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From the Desk of

Tracy Lathan Administrator

Hello Oakland Woods Residents!!

Fall is here!!! Sometimes the best joy comes from simple things such as sipping hot cider, watching the leaves change or sharing a meal with loved ones.

I know it has been a lot of conversation about the renovations. We had a very good Town Hall meeting, and our Board chairman Carlton Jones was available to ask questions during the meeting. One thing he said that stood out for me was let's be ready, so we don't have to get ready. Once the contractors are on site, they are going to be ready to work. As we hear more from the contractors we will have another meeting, and the contractor mentioned he will try to give us a week's notice. Again, everyone please pack your patience, and we will get through this.

My door is always open if you have any questions, stop by and talk to me. I would love to see you. Thank you.

Tracy



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Office News

Sharon Benton & Stephanie Daniel

Administrative/Receptionist

What is beautiful about Autumn

There's something special about the way the light shines through the leaves. From pumpkin-spiced everything to hayrides and haunted houses, there is so much to love about the fall. Autumn represents change—the changing of the leaves, the start of a new school year, and maybe even the beginning of new resolutions.

Fun facts about Autumn

- Only America calls it Fall.
- Pumpkin pie spice doesn't taste like pumpkin...
- More people fall in love in fall...
- There are more than 7,500 apple varieties...
- There's a candy corn day....
- You can see the brightest full moon in Fall...
- Bobbing for apples was a courting ritual...

What does Autumn Smell like!

The brisk, crisp, slightly sharp smell associated with autumn is actually the smell of leaves, trees, and plants dying and rotting. The memories we associate with the changes of seasons are what makes it pleasurable, even when many of us are allergic to moldy leaves and burning wood.

According to superstition, catching leaves in autumn brings good luck. Every leaf means a lucky month next year.

Daylight saving ends Sunday, November 2nd, don't forget to fall back on hour.



Sales and Leasing News

GREGORY BERGER

Hello everyone, My name is Gregg Berger, the new Sales and Leasing Specialist at “The Village of Oakland Woods. I joined Tracy & her phenomenal team in Mid-August of this year. At the end of August, I met several residents on the Detroit Princess River Boat excursion and look forward to meeting many more residences as we see one another in the community.

A little about me, I grew up in a small town in northern New Jersey, upon graduating College with a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Strategic Advertising Strategies, it led me to a Sales & Marketing Career in Mortgage Banking & Real-Estate for the last 39 years.

After College in the late 70’s I relocated to Michigan joining my mom, sister & Grandma and to pursue my career. Eventually for career growth & advancement I needed to relocate out of Michigan for career opportunities.

I have One Daughter who is married & lives in the Tampa Bay area in Florida with her husband. Both Melissa & Josh are in the medical field. Currently they have no children but I’m being told they will be starting a family in the near future.

I relocated back to Michigan this past April joining my Fiancée Dawn and we are enjoying the Beautiful 4 seasons Michigan is known for. Dawn is retired from the Medical Industry with an extensive background as an RN in the ER & OR.

She is a proud mom two children who are married and one Grandson who is 4.50, he’s smart, keeps us on our toes, busy playing & science projects when he periodically stays with us on the weekends.

I look forward in getting to know all residents over the next few months. If you are in the Community Center, please stop on by my office so we could get to know one another.

Thanks Greg



Maintenance News

*Rick Petrella/Maintenance Supervisor, Bryan Mathis Maintenance
& Randall Shannon/grounds keeper*

Well hello to our dear residents.

So along with October being one of the more colorful months in Michigan it is National Fire Safety month. So, I would like to discuss Fire safety.

We all know the main causes of an apartment fire but let me review.

COOKING – yes, nearly half of apartment fires are the result of being careless when cooking. Leaving something cooking in the oven or on the cooktop and essentially forgetting about it. Receiving a phone call from a loved one or falling asleep are a couple of things that distract us while cooking. So please focus when cooking to keep all safe.

SMOKING – As you know smoking is never allowed in your apartment and is a serious lease violation and yes, it is another major cause of apartment fires.

SPACE HEATERS – Again space heaters are not allowed and is a lease violation as well. We want to keep all residents safe!

NO SMOKE DETECTORS OR NON-WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS – This is critical to be aware of. **THEY SAVE LIVES!** I want to expand on this. During recent inspections, and yes, we have many inspections, some detectors were found to be removed from their proper place on the walls or ceiling. **THIS IS A VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW** and is a serious lease violation. Please understand we need to be diligent with this to protect the safety and wellbeing of all in our community.

So, if you have any questions or concerns about fire safety, we can address them.

Please enjoy the soon to be colorful October.

Rick Petrella

Maintenance Supervisor

Village of Oakland Woods

Service News

Terri Price & Angela Morton-Beavers
Service Coordinators

Greetings from your Service Coordinators: Angela Morton-Beavers and Terri Price



Mark your calendar and plan to attend the events noted below. As always, sign up in the activities book. Thank you!

Tuesday, October 14th from 9:00am-4:00pm AgeWays Counselor, Wayne Westfield will be here in the Community Center to assist residents with Medicare & Medicaid questions/concerns. Moving forward, he will be here the 2nd Tuesday of each month. PLEASE be sure to sign up for an appointment and inform your Service Coordinator. Contact Angela with any question 248-334-4379 Ext. 3

Stay tuned for a notification regarding our upcoming Flu Vaccine Clinic administered by Oakland County Health Dept.



Ageism Awareness Day in 2025 is on Thursday, October 9th. Spearheaded by the American Society on Aging (ASA), the day serves to highlight the existence and negative impacts of ageism, promoting a call to action to foster a more age-inclusive society.



OCTOBER 6TH – 12TH IS ACTIVE AGING WEEK!

The International Council on Active Aging (ICAA) defines Active Aging this way:
“Active aging promotes the vision of all individuals—regardless of age, socioeconomic status or healthfully engaging in life within all seven dimensions of wellness: emotional, environmental, intellectual/cognitive, physical, professional/vocational, social and spiritual.

Need assistance? Contact your Service Coordinator:
Angela Morton-Beavers- 248-334-4379 Ext.3
Terri Price 248-334-4379 Ext.4

Wellness News

Anita Norwood/Wellness Coordinator

Ahhh, October.....

A season of cozy vibes like a delightful book to read, pumpkin spice everything, vibrant fall foliage, and a touch of spooky magic for those who enjoy Halloween festivities.

Check your calendar for the following:

Trip to Franklin Cider Mill

Join your neighbors for a delightful trip to the historic Franklin Cider Mill. It's the perfect way to enjoy a beautiful autumn day!

Come and experience the taste of fall with fresh, crisp cider and warm, delicious donuts. Take in the beautiful scenery and make wonderful memories.

Date: Thursday, October 16

Details: We'll gather for a day of fun, food, and autumnal charm at one of Michigan's favorite fall destinations.

Trip to Beaumont Sharing & Caring

Make a Difference with Us!

Join your fellow residents for a meaningful trip to deliver Angel Pillows to Beaumont Sharing & Caring. This is a wonderful opportunity to support breast cancer patients and show our community spirit.

Let's come together to bring comfort and care to those in need. Your participation can make a real difference.

Date: Monday, October 20, 2025

Experience the Magic of Frankenmuth: A Festive Day Trip!

Get ready to step into a charming Bavarian village! We are excited to announce a special day trip for residents to the beautiful city of Frankenmuth, Michigan, also known as "Little Bavaria." Join us for a day filled with festive fun, unique shopping, and delicious food.

When: Saturday, November 15, 2025

Halloween Celebration:

When: Friday, October 31

Come enjoy cider and donuts in the morning; pizza, and plenty of treats 12-2PM

Can't wait to see you there!

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Birthday Celebration!

The Birthday party will be held on Thursday, October 16th @ 1:00pm. Join us in the Community Room for refreshments, bingo and prizes.

Deborah Najieb 10/1
Andrew Bullock 10/3
Melissa Bridgeman 10/11
John Thompson 10/17
Sandra Moss 10/21
Linda Burnett 10/23
Dorothy Dye 10/29

Theodore Tillis 10/1
Christopher Anderson 10/6
Dolores Terrell 10/17
Dorothy Hannah 10/18
Alica White 10/21
Lena Jordan 10/25
Glyndon Holland 10/31

Keith Spann 10/2
Lorna Stevens 10/10
Patricia Taylor 10/17
Cornelia Crooks 10/18
Larry Milz 10/21
Brenda Pippin 10/25



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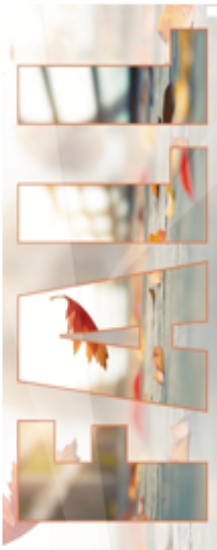
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October 2025

Large Calendars are Available
at the Activities Table



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 10:30 Fitness with Rhonda - 1:00 Coloring	2 12:00 Lunch at Lela's	3 9:00 Kroger - 12:00 Major Candidate Mike McGuinness	4
5	6 10:30 Fitness with Rhonda - 2:00 B&W movie Heiress	7 10:00 God's Word and Prayer - 1:00 Lunch with Amy	8 10:30 Fitness with Rhonda	9 1:00 Birthday & Bingo	10 9:00 Walmart - 11:00 Book Club Meeting - 12 Lunch off site - Carpool	11
12	13 10:30 Fitness with Rhonda - 2:00 Crafts Pillows	14 10:00 God's Word and Prayer	15 10:30 Fitness with Rhonda - 12:00 Focus Hope 2:00 Sound Therapy	16 11:00 Franklin Cider Mill	17 9:00 Hollywood - 12:00 Lunch & Learn with Dr. Val Nutritional Supplements	18
19	20 10:30 Fitness with Rhonda - 1:00 Trip to Beaumont Angel House	21 10:00 God's Word and Prayer - 2:00 Cardio Drumming	22 10:30 Fitness with Rhonda - 2:00 Meadowbrook Catch me if you can	23 10:00 Farmers market	24 9:00 Meijer - 1:30 Catholic Food Disribution	25 10:00 Canning - 1:00 Cards- Spades/Bid Whist
26	27 10:30 Fitness with Rhonda - 2:00 Coloring	28 10:00 God's Word and Prayer - 2:00 Cardio Drumming	29 10:30 Fitness with Rhonda	30	31 9:00 Kroger - 9:30 Halloween/Harvest Celebration	1
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