

BLUFFVIEW NEWSLETTER

The Official Newsletter for Families and Friends



Administration

By Rob McInnes
rmcinn@bluffviewmemorycare.com

As our initial shock of COVID transitions into our “new normal,” our operations at Bluffview are beginning to re-focus. I can’t emphasize enough how proud I am of our residents, families, and staff members. Everyone in the greater Bluffview community has gracefully carried the burden of isolation and stringent infection control practices. This has allowed us to remain COVID-free and continue in our efforts to provide excellent care. In new news, we welcomed our new Environmental Services Coordinator- Ryan Ray, to the staff at Bluffview at the beginning of July. Ryan comes to us with strong experience in the environmental services field and a desire to make Bluffview as homelike as possible. This new initiative for the building couldn’t have been timed better. With our residents and staff spending their time at Bluffview in an isolated environment, it has allowed us to focus on the overall ambiance of the building to make continual, gradual improvements. We are thankful to Ryan for leading the charge and sharing his expertise in this area. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please reach out!

IN THIS ISSUE

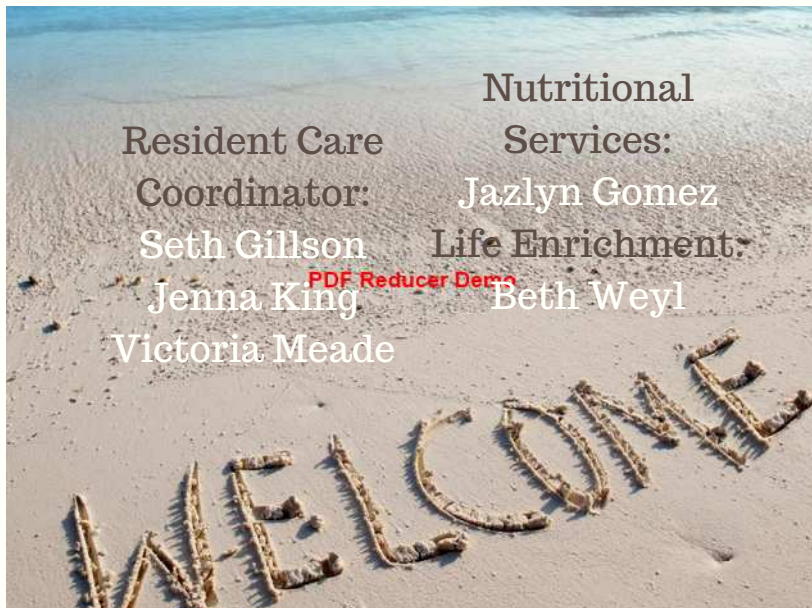
TALKS ABOUT VISITATIONS 2

KITCHEN UPDATES 2

INTRODUCTION TO THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT TEAM 3

CANCELLATIONS , BIRTHDAYS, MEMORIALS 3

LIFE ENRICHMENT 4



Updates from Angela and the Front Desk

Although there are changes during this difficult time with COVID-19, please be assured the front desk has adapted to the situation in the best possible light. Mail will continue to be delivered to the POA's until further notice.

adavies@bluffviewmemorycare.com

Visits with Your Loved One

Bobbi Klaver, RHC; cklaver@bluffviewmemorycare.com

I hope you are all are enjoying your summer! This year has been a very different and challenging year for us all. Our staff have continued to do an amazing job with keeping our facility and your loved ones COVID free! It has been difficult for your loved to understand that they are only able to visit with you through Skype video chats and window visits. Although they may not have a very good understanding these types of visits, they still recognize their family and loved ones. Thank you for working with us to keep your loved ones safe. Stay safe and healthy. We hope to see everyone soon!



WHAT'S COOKIN' IN THE KITCHEN

by Tammy Atkinson NSC, tatkinson@bluffviewmemorycare.com

Well, it's happened; I have finally gotten my second hip replaced. I currently am at home recovering, and so far so good. The second hip went a bit better than the first! Chris Labakken, Head Cook has been holding down the fort and is doing very well. He has been assumed the

operations of the kitchen and managing of staff while continuing to provide good nutritional meals to our residents while I am away. Summer has flown by, and I am currently working on our fall menus. Please feel free to share any menu ideas with us as well as recipes. Please be safe everyone!

Brief Introduction to our New Environmental Services Coordinator

by Ryan Ray; rray@bluffviewmemorycare.com

Hello! I'm looking forward to working with everyone at Bluffview Memory Care, I come here with 20 plus years of experience supervising environmental services departments in hospital and clinic settings. It is my hope to develop a cleaning program within this facility which I have had success with in the past. This would include setting the building on a continuous weekly rotation where specific tasks are performed within a particular section of the building during a week's time and moving onto another section the next week. Some of these tasks will include carpet and hard floor care, painting and staining needs, cleaning of light shields, walls, glass etc.. We are looking at how and where supplies and other items are stored and seeing if there are opportunities to consolidate highly used items in central locations withing each quad to make retrieving needed supplies as user friendly as possible. We will also be installing mounted speakers in each dining room to help create an environment which our residents can enjoy music of their choice. Hopefully these projects can help make everyone's job a bit easier, and we are able to provide a welcoming, comfortable environment for our residents.



CANCELLATIONS

Walk Down Memory Lane & Run/Walk -- September 6th

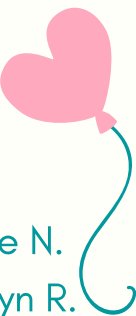


Country Fest -- September 16th



BIRTHDAYS!!

- August 1st -- Edna G.
- August 5th -- Jeannine M.
- August 11th -- Chet K.
- August 15th -- Mary S.
- August 17th -- Eldrid K.
- August 24th -- Rick H.
- September 8th -- Jeanne N.
- September 10th -- Kathryn R.
- September 14th -- Loren T.
- September 15th -- Leo W.
- September 18th -- Peter D.
- September 21st -- Chong K.
- September 25th -- Barbara O.



In memory of

Gene Borreson -- June 9th



Butterfly Joy

The Enrichment of Lives

By Sarah Pedretti CTRS, spedretti@bluffviewmemorycare.com

Happy, lovely, most unusual of summers! Even with so much that has changed all around us, there are so many things to be joyful over. For the past almost seven years, I've kept our Milkweed in the courtyard in hopes of attracting Monarch butterflies to come and lay their eggs. Well, my long wait is finally over!!! I am bouncing with the excitement that we have monarch caterpillars crawling all over our milkweed! The residents will be watching the process of the caterpillars turning into butterflies over this next month, and we will get to enjoy the beauty of the butterflies before they fly away.

We've been getting pretty creative with our programming with the residents too. One staff member had the wonderful idea of the resident's tie dying T-shirts for the staff to wear around and show off the resident's amazing work. The residents loved it, and the shirts turned out so well! Our gardens in the courtyards are growing in wonderfully, and the residents have already been able to enjoy strawberries, tomatoes, and cucumbers right off the vine! This August we are hosting our very own Bluffview Olympics since we won't be able to watch the real games this year. Keep your eyes peeled for photos of the competitions on our Facebook page!

