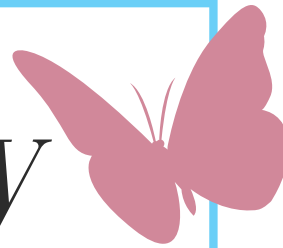


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ADMINISTRATION

As we move into a more open society, the team at Bluffview has been slowly switching from pandemic-mode to a more normalized operation. Throughout the pandemic, we gained a tremendous amount of momentum towards a unified approach to care. As your community care team partners, we hope to carry this momentum forward through the next few years.

A major operational goal that we have recently started to pursue centers around a more beautiful living environment for our residents. Bluffview should serve not only as a living community for residents, but as a meeting point for all of our resident's loved ones and a place to continue life. Over the summer, we have taken on a variety of projects to improve the aesthetic and sensory beauty of our building. As you drive in to visit your loved one, you will notice the newly planted flowers around our entire entrance to the building. We have chosen purple flowers for Alzheimer's awareness, golden flowers to honor the beautiful lives our residents have lived, and white flowers to represent a hope for a cure. These flowers have been placed around our front sign, our central parking lot light, and in select areas of the front garden.

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Additionally, we recently took on the project of clearing brush around our rear service drive to expose the wildflower prairie which extends to the farm field directly East of the building. This wildflower prairie has the same color palette as the front planted flowers. The prairie is visible from East-facing resident rooms and living rooms. I also want to remind families and friends that you are always welcome to take your loved one out for a walk! We have future plans to connect the walkways in a circle around the building to provide a safe, accessible walking trail for anyone who wishes to enjoy the natural outdoor beauty. But for now, you are welcome to walk along the service road behind the building to observe the wildflowers.

Finally, we have focused on cleaning up the pond's water in the front of the building so our fish will be more visible and enjoyable to residents. The pond cleanup is a work in progress, but we expect a more crystal-clear water for the next season as our treatments and filters are able to do their work. This focus has also extended to the interior of the facility. We are currently testing a series of sound-deadening

panels for our dining rooms. The ultimate goal is to cut out any echo, improve the sound quality of our dining room music, and provide a more comfortable dining experience overall. Currently, a set of panels is hanging in Bravo's dining room. The community has all agreed that these panels have a good effect on the dining atmosphere. We have plans to install these panels in all dining rooms through the next few months.

If you have any suggestions or would like to see anything added to our list, please send me an email or give me a call! The team here would be happy to receive input to better serve you and our residents.

On another note, I do want to touch on the looming possibility of more COVID-19 Delta Variant related lockdowns. We remain in contact with DHS and await guidance on the direction we should take to ensure a safe living environment above all else. Currently, the State of Wisconsin maintains the same protocol for Long-Term Care that we have operated under for the past few months. If we have any future restrictions or lockdowns, these will be communicated to POAs immediately upon our receipt. As always, please give me a call or send me an email with any comments or concerns.

ROBERT MCINNES, ADMINISTRATOR



*“Deep summer
is when
laziness finds
respectability.”
—Sam Keen*



SUMMER SUN & SHADE

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Summer is in full swing and the weather has been warm. Please check your loved ones' clothing to ensure that they have appropriate clothes for this hot weather. When you arrange to bring in new clothing, please ensure that it is labeled with your loved ones' initials. If you take your loved one outside during your visit with them, please make sure that they are in the shade or are wearing a hat and sunscreen and try not to stay out too long. We have hats and sunscreen available if needed. Please ask a staff member for access to them.

If you are planning on going out of town for vacation, please let us know the dates that you will be gone and who should be contacted in your absence in case of emergencies. We are still requiring everyone in the facility to wear a disposable face mask. We also ask that you let us know when you are planning to visit your loved one at least 24 hours in advance.

Thank you for working with us to keep your loved one safe. Stay safe and healthy. We hope to see everyone soon. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

WHAT'S COOKIN' IN THE KITCHEN?

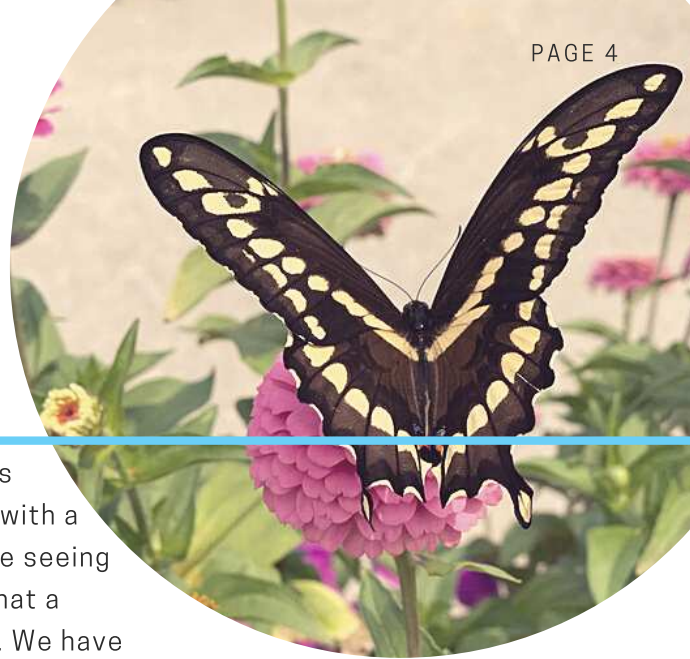
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We are at the middle of summer, and gardens are growing! Sarah in Life Enrichment has a beautiful crop to be harvested of fresh herbs and vegetables. We are looking forward to utilizing these in our recipes such as spaghetti, soups, and casseroles.

Knock on wood, things have been quiet and running smoothly in our kitchen, thanks to our wonderful, devoted staff. We have had some trainees here from other facilities to observe how things run here at BMC. We had our head Cook from our Amery Facility here for two days to train with Chis Labakken, our head cook, and take back to his facility what he has learned here. A big "Thank You" to the kitchen staff for all that they have done!

Keep in mind any nutritional concerns or questions that you may have with your loved one's nutritional status, and please feel free to reach out to me at tatkinson@bluffviewmemorycare.com.





MOVING INTO THE SUN!

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The thunderclouds have clapped, the wind has blown, and sun is now shining through. We are greatly enjoying our summer here with a progression into our normal activities. It's been such a pleasure seeing families walking in the courtyards with their loved ones, and what a difference live music makes to the atmosphere of the building. We have continued with our monthly bonfires and would like to encourage families to join us for this outside activity; you will be required to wear your masks the entire time, but what a joy to join in an activity with your loved one once again! The residents have been enjoying multiple new programs such as a science hour with fun experiments and a Taste of Broadway where our very own Hope Howard performed multiple songs from her favorite Broadway shows.

The department is looking forward to the Bluffview Olympics coming up in August. We will have multiple events that mirror the Summer Olympics happening right now! The different Neighborhoods will be challenging each other for the most medals: Gold, Silver, and Bronze. We will do our best to keep you all updated on who is in the lead and which residents have won which medals!

We would also like to remind everyone that our Alzheimer's Fundraiser is coming up August 27th! We are hosting an Outdoor Movie Showing with the movie starting at 7pm. The 2020 Secret Garden will be shown with popcorn and soda included in the ticket price! Reach out to Sarah if you have any questions!



A REVIEW OF OUR HARD WORK

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As we head into the later part of summer, it's always nice to take a look at the results of our exterior work from spring. The landscaping work has provided us with flowers around the Bluffview sign and the circle turnaround area. Even with the record breaking heat and lack of rain in June our north lawn has shown improvements. We recently cut back the overgrowth along the service drive in back to better see and appreciate the wildflowers that inhabit this area. We plan to continue with landscaping projects that will bring us even more colors for next spring. Inside, our Environmental Services staff continue to plug along, using our microfiber mops. All walls have had the quarterly cleaning and disinfecting task



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completed. Public area carpeting also had the quarterly extraction completed. We are in the process of giving our living rooms a fresh look with each having it's own distinct theme. The scope of the work is a Northwood's Cabin living room, a Farm setting living room, a History/Museum living room and a Nature living room. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions in regards to these projects or our daily, monthly or quarterly tasks.

August 1: Edna
August 5: Jeannine
August 11: Chet
August 17: Eldrid

September 10: Kathryn
September 16: Richard
September 25: Barb



REMEMBERING THOSE PAST

June 9: **Buddy Crouch**
June 9: **Bob Prokop**
June 10: **Peter Dwyer**
June 28: **Dorothy Walski**
June 29: **Rick Hauser**
July 4: **Loren Thomas**
July 6: **Bonnie Tamke**

