

HarborChase Residents Treated to **Apple-Themed Party**

The assisted-living and memory care facility celebrated fall with food and drink.

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Apple strudel, cider and ... bruschetta.

At Wednesday's Apple Fest, HarborChase of Villages Crossing served up classic and nontraditional dishes incorporating the fruit.

Bryan Neubauer, director of hospitality, said he appreciated the culinary challenge.

"I get excited about it," Neubauer said. "It allows me as a chef to play with it."

Staff served nine appleinfuséd dishes at the event.

Janell Dunn, life enrichment director, said she only expected the assistedliving and memory-care

community's chefs to prepare ingredients for a build-your-own candy apple bar.

He really went overboard," she said. "It's awesome."

While residents consumed apple cocktails, pastries and braised pork with rice, Neubauer demonstrated how to make apple strudel.

His hope was to teach residents' family and friends an easy recipe to make on their own, he said.

"It's something they can do at home," he said.

Resident Ruth Towson said Neubauer and the other cooks have impressed her since she moved to HarborChase a year and a half ago.

"They really work hard," she said. "It's a fun neighborhood."

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