



# Village News



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### Notes from the Administrator

Happy New Year Residents,

I think it goes without saying that 2020 was a year of challenges, uncertainty, frustration and any other emotion that comes to mind. I am praying and hoping for better times in 2021 and am certain. I also think it is understood that I miss you all and wish formal events could occur like normal. However, we have an awesome team at Oakland Woods here for YOU. So please, continue to get involved with the virtual events led by Joelle. Say “Hi” to our front desk team when paying rent. In addition, the doors are always open of Sue and myself and would love to see you and (physically distant, of course) catch up with you.

Speaking of team, I am very excited to introduce to you the newest member of our Oakland Woods Family. Ms. Amber Edwards began in the middle of December as our Oakland Woods Sales and Leasing Specialist. We are so excited to have her as part of the team and I am hoping you can welcome Amber by saying “Hi” and introducing yourself to her. We are also looking forward to the fun events that she will be able to conduct for your family and future Oakland Woods residents’ as well.

I would like to remind all residents’, if you have not done so already, please stop into my office to sign your new house rules. In the new house rules, you will see the addition of the rule in which:

***“Electric Heaters, Electric Fireplaces, Fire Pits, or gas powered equipment are not allowed in order to eliminate the risk of fire and ensure a safer living environment for all residents.”***

On behalf of the Oakland Woods Staff and PVM I would like to thank you with your patience and understanding with the change to this important rule and as always feel free to reach my by emailing me at [jhayes@pvm.org](mailto:jhayes@pvm.org) or by phone at (248) 334-4379 with any questions.



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# The Senior Advocate.

By Lynn Alexander,  
Vice President of Public Affairs

## MICHIGAN'S SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE MOVING MORE SERVICES ONLINE

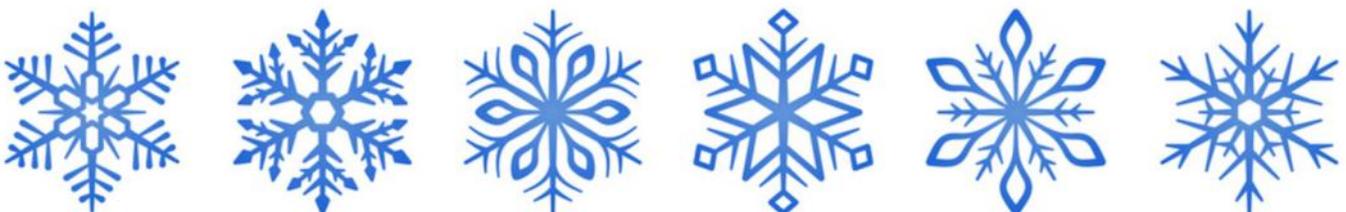
The pandemic has highlighted the importance of making things easier for Michigan constituents. They have taken note of the important part this can play for ease and convenience during these times. It appears that the office and many other government and service organizations will be doing the same well into the future. Here are some of these services which the Michigan Secretary of State's Office has announced:

Beginning in March, driver's licenses and state ID cards can be renewed online and at self-service kiosks around the state. Drivers can also add a motorcycle endorsement to their license and request their own driving record online. The 130 kiosks in branch offices, Meijer, Kroger and other grocery stores statewide can also process an ID replacement and allow residents to add themselves to the donor registry. Other online transactions include:

Electronic lien and title information instead of paper title documents; a simplified graduated driver's license program to reduce visits to their office; mechanic testing registration (beginning March 15<sup>th</sup> for those with a Michigan driver's license or state ID.

This is good news for many who are high risk for COVID and have been unable to renew their license or ID. And this shows promise for continuing into the future, especially for seniors who may have transportation issues. This good news, along with the vaccines coming to our rescue, show promise for a brighter and easier time in the New Year.

I hope that you were able to connect with family over the holidays in new and creative ways. Thank heavens for the internet! Wishing you a safe, healthy and peaceful New Year in 2021. Thank you for your readership.



# Service News

*By Sue Carney*

*Service Coordinator*

Happy New Year, Welcome 2021!

Let's all hope and pray that 2021 is a healthy, happy, safe and blessed year.....Good bye and so long to 2020. I wanted to share some resources for everyone that might be helpful:

**COVID General Hotline number:** 248-858-1000, offers non- medical, resources, and local community assistance referrals.

**Nurse on Call:** 1-800-848-5533, gives information about mental health and related resources.

**Area on Aging:** 1-800-852-7795

**Common Ground:** 1-800-231-1127, resources/crisis hotline.

## **Pantries:**

Lighthouse Emergency Services: 248-920-6100.

Gleaners Food Bank: 866-453-2637.

I have many other resources, so if you need more please call me at 1-248-334-4379.

Take care of yourself and loved ones, we will get through this. We are here if you need us. Be safe and I can't wait to have all our normal activities and to be able to give Great Big Hugs!

.....  
Have a Blessed January and New Year.....Sue



# Wellness News

Joelle Baughman  
Wellness Coordinator

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had an amazing Christmas and were able to celebrate the holiday season with cheer, but now Welcome to 2021! Are you the type of person that creates a “New Year’s Resolution” or are you the one who doesn’t need a New Year to do something better? I’ve always wondered what other’s thought about that idea, it’s very interesting to me. Anyways, I hope 2021 brings you nothing but the best. The Christmas dinner was very different this year, but still turned out to be a success. It was great to see everyone and be able to meet new residents. The parade was so fun, it was cool to be able to go around in the dark and pass out Christmas stockings to each resident. I hope you all had the same experience and I appreciate everyone who participated.

Unfortunately due to COVID-19, all of the December Events that were on the calendar had to be canceled. But, looking forward, January has some fun things in store. As of now, the COVID-19 restrictions go until January 15th. I have decided to move forward with virtual events, and there is more information on the next couple of pages on how to access the events. You have the option to use your camera for the events or you can just use your microphone. All four of the Zoom Exercise Classes will have the same Zoom Meeting ID and Passcode, which is what you use to access the Zoom meeting. ALL VIRTUAL EXERCISE CLASSES will require no equipment other than two cans of soup or water bottles. After January 18th, if COVID-19 restrictions are removed, we will go back to doing in-person exercise and events, hopefully.

If you have any questions or just simply need help on accessing Zoom or using any form of technology, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email or give me a call. It is not as complicated or scary as you think, I promise. I can schedule one-on-one appointments that will allow me to walk you through whatever issue you are experiencing. Other than that, keep being awesome and I hope to see you soon!

**New Xfinity Mobile PROMOS**

<p><b>EXTENDED!</b> iPhone Upgrade Promotion \$250 Visa Prepaid Card October 16 - January 11</p>	<p><b>iPhone SE 64GB</b> "On Us" Promotion November 23 - December 14</p>
<p><b>NEW!</b> Google \$250 off Promotion December 14 - January 11</p>	<p><b>NEW!</b> Samsung A Series \$150 off Promotion December 14 - January 11</p>
<p><b>EXTENDED!</b> iPhone New Customer/Add a line \$250 off Promotion October 16 - January 11</p>	<p><b>EXTENDED!</b> BYOD Promotion \$50 Visa Prepaid Card November 2 - January 11</p>

"Hundreds in savings, one customer at a time!"

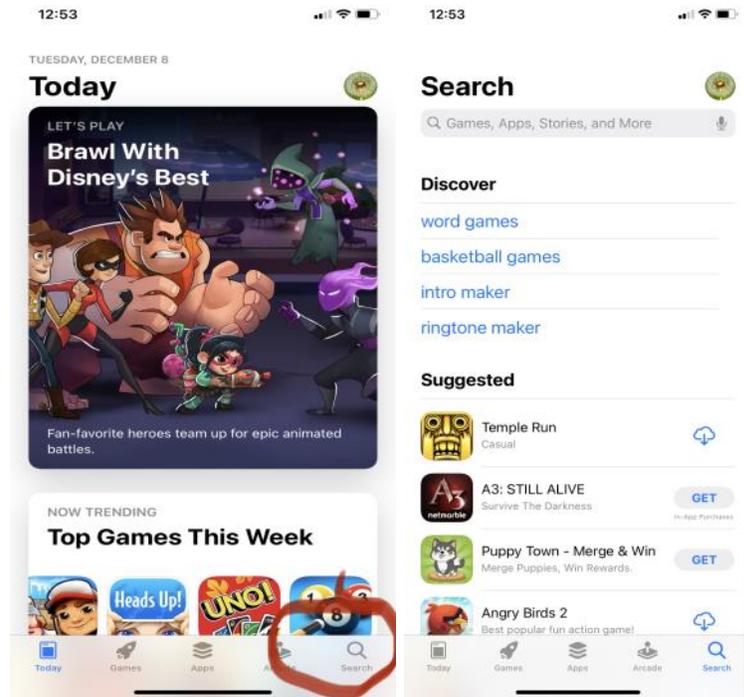
# How to download the Zoom App?

**WHY ZOOM?** Using the Zoom App makes joining a Zoom Meeting much easier. So, how do you download the Zoom App? Start by grabbing your smartphone or tablet and follow the steps below.

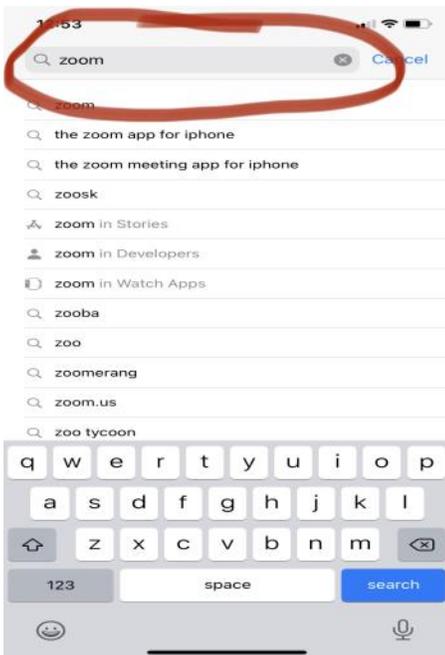
1. From your smartphone or tablet, click on the Google Play Store (Android Users) or the Apple App Store (Apple Users) to open the app.



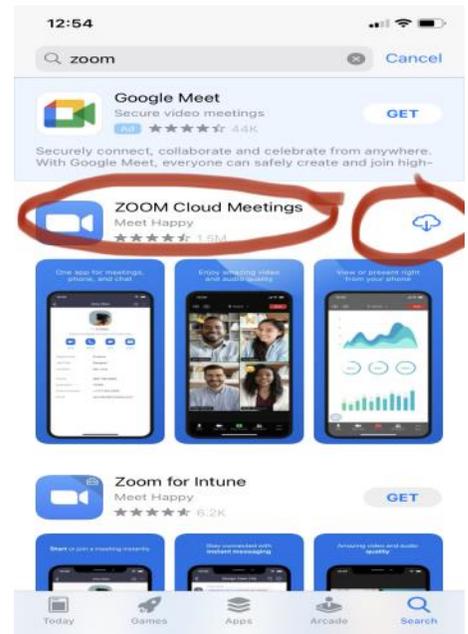
2. Find the search tab and tap on it.



3. In the search tab, type “Zoom Cloud Meetings”



4. After locating the Zoom Cloud Meeting App, click on the download button. (It may look different than the one shown)



*The steps above are all generic steps for either an Android or Apple User, but the pictures represent an Apple product.*

**Zoom Meeting IDs:** *This is how you access a Zoom meeting, make sure you are using the Meeting ID to the correct Zoom meeting you would like to join.*

- **Exercise Class:**

From a Computer Using URL LINK:

https://

us02web.zoom.us/j/84013970329pwd=MEVOVFRQNS9Fb0JQbmlCWVZXOCtpUT09

OR Using the Zoom App:

Meeting ID: 840 1397 0329

Passcode: 178330

- **Calendar Planning**

From a Computer Using URL Link:

https://

us02web.zoom.us/j/89520245987?pwd=VHZlOXNPUeducFpSaGEvTVJCVFc1dz09

OR Using the Zoom App:

Meeting ID: 895 2024 5987

Passcode: 054828

\*\*\*\*\*If you are unsure of how to access a Zoom Meeting or how to use a Zoom App or any other form of technology or device, Joelle will be able to answer all of your questions and work with you. To schedule a one-on-one appointment call or email her at 248-334-4379 or [jbaughman@PVM.org](mailto:jbaughman@PVM.org)

## Important: Feedback Wanted

As new times approach, we are looking at new and effective ways to communicate better with YOU. Currently, we use a One Call messaging system as a way to communicate and get messages out, but how does that work for you?

Would communicating through an email or text message be better? If you would rather receive an email or text message please call Joelle or drop your information off at the community center and get yourself signed up to receive emails and/or texts.

If a One Call is the best way to get information out to you, there is nothing more that you need to do. We appreciate all the feedback and are working hard to make accommodations for all.



## Birthday Celebration!

Happy Birthday to all of our  
January Babies!

Kathleen Stanley 1/3  
Cheryl Jamerson 1/7  
Willis Stephens 1/9  
Barbara Edridge 1/12  
Siney Morton 1/12  
Nancy Washington 1/13  
Erma Wesley 1/15  
Ronald Kowalski 1/16  
Patricia Jennings 1/16  
Edwin Byrd 1/18  
Betty Ridley 1/20  
Mary McNeal 1/20  
Arretta Allen 1/20  
Sandra Nichols 1/23  
Geraldnette Lancaster 1/25  
Dorothy Turner 1/26  
Brian Gnegy 1/28  
Debra Walton-Smith 1/28  
Patricia Vaughn 1/30  
Will Baldwin Jr. 1/30  
Georgina Fontana 1/31



**It is with our deepest sorrow that we inform you of Betty Lopez's passing. Our hearts go out to her family and friends at this time.**

# Resident Council News

By *Philena Holdridge*

*Resident Council President*

## Resident Council Board

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### *January Resident Council News*

What a year it has been!!!!!! We are at the threshold of a shining and unblemished year, 2021. It has been untouched by time and frustration, unclouded by failure and fear. How will we use the days of this year and the time God has placed in our hands? Lord willing, we will be able to live a somewhat normal life once again and spend more time with family and friends. We have missed all of our Oakland Woods community events, but Joelle has done a great job planning events around the restrictions.

All the residents have done an amazing job keeping with the rules during COVID. Please continue to be diligent and protect you and others from getting this virus.

On that note, might we be an encouragement to one another as we move into the new year. God has given grace to endure whatever is before us and let's take time to pray and listen to His wisdom as we live each day.

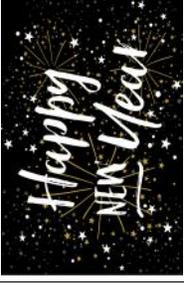
### *January Resident Council Meeting*

Our first meeting of the year will be on January 26 at 1 PM at the community center, if restrictions are lifted by then. We will have a \$2.00 raffle for a gift basket to start out the New Year and also bring a "white elephant" gift (which is something used or new that you no longer want) for a gift exchange. There will be light refreshments too. Hope we can start out the year with a little fun!!

*God Bless You All As You Welcome In a New Year!*

*Philena*

# January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 11:00 Zoom Exercise Class	5 11:00 Zoom Exercise Class	6 11:00 Zoom Exercise Class	7 11:00 Zoom Exercise Class	8 11:00 Zoom Exercise Class	9 11:00 Zoom Exercise Class
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17		19 10:00 Gods Word and Prayer	20 10:30 Exercise Class 11:00 Village Chorus	21 9:00 Coffee and Bowling Focus Hope	22 10:30 Exercise Class 1:00 Birthdays and Bingo	23 10:30 Exercise Class 1:00 Birthdays and Bingo
24	25 9:00 Coffee and Bowling 10:30 Exercise Class	26 10:00 Gods Word and Prayer 1:00 Resident Council Meeting	27 10:30 Exercise Class 11:00 Village Chorus	28 9:00 Coffee and Bowling	29 10:30 Exercise Class	30 10:30 Exercise Class
31				Zoom Meeting IDs and Links are located on previous pages of the January 2020 Newsletter.	<b>Activities Exercise</b>	<b>DUE TO COVID-19 ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>

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**Joelle Baughman**

*Wellness Coordinator*

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