

# Celebrating

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# **NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS**

### **VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS**











### THANKSGIVING FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER













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As we head into the final month of 2025, I'm so grateful for photos that have been taken throughout the year. These images capture the big and small moments, that help me answer, the question, "Where did the time go?"

Our "Noon Year" party kicked off the year which was followed by the Waltonwood to Dollywood week long event, St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Rainbow Feather Birds and Camp Waltonwood to name a few. Our travels took us up and down the *Detroit River*, Comerica Park for a Tour, as well as, a Tigers baseball game, Belle Isle and local apple orchards' for cider & donuts. Ahh, let us not forget the day- to-day activities that put a smile on our face like the pet therapy dog visits, art for all ages, drum circle, noodle hockey, card games, educational talks and musical entertainers. I'm so grateful for our residents who are willing to try something new and reap the benefits as they find success!

As the year is winding down, please realize that our activities do not! Our December calendar has something for everyone. There are excursions, education programs and plenty of opportunities to get you into the holiday spirit, so that you can "Make it a December to Remember!"

# **COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT**

Joe Whitney **Executive Director** 

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Jacob Chamberlain Culinary Services Manager

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Heather Laskos Marketing Manager

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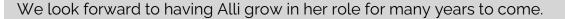
Have you shared your love for Waltonwood lately? When details!

### **ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT- ALLI SMITH**

Alli Smith is our caring, always helpful Dining Room Supervisor. She has been working at WTO for almost a year. When Alli moved back to the area, she wanted to go back to work at a place that felt familiar, as she has worked in Senior Living, specifically the kitchen. Alli loves working with the residents.

Alli loves helping and caring for people with higher needs. She is a Certified Life Coach for adults with higher needs. She helps guide them in and out of the workplace. Ally understands the patience and compassion that is required to help people.

Alli's hobbies are playing the bass guitar, skateboarding, hiking, painting and she loves to cook. She just learned how to make pizza, and is very excited about that.





### **NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS**

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Today our Veteran's were recognized at the **Novi Veteran's Celebration Luncheon.** 

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Residents sampled crab cakes, blue cornbread and Indiana Pie during the "Taste of Travel: Thanksgiving Foods from Around the US" presentation.

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Residents enjoyed listening to President Lincoln Talk as he explained how Thanksgiving on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in November came to be.

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Always a good time banging on the Bongo Drums with Sundance during our **Drum Circle Music Therapy** program.









## **FOREVER FIT - MORNING MEDITATION**

The holidays are a wonderful time of the year filled with friends, family, parties and gatherings. It's also some of the more stressful week on the calendar filled with schedule changes and obligations that pull you from your current routine. So, take this a gentle reminder that the holiday stress is normal and OK. How we manage this stress will directly impacts how our bodies and minds feel in the weeks to come. This December try adding a morning meditation to your daily routine. Each morning take some quiet time for yourself to slow the body, calm the mind and allow yourself to connect with how you feel. It could be something as simple as a 5-minute gratitude meditation giving thanks for what you have in your life. No matter the time the practice of mindfulness is the perfect way to quiet the stress and connect to the world around you.

### TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Good news, we just hired a new bus driver, *Imani*. So, please welcome her to our team. It will take her a while to get "up to speed". So, we will only have a few outings this month to allow for her training.

December 3 Downtown Plymouth includes Lunch & Museum Tour

December 12 DSO – "Home for the Holidays Concert"

December 17 Holiday Shopping at West Oaks Spirit Christmas Store

Remember to sign up in the White Book out front of Nana's Place to reserve your seat

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

## **DECEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS**

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I can't think of a better way to get into the holiday spirit than with the **Novi Choralaires Annual Holiday Evening Music Concert.** 

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Another festive day is planned starting with a **Holiday Sing-A-Long** followed **by Cocoa & Cookies with Santa Claus!** 

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Happy Hanukkah! All are welcome at our **Hanukkah Celebration** as we celebrate the festival of lights in true fashion.

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Join us for our "Happy Noon Year's Eve Party!" Honey & Tim will be here to provide entertainment for the festivities!





DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> \* 11:30 AM DINING ROOM

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CORNER – Joe Whitney**

As we enter the Holiday Season and through the end of the year, I wanted to reflect and thank everyone for making 2025 a great year at Waltonwood. There is still work that needs to be done, but the continued success of the community cannot be accomplished without the staff, residents and family members. It really takes each and everyone of us to build a strong and vibrant community. Waltonwood is becoming a place where residents can enjoy each other and live with happiness and purpose. I hope everyone has a safe and happy Holiday Season