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Greetings, all!

I want to highlight April’s Friends and Family drive, and extend a HUGE “Thank You” to all of the residents, friends, family, future VOW Residents, and staff who attend our Friends and Family fair on April 21. I had a blast and hope you did too. We had everything from entertainment, food, a 50/50 raffle, and games. All proceeds went directly into our 2023 Friends and Family goal. With that, I would also like to say “Thank You” to all of our donors for the 2023 campaign. Whether you donated \$1 or \$100, your donation will make a difference in the lives of all VOW residents and staff. Our 2023 Friends and Family drive is supporting an effort for village transportation. Please see the community center donor wall for an overview of our goal, results, and donors. This will be displayed on our Facebook page as well.

It is no secret that our VOW bus has had its fair share of problems. Therefore, you will no longer see the bus on our campus - we were able to turn in our bus for a generous donation that went right into our Friends and Family goal. Not to worry, Jessica and our team have set up a plan to utilize our VOW Van for grocery store outings. Please see the activities calendar for more information. Please also know that the VOW staff is now researching the costs and resources for a new village bus. Any ideas, suggestions, questions are welcomed and appreciated in this matter.

To all of the residents who took the time and shared feedback with Pinnacle Quality Insight, regarding the 2022-2023 Resident Satisfaction surveys, thank you! Your feedback is truly appreciated and helps give us information to set up action plans to better serve YOU! Your feedback is important.

That being said, all residents have received a notice signed by PVM Director of Risk Management, Katrina Summersett, regarding the 2023 Resident Satisfaction Surveys. To summarize that notice, the Pinnacle staff will be making phone calls to a random selection of residents, families or responsible parties at each of the PVM Villages through the end of 2023. If you are contacted, Pinnacle staff will identify themselves so you know who they are. They will interview you and ask questions to get feedback about VOW that will help us to continually improve. The phone call will come from (877) 959-9712. So that you do not miss the call, and if you have not done so already, you may want to add that number to your contact list in your phone. For more information, please contact the VOW office and we will be happy to help.

Finally, I want to send best wishes and congratulations to VOW Sales and Leasing Specialist, Katie Harris, who has taken on the role of Project Coordinator for our sister community, McFarlan Villages in Flint. Katie’s time here was truly impactful and her experience will guide her in her next adventure. Please join me in congratulating Katie. She will be on site every Friday until the end of May.



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Office News

Sharon Benton & Stephanie Daniel

Administrative/Receptionist

Let's talk BUGS

Seeing that the weather is changing, you may have noticed an increase in insects around you home. If you are seeing any of these pesty little insects, PLEASE call the office so that we can add your problem to our weekly Stop Pest Control log.

Stop Pest Control comes every Friday with the exception of the fifth Friday in a month. There is no certain time of when they will arrive, and you MUST be home in order for them to spray.

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

What Mother Means By Karl Fuchs
"Mother" is such a simple word,
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My mother's love showed me the
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For enriching my life in so many
ways.

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me free,
And that's what the word "mother"
means to me.

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Sales and Leasing News

Katie Harris
Sales & Leasing

It is with a sad heart that I am saying good bye to The Village of Oakland Woods. I have been given a new position with-in PVM at the Court Street (Flint) Property. As most of you know I live in Flint and travel to Oakland Woods every day. It was a tough decision to make as I love the people and the work that I do at Oakland Woods but my kids are so young and the drive time added to the work day leaves very little time through the day to be with them. As a mother, their needs and happiness outweighs my own. I appreciate the time and patients that you all have had with me and I am sorry that it could not have been for a longer time. I will be in the Leasing Office every Friday in May to help make sure that Oakland Woods reaches its full occupancy once again. I will miss you all.





Maintenance News

Matthew Myers
Maintenance Lead

Hello residents!

As you perform your spring cleaning I'd like to remind you of three things.

Fridges and freezers: The way the fridges work is that if your freezer is packed full you may need to turn the setting down on the dial in your fridge. Some of the fridges have a slot that you can use a flat head screwdriver or even a butter knife to turn. Conversely if your freezer is nearly empty, you may need to turn your dial up a notch colder. This is pertinent as you check the dates on your frozen food and discard things. Also make sure that your freezer is not so packed that it pushes food into the back wall of your freezer, as the fan is behind that wall and with enough pressure this fan will bog down, start sounding like an airplane or lawn mower, and break down.

Bulbs and clutter: Please remember that it is your responsibility to supply Randy and I with bulbs, preferably LEDs, for your interior fixtures. This excludes fluorescent bulbs in the cottages, and all outdoor lights. Also please be aware, per the lease, items are NOT to be stored in your utility closets. If there is a leak, not only do these items need to be moved, but are also the first thing to get damaged.

Maintenance Staff: Lastly I'd like to remind you, and apologize for, our understaffed maintenance department. Randy is a groundskeeper and can change bulbs and replace slats, but I am your only repairman and installer here at the Village of Oakland Woods. I am sorry so many of you have waited so long for some of your maintenance work to be completed. What helps me is if you call the office to report all work orders, versus stopping me in the parking lot. Please understand this is the function of our front office to help in this matter. This will help ensure that your work is accounted for. For non-emergencies, please call the office and put in a maintenance request. I realize that the system can feel like it isn't working when you have to be so patient to get something simple accomplished, but it's because I have to prioritize work based on its potential for future property damage. Thank you all for your patience.

Service News

*Sue Carney & Terri Price
Service Coordinators*

Welcome May!

Hope everyone is well and looking forward to the rest of Spring and then Summer. It has been so nice to see more of you out and about & up at the community center and at the activities. Let's keep the participation going.

May will be a busy month around here.

Monday May 4, 10:30 a.m. Church pantry food information.

Monday May 15, 11:30 a.m. Blood pressure checks & health information with Priscilla, from Guardian Angels Home Health Care.

Sunday May 14, Happy Mother's day, may we remember and celebrate our Mothers.

Monday May 29, Memorial Day. May we remember and honor all our veterans that have served and passed on.

Have a great month!



Wellness News

Jessica Roberts
Wellness Coordinator

The month of May not only brings more sunshine and growth, but many opportunities for engagement, activity, and promotion of health and wellness!

We will have plenty of celebrations this month starting with a **Cinco De Mayo Party on Friday, May 5th, at 12pm!** This will be a fun time enjoying fiesta-style Mexican food and some other fun themed activities. Be sure to sign up in the Activities book to attend!

The month of May is recognized nationally as **Older Americans' Month**; we want to celebrate this by hosting a time of enjoying treats and providing resources for older Americans to engage in a full life at any age! Join us **Monday, May 8th, at 11:30!** Please sign up in the Activities book to participate.

In honor of Mother's Day, we will also be celebrating the mothers this month at the Village of Oakland Woods with a **Mother's Day Tea**. Mothers of all kinds can come and enjoy a light lunch with tea at **12pm on Friday, May 12th**. Please sign up in the Activities book for this event!

Our **Birthdays & Bingo party** will take place on **Friday, May 19th**, featuring "Sweet Sounds" to welcome springtime! Our friend and saxophonist, Eugene Mann, will entertain us with some sweet jazz prior to Bingo at 2pm; snacks will be provided **starting at 1pm**. Please sign up in the Activities book to attend!

The last Friday of the month, **May 26th, will be our Memorial Day picnic starting at 12pm**. Weather permitting, we will enjoy yard games and our friends at Home MD will sponsor our outdoor barbecue to celebrate this holiday. Sign up in the Activities book to participate!

Our **grocery trips will take place Thursday May 11th and Thursday May 18th both at 1pm**. These trips will still be **limited to 3 people per trip** due to limited seating in the Oakland Woods van so please sign up in the Activities book as soon as possible. We ask that **residents sign up for one trip per month**. All residents are reminded **to limit their purchases to no more than 4 bags of groceries each** and be able to physically get in and out of the van. We thank you in advance for your cooperation!

We will be having another **Movie Monday** in May! This event will be held **Monday, May 22nd, at 1pm** in the dining room. This month's movie choices are: "The Best Years of Our Lives" (1946) or "They Were Expendable" (1945). Residents who sign up in the Activities book can vote on their movie choice.

Thursday, May 25th, is our Neighbors' Coffee hour from 10 to 12pm where we will enjoy coffee and bagels; this month brings a special opportunity for our veterans! Chris Cornelius, Director of Veteran Services with Guardian Angel Home Care, will offer a free gift to our veterans as well as resources and information to help them take advantage of services available to them. All residents are welcome to drop in for this event any time between 10 and 12pm!

With many great events happening this month, we hope you enjoy participating in all that goes on at the Village of Oakland Woods! And, as your Wellness Coordinator, I am happy to help you in any way I can to reach your goals for health and wellness! Give me a call or stop by and see me in my office to setup a one-on-one appointment.

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Resident Council News

Becky Bolden
Resident Council Vice President

Resident Council is working diligently to elect new board members for our community, if you are interested in becoming a board member, please contact one of the following people.

- Alma Shelton @ 470-992-4294
- BethAnn Ross @ 313-682-7771
- Gertie Rankin @ 248-221-5969
- Larry Milz @ 810-358-8928

Resident Council Board

Becky Bolden, *Vice President*
(248) 766-3684

Vernice Harper, *Secretary*
(248) 622-4470

Joyce Parlor, *Treasurer*
(248) 210-5678

The Village Chorus need your voice, join us on Wednesday's starting at 11:30am in the dining hall.





Birthday Celebration!

The Birthday Party will be held on Friday, May 19th. Join us in the Community Room at 1:00pm for refreshments, bingo and prizes!

Glenetta Jenkins 5/4

Betty Johnson 5/5

Barbara Pryber 5/6

Mary McIntyre 5/13

Mary Hardiman 5/15

Willima Terry 5/15

Patricia Friend 5/18

Barbara Ridley 5/20

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	1 10:30 Mindful Movement Fitness Class - MOBILITY	2 10:00 God's Word and Prayer 11:00 Ladies' Coffee Hour 2:00 Trivia Tuesday	3 10:30 Mindful Movement Fitness Class - STABILITY 11:30 Village Chorus	4 OFFICE CLOSED AT 12PM 10:00 Gentlemen's Coffee Hour 10:30 Church Food Pantry Registration	5 Cinco de Mayo 10:30 Mindful Movement Fitness Class - STRENGTH 12:00 CINCO DE MAYO PARTY!	6
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