

BLUFFVIEW BULLETIN

Official newsletter for Families and Friends of Bluffview Memory Care



"THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS A PERFECT TIME TO REFLECT ON OUR BLESSINGS AND SEEK OUT WAYS TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR THOSE AROUND US."

-TERRI MARSHALL

ADMINISTRATION

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After another golden Wisconsin autumn tucked between the towering bluffs of the mighty Mississippi, we make our way into the winter months with some changes in our little community. I'm happy to announce that this fall I accepted the position of Administrator at Bluffview Memory Care. Excellence in quality care continues to be my highest priority, and the principle cause of my work. I am confident that the other members of our team share the same sentiment. In the six months that I've spent with our residents, family members, and staff at Bluffview, I have been blessed to see a passionate community of dedicated caregivers. These selfless caregivers don't all wear a Bluffview staff badge; they come in the form of friends, family, and volunteers. It has always been an inspiration to watch the ways in which a community comes together to support their own.

With the advent of my work as Administrator with Bluffview, I would like to reiterate the fact that I see everyone associated with Bluffview, residents, staff, family, and friends alike as one team working towards a common goal. Our goal of quality care was demonstrated by the results from this year's Annual State Survey which took place at the end of November. I'm proud to announce that we came out of our survey deficiency free! While a deficiency free survey is something that our whole team should be proud of, this should be seen as an opportunity to continue on the tireless path towards excellence. In this season of thanks and cheer, I'm personally thankful for our team of professionals at Bluffview and all that they do to provide a warm and loving environment. As always, please swing by the office if you have any questions or need anything!





RESIDENT HEALTH COORDINATORS

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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 that we can have them ready to go. Remember to check in with the medication passer to ensure that your love has all of their medications; also please sign them out when you leave and when you return. We want to remind you that if you are questioning whether or not you are sick, please don't come to facility. If you must come when you are ill, please wear a mask. They are provided in the foyer as you enter the building. According to the CDC, hand washing is the number one way to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones.



**"Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most."
Ruth Carter Stapleton**

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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Winter appears to be well and truly upon us again. I've turned off and removed the fountain from the pond until Spring next year. Please be cautious after snowfall! We do have a plowing service, and staff do shovel and salt the paths; however, during continuous snowfall, there may be times when snow accumulates. Please be careful who may be exiting the building as you enter or leave. It's never good for a resident to exit the facility unintentionally, but it's particularly bad at this time of year.





A LITTLE REMINDER

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Please stop at the front desk to sign-in and ask if any mail has arrived for your loved one. Please contact the staff with any appointments or outings planned for your loved ones. This will help ensure your loved one is up and ready to go. We will also ensure that any medications are then prepared to go with you if required. We do have a Suggestion Box. It is located in the Reception area on the wall just above where the menus and activity calendars are stored. Feel free to place any suggestions, comments, etc. in the box. This is checked regularly by the Customer Service Representative, and is also a place where you can deposit your monthly checks if you are unable to come during business hours..



New Hires::

RCCs:

Haley Schultz
Audriana Scheppler
Stacia Munson
Amanda Freid
Summer Scott
Lamont Murphy

Laundry:

Dana Caulum

Kitchen:

Peyton Running

WHAT'S COOKIN'

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Hello Friends! What a wonderful Thanksgiving we all had this past month. Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy the meal with us and joined in on our Thanksgiving Raffle. Congratulations to Mike Stoll for winning the \$100 worth of gift cards! What a perfect gift for Christmas.

I have recently just had my first hip surgery, so I will be out of the office for awhile. I am available by email, if you need to talk with me or ask me any questions about your loved one. Any other inquiries should go to Chris or Julie in the kitchen. They should be able to assist you with any of your immediate needs.

Due to the fact that I will be out for awhile recovering, we will not be hosting a large Christmas meal as we did for Thanksgiving this year. We hope that you all have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Resident Birthdays

December:

1st, Don
20th, Bob
26th, Molly
27th, Lyle
31st, Dennis

January:

8th, Virginia
19th, Mike
20th, Mary A.
24th, Diane

Remembering Those Passed

Julie Dritlein --
November 6th
Fred Leshar --
November 12th





LIFE ENRICHMENT

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Isn't this season just the greatest!! There is so much cheer all around us with the decorations, flavors, and get togethers! I personally feel my heart glow every time I see a new Christmas decoration or see a neighborly smile from a passerby. Please take a look at our festive activities throughout the month and join in whenever you are able! I would also like to let you know that we are raising money for the lights out in the courtyards to bring a little holiday joy for the residents! Look on facebook or stop in for more information and get your name on a light on our wall for a little recognition!

Now, for some of you, this season may not be so full of joy and cheer due to grief. Let me say to you, "it is OKAY not to feel joyful when you are mourning!" Some of you may have recently lost a loved one dear to you or maybe you are feeling as though you have lost a loved one due to this terrible disease, dementia. Do not beat yourself up over these feelings! They are very natural and you are not alone! I would like to invite you to our Blue Christmas Gathering. This is a place where you can own your feelings of sadness and be with others who are in similar places. No need to put on a face here. This Blue Christmas Gathering will be Thursday, December 19th at 5:30pm. We will have a small selection of goodies and drinks; there will also be a short presentation.

Love you all!



EVENTS

- Musical Entertainment with Shari Sarazin --
December 2nd @ 10:00am
- Sip and Paint Fundraiser --
December 2nd @ 5:30pm
- Musical Entertainment with Steve Lankford --
December 7th @ 1:30pm
- Clog Jam Holiday Dancers --
December 7th @ 3:30pm
- Bingo with the Bluffview Volunteers --
December 8th @ 2:00pm
- Happy Hour & Music with Hans and Sue --
December 10th @ 2:00pm
- Music and Memories with Sue Degallier --
December 11th @ 9:30am
- Musical Entertainment with Larry Langen --
December 14th @ 1:30pm
- Living Word Caroling Service --
December 15th @ 2:00pm
- Birthday Party & Music with Kent Larson --
December 17th @ 2:00pm
- Music and Memories with Sue Degallier --
December 18th @ 9:30am
- [Blue Christmas Gathering](#) --
December 19th @ 5:30pm
- Musical Entertainment with Gemini Entertainment
December 21st @ 1:30pm
- Annual Resident Christmas Party --
December 24th @ 2:00pm
- Merry Christmas!! -- December 25th
- Resident Council Meeting --
December 26th @ 1:10pm
- The Good News Sing-a-Long Group --
December 27th @ 1:00pm
- Annual Rotary Lights Visit --
December 27th @ 5:45pm
- Musical Entertainment with Tom Baker --
December 28th @ 1:30pm
- New Year's Eve Party & Music by the Living Stones
December 31st @ 2:00pm