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From the Desk of

Tracy Lathan Administrator

Hello Village of Oakland Woods Residents!!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Pre-4th of July Celebration honoring **250 years of America!** It was wonderful to come together as a community to celebrate, share laughter, and create special memories.

As we welcome the month of August, it's hard to believe that half of the year has already passed. This is a perfect time to slow down, take a moment to reflect on the months behind us, and appreciate the many blessings and experiences we've shared together.

We hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. The warm weather is a great reminder to get outside, enjoy some fresh air, take a stroll, visit with neighbors, or simply sit and relax in the sunshine. Even a few moments outdoors can brighten your day and lift your spirits.

Thank you for being such an important part of our Village community. We look forward to many more opportunities to celebrate, connect, and enjoy the rest of the summer together.

Wishing you continued health, happiness, and a beautiful August!

Warm regards,



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Woods**

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Office News

Stephanie Daniel

Administrative/Receptionist

Update Annual Recertification Process (Section 8 and Tax Credit Residents Only) Effective July 2026

Everyone should have received the new process for Annual Recertifications at the Village of Oakland Woods, that went into effect July 1, 2026. These changes are designed to provide each resident with dedicated time to review their information, improve accuracy, and eliminate confusion during the annual certification process. The following procedures will apply to all annual recertifications:

- Annual recertification packets will **NO LONGER BE DISTRIBUTED**. Instead, when it is time for your annual recertification, the Management Office will contact you to schedule your **first of tow required appointments** at the Community Center.
- Appointment #1—Initial Recertification Interview
During your first appointment, a staff member will review your household information, explain the Recertification process, answer any questions you may have, and collect the required documentation.

For the initial appointment, **please bring all requested documents to this appointment**, including But not limited to.

- Social Security award letter(s)
- Pension or retirement benefits statements
- Employment income or pay stubs (if applicable)
- Bank statement for all checking and savings accounts.
- Documentation for any other assets or sources of income.
- Documentation of eligible out-of-pocket medical expenses
- Any additional documents requested in your appointment notice.

NOTE: Providing complete and accurate documentation during your initial interview will help avoid delays in processing your recertification.



Sales and Leasing News

GREGORY BERGER

It's Summer Family & Friends Gathering Time.....

Summer is a time of family gathering for picnics and entertaining for lunch or dinner with close friends. We are all looking for that one special dish to prepare for all to enjoy. This month's selection is South Ambrosia Salad.

Southern Ambrosia

Southern Ambrosia is a true Southern side or dessert dish. This fruit salad features a combination of fruits mixed with whipped cream or marshmallows or both. Different recipes may also call for sour cream, peakon and other ingredients, such as cherries. The most common fruits found in ambrosia are oranges, pineapple, and shredded coconut.

Southern Ambrosia is served chilled and as a side or dessert. This especially popular during the hot summer months at potlucks and other gatherings. It is one of those potluck dishes that just can't go wrong.



Ingredients

- 1 (20-ounce) can pineapple tidbits in juice
- 1 (15-ounce) can mandarin oranges
- 1 (10-ounce) jar maraschino cherries
- 1 (8-ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 cup sweetened coconut flakes
- 1 cup mini marshmallows
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans

Instructions

- Drain the pineapple and the orange segments very well. Set aside.
- Drain the cherries and slice each one in half. Rinse the cherries well and allow them to drain. Set aside.
- In a large bowl, mix together the whipped topping and the sour cream. Add in the coconut and mini marshmallows. Fold in the drained pineapple, oranges, and cherries. Add the pecans and gently stir to combine. Cover and chill in the refrigerator for about an hour before serving.
- Servings 8 - Adjust recipe as needed for desired number of servings.

Service News

*Terri Price & Angela Morton-Beavers
Service Coordinators*

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

Do you need assistance or have questions about your health insurance? Stay tuned for appointment time slot/sign-up sheets with Aware Insurance Group.

Do you have presentation suggestions or topics of interest? Please place your suggestion(s) in the suggestion box located in the community room (next to the kitchen)

Celebrating You — World Senior Citizens Day - This August 21st, we celebrate World Senior Citizen's Day, a day dedicated to you. It honors the wisdom, resilience, and countless contributions older adults bring to our families and communities. Your stories, experiences, and spirit enrich the world every day. We are grateful to celebrate the remarkable people who make our Villages shine. Take a moment to feel proud, share a memory, and know how deeply you are valued.

Beat the heat by staying hydrated, seeking air conditioning, and limiting outdoor activities during peak afternoon hours. Protect yourself by wearing lightweight, light-colored clothing and avoiding hot vehicles. Always recognize the warning signs of heat illnesses so you can act quickly.

Heat Exhaustion	Heat Stroke
ACT FAST • Move to a cooler area • Loosen clothing • Sip cool water • Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve	ACT FAST CALL 911 • Move person to a cooler area • Loosen clothing and remove extra layers • Cool with water or ice
Dizziness Thirst Heavy Sweating Nausea Weakness	Confusion Dizziness Becomes Unconscious
<i>Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.</i>	<i>Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.</i>
Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated, Stay Informed!	

Maintenance News

Good Afternoon resident

Around of applause!!!!!!

The renovations is complete, a head of schedule, thank you 1st Contractor's for your professionalism and kindness during this process, 99.9% of the residents is grateful for the new windows, doors, lighting and electrical work that was done, job well done.



There are several maintenance tech working diligently with us to fill work orders. Here's a lists of techs.

Mike Gomez Great Lakes — Monday's

Roger Davis (Best Efforts) and his staff will be on hand Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays

Cliff-CT Properties will be on hand Friday's

This schedule will stay in place for at lease 30 days. If you have any questions or concerns please call the office, thanks for your patience

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24 HOURS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

WELLNESS LIFESTYLE CORNER



Celebrating you—World Senior Citizen's Day— George & Paula Sirls

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Ice Cream Social planned for "World Senior Citizen's Day (August 21)"

Watermelon Smoothie

For this simple watermelon smoothie, combine diced watermelon with frozen strawberries, a few ice cubes, and vanilla Greek yogurt in the blender. Then simply blend until smooth. Once the watermelon starts to break down, the whole smoothies will come together.

Ingredients

- 3 cups watermelon, diced
- 1 cup frozen strawberries
- 3 large ice cubes
- 1 5.3 oz container vanilla Greek yogurt
- 1/2 banana
- 1/2 lime juiced

If you have a recipe to share, come see me!!

Lori Young, Wellness Coordinator

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RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



Leonard joined our community 1 year ago and has become an unsung hero with quiet compassion and strength. Known for his willingness to help others, he has gained a stellar reputation as a very hard worker. Leonard inspires those around him with a spirit of generosity and is quite frequently seen dropping off extra food at our community center. He is our resident gardener and has always said “YES” to tasks that needed to be done. One of his latest talents was beautifying our gazebo. He never complains! He is constantly helping other residents, as well as staff, assisting in beautifying our community.

Life Highlights:

Hometown: Leonard was born in Grove, TX,

Career / Profession: Leonard has worked many years in the food service industry and enjoys making spare ribs.

Hobbies & Interests: Walking, Working Out, Exercising and doing handiwork jobs for others.

Favorite Food: Spare Ribs, Mashed Potatoes and Corn.

Favorite Music: Leonard enjoys listening to all kinds of music and is very eclectic. His least favorite though is Rap.

Favorite Travel Destination: Leonard has an adventurous spirit and likes to just “take off” and visit different places. He once drove 3 hours to taste the “best cheeseburger in Michigan”. His next trip will probably be to Traverse City.

****Leonard loves to visit River Woods Park, and quite often goes there to sit by the water to think and relax.**

Favorite Quote: HOPE (How Often People Endure). He has lived by this philosophy, and is amazed at how strong people are when they need to be.

What I Love About Living Here:

This is a very quiet and peaceful community of people who are polite and friendly. I like living here and helping other residents on tasks when needed.

Closing:

Even though Leonard has only been here for a year, he is an awesome and unselfish neighbor, and a vital pillar of our community who enriches our neighborhood every single day. We are incredibly proud to have him as a resident, and we look forward to watching him continue to thrive, grow, and inspire those around him.

Birthday Celebration!

The Birthday party will be held on Thursday, August 20th @ 1:00pm. Join us in the Community Room for refreshments, bingo and prizes.

Gregory Daniels 8/3
Diana Leiva 8/5
Jerry Brain 8/6
Almeta Cook 8/12
Shirley McBride 8/22
James Carrington 8/30

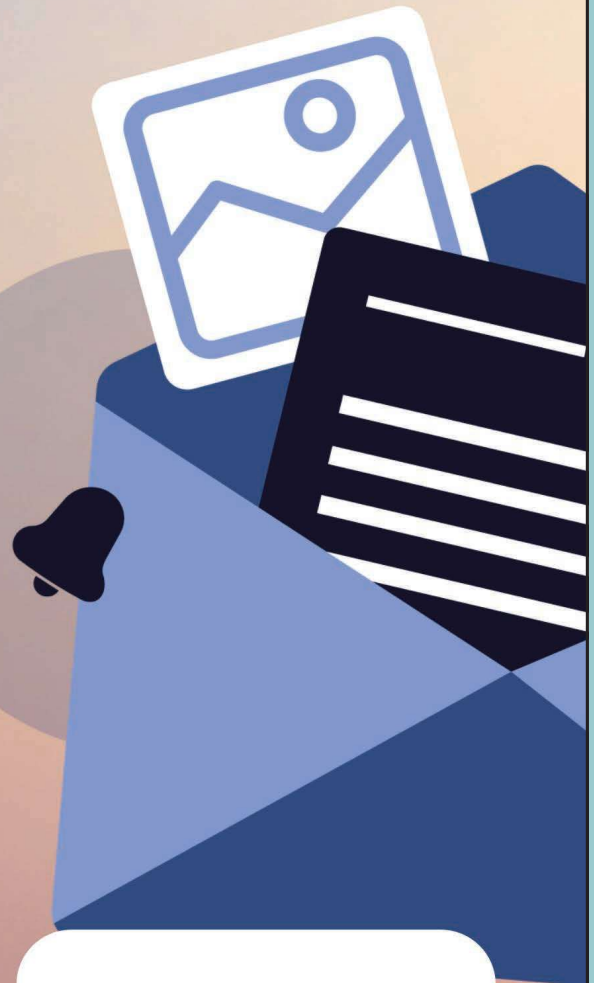
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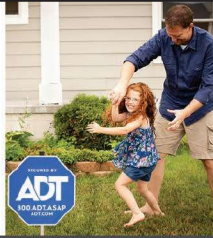
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August 2026

Large Calendars are Available
at the Activities Table



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	10:30 Fitness with Donna - Leo's 11:30 - Book Club 1:15	10:00 God's word and Prayer - 4-6 Game Night	9:00 - Coffee Klatch - 10:30 Fitness Class Canceled 10:30 Senior Support Summit	10:00 Walkie/Talkies with Lori	9:00 Walmart/Aldi - 2:00 Nutrition Seminar	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	10:30 Fitness with Donna - 4-6 Trivia Night	10:00 God's word and Prayer - 11:00 Chair Yoga with Lori	9:00 Coffee Klatch - 10:30 Fitness with Donna	10:00 Walkie/Talkies with Lori	9:00 Hollywood - 1:00 Baking Class with Mardi	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	10:30 Fitness with Donna	10:00 God's word and Prayer - 11:00 Chair Yoga with Lori	9:00 Coffee Klatch - 10:30 Fitness with Donna	10:00 Walkie/Talkies with Lori - 1:00 Birthday & Bingo	9:00 Meijer/Aldi - 12:00 Residents Meeting - 2:00 Ice Cream Social	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	10:30 Fitness with Donna	10:00 God's word & Prayer - 11:00 Chair Yoga - 11:30 District & Regina Campbell M&G - 1:00 Artisan Craft with Diana	9:00 Coffee Klatch - 10:30 Fitness with Donna	10:00 Walkie/Talkies with Lori	9:00 Kroger - 12:00 Catholic Food Distribution	
30	31	Notes				
	10:30 Fitness with Donna - 2:00 Color & Canvas with Charlotte	CHAIR YOGA HAS BEEN SWITCHED TO 11:00 (INSTEAD OF 2:00)				

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