## Stroke Prevention Tips

A stroke happens when blood flow and oxygen to the brain are blocked caused by a clot or a burst blood vessel. The good news is that $80 \%$ of strokes are preventable, and the risk can be lowered by following these tips:
Know your numbers - High blood pressure and high cholesterol both contribute to a higher stroke risk. Discuss any concerns about your numbers with your health care provider. Diet, exercise and medication can control these conditions.
Listen to your heart - People with atrial fibrillation (AF or Afib), a type of irregular heartbeat, are prone to blood clots that can travel to the brain increasing stroke risk. If you suspect you have AF or a similar condition, talk with your doctor.
Look for connected conditions - Diabetes, sickle cell disease, and narrowing or hardening of the arteries are linked to a high stroke risk. If you are affected

by any of these conditions, follow your doctor's instructions to help manage your symptoms.
Stay active - Exercise is an important way to help manage stroke risk factors. Movement also improves circulation. Aim for 30 minutes of exercise every day. Walking is a great option!

## A Wildlife- <br> Friendly Garden

Big or small, a garden can provide many benefits for wildlife that in turn will help plants flourish. During Gardening for Wildlife Month in May, think about the ways you can make your green space more inviting for nature.
To see more birds, butterflies and bees in your garden, you need plants that will attract them. Sunflowers, zinnias, petunias and lantana are popular choices.

nclude plants that are native to your region, since local wildlife will naturally seek them out Make your garden area even more enticing with a water source. While not every space is suitable for a birdbath or fish pond, birds and insects will still appreciate a small saucer of fresh water. Add stones or marbles to the dish to give the critters a place to stand.
Lots of people hang feeders to nourish our feathered friends during the winter, but if you hang them year-round, birds will know your garden is the place to be. Clean and refresh feeders often for happier, healthier birds.
Helpful bugs and critters such as toads are more likely to hang around a garden that's safe for them. Making a bug hotel, which can attract solitary bees and beetles, can be a fun project for all ages. A cracked pot can be repurposed into a toad house, simply by flipping it over and placing it in a cool, shady area.

## Dear Residents, <br> Families, and Friends

As we usher in the month of May, we would like to take the time to encourage everyone to spend some time getting connected with nature. The days are getting warmer and the flowers are beginning to bloom. There is no better time than the present to spend some time outside and appreciate all the beauty around us. Life can certainly be hectic and busy, but it is important to allow yourself time to breathe and relax.
In April, our residents celebrated the coming of spring with our Spring Fling main event, our community Spirit Dress-Up Days, and our Easter Celebration Egg Hunt. It was so fun to be able to spend time with everyone and bask in the sun!
We are very excited for all the fun events we have planned for the month of May. We will be celebrating all our moms during our Mother's Day Tea Party. We will also be making fun, flowery hats for our Kentucky Derby Celebration to wear as we cheer on our favorite horses! And don't forget to make your way down to our James Bond Casino Night Main Event. Make sure to check the calendar regularly so you don't
 miss out on any fun events!
"May" this new month and fun activities bring you lots of joy!

Employee of the Month!
Lewisville Estates would like to recognize Khasahn Butler as our Employee of the Month for May! Khasahn is very dedicated industrious and always helps out when needed. He always has a smile that can brighten any room! Khasahn, we appreciate you for all that you do. Thanks for being a part of Lewisville Estates!


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## Locations

Activity Room, AR
AL Courtyard, ALC
AL Parking Lot, ALPL Bistro, B
Dining Room, DR
Library, LL
Lobby, L
Outing, O
Spa, Spa

## Birthdays

Billy Bush, 20th Delores McCloud, 25th Imogene Latham, 28th

## Transportation

## Schedule

Monday, 10 a.m
Grocery Stores
Tuesday \& Thursday, 10 a.m. Walmart
Wednesday, 10 a.m.
Post Office/Bank
Friday, TBA
Field Trips/Outing
"It would be wonderful to think that the future is unknown and sort of surprising."
-Alan Rickman
Activities Subject to Change


