



Bluffview Newsletter

A D M I N I S T R A T I O N

With winter on the horizon, we are working on getting the building decorated and ready for the holidays. The community has several fun events planned for the next few months to keep the winter blues away! We are happy to see our families and friends coming more frequently for visits at Bluffview. This being said, we are seeing an increase in COVID-19 outbreaks among similar Assisted Living facilities in our region. Some individuals have expressed their frustrations to me regarding the COVID-19 symptom checking, visit scheduling, and mask requirements for visits to our community. We understand the frustration, and we wholly empathize with the disconnect that it can create. However, these measures have been put in place for the acute purpose of preventing COVID-19 transmission into Bluffview. Please help us out with these measures and

continue to schedule your visit, wear your paper surgical mask throughout the duration of the visit, and accurately participate in symptom checking. These have been put in place not only for the priority of protecting our residents, but also for the purpose of limiting the possibility of further COVID-19 restrictions that activate if our community reaches outbreak status. I would like to collectively thank everyone that is associated with our community for their continued patience, understanding, and kindness to staff members. Our direct care staff are the cornerstone piece in providing excellent care, and their hard work every day produces favorable results for our residents. Our little ecosystem has certainly been tested, but we will continue to do our best to create a warm and homelike living experience for our residents.

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M c I n n e s*

*“The Joy of brightening other lives,
bearing each others’ burdens, easing each
other’s loads and supplanting empty
hearts and lives with generous gifts
becomes for us the magic of the holidays.”*

-W. C. Jones



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

The environmental services department continues to perform our daily and seasonal tasks: trees and shrubs have been trimmed, carpets in our corridors have recently been cleaned, and we’ve had the duct work cleaned in neighborhoods C & D. Neighborhoods A & B will have duct work cleaned over the next couple months. Our Neighborhood A living room makeover is almost finished; we’ll be adding a couple more pieces soon. Many of the pieces have been donated by our Bluffview family members and staff and are great ways to share memories. We’ll be moving onto our Neighborhood B living room this winter where we hope to create a farming theme. If you have any questions or ideas

feel free to reach out to Rob, Sarah, or myself. Christmas is a special season, and Sarah does a great job getting Bluffview ready to celebrate. We’ve added some new pieces to her holiday decorations this year. These include more Christmas Trees in our neighborhoods, lit trees in our courtyards, and one large Christmas Tree hanging light set on our front light pole. We’ll take advantage of the Alexa sound system in our dining rooms by listening to holiday music, and we’ll wait for an appearance from our own Bluffview Santa... (Rob).

We hope to see you help us celebrate the Holiday Season

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What's Cookin' in the Kitchen?

Happy Holiday's everyone! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The Residents here at Bluffview had the traditional Thanksgiving meal of Roasted Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Stuffing, Cooked squash, Dinner Roll, and Pumpkin Pie. Christmas is coming fast upon us, and the menu is still being worked out.

I'm sure by now, through the media, you have heard that supply shortages are happening throughout the United States. This is also affecting BMC, such as with various food items and paper products. At times, we have had to make some menu adjustments to meet demand which has proven to be challenging.

I am saddened to say that Chris Labakkan our Head Cook has taken a job elsewhere. He will truly be missed, and we wish him well. We have replaced Chris with a highly qualified Chef named Kyra. Kyra has many years in the restaurant business and brings with her strong culinary skills and a knowledge of healthcare settings.

We hope that everyone has a safe and healthy Holiday Season.

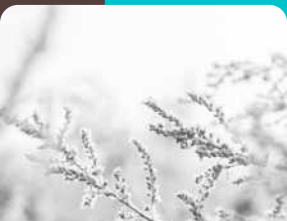
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Resident Health

Since the weather has rapidly skipped Fall and gone straight to Winter, please provide warmer clothing for your loved one. If you are planning on taking your loved one out of the facility for the Holidays, please let us know in advance so we can have them ready to go. If you provide a time frame and how long you will have your loved one out of the building, we can make sure that they

have received their medications. We also want to remind you that if you are questioning whether or not you are sick, please don't come to facility or take your resident out. Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones!

B o b b i K l a v e r





Life Enrichment

The snowflakes are falling, the lights are twinkling, the frost is forming beautiful designs on our windows. The joys of winter are here, and with them come the excitement of Christmas and fresh starts for the New Year. Bluffview has been happy to welcome five UWL students from the Therapeutic Recreation Department in a new clinical rotation where the students learn hands-on experience about working with residents and learning the process of planning, facilitating, and charting programs. Most of the students will finish their rotation this month, but there are a few who have asked to stay on! We are excited to continue with a large variety of programs such as Music, Painting, many Holiday programs, and even a trip to see the Rotary Lights is in the works. At the moment, we are still asking that when you visit to stay in your loved one's apartment; though we are "counting" the days until you can join us in the activities once again!

Sarah Pedretti

Welcome to our Newest Employees!

Resident Care Coordinators:

Destiney Sveen
 Kendra Rickert (RCC3)
 Kiersten Gardner (RCC3)

Life Enrichment:

Andrea Richmond
 Ashley Folker (UWL Clinical Rotation)

Dietary:

Heather Marshall
 Kyra Horaitis

Housekeeping:

Cole Brady
 Cindy Pederson
 James Wiley
 Katrina Pierce

