# The Fair Oaks News

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### Happy Birthday!

Best wishes to our residents and staff celebrating birthdays this month.

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<u>Residents</u>	
Susannah F.	10/8
Rudolph F.	10/15
<u>Employees</u>	
Malissa L.	10/1
Gina Z.	10/1
BrittanyG.	10/4
Maria Ľ.	10/5
Nina Z.	10/8
Michael T.	10/11
Thandiwe M.	10/15
Sydney K.	10/20
Mariann C.	10/21
Lori T.	10/21
Yazmin C.	10/25
Audrey M.	10/26
Larry S.	10/25
Patricia E.	10/28

## Tair Oaks

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#### **Upcoming Events**

10/04 Jewelry Making

10/07 Manicures

10/08 Beaded Spider

10/09 Crystal Lake Library W/ Katie

10/14 Music WI Tony

10/17 Fall Craft

10/20 Chef Day (Cream of Potato Soup)

10/21 Abednego Visit

10/22 Mass

10/22 Baking Cookies

10/23 Church Service

10/23 Ice Cream Social

10/24 Lunch Buddies

10/27 Candy Corn Surprise

10/29 Coffee & Donuts

10/29 Mini Pumkin Painting

10/30 Pentagonal Paper Pumpkins

10/31 Halloween Party

10/27-10/31 Movie Marathon

### **Pumpkin: Facts & Fun for Fall**

Fall is here, and pumpkins are everywhere! From pies and cookies to roasted seeds and pumpkin spice lattes, these versatile gourds are the ultimate symbol of autumn. On October 26, we celebrate pumpkins: a tasty treat and iconic fall decoration.

#### **Pumpkin Fun Facts:**

- The word pumpkin comes from the Greek word *pepon*, meaning "large melon."
- Pumpkins, gourds, and squashes are technically fruits – specifically berries!
- Pumpkins come in more colors than you think: classic orange, white, yellow, green, gray, and even blue.
- The U.S. produces over **1.5 billion** pounds of pumpkins each year.

- A pumpkin is **90% water**, which is why it floats.
- Pumpkin seeds or pepitas, are packed with protein, magnesium, and zinc.
- Pumpkins have been grown in North America for over 5,000 years, originally used for food and not just decoration.
- Americans eat over 50 million pumpkin pies each year.
- Each Halloween, more than
   1 billion Jack-o'-lanterns are carved in the U.S. alone.
- The world's heaviest pumpkin weighed over 2,700 pounds.

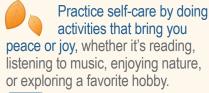
Whether carving, painting, baking, or roasting seeds, pumpkins bring fun, flavor, and fall spirit to every part of the season.



## **Prioritize Your Well-Being**

October is Emotional Wellness
Month, a reminder to check in with
yourself and make time for the
habits that support your overall
well-being. World Mental Health
Day is also on October 10, a day
dedicated to raising awareness and
encouraging conversations about
mental health worldwide. Together,
they highlight the importance of
caring for both body and mind.

Emotional wellness means finding balance in how we handle stress, build connections, and enjoy life. While some factors like age or family history are out of our control, there are many positive steps we can take every day:



Stay connected with friends, family, and community. Sharing time and conversation often brings comfort and reduces feelings of loneliness.

Care for your body with regular exercise, balanced meals, and plenty of rest. Movement and nutrition support not just physical health, but emotional health too.

Manage stress through breathing exercises, meditation, prayer, or quiet reflection. Stepping away from news or screens for a while often helps refresh your mind.

Remember you're not alone. Sharing with a loved one, doctor, or counselor often brings comfort during overwhelming times.

This month, allow yourself to slow down, recharge, and make space for what helps you feel good. Even small steps can create a stronger foundation for emotional wellness.



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