

Messages from Maryhill

A Newsletter for Maryhill Manor Families

October, 2017

GREETINGS! This certainly is a beautiful time of year! The fields are lovely with the golden colors of ripe crops ready for harvest and the trees are bursts of yellows, golds, orange, and red. God certainly is the master artist! *** September brought us a very unexpected and unwelcome event when we had a pipe from our sprinkler system break in the attic over the dining room. Many people were gathered in the dining room enjoying some wonderful special entertainment when this occurred. I am very grateful for the quick response of all staff on duty and others that were in the building at the time who acted quickly to move everyone to safety. The results were that everyone escaped major injuries and that is the best ending to any emergency situation. The pipe that broke is part of the fire sprinkler system that was installed in 2012. The attic system is a dry system which means there is normally no water in it. The pipes are full of pressurized air and water is only pumped into the system when that air escapes, which normally only happens when the fire alarms are activated. In this situation, a pipe suddenly split causing the air to go out of the system and the water to come flooding in. When the water reached the pipe that was broken, it ran out into the attic space, causing the ceiling to get quickly saturated and a section of ceiling to come down. As I said, this system was installed in 2012 and the company involved is a reputable company that has installed many systems across the state. They are working to find out what has caused this to occur and how to prevent it from ever happening again. The attic system is currently turned off, however we continue to have fire protection throughout the building as the sprinkler system on the main floor remains on and is functioning as it should. In addition, we also have heat and smoke detectors throughout the building. The safety of our residents and staff and all others who are at Maryhill Manor is extremely important to me. Until I am assured the problem has been thoroughly addressed and the system is working properly, the attic sprinkler system will remain off. If you have any questions about this situation, do not hesitate to contact me. *** With the sprinkler system break fresh in our minds, it seems like a good time to tell you more about our emergency policies and procedures. Being prepared for emergency situations is important to us all, but particularly for those of us working in nursing homes where we care for people who are vulnerable in many ways. You have most likely heard some heartbreaking stories on the news about how nursing home residents were affected by the hurricanes in Texas and Florida. At Maryhill, we have taken the responsibility of emergency planning seriously for many years and have emergency procedures in place for many types of situations, including fires, chemical spills, and tornados to name a few. We run fire drills every month and tornado and shelter-in-place drills routinely. We also have plans in place for evacuation procedures and have identified safe places to evacuate residents to if needed, along with resources to assist with transportation. We have completed "Hazard and Vulnerability Assessment Tools" to determine what types of emergencies are more likely to occur and have addressed these areas in our emergency plans. We will update this Hazard Assessment on an annual basis. Just recently, we have been training staff members in the language of the "Incident Command" system. This system has been identified by the government as a way to organize and communicate in an emergency so that organizations of all types who respond to an emergency are speaking the same language. The idea is that response efforts will go smoother using this common system. We will continue to evaluate and update our emergency procedures regularly to ensure we are prepared and ready to act quickly to protect the safety of our residents in all types of situations. *** Blessings to you in this season of harvest. *** *Respectfully yours...Nancy Farnham, Administrator*

**"No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace, as I have seen in one autumnal face."
-John Donne**

MEDICARE NUMBERS CHANGING: We have been notified that the government will begin changing Medicare numbers this spring. The change will be made so that all social security numbers will be removed from individuals' Medicare numbers. There will be a transition period that will last over a year, but this change will begin in April 2018. If you receive a new card with a different Medicare number for your family member who is a resident at Maryhill Manor, please make a copy of the new card and bring it in to our business office. Thank you for your assistance.



Happy Birthday to You!

Ila Billing, October 10th

Karen Pederson, October 17th

Dennis Babcock, October 20th



In Our Memories

We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of this special person who had become part of our Maryhill family and has died in the past month. We treasure our memories of her and pray that God will be with her loved ones at this time of loss. We will remember her...

Geraldine "Gerry" Bunn

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CHECK OUT MARYHILL'S FACEBOOK PAGE and WEBSITE:

The website is at www.maryhillmanor.net. Copies of these monthly newsletters can also be found on our website, so feel free to pass the word to other family members!

For Your Calendars: Following is a sampling of the activities planned for this month.

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| October 2 nd , 11:00a.m. | All Faith Worship with Sister Mary Jane |
| October 3 rd , 10:00a.m. | Baking Group: Pumpkin Bars |
| October 5 th , 6:00p.m. | Bowling |
| October 6 th , 10:00a.m. | Halloween craft |
| October 10 th , 6:00p.m. | Sharp shooting |
| October 12 th , 1:00p.m. | 4 th graders visit and art with Shellee Sauer |
| October 13 th , 10:45a.m. | Sing-a-long |
| October 16 th , 9:30a.m. | Laundry helpers |
| October 17 th , 2:00p.m. | Ecumenical church service |
| October 18 th , 2:00p.m. | Bingo |
| October 19 th , 1:30p.m. | Myron Trangsrud and friends entertain. Happy Hour |
| October 21 st , 1:30p.m. | Birthday Bash! |
| October 22 nd , 1:30p.m. | Raw Sugar entertains |
| October 23 rd , 11:00a.m. | Memories and More |
| October 24 th , 10:00a.m. | Making pickles |
| October 26 th , 2:00p.m. | Square dancing |
| October 26 th , 3:00p.m. | Making treats for kids |
| October 31 st , 10:00a.m. | Pictionary |
| October 31 st | Happy Halloween! Children are welcome to come in to trick-or-treat! |

"Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves turn."

Elizabeth Lawrence



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