

Fresh from the Garden



DECEMBER EVENTS

Employee Discount Days 50% Off

December 1 & 2
December 15 & 16
December 29 & 30

First Day of Winter

December 21

Christmas Eve

Stores Open until 5pm
December 24

Christmas Day

Stores Closed
December 25

Kwanzaa

December 26

New Year's Eve

Stores Open until 5pm
December 31



Goodwill Goes a Long Way

by John Darin, President



During the month of December our customers are busy decking the halls and preparing for holiday parties and events in their homes. It is also a time where many look to serve their communities and give back to their neighborhoods, help the less fortunate or offer a gesture of goodwill to those in need.

At English Gardens, we participate in many local events and fundraisers throughout the season: Festival of Trees to support Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation; Forgotten Harvest to help fight hunger and food insecurities in Metro Detroit; and a Toys for Tots collection box at our Clinton Township location.

I know several English Gardens team members volunteer at their local churches, food pantries, and hospitals during the month. I would like to thank everyone for all the kind deeds you do throughout the year for others in the community.

While providing goodwill in your locations this month, don't forget to make our customers feel special about shopping with us by wishing everyone a hearty Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And be sure to say: Thank you for shopping with us. A simple message puts everyone in the holiday spirit.

*I wish you and your family a wonderful,
healthy, and happy holiday!*

Merry Christmas

John Darin



Tell Us About It



Clinton Township - I came in to look for advice on decorating my church tree. Jenna was beyond my expectation; she was so energetic and helpful. She loves what she does.

Dearborn Heights - OMG where do I begin!?! Erin is absolutely awesome on all levels. The store was out of the product I needed and she went above and beyond to call other stores and have it shipped to me!

Plymouth - Very helpful staff, generous with their helpful information! Beautiful displays, so much variety of everything. I love going to English Gardens!

West Bloomfield - Lisa and Pam were terrific, helpful, patient, kind and knowledgeable. They assisted me with a large purchase for a senior citizen project and event.

Royal Oak - Gale D. was very knowledgeable, friendly, and helpful when I needed assistance at the store. She was very cheerful and positive, and I will return to that store!

Eastpointe - Store was well stocked and attractive!



ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT



EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

Years of Service	Employee Name	Location
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MANAGERS:

7	Danielle Roffe	CT
5	Eric Stanis	PN

ASSOCIATES:

7	Julie Cronenwett	MO
3	Edward Frank	RO
2	Carlos Murillo-Villa	LC
1	Shelley Stevens	RO

Get to Know YOUR ENGLISH GARDENS TEAM!

Sarah Sorensen Landscape Administrative Assistant

Five fun facts about Sarah:

1. I am a certified barista from Starbucks.
2. I enjoy gardening and teaching myself how to preserve what I have grown.
3. I enjoy going out line-dancing and learning new dances.
4. During the Summer I always look forward to going up north to kayak the AuSable River.
5. I am related to Charles E. Sorensen, who was responsible for the planning and construction of the Willow Run Bomber Plant.



Congratulations ON YOUR PROMOTION!

Nick Banks Bedding Plant Merchandising Manager

- Nick has been promoted to Bedding Plant Merchandising Manager. He will assume the role full time in January 2023
- Nick started as a Customer Loading Assistant in West Bloomfield in 2009. Through the years he earned promotions to Manager in Training, Department Sales Manager, Operations Manager and most recently General Manager of the Dearborn Heights location
- He is a great example of the career path opportunities that exist at English Gardens. With each promotion, it was Nick's passion, drive and work ethic that propelled him to the next level
- Nick is very excited for this next step in his career path! We all look forward to watching him continue to grow and develop



DECEMBER

As the year comes to a close, most of us find ourselves in the company of the people we love most. It's a great time of the year to enjoy all our holiday traditions spending time with friends and family and reflect on the past year.

I know for me it's a wonderful time to also wind down and just be in the moment and savor everything I am thankful for. Sometimes I even like to light candles and play my favorite music. If you have never done this, you will be surprised how relaxing and enjoyable this can be!

I know all of you have been so busy in the stores as well as balancing time with family and friends during this festive time of year.

I hope you take time to enjoy yourself and make time to surround yourself with the people you love and the things you love to do.

Even small pleasures like reading or listening to a good book or movie or enjoying a special meal can bring joy and happiness.

With the new year right around corner, enjoy the rest of 2022!

Love, love, love, Florine

In May 2021, Florine Mark sold her Weight Watchers franchise in Michigan and Ontario. She continues to write her monthly column for our newsletter as a Wellness influencer, Author, Motivational Speaker, and Podcast Host. Connect with her at: FlorineMark.com.

8 physician-approved ways to

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USE A HUMIDIFIER

Controlling humidity levels throughout your home with a humidifier, such as Vicks cool and warm mist models, can help prevent the survival of flu viruses on surfaces and in the air.



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Touching your mouth, nose or eyes can transport germs from your hands to your face.



CLEAN COMMON AREAS

Keeping areas like countertops and door handles clean can help prevent the spread of germs from one person to the next.



WASH YOUR HANDS

By using soap and water to clean your hands often, you can keep germs at bay.

Up to **20%** of the U.S. population becomes infected with the flu any given year.

FEND OFF THE FLU WITH THESE TIPS



GET SOME SLEEP

Consistent healthy nights of sleep – 7 or 8 hours for most adults – give the body the rest it requires to fight viruses.



EXERCISE OFTEN

Stay strong physically and build your cardiovascular system with regular workouts and a training regimen.



EAT HEALTHY

Consuming nutritious foods can help boost your immune system so your body can put up a better fight.



GET YOUR FLU SHOT

Getting vaccinated can help stop the flu virus before it starts by building antibodies in the body, providing a line of defense against infection.

Landscape Company **LIGHTS UP**

The Town

*The Village of Rochester Hills
& The Mall at Partridge Creek*

