

Great River Homes, Inc.

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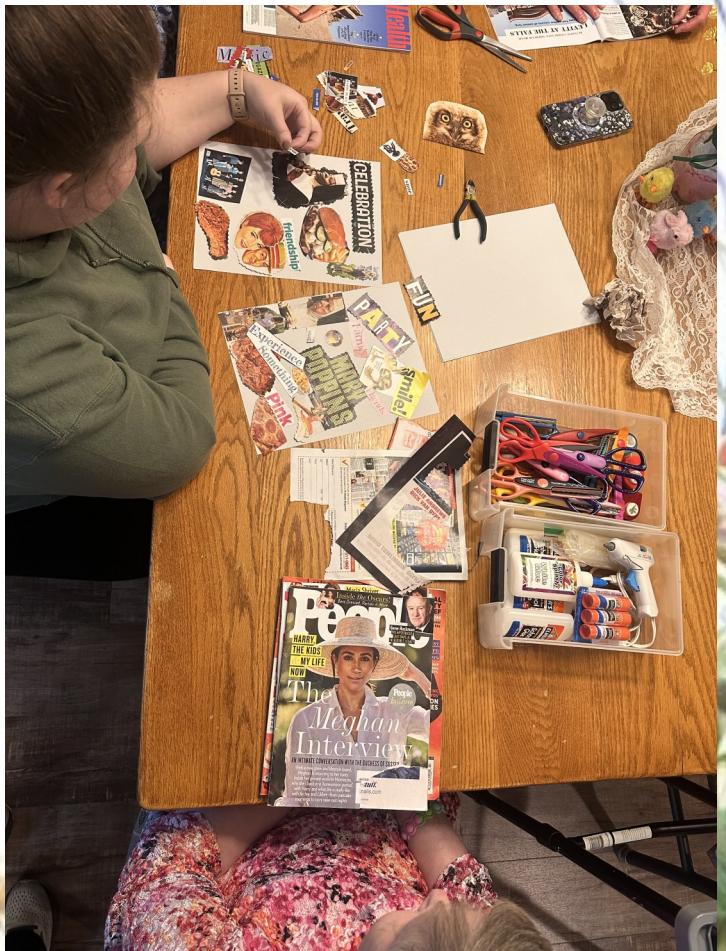
As spring continued to make its presence known throughout May, the ladies enjoyed a month filled with fun activities, creativity, and making the most of Minnesota's ever-changing weather. From community events and outdoor adventures to arts and crafts projects, everyone found opportunities to stay active, connect with friends, and explore their interests.

One of the highlights of the month was attending the Spring Formal Dance. Bernie, LaVonne, and Willie enjoyed an evening of music, dancing, socializing with friends, and creating wonderful memories. The event brought plenty of smiles and laughter as they celebrated together and enjoyed the festive atmosphere. When the weather cooperated, the ladies also took advantage of opportunities to spend time outdoors. Bernie especially enjoyed a stroll through Krueger Park, appreciating the fresh air and beauty of the season. With temperatures fluctuating and spring allergies affecting many of us, we balanced outdoor activities with cozy indoor options when needed.

Creativity continued to shine throughout the month as crafting remained a favorite activity. LaVonne and Donna both participated in a collage competition organized by the central office, with staff assisting them in cutting and organizing materials. Their hard work and creativity were evident in the finished projects. LaVonne was thrilled to earn a blue ribbon and first-place honors for her collage, while Donna's collage was equally impressive and showcased her artistic talents. In addition to crafting, Donna and LaVonne have rediscovered their love of baking and enjoyed spending time together in the kitchen creating delicious treats.

Throughout the month, the ladies also enjoyed spending time with friends, attending activities in the community, and participating in events that supported friendships, personal interests, and community involvement. It was wonderful to see everyone staying engaged and making meaningful memories.

As we look ahead to June, we are excited for all the adventures, activities, and opportunities the summer season will bring. We are proud of the creativity, enthusiasm, and positive spirit shown throughout May and look forward to making many more memories together in the months ahead.









This newsletter segment will hopefully help you learn more about Great River Homes, Inc. Here we will discuss agency processes, things that affect us, and ways you can help.

Commissioned by Louis XIV, Versailles began as a hunting lodge but evolved into a 700-room palace with the Hall of Mirrors and vast gardens. Over 36,000 workers labored on it, making it the political and cultural center of France for centuries. While the 700-room Versailles structure is very impressive, an impressive building does not ensure a good home.

By definition, a house is a building that serves as living quarters. Currently, Great River Homes provides services to individuals in eight different houses. Of the eight current houses, six of the houses were constructed by Great River Homes. Two other residential homes were purchased and remodeled. Key considerations for the housing were accessibility, safety, functionality, comfort, and appearance.

By definition, a home is a social unit formed by living together in a familiar or usual setting. Occasionally, we receive phone calls from community members who mistakenly think Great River Homes is a construction company that builds houses. While quality housing is vital in helping Donna, LaVonne, Willie, and Bernie live their best life, the ultimate mission of Great River Homes is to build homes, not houses.

While houses are built using construction materials, ethics serve as the foundation for a home where individuals feel secure and can live their best lives. Great River Homes belongs to the National Alliance for Direct Service Professionals, and we seek to follow their Code of Ethics. Values referenced in the Code of Ethics include person-centered supports, emotional and physical well-being, integrity, fairness, respect, relationships, and personal autonomy. Compared to a supportive, vibrant home where individuals are encouraged to pursue their dreams, even the most elegant structures, such as Versailles, pale in importance.

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