

## Sips of Hibiscus

The big, bright blooms of hibiscus flowers are a showy symbol of the season. Often associated with Hawaii, where the yellow hibiscus is the state flower, the plant is a popular ingredient in herbal teas. Tart and slightly sweet, hibiscus tea is being studied as a natural remedy to help lower blood pressure and boost good cholesterol levels.


## Write It Down

Need help remembering something? Write it down. Handwriting engages more parts of the brain than typing, and it is easier to recall something once you've written it on paper.

## Celebrate Secondhand

Want great clothes at a discount, while also helping the Earth? That's what Secondhand Wardrobe Day, each Aug. 25 , is all about. Local thrift stores, as well as secondhand shopping apps and websites, may offer extra savings on this date to help spread the word about sustainable fashion.

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## A Note From Our Executive Director



Happy August! We are so happy you have made your home in our community. If you have any questions or concerns, or simply want to say "hello," please stop by my office! My door is always open, and I would love to hear from you. We also have a Town Hall meeting in the Activity room every month. That is a great opportunity to ask us any questions, talk about upcoming events and even meet new people! Speaking of events, we are looking forward to another Hawaiian Luau this month on Thursday, August 18th. We had so much fun at our Luau last year. You do not want to miss it!
Sincerely,
Natalie Fox
Executive Director

## Green Gem

August's birthstone, peridot, is known for its lime-green color, which varies in intensity due to the amount of iron present. The Romans called it "the evening emerald," as the gem appeared dark green in lamplight.



## Quench Thirst With Lemonade

For many, nothing satisfies summertime thirst better than a chilled glass of lemonade. Research shows that sour flavors stimulate salivation, which hydrates the mouth and creates a thirst-quenching feeling long after the drink is finished.
Additional studies also suggest that tart flavors and scents, especially citrus, are often associated with refreshment.


## Positive Thought

"Even the simplest choice can make a jaw-dropping difference in our world." Tom Hanks

## August Employee of the Month



Anna-Kay is our August employee of the month. She is a CNA for our Assisted Living Community. She has been with us at The Devonshire for 3 months. When asked what she loves most about working with seniors she said, "I get to meet people from all walks of life and hear their stories." She loves to make people happy and likes to get things accomplished. In her spare time, she likes to cook, shop, read, and spend time with family and friends. A couple of places that she would like to visit are Mexico \& Dubai. One of her career goals is to become a Nurse Practitioner.

## Immunization Awareness

August is Immunization Awareness Month and a good time to check with your physician to make sure you are up to date on all of your vaccinations. Remember, flu season is approaching, and it's important to get your flu shot when it becomes available.

## Time for Lunch

A quick break, usually around noon, lunch is a time to feed your body, rest your brain and recharge for the next part of your day. We've packed up some info about lunch in America and abroad.

- The average lunch break for those who work outside the home is about 30 minutes.
- Leftovers from last night's dinner or a sandwich, soup and salad are popular go-to lunch meals.
- Sandwiches are standard lunch fare in England, France and the Netherlands.
- Why do we call it lunch? It's a short form of the word luncheon, which was used as far back as the 1500s to describe a light meal in between two bigger meals.
- The midday bite to eat became an essential and portable meal away from home during the Industrial Revolution of the 1800s. Workers needed the break to keep up with their long hours at factory jobs.
- In some countries, such as Brazil, Spain, Russia and Saudi Arabia, lunch is often the main meal of the day and may take place later in the afternoon.
- Serving about 5 billion meals to U.S. schoolkids every year, the National School Lunch Program was created in 1946.
- Mickey Mouse became the first licensed character to appear on a lunchbox back in 1935.
- Lunches in Japan are packed into wooden or plastic bento boxes, which have small compartments to separate different foods. In India, round metal tiffin boxes are used to carry meals.

