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Tracy Lathan Administrator

Happy Holidays to the Village of Oakland Woods!

Last month, our Veterans Day event was a wonderful success, and I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving brunch as much as I did. As the year draws to a close, December invites us to embrace both the excitement of the season and the nostalgia it brings.

This is a time for celebrations, reflection, and fresh beginnings—a perfect opportunity to come together with family, friends, and our community. December reminds us of the joy of giving and the importance of connection. As you plan your holiday activities, take a moment to focus on what truly matters: creating meaningful memories and sharing love with those around you.

Important Reminder for Residents

During recent unit inspections, we’ve noticed furniture, clothing, and other items blocking vents in several homes. This creates safety concerns and can lead to issues with your furnace. To ensure the safety and efficiency of your unit, please remove anything obstructing your vents. If this is not addressed, it may result in a lease violation.

We appreciate your attention to this matter, as we’ve had to repair or replace several furnaces recently. Let’s work together to keep your home safe and comfortable this winter season.

Wishing you all a warm and wonderful holiday season!



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Office News

Sharon Benton & Stephanie Daniel
Administrative/Receptionist

Season's Greetings

All of our resident should be receiving their Social Security Awards Letter for 2025. It is very important that you submit a copy to the office. Your social security letter should be kept in a safe place where you can find it. We will make a copy and return the original to you.

Everyone will continue to receive a recertification package. **PLEASE** read the cover sheet and follow the instruction on how to properly fill out the paperwork. More often than not, we have to return papers to have them corrected, because they are not filled out correctly. To save us and you time, please follow the instructions carefully.

When making appointments, please stick to the day and time that's schedule for you. If for some reason you can't make your appointment please let the office know A.S.A.P. Showing up late or not at all puts us in a bind.

Let's talk Christmas! Christmas is a time to reflect on the birth of Jesus Christ, so let us remember that Jesus is the reason for the season.

Here at the Village Of Oakland Woods we are a diverse community from all walks of life that celebrate Christmas at different times and ways. Here just a few:

December 6th—Saint Nicholas Day—Christian
December 8th—Rohatus (Bodhi Day) Buddhist
December 8th—Immaculate Conception—Catholic
December 10th—18th—Hanukkah—Judaism
December 16th—Pasadas Navidenas—Christian
December 25th—Christmas—Christian
December 26th—Jan 1st—Kawanzaa—African American



Sales and Leasing News

Live on your own terms with PACE Southeast Michigan

Medicare Open Enrollment season is almost here. At PACE Southeast Michigan, we offer a comprehensive healthcare program aimed at preserving independence, dignity and a high quality of life for older adults.

You may qualify for PACE services if you...

Are 55 years or older

- Can live safely in the community with the support of PACE Southeast Michigan services
- Qualify for nursing home-level care

Reside in Macomb County, Wayne County or Oakland County.

PACE Southeast Michigan is committed to helping older adults live in the community and age in their own residence. To do this, we focus on preventive care. Learn how you can age in place at your Presbyterian Villages of Michigan residence and rely on PACE Southeast Michigan for all-inclusive care (medical, spiritual and social) designed with seniors in mind.

The PACE difference:

PACE Southeast Michigan uses Medicare, Medicaid and private funds to cover all medically necessary care including specialized care, physical therapy, medication, transportation to appointments and much more.

PACE participants are at the center of their care plans, and our team works with you and your loved ones to create an individualized care plan.

Our day health centers in Detroit, Dearborn, Eastpointe, Clinton Township, Sterling Heights, Southfield, Pontiac and soon Westland offer safe, fun environments for you to receive care and socialize.

To speak with a PACE Southeast Michigan Enrollment and Outreach Representative, please call us at [\(855\) 445-4554](tel:855-445-4554) (TTY: 711).



Maintenance News

Rick Petrella/Maintenance Supervisor

AFTER HOURS OR HOLLIDAY MAINTENANCE EMERGENCY:

248-330-0213 OR 248-310-0129

Please call the main office for all maintenance requests

MONDAY—FRIDAY 8:30AM—4:30 PM

The emergency maintenance number is for an emergency maintenance request **ONLY** and should not be used for normal maintenance requests.

An emergency maintenance request is any event that has caused major damaged to the property and/or is causing damage to the property and requires immediate attention. This also includes any condition related to the property that is life threatening. Below are examples of events and conditions that are considered Emergency Maintenance requests and suggested actions to follow:

- No Heat if temper inside is less than 60 degrees F
- No A/C if temp inside is more than 82 degrees F
- Gas leak—call Consumers first then call maintenance
- No power in unit
- Refrigerator not working
- Lock out
- Water leak call and we will determine if it can wait until work hours
- Carbon Monoxide detected
- Broken lock or window
- Clogged toilet if only one toilet in unit—Asking resident to please purchase a plunger
- Any other condition that effects safety or is necessary to preserve the condition of the unit.

Maintenance should not be called for a medical emergency, such as a resident wandering or someone who has fallen. In case of a medical emergency, press the lifeline button or call 911 immediately.

Staff is not allowed to pick up anyone who has fallen. 911 should be called immediately if someone falls.

If you have any questions regarding this emergency response process, please ask the Administrator.

Service News

Terri Price & Angela Morton-Beavers
Service Coordinators



**Greetings from your Service Coordinators
Angela Morton-Beaver & Terri Price**

Can you believe we are in the month of December! The month brings the beauty of decorations, Christmas Carols, lights and most of all the “reason for the season”

Although this is a busy month, please plan to attend our December events.

- **Wednesday, December 11th @ 11:30am—Lakeshore Legal Community Engagement Coordinator, Courtney Marshall will be here. Come learn about advance directives, living will, funeral arrangement and estate planning.**

A Few December observances to note:

- **December 1st World AIDS Day**
- **December 3rd International Day of Persons with Disability**
- **December 1st—7th National Handwashing Awareness Week**
- **December 2nd—6th National Influenza Vaccination Week**
- **Impaired Driving Prevention Month**
- **National Safe Toys and Gifts Month**

We are praying for each of you and your family. Blessings of peace, joy hope and the love of Christ during the holiday season and always.

Wellness News

Anita Norwood/Wellness Coordinator

Hello, Village of Oakland Woods Residents!!

Highlights of our November Activities

Franklin Cider Mill Trip Recap

We had a fantastic day trip to the Franklin Cider Mill and couldn't wait to share our experience. First, we were treated to deliciously grilled hot dogs, infused with the rich cider flavors. It was a delightful twist on a classic favorite that we all savored. The smoky aroma and the sweet cider glaze made every bite a culinary delight!

Of course, a trip to the Franklin Cider Mill would only be complete with a taste of their fresh apple cider. Crisp, refreshing, and perfectly sweetened, it was the ideal accompaniment to our hot dogs. We also indulged in an array of sweet treats—donuts, and caramel apples that filled our hearts (and bellies) with joy.

We can't wait for our next adventure and hope many of you can join us. Stay tuned for more exciting trips and activities!

Veterans Day

We had a wonderful guest speaker for Veterans Day, Ms. Inette Slaton. She not only shared her story, but also helped others understand the importance of military service. It was attended by several of our resident veterans as well as civilians. It helped increase appreciation for the service our veterans provide!!

Ruth Peterson Center Friends Giving Bingo Activity

We were invited to join the residents from the Bowen Center and Rutherford Peterson Center for *Friends Giving Bingo*. We had a wonderful time as we played bingo, met new friends, had delicious snacks, and enjoyed this wonderful event together. We had several of our residents win bingo prizes, and the grand prize of the Turkey Scratch Off was won by one of our very own residents; he took home a nice-sized whole turkey!

December Daze

The holiday season is upon us one, and there is a unique buzz in the air that can only mean one thing, it's the most wonderful time of the year! December brings with it a magical daze, filled with twinkling lights, cozy gatherings, and plenty of opportunities to connect with your neighbors here in the village. Whether you are new to the area or a long-time resident, this is the perfect time to celebrate the warmth and charm of our community.

A few of the activities lined up for December

December 4th — Rochester Lights and dinner afterwards (dinner on your own) – 4PM

December 14th – Village Holiday Extravaganza

December 19th – Winter Concert Renaissance High School

Also, on Wednesday December 4th Tickets are available for Meadowbrook Theatre for the 2PM matinee "A Christmas Carol" Tickets are limited, and you must provide your own transportation; see Anita for tickets this December performance. Beginning in January we will begin attending the play as a group with transportation provided by the Village.

Check the calendar for additional fun-filled activities!!

Wellness
happens at
**THE VILLAGE OF
OAKLAND WOODS**

Did you know that we have three recycle bins at the community center

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

NON-RECYCLABLES

- **NO** Pizza Boxes
- **NO** Styrofoam
- **NO** Plastic Bags
- **NO** Plastic Packaging
- **NO** Styrofoam egg cartons
- **NO** Plastic Shopping Bags
- **ONLY** Cardboard egg cartons

ALL RECYCLE ITMES INTO BINS LOOSELY, NOT TIED UP IN A PLASTIC BAG OF ANY KING. ALL BOXES MUST BE BROKEN DOWN. MAKE SURE YOU CLEAN OUT ALL CONTAINERS BEFORE PUTTING INTO BINS.



Birthday Celebration!

The Birthday party will be held on Thursday, December 19th @ 1:00pm. Join us in the Community Room for refreshments, bingo and prizes.

Ruth Curry 12/2

Mamie Wiggins 12/9

Bethann Ross 12/17

Gail Holmes 12/23

Gloria McConner 12/25

David Piotrowski 12/30

Troy Richardson 12/6

Jerry Brain 12/11

Janet DeVold 12/17

Edith Gutowski 12/24

Charlene Wood 12/29

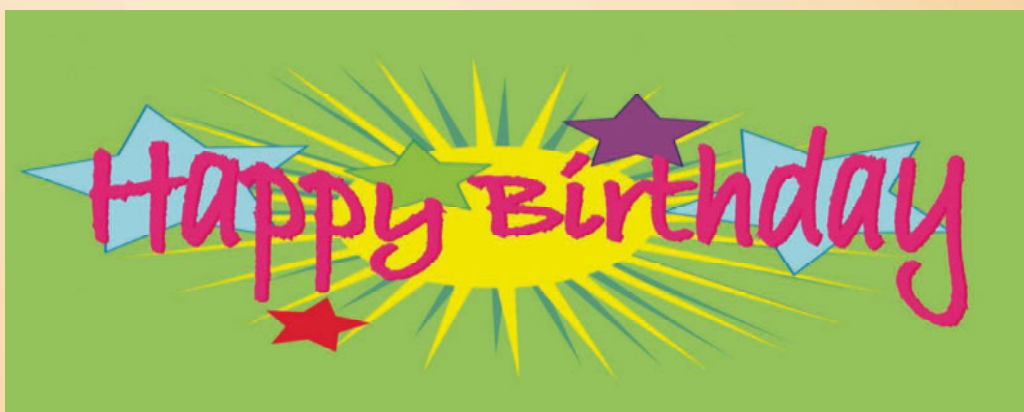
Linda Hondo 12/8

Mardia Bothuel 12/16

Mildred Jones 12/19

Steve Robbin 12/24

Garrett Douglass 12/29



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December 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2 10:30 Fitness Class - 1:30 Christmas Crafts	3 10:00 God's Word & Prayer	4 10:30 Fitness Class - 2:00 Christmas Carol @ Meadow Brook - 4:00 Rochester Lights	5 2:00 Sound Meditation	6 9:00 Walmart - 10:30 Fitness Class - 11:00 Sprout	7	
8	9 10:30 Fitness Class - 1:30 Christmas Card Day	10 10:00 God's Word & Prayer - 2:00 Cardio Drumming	11 10:30 Fitness Class - 11:30 - 12:30 Lakeshore Legal - 2:00 Giant Jenga	12	13 9:00 Hollywood - 10:30 Fitness Class - 11:00 Sprout	14 4:00 - 8:00 Annual Christmas Party	
15	16 10:30 Fitness Class - 1:30 Crafts	17 10:00 God's Word & Prayer - Ugly Christams Sweater Party	18 10:30 Fitness Class - 2:00 Movie	19 1:00 Birthday & Bingo - 6:30 - 8:30 Renaissance Winter Concert	20 9:00 Meijer - 10:30 Fitness Class - 11:00 Sprout	21	
22	23 10:30 Fitness Class - 2:00 Last Minute Gift Wrapping	24 10:00 God's Word & Prayer - Office Closing At 12:00	25 Office Closed for Christmas	26 10:00 Tea Time - 2:00 Table Games	27 9:00 Kroger - 10:30 Fitness Class - 11:00 Sprout	28	
29	30 10:30 Fitness Class - 2:00 Time of Reflections/Vision Board	31 10:00 God's Word's & Prayer - 2:00 Happy New Year	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Large Calendars are Available at the Activities Table</p> </div>				4
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Guided by our
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we serve seniors of
all faiths and create
new possibilities for
quality living.

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