



Village News



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Notes from Administrator

"It is the most wonderful time of the year"

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. This is such an exciting time of the year for us at the Village of Oakland Woods with all the holiday festivities. Please take note of our Annual Christmas Party, which will take place on Saturday, December 11th. Check the first page of the newsletter for more information. We hope to see all of you.

Congratulations to all participants of the 2021 Virtual Village Victory Cup. Oakland Woods took second place behind the Village of Westland by eight points. A huge "Congratulations" to our friends in Westland, BUT we will bring that crown back to Oakland Woods next year. It was such a fun day with great food, friends, and competition. The SPIRIT of competition did not go un-noticed the day of our celebration. As a result, I am so pleased to announce that Oakland Woods is the recipient of the 2021 SPIRIT AWARD! Such a great accomplishment the day. Congratulations to all our Oakland Woods Cardinals!

From Victory Cup fun to Thanksgiving festivities. We had such a fun time celebrating Thanksgiving at our brunch on November 24th. We hope you had a blessed holiday with your friends and family on Thanksgiving Day.

The brunch is an incredibly special event for me, three years ago it was the very first event I attended and had the pleasure to begin getting to know all of you. Since that time, we have had so many great memories, laughs, outings, exercise classes, etc. I loved working as a Wellness Coordinator from November 2018 - February 2020. In March of 2020, you opened your arms to me as I took over the Housing Administrator role at the village in which I have learned SO much to be support to all of you. With so much gratitude for all the memories and a very humble heart, I am taking this opportunity to inform all Oakland Woods Residents that I will be embarking on a new journey. Beginning in 2022, I will be taking on the role as Director of Innovation and Wellness for PVM. That journey will take me to our home office in Southfield and will have an opportunity to continue working not just with Oakland Woods but all our extraordinary PVM communities. It is no secret that Oakland Woods will always be a home to me, and I cannot thank all of you (and your families) for the memories and lessons I have learned from interacting with you. I will miss the staff, residents, and the campus that I have had the opportunity to work each day.

The good news is Southfield is not far, I am a very proud PVM employee, and this is nowhere near a "goodbye," but it is a "supporting hand and friend off-site." You will still see me on the campus as we hire for an Oakland Woods Administrator in which I will work my hardest on transitioning into this role. More to come on that, but if I can leave you all with one thing, **THANK YOU!** I can honestly say I would not be where I am today, and I would not be who I am today without every single one of you.

With Love and Appreciation,

Jon Hayes
Housing Administrator



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Woods**

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Look for PVM on:





The Senior Advocate.

By Lynn Alexander,
Vice President of Public Affairs

Many thanks to our board members and donors

During turbulent times the strongest of organizations come through even stronger with the promise of longevity. Presbyterian Villages of Michigan is among them. One of the most important reasons for this is the people who make it work.

PVM's strength comes through in large part due to the outstanding cadre of board members and donors at the system wide level and the PVM Foundation as well as the Villages level. With over several hundred combined board members PVM benefits from tens of thousands of hours of expertise and experience. From teachers and lawyers to ministers and business or civic leaders, they grasp the importance of service leadership.

In addition to countless in-kind hours of service from board members they generously contribute donations which are the lifeblood of our organization. On many occasions a board member and/or donor has matched all donations up to a certain level. It is this loyalty and dedication which has allowed us to provide benevolence for residents and expanded our campuses and services to meet present day and future needs of Michigan seniors.

This is one of many reasons PVM has remained strong for 77 years and will continue to do so well into the future. Many thanks to our board members and donors for your dedication through good times and bad. Wishing all a well-earned wonderful year in 2022!



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Maintenance News

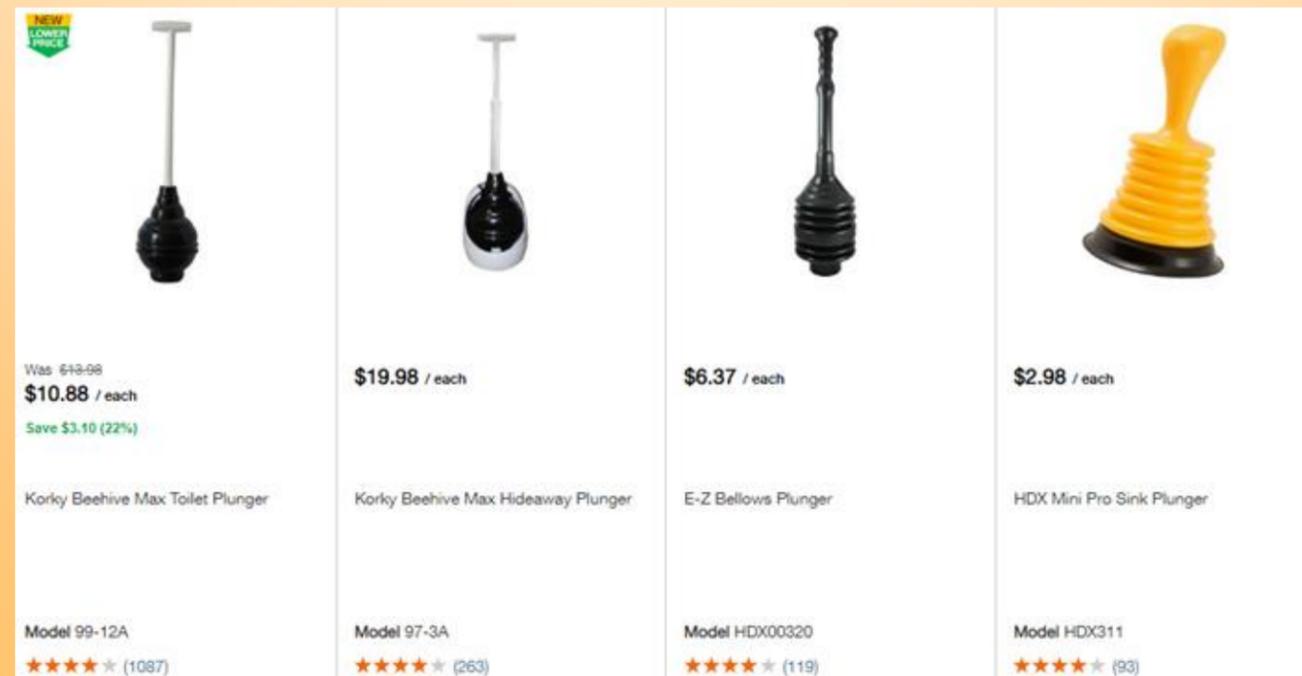
By Matthew Myers
Maintenance Lead

Dear Residents,

Winter is here! I want to remind everyone to keep their under sink cabinet doors open when the weather is 10 or less outside. If the cabinet doors are shut, the heat from your furnace can't reach the pipes, and you can end up with frozen faucets or even frozen drains! Occasionally this causes even more problems when pipes burst.

Also I want to remind everyone to be reasonable. Please do not get out first thing in the morning to clear your car from snow. Please allow landscaping to prepare the sidewalk, and if you see water leaking please inform the office so that we can investigate.

I would also like to remind everyone that as an independent resident you should own a toilet plunger. Independent residents are expected to attempt to unplug their toilet before reporting to the office that maintenance is needed to unclog their toilet. While you aren't required to have a sink plunger, I do recommend the yellow one below. All of these are in stock at our local Home Depot and I can recommend them.



Service News

By Sue Carney

Service Coordinator

How can it be December already?

It has been a challenging year for all of us. We have all had our ups and down, joys and sorrows. I try to remember to count my blessings. I know that it is not always easy. We are a community, a family here. Remember that kindness, patience & caring are always a good thing to keep in mind around the holidays!

This month here we are hoping to have some fun activities. Please check out the calendar and sign up for the following activities:

Friday December 3, 12, noon.

Worship the CHRIST of Christmas. This will be presented by our resident, Irene Patterson & friends. Sign up and come join in. Light snacks and punch will be served after.

Saturday December 11

We will be having our Christmas Party. More information will be forth coming.

Monday December 13, @ 2 p.m.

Harmonica George will be back performing.

Check out the calendar for other activities. Please remember that it is important that you sign up for the activities so we have an accurate head count. Thank you.

I also just wanted to let you know that I will be off work December 24-31. If you need anything those days, please call the office.

Have A Very Merry & Blessed Christmas





December Events

-Village of Oakland Woods Annual Christmas Party -Sit and Be Fit	-Adult Coloring -Keeping Christ in Christmas Hosted by Irene Patterson & Friends	-Blood Pressure Clinic -Harmonica George Christmas Concert
-Store Trips	-Fruits & Vegetables -Elf: Christmas Showing	-Birthdays & Bingo
-Focus Hope	-Strength Training	-God's Word & Prayer

CHRISTMAS MAD LIBS



I am so excited for Christmas this year! I've been doing a lot of _____ing to prepare!
VERB

I have already picked out presents for everyone. I got _____ a _____, and _____ a _____. I wrapped their presents in _____ and hid them in the _____ so they wouldn't find them.
PERSON NOUN PERSON NOUN NOUN ROOM IN HOUSE

_____ and I made _____ for everyone to enjoy. They smell _____. I can't wait to eat them!
PERSON FOOD ADJECTIVE

We picked out the perfect tree. It is _____, and _____ and smells like _____. It's my job to _____ the tree every day.
ADJECTIVE ADJECTIVE SCENT VERB

I've been hoping for a _____ under the Christmas tree this year. I really don't want to get a _____ this year!
NOUN NOUN

_____ tells me that I need to go to bed early on Christmas Eve so Santa can come. He's going to drive his _____ with his _____s and land on our roof.
PERSON TRANSPORTATION ANIMAL



I hope everyone has a _____ Christmas!
ADJECTIVE



Birthday Celebration!

Happy Birthday to all of our December Babies!

Sharon Dahl	12/2
Troy Richardson	12/6
Dorothy Keyes	12/7
Linda Hondo	12/8
Mamie Wiggins	12/9
Diane Sennett	12/11
David Proper	12/13
Janet Devold	12/17
Bethann Ross	12/17
Josephine Keat	12/17
Bessie Page	12/18
Mildred Jones	12/19
Marie Richer	12/19
Nick Prevas	12/19
Debra Esters	12/21
Gail Holmes	12/23
Steve Robbins	12/24
Edith Gutowski	12/24
Gloria McConner	12/25
Mary Wilburn	12/26
Carolyn Jones	12/28
Charles Rice	12/29
Garrett Douglas	12/29
David Piotrowski	12/30

We wish you a very "Merry" Birthday



Follow and like us on Facebook at **Village of Oakland Woods**. We recently created a new page that allows you to stay up-to-date with our community.

Let's Talk

By Felicia Hollis

Hello Neighbors and Residents,

Here are just a few words of inspiration and fun, as we enter into the December festivities.

“Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall, All the King’s horses and all the King’s men, couldn't put Humpty Dumpty together again”.

-Samuel Arnold

As we enter into our King’s birthday, remember that **HE** is able to put us all back together again, no matter how hard we fall.

Thank You For Giving

(Thanksgiving)

Somebody Loves you more than you know and will always be with you wherever you go.

Be Blessed. Thankful and Grateful

-Felicia



Resident Council News

By Philena Holdridge

Resident Council President

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“Behold the angel of the Lord appeared unto Joseph. in a dream saying, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name JESUS, for He shall save His people from their sin.” -Matthew 1:20,21

What an amazing plan God had to bring our Savior into the world, that our sins could be forgiven and we would have a place in heaven with Him throughout eternity. This is such a great comfort to me this Christmas, knowing that my husband is with Jesus and I will join him there some day!

May this Christmas bring joy to your hearts and a wonderful time with your friends and family!

Special Christmas Events

Please mark your calendar and sign up in foyer.

Dec. 3– Keeping Christ in Christmas-Friday at 12 PM

Dec. 6- Resident Council Executive Board Christmas Gathering

Monday at 2 PM (Officers & Reprs. only)

Dec. 11- VOOW Christmas Party- Saturday,

Dec 13- “Harmonica George” Christmas Concert

sponsored by VOOW Resident

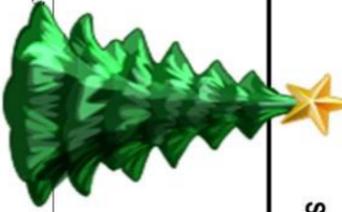
Council -Monday at 2 PM

God Bless You This Christmas Season!

Philena, President of VOOW Resident Council



DECEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h2 style="text-align: center;">LARGE CALENDARS AVAILABLE AT ACTIVITIES TABLE</h2>						
6	11:00 Strength Training 2:00 Resident Council Executive Board Christmas Gathering	7 10:00 God's Word and Prayer 11:30 Blood Pressure Clinic	8 11:00 Sit and Be Fit	9 1:00 Walmart <u>Fruits and Vegetables</u>	10 11:00 GIBF 1:00 Christmas Movie: Elf	11 Village of Oakland Woods Annual Christmas Party Doors open at 4:00pm Dinner Served at 5:00pm
12	13 11:00 Strength Training 2:00 Harmonica George Christmas Concert with light refreshments	14 10:00 God's Word and Prayer 11:30 Blood Pressure Clinic	15 11:00 Sit and Be Fit	16 No Activities Today—Enjoy your Day of Rest <u>Focus Hope</u>	17 11:00 GIBF 1:00 Birthdays and Bingo	18
19	20 11:00 Strength Training 1:00 Adult Coloring with Chaelyn	21 10:00 God's Word and Prayer 11:30 Blood Pressure Clinic	22 11:00 Sit and Be Fit	23 1:00 Meijer No Activities Today—Enjoy your Day of Rest	24 No Activities Today—Enjoy your Day of Rest	25 
26	27 11:00 Strength Training	28 10:00 God's Word and Prayer 11:30 Blood Pressure Clinic	29 11:00 Sit and Be Fit	30 No Activities Today—Enjoy your Day of Rest	31 No Activities Today—Enjoy your Day of Rest	Activities Exercise Parties Outings

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