

BLUFFVIEW NEWSLETTER

The Official Newsletter for our Families and Friends



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Exciting News!!

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I am writing today with the great news that we officially have a vaccination date on the calendar! The COVID-19 vaccine occurs in two doses, which are administered 28 days apart. Our first vaccination date will be on February 8th, 2021. We don't have a full set of guidance regarding the de-escalation of visitor restrictions following the vaccination yet, but I will keep everyone updated as soon as we have more news. The other thing I wanted to bring up is our window visit booth at the front of the facility. This booth is heated and

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insulated so that you can have a comfortable window visit with your loved one. Please schedule a visit to enjoy the warmth and comfort! I'd like to include a special thanks to Ryan Ray and his EVS team for completion of the visitation booth, along with Sarah Pedretti and the LE team for maintaining our window visit schedule. Thanks again to all of our family members for your continued trust in our organization and patience with the isolation



*"Kindness is like snow --
it beautifies everything it covers"*
~Kahlil Gibran

precautions that we are operating under. As always, if you have any questions for me, please call!



Vaccine Excitement

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Happy New Year from the Bluffview Nursing Department. We have received a date for the first COVID 19 Vaccination Clinic here at Bluffview! The date of the first vaccine is February 8th 2021. We are very excited that our residents will be able to receive their first vaccine in less than 1 week!! The nursing department will be reaching out to all of our loved ones' families to obtain authorization and a signed consent form for the vaccine.



What's Cookin' in the Kitchen?

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The kitchen keeps cooking along through the humdrums of winter. Nutritional Services continue to keep it safe on our end through this pandemic. We continue with our constant sanitizing and adding of extra fluids such as Gatorade to meals to assure hydration. Hydration has proven to be important in fighting off viruses including Covid-19. We have also started adding extra nutrients to some of the foods being served. As always, we are wearing our masks and face shields throughout the building and in the kitchen while preparing and cleaning. Hopefully, this pandemic will be ending soon as everyone gets vaccinated. I personally was one of the first in line and have received my first vaccination while excitedly awaiting the 2nd dose. Valentine's Day is coming up, and I am currently working on a menu even Cupid could not resist. We have to

be for spreading the love. I am also already thinking forward to Spring and waiting for St Patrick's day and that corned beef and cabbage. I also can't wait to have our Good Friday homestyle fish fry back and much more.

Think Spring!

I hope you and everyone is being safe,

Lov'n This Environment

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In past newsletters, we've mentioned that the Environmental Services Department has added staff, purchased new equipment, written job assignments, and developed standards on how staff perform daily and periodic work. With these changes along with the staffs' understanding of expected outcomes and having daily huddles, we've increased work efficiencies. Creating these efficiencies has given us the opportunity to increase and expand the department's services to our

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"Today marks the end of the last chapter of the year. With the start of the first chapter of the New Year's book, let's put the old book on the shelf or even in the lower drawer, and let's pick up the new one, carry crayons in our hands, and start writing a new colorful story."

— Nadine Sadaka Boulos

residents. In addition to weekly resident room cleaning and weekly laundry services, the department now has the resources to disinfect the residents' bathrooms on a daily basis using the electrostatic disinfection spray gun. Using the spray gun also allows us to disinfect high touch points throughout the building multiple times a day after initially manually cleaning and disinfecting each morning. We purchased microfiber clothes which are saturated at all times with disinfectant in four quart buckets allowing higher saturation rates of disinfection being applied to surfaces during the cleaning process.

With the use of microfiber mops, doors are being cleaned and disinfected daily and walls on a rotating basis. Resident rooms are scheduled for monthly treatments with our UV disinfecting lights, bathroom floors and carpeting are on a schedule to be scrubbed and extracted multiple times throughout the calendar year. Our laundry services have also been extended into the PM hours. Having dedicated staff perform and sustain these changes, who come to work each day wanting to make a positive impact, has made everything happen. I'm grateful for them and what they do on a daily basis.

A Year of 10,000 Possibilities

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Last year was certainly a year filled with many different trials of all shapes and sizes. It's a wonderful feeling being able to look back and know that you've grown as a person, family, and company. At Bluffview, we worked diligently and HARD to follow new guidelines, keep ourselves and the resident's safe, and allow our creativity to come out, opening new doors for our residents and their families.

I've loved watching my department take on these challenges with a smile and light-heartedness. This year, the theme for the National Activity Professionals is "10,000 Possibilities!" What a fitting theme for all of us as we come out of this COVID season with an excitement for life.

We are looking forward to so many things as we near our one year mark of when our doors closed, and with hopeful hearts, maybe, just maybe, those doors will be reopened by or before that time!!



Sweet Wishes from Angela

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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. If you have been notified of your loved one needing new clothing or something similar by our staff, please call ahead before dropping off. We also ask that if it is clothing, please drop off in a bag with the resident's name or initials written clearly on it.

And, as always, we dearly miss seeing your sweet faces!



WELCOME

New Employees to Bluffview!

Environmental Services:
Veronica Lee

Resident Care Coordinator:
Dawn Scallon

February Birthdays

8th -- Mary T.

10th -- Bettye S.

19th -- Gail Z.

March Birthdays:

16th -- Rosalee S.

28th -- Roy F.

Remembering

11/3 -- Jim Stoll

11/9 -- Renata Arneson

11/12 -- Kathryn Brandt

11/16 -- Jeanne Norby

11/22 -- Mary Brown

12/10 -- Becky Langrehr

12/15 -- Rosemarie Herlitzke

12/24 -- Chong Kim

12/31 -- Leo Waldenberger