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Virtual Village Victory Cup

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Thank you to all of you who participated, including those of you who came down to cheer on the team members. You all did such a spectacular job! I can't wait to see how things change up for next year. We will be having new events and new strategies to be sure that the first place title is ours again for next year.

This year we took second place overall against 7 villages total and that is no small feat! We also were awarded the first place medals on the Expression of Wellness poetry contest! You really worked hard as a team and your efforts showed!

The medal standings in the individual events are as follows:

In the Kick-A-Roo: bronze medals were awarded to Phyllis R. and MaryAnn G.

In the Wellness Walk: a **gold** medal went to Jamie D. and a bronze medal went to Pat M.

In the Puzzler: our team took third place awarding Pat M., Phyllis R., Glenn M. and Marge C. the bronze medals.

The **gold** medal for the Expression of Wellness Poetry goes to Maryanne N., Pat M., Glenn M., Sue A. and Phyllis R.

All I can say is WOW!!! All of you did another AMAZING job this year with our VVVC event. We had more people attend than EVER before!

Look for PVM on:



Maintenance Updates

- Fall apartment inspections will be coming in October along with our unannounced fire drill. Be sure to exit the building (if you are physically able) and go to the middle section of the parking lot. Those who are not physically able should be heading to the nearest stairwell.
- Be sure that your trash bags are TIED SECURELY. We are seeing many trash bags open with trash spilled all over the chute and dumpster.
- Do not place small boxes on the trash room floors. Small boxes such as pizza boxes and cereal boxes can be placed in your trash bags, can fit down the chute or be thrown into the barrels.
- For those of you with pets: be reminded that not picking up after your pets will result in a lease violation...no exceptions. Please do not allow your pet to urinate on our building or on our plants. Continued violations will result in removal of your pet.
- Fruit/vinegar flies are a sanitation issue. Please be sure to keep your apartments and drains clean to reduce the possibility of an infestation.
- If you need assistance with your thermostat, please contact the office.
- ***If you have a health emergency, you or your family members should press your personal help button or call 911.***
- ***If there is a fire emergency you should call 911.***
- ***If your smoke detector is going off because of burned food and it is after hours, please call 911 to let them know. The fire dept. will still respond to reset your alarm but they won't need to send the big truck and a slew of volunteers. Thank you for your continued cooperation.***

September Activities

Please join us in the month of September for:

- BINGO - Every Wednesday @ 5:00 pm
- Administrator's Updates Meeting – September 13th @ 11:00 am.
- Monthly Birthday Celebration – Monday, September 9th @ 6:00 pm
- Bookmobile –September 12th from 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm.
- Movie Day – Monday, September 23rd @ 2:00 pm.
- Wii Bowling – Every Thursday at 9:00 am.
- Lunch Bunch – Wednesday, September 25th. We will be having Grampa Tony's deliver. The menu is always posted ahead of time. Please be sure to have your exact dollar amount needed which includes the food, 6% sales tax and \$1.50 for a tip.
- I will be out of the office on September 2nd, 9th, 10th, 17th, 18th, 24th and 27th. I will be attending several trainings and meetings before the weather turns colder.
- Don't miss the MI Attorney General's Presentation on Identity Theft scheduled for October 1st @ 2:00 pm.
- Community Room Reserved on Sunday, Sept. 22nd. Prayer Service can be moved to the Library.

Announcements

Laundry Repair Contact Number: 1-800-521-9938

Please use this number when the washers or dryers are not working or if you've lost quarters in the machine.

Laundry Room Hours are:
8:00 a.m. – 8:00 pm
everyday

****Be courteous of your neighbors and wipe down the washers and empty the lint screens after each use.**

****Please do not touch other people's laundry or remove them from the machines.**

****You should not be leaving your laundry for extended periods.**

Bay City Happenings in September

Bay City is host to several festivals and events each year. There are many different activities throughout our beautiful little town and the surrounding areas.

Here are a few:

DOWNTOWN BAY CITY

• **Fall into Autumn Open House • September 6th @ 9:00 am - September 8th @ 5:30 pm** • Start the fall season with beautiful new ideas and products for the home, fashions to lift your spirits, and a bounty of dining options.

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Service Coordinator Corner

Elizabeth Brinker 989-892-6906

Service Coordinator's office is located on the 2nd floor inside the theater

Hello, Everyone! I know that the nights are getting cooler, but we still have some comfortable weather in which to enjoy the out-of-doors. Take a walk, sit on the benches, enjoy the gazebo or just open your apartment window and take in the fresh air! All-too-soon the heat will be on and we will be looking at fall colors and changing weather....

On **September 11th at 2pm**, we will have a presentation on the PACE Program. For those of you who are unfamiliar with PACE, come listen to the presentation and learn what wonderful services are offered. You may not need them now, but if things change in the future, it is comforting to know what services are available and what is offered!

On **September 12th at 2pm**, we will have a Blood Pressure Clinic by Wellspring Lutheran Services, while I continue to search for a second agency to do our second clinic of the month. ***Please consider doing this one quick check on an area that can affect your life without you knowing...*** Thank you to all that have taken advantage of having their blood pressure checked by a trained professional: it is good preventative care. Remember, *there is no cost and you don't even need to show your insurance information!* There's always lots of fun conversation and laughter while we wait. On top of that, you get a ticket for coming down and doing something good for yourself! Watch the places where I post about presentations (outside the theater room door and on the door to the Community Room) for up to date information regarding cancellations, etc. Thank you to those who have been updating me on their whereabouts. It is important to my position that I monitor when you are **out** of the building **to the hospital or emergency room**; please let me know, either when you are out, or at least notify me when you return. Remember that it is part of my position to assist you with services you may need after having spent time in the hospital or when returning from convalescing at a nursing home or even a family members' home. Feel free to call me if there is any way that I can assist.

I will be in the office **all day on September 10th and 25th (9a – 4p)**. I will be out of the office **all day on September 2nd, 9th, and September 23rd**. You can always refer to the calendars posted on my office door, outside the Theater Room in the hall, and on the bulletin board near the cubbies



downstairs.

Remember, you **get a “ticket” for each activity or presentation that you attend that Stephanie or I organize**. When you gather 10 tickets, come up to the Service Coordinator office and choose from the **“Goodie Shelf”** – there is a variety of items, from practical like laundry soap, hand soap, toilet paper, or canned goods to fun like candy, nuts, or ‘doo dads’. **I’m continuing to get new and different items so don’t “assume” that you know what’s there.** 😊 Thanks for your participation!

You can always call (989) 892-6906 and request an appointment – if I’m not here, leave a message in my mail slot outside the theater and I will contact you as soon as I return. ***If I have someone in my office, please respect their privacy and just leave me a message or wait until I am free to request a meeting. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter as it protects everyone’s privacy.***

As my program has recently changed documentation systems, I will be contacting people for updates, so be watching your mailboxes for notes from me and please get back to me with your earliest available time as well as a couple of options. Thank you to those ‘guinea pigs’ who have been my first few through the new system! I appreciate the time that you are willing to spend helping me to do the necessary paperwork to continue to have a Service Coordinator at The Village of Hampton Meadows.

Thank you - Elizabeth

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Programs (continued)

Celebrating September Birthdays

We will be celebrating September Birthdays in the community room on **Monday, September 9th at 6:00 pm**. Skorupski Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services has graciously agreed to host all of our birthday celebrations. The staff will bring the cake and some balloons! Please come by and celebrate with us!

- Phyllis R 09/04
- Kim P 09/15
- Barb Ta 09/17
- Shirley K..... 09/20
- Mary R 09/22
- Mary H 09/29



•21st Annual Downtown Bay City Wine Walk • September 19th 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm • Celebrating 20 years for this great event that showcases all of Downtown Bay City's fantastic eateries and pubs. Enjoy a night full of wine sampling, food and music in the streets as you visit each establishment!

•River of Time • September 27th @ 9:00 am – September 29th @ 10:00 pm • Travel back in time to when the pioneers settled in Bay City, along with re-enactment of many other times in history. This is a wonderful lesson in history that both young and old enjoy!

•MI Made Marketplace • September 28th 10:00 am – 5:00 pm • For the third year, bringing Michigan a FREE festival of proud makers and good eats in Downtown Bay City.

Bay County Division on Aging

The Bay County Division on Aging provides services to Bay County residents age 60 and older. Many programs are funded through senior millage funds, donations, cost-share contributions and fees from seniors, as well as grants from the State and Federal Government.

Some programs are:

- Case Coordination and Support
- Home Delivered Meals
- Senior Dining Centers
- Homemaking
- Caregiver Training
- Personal Care
- Information and Referral

For more details, contact Debbie Keyes at 989-893-7070



Giving Matters.

By Paul J. Miller, CFRE,
President, PVM Foundation

Small Change Makes a Big Difference



There is an old joke that asks, "How do you eat an elephant?" The answer: One bite at a time! (Ba dum tss.)

But seriously, when you are asked to support a cause YOU believe in, you might think, "I want to help, but I can't write a check big enough that will make a dent in the problem."

Not true!

Your monthly gifts have a significant impact!

Here is a reminder that YOU can make a difference all year long when you make a monthly gift to The PVM Foundation. For as little as \$2.50 a week, or \$10 a month, YOU can become a **PossibilityBuilder**. YOU will join a unique group of people whose monthly gifts support their Village or a senior in their time of need. It's easy to give, and every contribution, however large or small, helps someone in need. Monthly giving is convenient and efficient!

PossibilityBuilder gifts add up!

Make YOUR monthly payments automatic by check, credit, or ACH payment. You can cancel your gift at any time.

For more information, please contact Debbie Smith: dsmith@pvm.org or 248.281.2040

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The Senior Advocate.

By Lynn Alexander,
Senior VP & Chief Marketing Officer

Tell Congress How Important the Older Americans Act is to You

Dear PVM Supporters: Please note this Action Alert from The Senior Alliance. The Older Americans Act is crucial to the work of the aging services network. Please help us raise the voices of seniors with policy influencers. Thanks for all you do for PVM and Michigan seniors.

Background

The federal Older Americans Act (OAA) authorizes critical services for older adults and their caregivers, such as: home-delivered meals (meals-on-wheels), long term care ombudsman, elder abuse prevention, non-emergency medical transportation, legal assistance, adult day care, evidence-based wellness and other important programs. The current OAA expires at the end of September, which means that Congress must update the Older Americans Act to ensure these vital programs supporting older adults and caregivers continue not only in southern and western Wayne County, but around the country!

The Senior Alliance supports a baseline Older Americans Act authorization of \$2.5 billion to restore aging network funding to 2010 levels and indexing annual authorization increases over the next five years. In addition, the commitment to Title III local planning and development should be maintained with a robust aging services research and development authority enabled to evaluate, enhance and replicate evidence-based interventions. Updating long-term care ombudsman provisions and strengthening protections against all forms of abuse are also critical elements to modernizing the OAA.

The Senior Alliance is advocating for these programs alongside our partners in Washington, D.C. to ensure federal lawmakers understand how important the OAA is to their constituents. However, **we need YOU** to help make our voice stronger by telling members of Congress how these vital OAA services help older adults and caregivers in our community.

Action!

Call, e-mail or write U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, as well as your U.S. Representative today! Share a story of how one or more of these programs has impacted someone you or someone you know! It's critical that all members of Congress understand how critical OAA funding is to older adults and caregivers.



It's Your Life. Live It Well.

By Tom Wyllie,
Director of Wellness

Can a Joke Keep the Doctor Away?

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims! That's one of the earliest (and corniest) jokes I remember from childhood that still makes me chuckle, which as it turns out is a good thing. Numerous studies have shown a link between laughter and better health. A good, hearty laugh can boost the immune system, elevate mood, lower stress levels, reduce pain, relax tense muscles, and improve heart and brain function. As a result, in addition to exercising regularly and eating a balanced diet, health experts are now beginning to recommend we add some humor to our daily routines.

If you have access to the internet, good sources of humor are just a mouse click or finger tap away. There are numerous joke sites on the web and countless humorous videos on www.youtube.com. For those of you without internet access, there's ABC's long running TV series, *America's Funniest Home Videos* that is often good for a laugh or two. While the jury is still out as to whether laughter actually prevents disease, we do know that at the least, it can help improve the quality of our lives and enhance our overall sense of well-being. In the words of songwriters Richard and Robert Sherman as sung by Ed Wynn and Dick Van Dyke in Walt Disney's Academy Award Winning 1964 movie *Mary Poppins*:

"The more we laugh, the more we fill with glee. The more the glee, the more we're a merrier we."

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SERVICE EXCELLENCE

Just a reminder that the Service Excellence recognition slips are located to the right of the cubbies on the first floor. If you feel that any Hampton Meadows' employee has done something noteworthy for you or our community, please fill out a recognition slip for them. You can either put it in the suggestion box where they are located, in the drop box or you can give it to the Administrator directly.

It will then be forwarded along to a monthly drawing where we can be entered to win a prize. Thank you again for your continued support and assistance. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to make your experience here at The Village of Hampton Meadows the best that it can be.

Friendly Reminders:

The after-hours emergency phone number is for emergencies only. Emergencies are anything that can cause harm/damage to you, your neighbor or the property. No heat, no A/C, no hot water, no electricity, you are locked out, blown breakers, the elevator not working, the compactor running non-stop, washing machines overflowing, etc. If your issue has resolved before someone has come to respond, please call the phone back to let someone know that the issue has been resolved. Do NOT call this number during regular business hours for regular work orders when the office is open.

Remember to always be kind to one another. One simple act of kindness can go a long way. Help your neighbors and your friends if you see that they could use a helping hand. Offer some kind words of encouragement if you know that they are struggling with something in their lives.

Words can hurt. Please think before you speak. Sometimes what you say to others can really make an impact on them. You may think that you are joking and they may think that you are insulting them. A compliment or a kind gesture really goes a long way.

Congratulations!

You are being recognized because
"What you did mattered!"



Thank you for what you did!

Employee Name: _____

Person Recognizing Employee: _____

Date: _____

**** Please turn a copy of this card into Village Administrator or HR, for a drawing**

ACCOUNTABILITY • LISTENING • RELATIONSHIPS • RESPECT

Friendly Reminders of House Rules, Pet Policies, Maintenance and Building Updates

Laundry Room Reminder: The laundry room hours are **8:00 am until 8:00 pm**. This means that no one should be in the laundry room for any reason before 8:00 am or after 8:00 pm. This does not mean that you can go into the laundry room early and “set up” a washing machine getting it ready for your use at 8:00 am. There should not be anyone doing their laundry, prepping the machines or having their laundry on top of a washer waiting until 8:00 to come. The whole reasoning behind our laundry room hours are to allow for courtesy of you neighbors below and on the sides of the laundry room. Anything happening in there before or after hours is still disruptive.

You should also not be opening the windows in the laundry room. That room has its own climate control with heat and air conditioning. If it becomes too warm, the air will turn on. By opening the windows while the air conditioning is on, can cause the unit to freeze up. At the very least, you are wasting the utilities provided by the landlord which is a lease violation.

Be courteous of your neighbors and clean out the washer after you have used it. If you had tissue in your pocket by mistake, clean it out of the washer or dryer so that the next person does not have to clean your mess. Courtesy and thoughtfulness is always appreciated.

Pet Rules Reminder: You are responsible to clean up after your own pet. Carrying a bag outside does not constitute cleaning up after your pet. You are required to pick up the droppings left behind. You should also not allow your pet to urinate on the flowers, the pillars or anything else other than the grassy areas. Proper pet behavior can only happen by proper pet parenting.

Marijuana Reminder: You are not allowed to possess or use ANY illegal drugs on the premises. This also applies to your guests. You are responsible for your guests and will be held liable for their actions. CBD oil is also currently federally illegal. You are not allowed to possess it on the premises. We are a federally funded affordable housing community for senior citizens. Marijuana in any form is still federally illegal. These are immediate evictable offenses.

Water Alarm in the Laundry Room: We have installed a water alarm in the laundry room underneath the washtub between the washing machines. This alarm should sound when water accumulates on the floor. This can assist in getting a water issue under control before any major damage occurs. Unfortunately, it is not connected to our other alarm features so we will not be informed when it sounds. This is where you come in. If anyone is to hear the alarm going off, please contact the emergency maintenance phone number immediately. That will mean that there is water on the floor and it will need to be attended to up immediately. Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation and assistance in keeping your home in the best condition possible.

**We will be getting an upgrade to our security camera system. As with most electronics, they wear out over time or become outdated rather quickly as someone is always rolling out new technology with faster speeds, better pictures, and better sound...the list goes on and on. Our system is now 11 years old and showing signs of a need to be updated. Unfortunately, the entry camera is one of the cameras that has been affected. We have not scheduled a date and time as of yet, but the parts have been ordered and we are working on getting something rolling in the next few weeks. There will be an outside contractor here on site making the upgrade, so if you see people on ladders peeking into the ceiling tiles; no need for alarm. They will be here improving our community. 😊

Here are some terms we use regularly that many of our new residents may not be familiar with:

- 1) **Cubbies** – these are the boxes located across the hall from the USPS mailboxes. This is where information is passed to you from the Administrator or the Service Coordinator. This will be your monthly calendar and newsletter. It may also contain flyers regarding inspections, flyers telling you about parties, gatherings, presentations or events. We also put notices in there about any rent changes, appointments or any information that we feel is important to share with you. Please be sure to check your cubby every day when you check your mail.
- 2) **Lunch Bunch** – this is a gathering for everyone to participate in if they choose. We will order takeout food from a local restaurant. The menu will be posted at least one day before the event on Stephanie's office window so that you can view the menu and get an idea of what you would like to order. Everyone pays for their own meal. The cost includes: whatever the cost of the meal, plus 6% sales tax plus at least \$1.50 for a tip for the person who delivers. Please be sure to bring down exact change (or round up) since there is no availability to make change. We always have a good time chatting and enjoying a hot meal together.
- 3) **Bookmobile** – The Bay County Library System has a mobile library called the bookmobile. You can go on when they arrive and check out books just as you would the library. You can also request books to the library and they will make sure to get them on the bookmobile for you on their next trip. It's a wonderful way to read a new book every 3 weeks.
- 4) **Monthly Birthday Celebration** – Each month I post in the newsletter which of our residents will be celebrating a birthday that month. Then on the second Monday of the month, Skorupski Family Funeral Home stops by and provides us with a beautiful cake to celebrate. We add the ice cream and voila! We have a celebration! Everyone is welcome to attend to celebrate those who have birthdays that month but most of all to enjoy cake and ice cream with your friends and neighbors.
- 5) **Wii Bowling** – This is a fun time to play a little virtual bowling on our Wii gaming system. You just need to swing your arm...no heavy lifting required. It is a fun time to come down, cheer for and support each other and have a ton of laughs while doing it. We also enter a tournament each year to test our skills against the skills of some of the other PVM communities. Last year we came in 2nd place! Congratulations to all who participated! Join us in the community room to see what it's all about.
- 6) **Virtual Village Victory Cup** – This is a community event that ANYONE here can participate in. It is similar to the Olympic Games but on a much less physical level. We have events to compete in that are meant to give you some day to day activity but are by no means strenuous. We compete here on site and our scores are submitted to be compared against other PVM satellite communities. This year we took 1st place in the Expression of Wellness category and we took 2nd place overall. We had so much fun and look forward to it every year.
- 7) **Presentation** – This is when someone comes in to share information with us regarding a senior related issue. The presentations are free and cover a variety of topics.
- 8) **Resident Appreciation** – There are times throughout the year when the staff will put on a gathering to celebrate YOU; our residents. The meal is free and is usually themed. Either a pizza day, or maybe a chili cook-off or even themed around the current holiday. All residents are welcome.
- 9) **Administrator's Meeting** – This is a meeting for all residents to attend. We will discuss community updates that have happened since the newsletter was published. You can give your thoughts and ideas for our community going forward. You can also let me know about things you have noticed or things that you appreciate that we have added. We get a chance to gather together and chat about whatever comes to mind.

Creamy No-Bake Strawberry Desserts



Ingredients

- 1 C. mashed fresh strawberries
- 1 8 oz. pkg. light cream cheese
- 1/2 C. powdered sugar
- 1 1/3 C. heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1/3 C. powdered sugar
- 45 vanilla wafer cookies
- Halved strawberries for decoration

Directions

- These are light, dreamy, and scrumptious. But we prefer these partially frozen so that they are ice cold and almost like ice cream. They are made with vanilla wafers, a strawberry cheesecake filling, and topped with whipped cream.
- Mash the strawberries and measure out until you have 1 C. Set aside.
- In a medium bowl, whip the cream cheese until soft.
- Add the strawberries and whip until smooth. Add the 1/2 C. powdered sugar and blend.
- Beat the whipping cream until soft peaks form.
- Add the vanilla and 1/3 C. powdered sugar and continue beating until medium stiff peaks form.
- Use foil cupcake liners with the paper cup removed.
- Place two cookies in the bottom of each cup.
- Place a large spoonful of strawberry filling in each cup on top of the cookies. Place a third cookie on top of the strawberry filling and press down slightly.
- Top with whipped cream. Place the muffin tin in the freezer for two hours or until almost frozen.
- Remove and decorate with strawberry halves if desired.

September Word Search

Autumn

Find and circle all of the Autumn words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message - an Albert Camus quotation.

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L O N G E R N I G H T S N A A U C N
T O R U E S T U N Y R O K C I H R I
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ACORN	EQUINOX	NOVEMBER	SEPTEMBER
APPLE	FALL	OCTOBER	SHORTER DAYS
BIRD MIGRATION	FARMING	ORANGE LEAVES	SQUASH
BLOWING LEAVES	FEAST	PIE	SWEET POTATOES
BLUSTERY DAY	FROST	PUMPKIN	THANKSGIVING
CANNING	HALLOWEEN	RAKE	TURKEY
CHESTNUTS	HARVEST	RED LEAVES	WINDY
CHILLY	HAYSTACK	SCARECROW	YELLOW LEAVES
COLD	HICKORY NUTS	SCHOOL	
CROPS	LONGER NIGHTS	SEASON	

September Puzzle



		First Names				Orchids				Street Names			
		Aaron	Brett	Destiny	Patrick	bee orchid	calypso orchid	cooktown orchid	fly orchid	Coles Way	Holly Street	Juniper Street	L Street
Last Day Of Work	February 23												
	August 25												
	October 12												
	October 15												
Street Names	Coles Way												
	Holly Street												
	Juniper Street												
	L Street												
Orchids	bee orchid												
	calypso orchid												
	cooktown orchid												
	fly orchid												

Logic Puzzles

Presented by Puzzle Baron

Puzzle ID: T172SZ

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Last Day Of Work	First Names	Orchids	Street Names
February 23			
August 25			
October 12			
October 15			

1. The one who lives on Coles Way is not Aaron.
2. The person who planted the cooktown orchid is not Patrick.
3. The employee whose last day will be February 23 is not Destiny.
4. The one who lives on L Street didn't plant the cooktown orchid.
5. The person who planted the calypso orchid is not Brett.
6. The one who lives on Juniper Street planted the calypso orchid.
7. The one who lives on Holly Street is Patrick.
8. The one who lives on Coles Way will leave after the one who lives on Holly Street.
9. Either the employee whose last day will be August 25 or the employee whose last day will be October 12 planted the fly orchid.
10. Of Aaron and Patrick, one is leaving the company on October 12 and the other planted the fly orchid.
11. The one who lives on Holly Street didn't plant the bee orchid.
12. The one who lives on Juniper Street will leave after Patrick.

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Laughter is the Best Medicine

Funny Examples of Irony in Real Life

1. The most shoplifted book in America is The Bible.
2. The founder of AA asked for whiskey on his deathbed. (The nurse refused.)
3. In a hilarious example of irony, McDonalds' employee health page, which is now shut down, once warned against eating McDonald's burgers and fries.
4. Every year ABC cuts down *A Charlie Brown Christmas*—a movie about the over-commercialization of the holidays—to make room for more commercials.
5. Charlie Chaplin once entered a “Charlie Chaplin walk” contest... and came in 20th.
6. “Father of Traffic Safety” William Eno invented the stop sign, crosswalk, traffic circle, one-way street, and taxi stand—but never learned how to drive. The example of irony: He never got the chance to benefit from his own invention.
7. The Cult Awareness Network (CAN), once a leading anti-cult hotline, is now owned by the Church of Scientology.
8. Al Capone's older brother was a federal Prohibition agent.
9. The only losing basketball coach in University of Kansas history is James Naismith—the man who invented basketball in 1891.
10. Before 2012, the largest purchaser of kale in America was Pizza Hut. They used it as garnish around their salad bars.
11. The site where Julius Caesar was murdered in 44 BC is now a no-kill animal shelter for homeless cats.
12. Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone but refused to keep one in his study. He feared it would distract him from his work.
13. According to researchers, duct tape should never be used for sealing ducts.
14. Sweden's famous Ice Hotel has a smoke detector.
15. The first man to survive going over Niagara Falls in a barrel died after slipping on an orange peel.
16. The inventor of Liquid Paper was fired from her secretarial job for failing to white-out a mistake.
17. The condition of not being able to pronounce the letter R is called... “rhoticism”
18. Q-tips, which are usually bought primarily to clean inside your ears, are sold in boxes that expressly warn: “Do not insert inside the ear canal.”
19. Bill Hillman, a bullfighting enthusiast, wrote a book called *How to Survive the Bulls of Pamplona*, all about how to avoid being gored by bulls. Three weeks after the release of the book, he was gored by a bull.
20. In 2011, the winners of an elementary school spelling bee in Utah received a trophy reading “Viewmont Spelling Bee, 1st Place.” Quite the example of irony—not only that the trophy contained a misspelling, but that it was the word “spelling.”
21. In 2002, a tree was planted in a park in Los Angeles in memory of Beatles guitarist George Harrison. The tree later died after being infested by beetles.
22. Before he became a star, Pharrell Williams was fired from McDonald's three different times. Years later, he would help write and produce the company's iconic “I'm Lovin' It” jingle.
23. Gary Kremen, the founder of Match.com, encouraged everyone he knew to join it, including his girlfriend. She eventually left him for a man she met on Match.com.

Administrator Column

Resident Updates

for more updates straight from the Administrator.

I hope all of you enjoyed your summer! It's always nice to be able to enjoy some fresh air when the weather is good. Try to get out and enjoy as much of it as you can while it lasts. Winters in Michigan can be long and hard so it's nice to feel the sun on your face and the fresh flower fragrances in the air.

**Administrator's News**

There are times when the news that needs to be brought to you just can't fit in such a small space. Since I haven't had time to get a newsletter out this summer, I thought I would take up a little more space to keep you up on what's going on in our amazing little village.

Check out the first page for updates on the Virtual Village Victory Cup and then scoot on over to pages 9-10

Soon the air will be filled with the smells of apples and pumpkins as fall finds its way to us. Grandchildren will be back to school again and you might even be able to enjoy a few of their sporting events!

Whatever it is that you choose to do, may your fall be filled with happiness and joy from time spent with loved ones.

**Stephanie Cooper--Administrator
The Village of Hampton Meadows**

**Don't Miss the Bay County Library Bookmobile on
Thursday, September 12th from 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM**

Commodities are now being distributed at the Essexville Baptist Community Church, located at 1001 Main St., Essexville, MI 48732. Please contact the Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency if you have any questions or concerns. Their number is 989-894-9060.

Distribution time is from 1:30 pm until 2:30 pm.

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