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Walnut Village Welcomes the West Coast Pops Orchestra

Community event is among many performances that delights residents throughout the year

Orange County's own West Coast Pops Orchestra, will perform at Walnut Village Retirement Community from 7-8 p.m. July 9. Styled after the famed Boston Pops, West Coast Pops' repertoire includes favorite light classics, television and movie themes, Broadway shows and pop and jazz tunes, including vocal and instrumental soloists.

"Each time the Pops perform here our courtyard is filled with music, joy and good cheer," said Walnut Village Life Enrichment Director Judi Marsh. "Residents and prospective residents are invited to attend this special evening."

The third annual appearance at Walnut Village of West Coast Pops will



be followed by a decadent dessert bar created by Walnut Village's own Executive Chef Stephen Carrasco. If you'd like to join the fun, RSVP to this free event by calling **714-507-7005** by **July 3**. Seating is limited. Tours of Walnut Village will be available before and after the performance.

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Enjoy Village Life Today!

Be our guest for a tour and lunch at Orange County's most award-winning continuing care retirement community.

The weather is delightful and there is always something to enjoy at the Village. We have a limited number of accommodations available so schedule your tour today by calling **714-507-7005**. Let us show you how great village life can be!

Village Lifestyle:

Meet Sam Anchidin: Director of Plant Operations The man who gets things done!

It's 8 a.m. at Walnut Village and Sam Anchidin, director of plant operations, has just arrived at work. But before he heads to his office, he takes his usual walk around the community greeting residents.

"Good morning kind sir, please let me know if you have any requests for service today," Sam says with a smile to a resident. "Hello kind ma'am, I hope the work we did in your home yesterday did not disturb you too much," he tells another resident. "You are so kind," the resident responds.

Residents call Sam ... "the man who gets things done."

"My goal every day is to discover residents' needs before they need to fill out a work order," Sam said. "I want to be proactive."

As an experienced environmental services director Sam knows the inner workings of Walnut Village like the back of his hand. In fact, the Anaheim native literally saw Walnut Village being built from the ground up.

"I live just a few miles away so I followed the

construction," Sam said. "It is such a beautiful community. When it first opened I told my wife ... I'm going to work there some day."

Sam got his wish in 2015 when he joined the Walnut Village team. "I remember my first day walking through the door and everyone was so friendly," he said. "It was like I had been here for years. I couldn't believe it."

In his nearly two years on the job, Sam has taken customer service to heart. Whether he's hanging holiday decorations, fixing a leaking faucet, helping residents hang pictures, making "green" improvements to the Village or just asking about a resident's day, Sam enjoys his daily interactions.

"You can never give out enough kindness particularly to residents," Sam said. "No matter how small the job, I ask my staff to take pride in their work because they may think they play a small role but I tell them it's an important role in meeting residents' needs."



Resident Profile

Walnut Village Keeps Lifelong Friends Together

Every day new friendships are made. Some are neighborly and some, like the strong bond between Shirley Cobb and Dee Konyak are cherished and meant to last a lifetime.

Shirley and Dee have a knack for finishing each other's sentences. That's not difficult if you have been friends for nearly 50 years.

"We first met in 1968," Shirley said. "Our husbands were Elks Lodge brothers."

"I lived in South Gate and Shirley lived in nearby La Habra," Dee continued. "Now we both live at Walnut Village and we couldn't be happier."

Throughout the 1970s, '80s, '90s and 2000s, the fast friends would travel together, play cards together, shop together, explore swap meets together, cruise together and spend time at each other's homes during the fall and winter holidays. Coincidentally, or maybe not, their daughters are also the best of friends like their mothers.

"The funny thing is we like different things but always seem to find common ground that has kept us friends for so long," Shirley said.

Because they have different interests, Shirley and Dee often do their own thing at Walnut Village. Dee



can be found at Clay's art studio in the village square or attending a drum circle, arranging flowers at the Lifelong Learning Center or playing Mahjong. Shirley, on the other hand, serves as a docent at the Nixon Library, attends craft classes and, on occasion, shoots a game of her new found hobby, billiards, at the Red Chair Lounge.

"One thing we make sure to do together is have dinner every Friday night," Shirley said. "We make sure we don't miss that."

"Sometimes we go a week without seeing each other but every Friday we're together," Dee said.

Dee moved to Walnut Village first. Shirley followed a few months later, impressed with what she saw after visiting her friend.

"I wouldn't say Walnut Village brought us together but it sure keeps us together," Shirley said.



Bistro and Red Chair Lounge Expand and Improve

Two resident-favorite areas of Walnut Village have received improvements – the Red Chair Lounge and Mosaics bistro (left).

Residents love to gather at the Red Chair Lounge for happy hour, card playing, wine tasting, billiards, piano music and special events. Come see our new décor!

Morning, noon or night, you will find residents grabbing a bite to eat at Mosaics. The popular eatery has been expanded with additional booths, tables and counter seating with a view of the village square. Next door, the resident store, 'Nutshell,' is expanded with more great gifts and goodies for sale!





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Formed nearly 25 years ago, West Coast Pops has been dedicated to enlightening, educating and delighting Southern California families, friends and visitors.

The Pops concert is just one of many musical groups appearing at Walnut Village throughout the year.

“Musical groups and solo artists from many genres

appear here regularly including Beach City Band, Julliard-trained pianist Beth Sussman, the Orange County Preservation Hall Jazz Band, a Blue Grass group called Lilies of the West and resident favorite, piano man Joe Tatar, who packs residents in at the Red Chair Lounge,” Judi said. “Along with our monthly ‘Birthday Show’ that highlights residents’ talents, Walnut Village is no stranger to good entertainment.”

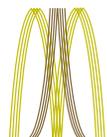
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