Winter-2023 Neighborhood News

HAPPY

Giving

Gifts of Clothing

Make sure to get all clothing gifts labeled prior to sending them to laundry. You may find it helpful to have them labeled prior to wrapping them. Contact your social worker for assistance.

Gifts of Food

During the holidays, many food items are given as gifts. If there is any question about allergies, food restrictions, refrigeration or storage please check with the nursing staff.

Donated Gifts

Any donated gifts need to be wrapped, tagged and placed under the Christmas tree in the Main Lobby by December 21. The tag should indicate ~ gift item, for male or female, and your name if you choose. These gifts will be distributed by our staff.



Please join us in getting ready for the Christmas season with helping decorate the Christmas trees on your loved ones Pavilion.

Date:	Time:	Location:
Mon. Nov. 27	2:30-4:00pm	Birch Pavilion
Tue. Nov. 28	2:30-4:00pm	Cherry Pavilion
Wed. Nov. 29	2:30-4:00pm	Dogwood Pavilion
Thu. Nov. 30	2:30-4:00pm	Elm Pavilion

Everything needed to decorate the Christmas trees is provided. If you have any questions, please contact either Linda at 932-3159 or Kari at 932-3032.



Just a reminder that during the Holidays we may not have live Christmas trees or Wreaths in any area of our buildings. Any artificial decorations must be U.L approved.

Also if you bring in any items that require electricity to put in the residents rooms (Holiday decorations, etc.) the items will need to be checked by the Environmental Service Department. Power strips used as extension cords are not allowed. We appreciate your assistance in providing a safe Holiday Season for your loved one.



Insurance

We are approaching another year end. It is a good idea to review your insurance policies. Place a call to your carrier and find out what they do and do not cover. If you find out that your policy does not pay for skilled nursing or has a high copay, it may be time to shop around for a new carrier.

We as a provider, unfortunately do not know what your exact out of pocket cost is until we receive payment from the insurance company. Before we receive payment, an Explanation of Benefit (EOB) is sent by insurer to policyholder telling them a claim has been processed. This EOB will explain what they have paid and your potential out of pocket cost.



Employee G During this holiday season when constituents and families wish to express appreciation to Organization staff by gift giving, please keep in mind the following which is in accordance with the Organization's Code of Conduct standards:

- Employees may accept individual gifts of nominal value, (under \$15.00).
- Employees may never accept cash or cash equivalents, such as gift certificates.
- Perishable or consumable gifts given to a department or group are not subject to any specific limitation.

The Organization very much appreciates the desire to acknowledge our employees, but requests that your generosity comply with our Code of Conduct standards.



Winter is going to be here for a while. We ask that you exercise caution when entering and exiting our buildings. The Environmental Services department does a wonderful job of keeping our parking lots plowed and they shovel snow from the walks and steps multiple times throughout the day.

When it snows, every effort is made to get the shoveling done before the first visitors or activities of the day begin. Please do not hesitate to contact any staff member, or Environmental Services at (231) 932-3131, if you have concerns about snow or ice.



Holiday Transportation

On November 23 & December 25 from 7:30am until 3:00pm Grand Traverse Pavilions will be providing Transportation. We have provided this bus service each year for our residents. Please contact your Social Worker or Life Enrichment Coordinator for reservations. This will be provided on a first come first serve basis with a \$5.00 each way charge within a 10 mile radius.

Social Workers

Birch - Sara Pleva	932-3207
Cherry - Emily Tyrrell	932-3307
Dogwood - Cindi Pobuda	932-3407
Elm - Cindi Pobuda	932-3407
Rehab	932-3727

Main Building - 1000 Pavilions Circle Traverse City, MI 49684 (231) 932-3000 Evergreen Cottage - 521 Cottageview Drive (231) 932-3600 Hawthorn Cottage - 523 Cottage Arbor Lane (231) 932-3620 Willow Cottage - 525 Cottage Arbor Lane (231) 932-3640 Grand Traverse Pavilions Foundation Office (231) 932-3018 Website - www.gtpavilions.org





Holiday Themed Weeks - Each week will be a different holiday theme. We invite you to wear your favorite holiday themed attire.

*Tree Topper Week: November 26th - December 2nd Wear a Santa hat, elf ears, reindeer antlers...

*You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch: December 3rd - December 9th Wear Grinch green, Grinch shirt....

*Let it Snow Week: December 10th - December 16th Wear festive hats, socks, shirts...

*Baby It's Cold Outside Week: December 17th - December 23rd Wear your ugly holiday sweaters and shirts

*Merry Christmas! December 24th & December 25th Be comfy and wear your holiday pajamas

Also taking place throughout the month of December: cookie decorating, music programs & caroling, Christmas-themed movies, crafts, and holiday light drives.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! Holiday Sweets & Treats Thursday December 14th 2:30pm-4:30pm



Aspen Main Dining Room & Multi-Purpose Room RSVP by November 30 to Linda 932-3159 or Kari 932-3032





