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From the Administrrator
Tracy Lathan

Hello, Oakland Woods Resident?

November is a special time to pause, gave thanks, and appreciated the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us. Sometimes, in the midst of our daily routines and challenges, we forget just how much we have to be thankful for.

Whether it is the gift of family, friends, good health, a warm home, or simply waking up to see another day, there is always something to be grateful for.

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, I encourage each of you to take a moment to show kindness to someone around you.

A friendly smile, a simple hello, checking on a neighbor, or offering a helping hand can make tremendous difference in someone's day. We never know what another person may be going through, and sometimes the smallest act of kindness can bring the greatest joy.

I would personally like to thank each of you for your continued patience, support, and understanding as we work to make Oakland Woods an even better place to live.

I also want to recognize those residents who volunteer their time, look out for their neighbors,. Our goal is not just to provide a place to live, but to continue building a community where everyone feels respected, valued, safe and welcome.

As you gather with family, friends, and loved ones this Thanksgiving, remember that the greatest blessing in life are not always material things. Sometimes our greatest blessings are the people who care about us, the memories we create, and the opportunities we have to make a difference in someone else's life.

As your Administrator, I am truly th

Office News

Beverly Moorer/Administrator Assistant

Stephanie Daniel/Administrator/Receptionist

Welcome

My name is Beverly Moorer, and I am delighted to join the Village of Oakland Woods family as your new Administrative Assistant.

I bring many years of experience in customer service and business administratation, but what I enjoy most is connecting with people, building meaningful relationships, and finding ways to make a postive difference in someone's day.

I am a proud mother of five children and a grandmother. Family is very important to me, and outside of work, I enjoy spending time with loves ones, participating in ministry activities and findig opportunities to encourage and serve others.

I look forward to getting to know each of you and becoming a familiar, friendly face in the community. Please feel free to stop by and say hello. I would love to meet you!



Sales and Leasing News

Gregory Berger

The Meaning of Thanksgiving

A Celebration of Gratiude and Togetherness

Thanksgiving is more than just a holiday, it's a celebrated tradition rooted in gratitude, reflection and community. As families gather, the true meaning of Thanksgiving extends beyond feasts and festivities. It's a day to pause, appreciate life's blessing and connect with loved ones. So, where did the tradition begin and how has it evolved into the celebration we know today??

Thanksgiving traces back to 1621 when the pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indian people shared a harvest feast in Plymouth, Massachusetts. This moment of unity followed a year of hardship for the Pilgrims, who struggled to survive in a new land. The Wampanoag chief provided vital support, teaching them agricultural techniques and forming an alliance.

The 1621 feast is often known as the 1st Thanksgiving wasn't until 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a National Holiday. During the Civil War; he called on Americans to express gratitude and see unity not division.

At its heart, Thanksgiving is a day to give Thanks, Foster Togetherness, Practice Generosity and Inspire acts of kindness. Over time, Thanksgiving has become one and the same with beloved traditions. Families gathering and reinforcing the holiday's core message.

In recent years, Thanksgiving has also become a time to acknowledge its historical complexity. The story of the Pilgrims, traditions, cooperation and gratitude, but also reminds us to challenges faced by people throughout history. As we celebrate, its important to honor this history and foster understanding.

Today, Thanksgiving is a dynamic celebration that transcends culture and national boundaries. For some, it's a day of traditional feasting and family gathering. For other's it's time to serve there communities and practice gratitude in new ways.

Whether you celebrate with a big mail with family, volunteer at a shelter or simply spend time reflecting, Thanksgiving is ultimately about gratitude. It's mindset calling us to appreciate life's blessings, strengthen our connections and act with generosity. It reminds us to focus on what truly matters & give that spirit of thankfulness throughout the year.

Service News

Terri Price & Angela Morton-Beavers
Service Coordinators

Greeting from you Service Coordinators - Angela Morton-Beaver & Terri Price

This Veterans Day, November 11th, we pause to thank the men and women who have served (or are serving) in our nation's Armed Forces - including the veterans who are part of our Village Community. Their courage and service helped shape the freedom we enjoy every day, and we are honored to call them neighbors.

Mark your calendar to attend these important sessions:

- Friday, November 6th @ 1:00pm - The Butter Business Bureau, Red Flag of Fraud. We invite you to hear speaker, Whitney Franklin. Ms. Franklin is dellighted to join us, she's a former Pontiac reident and current BBB Employee.
- Thursday, November 19th @ 11:00am - Technology help (phone, tablet, laptop)

November Observance

- American Diabetes Month - World Diabetes Month
- Bladder Health Month
- COPD Awareness Month (chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)
- Diabetic Eye Disease Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- National Epilepsy Awareness Month
- National Healthy Skin Month
- National Hospice and Palliative Care Month
- Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
- Prematurity Awareness Month
- Stomach Cancer Awareness Month

Your Service Coordinators:

Angela Morton Beavers 248-334-4379 Ext. (3) for residents in Areas 1, 2 & 4
Terri Price 248-334-4379 Ext (4) for residents in Areas 3 & 5

Reminder: Don't forget to write your **presentation suggestion to topics of interest** and drop in the suggestion box located in the community dining room (the box iis next to the kitchen door) Thank your

Maintenance News

Von Jones Maintenance Supervisor

Our Maintenance department is committed to keeping our facility safe, clean and running smoothly.
As a team, we work hard to address work orders, complete preventative maintenance, and ensure move--ins and move-outs are handled efficiently. We take pride in providing a well-maintained environment and appreciate everyone's teamwork and communication. Our goal s a continue improving our service.

Stay proacture and maintaining a facility we can all be proud of!

Maintenance Supervisor
Von Jones

Wellness News

Lori Young Wellness Coordinator

Movember: Growing Awareness for Men's Health

Every November, the global Movember movement uses the power of the moustache to tackle a silent crisis. The campaign raises vital funds and awareness for three critical issues facing men today: Prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and metal health and suicide prevent.

The Core Issues

- **Prostate & Testicular Cancer:** Prostate cancer remains the most common cancer in men, while testicular cancer disproportionately strikes younger men. Movember funds research to improve testing, treatments, and survival rates.
- **Mental Health & Suicide:** Globally, one man dies by suicide every minute. Movember works to dismantle the stigma around mental illness, encouraging men to speak up and seek help.

How to Take Action

- **Grow:** Start clean-shaven on November 1st and grow a moustache to spark daily conversations.
- **Move**: Walk or run 60 miles during the month - one mile for every man lost to suicide every hour worldwide.
- **Host:** Gather friends, family, or coworkers for a fundraiser or community event.

By encouraging regular health screenings and open conversations, Movember aims to build a healthier, more supportive future for men worldwide.

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Resident 's News

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT
Carl Wright



Carl is one of our newer residents. He has been residing here in our apartment for 5 months. He appreciates the peaceful and serene environment of our community. Carl is starting to volunteer around the community and recently assisted our kitchen workers during our pancake breakfast. I think we would all agree that he makes the best grits around. His famous chicken salad will also be on an upcoming menu. Carl always has an awesome smile and is friendly to everyone. He give great advice and you won't be disappointed. Be warned...he is a big kidder! It's all in fun and comes from a big heart. We are happy to showcase Carl this month.

Life Highlights: Hometown/Early Life: Carl was born in Earle, Arkansas. He met and married his wife in church 35 years ago. He says the best place to meet someone is in the church. He has 5 children and 2 grandchildren.
Career/Profession: He has been a "coach" for many years. He has coached, basketball, volleyball, football, baseball, and softball. He was also the head maintenance director at St. Hugo of the Hills. He has 2 players who got drafted into the NBA and who are playing for the Orlando Magic and LA Clippers teams.

- **Hobbies & Interest:** Carl enjoys "shooting pool" and Bowling:
- **Favorite Food:** Cabbage, yams and Roast beef
- **Favorite Music:** 70's & 80's pop and R&B. He also enjoys some country.
- **Favorite Travel Destination:** Carl likes to visit Florida because he has family there. He was also stationed in CA and Hawaii, Hawaii is beautiful, and he learned how to swim in the Pacific ocean.
- **What he Love about living here:** It's peaceful and quiet comminity and lot of friendly people and staff.
- **Words of Wisdom:** "Hard work has it's rewards"!

Carl comes to us with a passion for culinary creativity and heart for building new connections. For him a great meal is the ultimate way to bring people together, and he loves using his cooking to exchange stories and welcome neighbors. Carl is always eager to meet new faces and share a laugh. Next time you see carl around the community be sure to stop by, say hello and introduce yearself.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

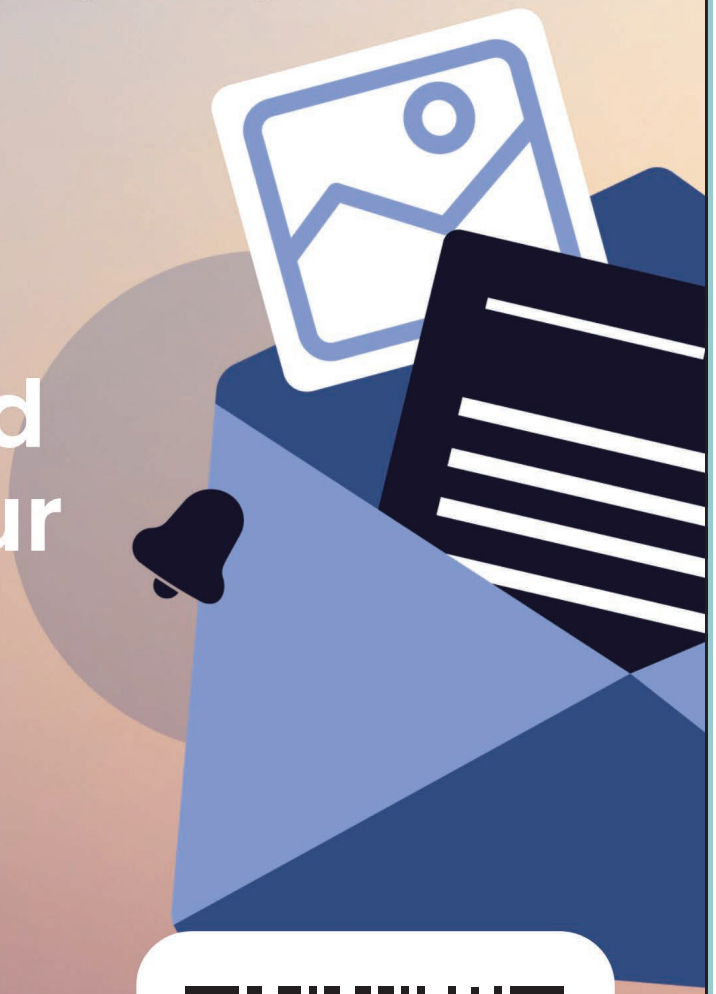
The Birthday party will be held on Thursday November 19th @ 1:00pm.
Join us in the Community Room for refreshments, bingo and prizes.

Sandra Rush 11/1
Rosalind Liley 11/2
Sylvia Beaudry 11/5
Jill Winter 11/6
Paula Sirls 11/8
Mary Gonzales 11/12
John Polk 11/13
Aelonn Stewart 11/18
Laura Davenport 11/19
Patricia Brooks 11/20
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Large Calendars are Available at the Activities Table



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 10:30 Fitness with Donna - 11:30 Lunch at Leo's	3 10:00 God's word & prayer	4 10:30 Fitness with Donna	5 10:00 Walkie/Talkie – 1:00 Town Hall Meeting	6 9:00 Hollywood - 1:00 BBB Red Flags & Fraud Seminar	7
8	9 10:30 Fitness with Donna - 10:00 Men's meeting	10 10:00 God's word & prayer	11 10;30 Fitness with Donna	12	13 9:00 Meijer/Aldi	14
15	16 10:30 Fitness with Donna - 1:00 Scarf making with Ms. Shelton	17 10:00 God's word & prayer - 4:00 Movie day	18 10:30 Fitness with Donna - 12:00 Facur Hope Drop off - 11:00 Carina Trip Greektown	19 12:00 Facur Hope drop off - 1:00 Talk Tech with Mark from PPM - 1:00 Birthday &Bingo	20 9:00 Kroger - 12:00 Catolic Food Distribution Tentative	21
22	23 10:00 Men's Meeting - 10:30 Fitness with Donna - 11:30 Regina District 6 meeting	24 10:00 God's word & prayer - 1:00 Inspiration Celebration with Solomon Green	25 12:00 Prospect MBC Thanksgiving Dinner	26 Office Closed for Thanksgiving	27 Office Closed	28
29	30 10:30 Fitness with Donna	1 10:00 God's word & prayer	2 10:30 Fitness with Donna	3	4	5
6	7	Notes The week of November 9th - 13th Lori will be on vacation, there will be no activites with Lori				

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