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Orange County's award-winning continuing care retirement community.

## Texas Couple Enjoys Back-Home Hospitality at Walnut Village

As self-described social people, Ellen and Doug Boston were pleasantly surprised when they spent a few nights at Walnut Village prior to choosing from among several senior living communities to which to live.

After being shown around by the sales team, the Texas couple asked

if they could explore Walnut Village on their own. As they strolled the community, several staff and residents struck up conversations.

“It was amazing,” Doug said. “The chef just happened to walk by us. Not recognizing us, he asked if

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Doug and Ellen Boston find Texas hospitality at Walnut Village.

## Enjoy the West Coast Pops Under the Stars at Walnut Village

Orange County's own West Coast Pops Orchestra will perform at Walnut Village from 7 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, July 16, 2023 and you're invited!

There will be a special pre-concert reception for interested guests at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine and other refreshments. Guests may request a tour during the pre-concert reception.

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.



The West Coast Pops entertain residents in 2022.

“The West Coast Pops always put on an entertaining and delightful performance in the courtyard of Walnut Village,” said Sales and Marketing Director Susan Bernstein. “Village Living newsletter readers are invited to be our guests and attend this special evening with our residents. It's an opportunity to enjoy a good time under the stars.”

If you would like to attend the pre-concert reception and concert, kindly RSVP by July 10, 2023 by calling **714-507-7003** or via email at **WVsales@frontporch.net**.

# Walnut Village scheduled to Expand Memory Care in 2024

Construction is currently in progress on an expansion of Summer House, Walnut Village's memory care neighborhood that serves people diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

The expansion project includes 29 private apartments and one companion apartment that will all be dedicated for memory care. In addition, seven independent living apartments will be built.

The new memory care accommodations, called Summer House II, are being built on the site of the former Walnut Village skilled rehabilitation center, which closed in 2020. Like the original Summer House, Summer House II will be a protected neighborhood with a private dining room, participatory kitchen, family room, state-of-the-art sensory room, and family meeting spaces. The independent living portion of the project will feature an 18-seat purpose-built theater for all Walnut Village residents to enjoy.

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he could help us find anything. The gardener did the same. But what really surprised us was when we told a resident we are considering moving in, he invited us into his home to show us his floor plan and asked if he could answer any questions about the community and lifestyle. That type of culture of caring is everywhere here and it comes from the top down. That made a big impact on us.”

After moving in three years ago to a two-bedroom, first-floor apartment with a patio view of the community's Serenity Garden, the couple's lives continued to blossom. Doug, a retired commercial pilot decided to learn billiards and enjoys a weekly lesson taught by an expert player. Ellen, a former educator and homemaker, loves to play cards like bridge and hand and foot (a game similar to canasta). New friends also introduced her to euchre, a card game popular in the Midwest, which she loves. The quilting group is her chance to catch up with friends while quilting for local charities. And a few years ago, the couple helped establish the monarch butterfly garden a few feet outside their home.

Doug works out in the fitness center while Ellen enjoys the indoor saltwater pool. “Swimming is very important to me,” she said. “That was a major factor in our decision to move here.” Ellen is also a member of the community's Hospitality Committee, an opportunity for her to welcome new residents to the Village just as she and Doug were welcomed.

“That committee really fits my personality,” Ellen said. “I love meeting new people and making new friends.”

While Ellen is busy enjoying her interests, Doug is happy to volunteer as treasurer of the Resident Council and entertain fellow residents by singing in the Walnut Village Chorale.

The Bostons moved to Walnut Village from the Dallas suburbs after realizing their home was beginning to become a burden. They were looking for a not-for-profit, continuing care retirement community.

“We wanted to live in a CCRC because once we moved here we did not want to move again,” Doug said. “We chose a not-for-profit community because it matches our values of giving back to the community in which we live. The best part about it is that our son lives nearby.”

If there is one piece of advice the Bostons would give those looking to make a move to a senior living community, it would be not to wait too long.

“If you wait you may not have the vitality and stamina to enjoy all of the choices you will have, especially here at Walnut Village.” Come see for yourself how great Village life can be. And while visiting, ask to meet Doug and Ellen.

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## Pamela Lowe Says Trust is the Key to Having Happy and Healthy Residents

When it comes to the health and well-being of residents, building a trusting relationship is the key, says Pamela Lowe, director of health services at Walnut Village.

“Trust is the most important part of my job,” Pamela said. “Residents need to feel comfortable coming to me with any health issues so I can help and I need to feel comfortable going to them with observations about their health if I see things they need to know about. I want residents to live their best lives here.”

Pamela started at Walnut Village more than a decade ago as a part-time licensed vocational nurse and was soon promoted to assisted living manager and then to her current position as director of Health Services.

Helping residents make healthy improvements to their lives is what Pamela finds most rewarding about her work. She is responsible for the health and wellbeing of all 200-plus residents as well as the supervision and training of more than 30 caregivers working at Walnut Village.

“I make sure that if a resident is ill or they have questions about medication, preventative care or their overall health, they know we are here to help,” Pamela said.

Pamela oversees Walnut Village’s Truly Yours personal care assisted living program, helps with coordinating weekly doctors’ visits to Walnut Village and scheduling regular podiatry and flu shot clinics to help residents with preventive care. Pamela’s team also helps with incidental medical care such as home health, physical and occupational therapy as well as in-house dental services.

“Residents always have the option of seeing the medical staff we bring in as an alternative to seeing their own doctor,” Pamela said.

Her relationships go beyond those with residents, often times extending to family members. “Many family members rely on me to be



*Pamela Lowe provides excellent care at Walnut Village.*

their eyes and ears with regard to their mothers’ or fathers’ health,” Pamela said. “Family members count on us to know how their loved one is doing. It is our job to know the answer.”

Pamela has held many positions in her decades long career as a nurse and pharmacy tech, but she has a special place in her heart caring for older adults. “I have always enjoyed being with older people,” she said. “In the time I have been at Walnut Village, this remains true. “Geriatrics may be my specialty but building relationships with those I serve is my passion.”

“Pamela and her colleagues at Walnut Village provide exceptional love and care,” said a family member of a recent resident. Let Pamela and her team help you live your best life at Walnut Village.

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## Enjoy New Opportunities at Walnut Village

Now you can call Walnut Village home and experience its renowned spirit of community by either choosing an entrance fee option, with lower monthly fees, or our **month-to-month option** with NO entrance fee. Now is the time to enjoy the lifestyle you have always dreamed of at Walnut Village. Please contact the Walnut Village sales office today at **714-507-7003** or **WVsales@frontporch.net** for details and to schedule a tour.





# A Message of Gratitude

Even our trusted vendors feel like family when they come to share their talents with residents at Walnut Village. Massage therapist and nail technician Dawn Castiglione is no exception. Read what Dawn has to say about her experience interacting with residents and staff.

“A smiling face poked her head into the salon door the other day to say, ‘Hey, come help yourself to the food prepared for our employee appreciation event. You are appreciated here, too!’

“It gave me pause, as an overwhelming feeling of gratitude and belonging washed over me. I began to take greater notice of the little things that are done around here that make our lives so much easier and richer and which sets Walnut Village apart from other communities.

“Freshly laundered towels appear in the salon, flowers and trees on our campus are lovingly attended to and the maintenance and housekeeping teams work hard to make Walnut Village look its best.

“In the massage room, a conscientious team member

has prepared warm towels and the perfect ambiance, so that an upcoming appointment will go smoothly.

“Elsewhere, around a meeting table, residents leading one of many committees here, discuss what they can do next to enhance the residents’ experience. While in the courtyard, veterans are being celebrated for their service to our country.

“While speaking at the last Town Hall meeting (and even more so by staying to listen to every other speaker there), I realized why this spirit of service to others appears in every corner of our community: Walnut Village has, and continuously shows, respect for its residents and its employees alike. You can’t replace that underlying quality with any other aspect of community living.”

With renewed appreciation for our many blessings,

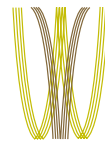
*Dawn Castiglione*



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“Ever since Walnut Village opened more than a decade ago, it has been evolving to best meet residents’ needs,” said Executive Director Debbie Infield. “Summer House II is no exception. Like the original Summer House, Summer House II will provide engaging, compassionate care that emphasizes dignity and whole-person wellbeing.”

Summer House II is scheduled to open in 2024. For more information about Summer House at Walnut Village, call **714-507-7003** or email **WVsales@frontporch.net**.



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