



Dear Residents, Families, & Friends,

Over the years we've gotten ourselves into many adventures... some we've created ourselves and some have come via Mother Nature! The Thanksgiving Family Dinner is one of my favorite to remember. When we decided to host the first dinner we had no idea what it would be like to serve a full sit down Thanksgiving meal to a couple of hundred people... all at once! I took on the task of making the cornbread dressing and sweet potato casserole and it was only when I was literally elbow deep in potatoes and cornbread that I realized just how much it takes to feed an army! One cannot have a Thanksgiving dinner without gravy. Margaret was tasked with this as she was one of the best cooks ever! True to her nature of doing things well— she made not just a pan of gravy but a kettle— about 4 gallons of delicious and rich turkey gravy! OH! My! Over the years we perfected the process of seating that crowd and actually had everyone fed in under 30 minutes! The Christmas Family Night was another favorite. When I first arrived the staff begged me not to make them sing the 12 Days of Christmas as they'd been required in the past. In the spirit of compromise, I suggested that we include the residents and families and that the associates would then take on the 12th day! This became one of our treasured moments for all! I've also enjoyed the trips to the cotton fields and Dave's Catfish House as well as our annual pilgrimage to the Gift Horse in Foley and to the farm at Elberta and the Wolf Bay Lodge. A simple drive down Palafox gained a place on the most ridiculous adventures ever. While making the loop around by the Ferries, we suddenly came upon barricades where the road was closed. I quickly pulled into a parking lot and proceeded to do a 10 point turn to get our gigantic bus out of the tight space.

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## THE MUFFIN MAN

### First Verse:

Oh, do you know the muffin man,  
The muffin man, the muffin man,  
Oh, do you know the muffin man,  
That lives on Drury Lane?

### Second Verse:

Oh, yes, I know the muffin man,  
The muffin man, the muffin man,  
Oh, yes, I know the muffin man,  
That lives on Drury Lane



### MUFFIN MAN

**H**ERALD of winter, the muffin man, has resumed his patrol of London streets round about Drury Lane.

He still wears his traditional green baize apron, but instead of the baize covered basket balanced on his head, he uses a small truck for his wares. Custom is brisk, housewives come to their doors, children crowd around, and the basket would not hold all he could sell. But the truck is covered with green baize, so the atmosphere is retained of the "Muffin man who lives down Drury Lane."

### FROM THE WELLNESS CENTER:

The State has issued new guidance for us to follow in regards to COVID-19. Effective immediately we will no longer be performing screenings for visitors, residents, and staff. There is a poster in the lobby that advises those who are positive with COVID-19 to refrain from visiting and asks those who are sick with symptoms to reconsider their visit until they are well. (This has always been our request.) We will no longer be testing for COVID-19 on a regular basis. Going forward testing will be on an as needed basis. Masks are no longer required as a general rule.

**BREAKING  
NEWS**



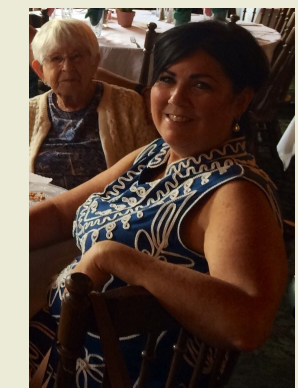
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Boy was that an adventure! Lesson learned: keep your eyes on the road ahead of you too! Mother Nature has created a few adventures for us through the years. I'll never forget the night we all spent in the shelter space during "Hurricane" Sally. I've not figured out yet how those two sweet ladies talked for an entire night– non stop! And it's amazing how many times folks had to get up and go to the bathroom. Those amazing hurricane shutters that "you know who" donated to the community made staying at home during the storm a safe option! The ice storm a few years back was quite the adventure... our poor palm tree in the courtyard wasn't able to survive that one. And the Big Flood was quite the learning opportunity to say the least! Certain residents– and you know who you are– made it their life's quest to get past the plastic barricade to see what was on the other side! Anniversary parties have always been wonderful adventures from beginning to end. Each year we've come up with different theme's including the celebration of our coastal location, to a night in Havana, to an evening on the western range-covered wagons and all! We've had great fun– making fun for and with you all.

As my time here draws to a close– I remember when I first arrived ten years ago. I was so excited to be here and to celebrate life and living with you all! We've had some really great times, even in the challenges. I can't say how very much I've appreciated the opportunity to serve and how grateful I am for the experience. God has truly blessed me – His grace has been more than enough each and every day. I pray that as we move forward into new adventures that they will be exciting and joy filled. I can't wait to see what is around the corner! May the LORD richly bless each and every one of you, your families, and the Methodist Homes.

Jennifer Colley

“The Opportunity of a lifetime must be seized during the lifetime of the opportunity! “



A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES!

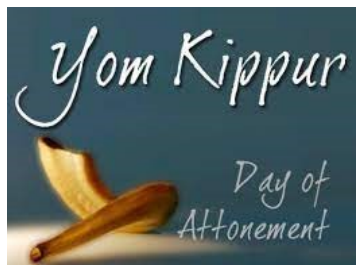




## ALL THINGS JEWISH

### What are the High Holy Days?

Of the two main High Holy Days, also called the High Holidays, the first is Rosh Hashanah, or the New Year celebration. It is one of two new year celebrations in the Jewish faith, the other being Passover in the spring. The second High Holiday is Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement. In addition to the main Holy Days, there are other celebrations that occur as part of the festival season. One is Sukkot, or the Festival of the Booths, during which meals and rituals take place in a “sukkah,” or a makeshift structure con-



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**MISSING**

SOMETHING IS MISSING!

**Extra! Extra! Read All About It!**

**The WHV Press seeks submissions from residents, families, and friends. Know someone with something to say, something to share? Send your news our way! Poems, quotes, stories, jokes, we want ‘em!**



**Laughter**  
is the best  
medicine, but if  
you laugh for no  
reason, you need  
medicine.



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With a Warm Heart  
With a Caring Spirit



Meeting our Resident’s needs and  
Exceeding their expectations with  
Every service we perform every day.

