight**



**Rich Carone**

Rich Carone is a wonderful asset to our community here at Grossmont Gardens! He is very involved with activities such as Black Jack, Five Crowns, Unlucky Sevens and was in our Christmas play in December. Rich was born in Morgan Town, West Virginia. He was raised by two immigrant Italians and has one sister. He says when he was young, he loved playing football. Rich was a business owner and had his own construction company. He says eventually him and his wife got an RV and they traveled to eleven western states where they did a lot of camping and adventuring. Rich says they also had a house in Julian for their weekend getaways with his wife, 3 sons and one daughter. Rich says his favorite thing about Grossmont Gardens are the people! He has enjoyed the connections he has made here. When asked what piece of advice he would give, he said "Don't get married too young."





**Residents Having Fun at the Zoo**



**Residents Enjoying Happy Hour Talent**



**Gold Coin Toss to Win the Prize**



**St. Paddy's Sticker Wreath Craft**



YOU'RE INVITED

# Easter brunch

SATURDAY	\$15 For Guests
<b>19</b>	Easter Raffle
APRIL	Easter Egg Hunt
	Live Music
	STARTS AT 11:30

In The Main Dining Room

# IHOP RESTAURANT OUTING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 AT 11:00AM  
SIGN UP AT THE FRONT DESK ONCE  
APRIL CALENDAR IS PUBLISHED

# Sycuan Casino

Wednesday, April 9 at  
9:00am

# Phase Ten

Every Tuesday at  
10:45am In the  
Auditorium



## The Story Behind the Plate

On April 25, 1901, New York became the first state to require license plates on vehicles. At that time, the state didn't provide the plates. Rather, individuals created their own license plates out of leather, brass, or whatever was available.

When people began to create unlawful plates, state governments stepped in and began making their own.

In 1903, Massachusetts became the first state to issue plates. The very first license plate was number 1, issued to a man named Frederick Tudor. Amazingly, his family still maintains an active registration, which gives them the right to use the number 1 on a modern plate.

The first plates were made of iron covered in porcelain enamel. The background was a dark blue with the numbers in white. There were no standard sizes back in the early days of license plates. The more numbers on the plate, the larger the plate got. Motorcycles, too, needed license plates. The first looked identical to car plates, but started with the letter Z.

As if letters and numbers weren't enough, many plates have had slogans touting a state's fame or history. In our quiz below, try to connect each state with one of its license plate slogans.

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| 1. Idaho           | A. Sunshine State      |
| 2. Missouri        | B. Vacationland        |
| 3. New Hampshire   | C. Land of Lincoln     |
| 4. Washington      | D. Garden State        |
| 5. Illinois        | E. Stars Fell On       |
| 6. New Jersey      | F. America's Dairyland |
| 7. Pennsylvania    | G. Live Free or Die    |
| 8. Wisconsin       | H. Show-Me State       |
| 9. Florida         | I. Keystone State      |
| 10. Alabama        | J. First in Flight     |
| 11. Maine          | K. Evergreen State     |
| 12. North Carolina | L. Famous Potatoes     |

Having trouble? Perhaps a road trip is in order....

**Answers:** 1. L; 2. H; 3. G; 4. K; 5. C; 6. D; 7. I; 8. F; 9. A; 10. E; 11. B; 12. J



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## April Birthdays

Marcia Baugh 4/29  
Emilia Carrillo 4/19  
Margaret Dumon 4/25  
Linda Evans 4/01  
Frances Fike 4/18  
Richard Forbes 4/14  
Cory Golden-Engle 4/30  
Diane Van Cleave 4/30  
Carole Strasser 4/13  
James Stoddart 4/24  
Angela Smith 4/08  
Ida Shunk 4/13  
Pam Ploeger 4/28  
Ann Patruno 4/24  
Alice "Bunny" Newman 4/09  
Norman Marocco 4/08

# GREECE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Thursday,  
April 17th at  
11:30am in the  
Main Dining  
Room