



MAY

BIRTHDAYS

5-4 LIONEL B

5-21 NEVA S

5-24 MARY T

We will Celebrate ALL MAY BIRTHDAY RECIPIENTS

on MAY 9th at 3:00 pm

NEVA'S SPECIAL 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION STARTING AT NOON ON 5-21

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

Painting Class



National Fondue Day



"Night of Magic" Family Night



Haiku Poetry Day

WINGED by Sue F

A bird on the vine

Is singing all of the time

It sings night & day

A Haiku is composed of only 3 lines

The first line has 5 syllables

The second line has 7 syllables

The third line has 5 syllables

\$3,500 RESIDENT REFERRAL BONUS

Have you shared your love for Waltonwood lately? When you refer someone to a Waltonwood community, they'll thank you for it - and then we'll thank you for it too! Ask for details!

FRIENDS & FAMILY REFERRAL PROGRAM!

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FOR ALL WOMEN IN MY LIFE

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How can I thank you for your support,
For the guidance, prayers, and help of all sorts?
So much you have done that I could never repay.
All I can do is to honor you in this noble way.
Kind, caring, and loving is who you are.
May the blessing of the Lord propel you far.
You took me into your heart and showed me love,
And for that I think of you as an angel from high above.
Knowing you are in my life makes me proud.
Your advice for me leaves me sound.
You have supported me to this end;
You've been my Mom and my friend.
I am who I am today
Because you showed me the way.
For being a mentor to me above all odds,
I say you are the BEST MUM in the world.
God bless you in every way,
And Happy Mother's Day!!!



Mother's Day Brunch

May 11, 2024

Seating times by RSVP Only.
11:30am- 1pm or 1:30pm- 3pm.

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

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Wellness Coordinator

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Wellness Coordinator

ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT- JON KLEIST

Jon Kleist is one of the newest members of the AL LE Team. Jon was and raised in Des Moines, Iowa. His father worked for GM and the family was transferred to Southfield, where he went to Groves High School. After graduating from Groves, he started at CMU but then Vietnam started. He decided instead of being drafted that he would join the Airborne Ranger National Guard. When he joined, he had no idea that he would have to go to "jump school" at Ft. Benning. "Jump School" required that he learn how to jump from helicopters and airplanes! He did that for 6 years. Then he went on to graduate from OU with a degree in History and Liberal Arts.

He worked for Ford for 35 years as an Emissions and Transmission Testing Technician.

From Jon's first marriage he has a daughter, a son and 3 grandsons. His daughter lives in Cleveland and his son and family live in Iron Mountain. Jon remarried in 1980 and has been married to Jane for 44 years.

Jon's journey to become an LEA started when his mom Neva moved into IL in 2013. He has known Stef from her days as the IL LEM. When his mom had health issues and moved to AL in 2020, he started spending a lot of time in the community. Jon enjoyed meeting the residents and started helping Maria on weekends with activities. So, when Stef was looking for someone to replace Maria, he was a perfect fit. He is great with the AL/MC residents. When Jon has free-time you can find him on the golf course or enjoying mowing his almost 2-acre lawn. He also enjoys yardwork and going to the gym. We are so happy that Jon joined our team and look forward to many years of enjoying his wonderful energy and engaging personality.



TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Join us this month as we venture out to...

- May 8 Kroger Grocery Store
- May 8 Tour of Northville's Mill Race Historic Village
- May 15 Kroger Grocery Store
- May 15 Lunch Outing: Village Grill Commerce
- May 15 Walk in the Park (Maybury)
- May 22 Kroger Grocery Store
- May 22 Motown Museum Tour

The bus is available for Transportation on **Thursday** for Doctor's Appointments.

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

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What a great turn out from Residents, Family & Associates to experience this rare phenomenon of the **Solar Eclipse**.

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Residents had a wonderful day at **Kensington Farm Center** learning about all their animals on *National Farm Animal Day!*



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Thank you to those residents who planted our seeds during our **Earth Day** program. Soon we will be able to transplant them in our courtyard.

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Our residents had 2 opportunities to enjoy the traditional foods of a **Passover Seder**.



MAY SPECIAL EVENTS

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The ladies' hats are decorated and the anticipation is in the air for the Annual **WTO "Run for the Roses" Derby**.

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We have "spiced" up our May 5th Sunday line up to include a fun **"C-I-N-C-O" de Mayo Bingo Fiesta!**

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Don't forget to reserve your spot for our **"Kick off to Memorial Day" Family Night**. This is the first of 3 events to honor "those who gave their all"

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National Senior Health & Fitness Day is the perfect time to educate and promote the wide variety of programming that are offered to keep everyone healthy & fit!



FOREVER FIT – NATIONAL HEALTH & FITNESS DAY

On Wednesday May 29th join Waltonwood and over 100,00 other older adults across the country as we celebrate National Senior Health and Fitness Day. The annual celebration highlights the impact that staying active and fit has on our overall health and wellness as we age. Mirroring the principles of the Waltonwood Forever Fit Program, National Senior Health and Fitness Day promotes the benefits of regular exercise by finding creative ways to incorporate fitness into your daily routine. This year's theme is "Make Fitness Your Friend for Life", because it's never too late to start a more active lifestyle. On May 29th, lace up your walking shoes gather a few of friends and join us as we celebrate National Senior Health and Fitness Day 2024.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CORNER – Joe Whitney

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who completed the Resident Engagement Surveys a few months ago. We have received results and there are some good scores and some areas we can improve upon. We scored high in the areas of staff friendliness; our Life Enrichment programs and appearance of the community. Areas that we will be focusing on will be better engagement with residents and families. There are several opportunities we already have in place to engage with our residents and families. This includes Resident Council, "Family Nights" and Holiday Brunches. I will also be sending out more correspondence via email. Our staff will also be reaching out periodically to residents and families either by phone or in person as a way to "check-in" with residents & families. I really appreciate everyone who participated in the survey process, so thank you again.