

Activity Updates and Upcoming Events

May is shaping up to be a lively and joyful month, filled with opportunities to connect, celebrate, and create lasting memories together! We'll kick things off with a festive Cinco de Mayo Resident Social Hour, where good company and cheerful vibes will set the tone for the weeks ahead. Creativity will be in full bloom as we craft May Day baskets, and we'll also come together for a meaningful community project in honor of National Firefighter Day on May 4th, showing our appreciation for those who serve.

Music and camaraderie will be at the heart of the month as we welcome the New Testament Handbell Choir for a special performance, and gather for our Veterans Coffee and Conversation, a time to share stories, laughter, and connection. On May 18th, we'll celebrate the beauty of spring by planting the flowers from our annual flower sale, inviting residents and families to dig in and enjoy the day together.

As the month continues, adventure and relaxation await! Residents can sign up for a fun fishing trip or enjoy fresh air and great food at our patio picnic. We'll wrap up all the excitement with a family evening bingo night—sure to bring smiles, friendly competition, and plenty of fun for everyone. May truly has something for all to enjoy!

Are you interested in staying up to date with everything happening at Bell Tower? Join our monthly mailing list to receive the latest news, event updates, and special announcements! For more information or to sign up, please reach out to Allison Heckendorf at aheckendorf@carriagehealthcare.com, we'd love to keep you connected.

Family and Staff Event Requests at BTR

To reserve Assisi Hall for an event, please call Bell Tower Residence's main number at **715-536-5575** and provide your information to the receptionist. Your request will be forwarded to the Director of Life Enrichment and Events Coordinator, Allison Heckendorf, who will contact you within two business days to discuss details.

Bell Tower Residence NEWSLETTER

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Set on 12 beautifully landscaped acres with over 68,000 square feet of living and common spaces, Bell Tower is a friendly assisted living community where residents feel at home and live life well with purpose and dignity. We offer private apartments, religious services, activities, outings, delicious home-cooked meals and our caring and compassionate staff are always nearby to help.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please reach out to our Admissions Coordinator, Mikaela Plautz at mplautz@carriagehealthcare.com



A Newsletter for Residents and Friends,
about *Life* at Bell Tower
- May 2026 -
Bell Tower Residence

Celebrating May

- 1st- May Day
- 2nd- Kentucky Derby
- 3rd- World Laughter Day
- 4th- Fire Fighters Day
- 5th- Cinco De Mayo
- 6th- National Nurses Week
- 8th- Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 10th- Mothers Day
- 13th- Receptionists Day
- 15th- Pizza Party Day
- 18th- Backyard Games Day
- 19th- Senior Citizens Day
- 23rd- World Turtle Day
- 25th- Memorial Day
- 27th- National Senior Health Fitness Day
- 28th- Go for a Drive Day
- 29th- Learn about Composting Day
- 30th- Swinging with the Oldies Day
- 31st- Colorful Day

Spring has Arrived

Spring is finally here, and everyone at Bell Tower is excited to welcome the warmer days ahead. After a long winter, we are looking forward to getting outside, feeling the sunshine, and enjoying the fresh spring air.

Our residents are especially excited for all the fun that comes with the season, including planting flowers, spending time outdoors, and watching nature come back to life. There is something special about seeing colorful flowers bloom and hearing the birds sing again. We are also excited to start up our walking club again now that the weather is getting nicer and residents can enjoy fresh air while staying active.

We are also busy planning many exciting spring and summer activities for our residents and families to enjoy. Some of the events we are looking forward to include fishing trips, pontoon rides, outdoor picnics, a family carnival, and many more fun surprises throughout the season.

Families are always invited to visit and spend time with their loved ones, whether relaxing together outside in the sunshine or visiting indoors. We also encourage families to join in and enjoy the many activities and special events we offer throughout the year.

Spring is a wonderful reminder of new beginnings, growth, and brighter days ahead. We look forward to making many happy memories together this spring and summer while enjoying all the beauty the season has to offer.

-Elizabeth Grubb



Bell Tower Wish List:

- Roku TV for each neighborhood
- Sponsor a Zumba Class
- Sponsor a Birthday Cake
- Natural Color Nail Polish
- Sponsor Live Music
- Purchased Bingo Prizes
- Sensory Games
- Resident Social Hour Supplies
- Purchase Chocolate for Bingo
- Craft Kits
- 100 Pc Puzzles
- Puzzle Tables
- Board Games
- Craft Supplies

Amazon Wish List:
<https://a.co/0ipUkcHF>

Bell Tower Annual Flower Sale

Bell Tower is excited to host its annual flower sale, helping to beautify the grounds of our wonderful facility. This is a meaningful opportunity to purchase a flower in honor of a loved one who lives at Bell Tower. The sale will run from April 22nd through May 13th. We plan to plant these beautiful flowers on May 18th and warmly invite residents and their families to join us for this special occasion.



Project Updates



We are progressing with several facility improvements to enhance safety and overall environment. A fire door will be installed in the east hallway to support more efficient fire evacuation procedures, with an additional fire door on the third floor scheduled for early May. Lobby renovations are being completed in phases, beginning with flooring and wall updates, which are currently being finalized. Plans for third-floor lighting are still under review as we determine fixture styles and establish a project timeline. Additionally, work is underway to address the whirlpool tub jets in the first East Neighborhood and the second West Neighborhood.

Housekeeping Updates

We are currently coordinating the cleaning of the exterior windows and will provide an update once a confirmed date has been scheduled. In addition, several spring cleaning initiatives are underway throughout the facility to maintain a high standard of cleanliness and organization. We are also prioritizing the repair of the dryer on 2W and anticipate it will be restored to working order soon to ensure operations continue as smoothly as possible.



Dietary Updates



The Dietary Department anticipates having the new dishwashers fully operational by May 1st. In addition, we are ensuring that all dietary staff are cross-trained across every neighborhood, which will enhance the consistency and quality of service provided at Bell Tower. We are also placing a strong emphasis on incorporating resident preferences into menu planning to better meet their needs and expectations.

Staff Birthdays

7th– Holly B
12th– James C
16th– Nora M
18th– John B
26th– Jourdyn L
31st– Cynthia H
31st– Mylene J

Staff Anniversaries

2 years– Sierra L
3 years– Becky T

Resident Birthdays

12th– Dorothy J
15th– Janice D
15th– S. Mary Angie
18th– Allen K
22nd– Richard S
25th– Marion M
25th– Henry Z
31st– Sandra V

Resident Anniversaries

1 year– Sandara V
1 year– Marion M
1 year– Sandra F
2 years– Sandra M
3 years– Philip S
4 years– S. Mary Thomas
5 years– Mark D
5 years– Dionne K
7 years– Evelyn B
7 years– Judith B

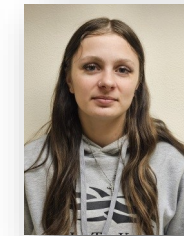


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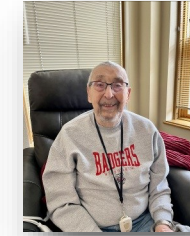
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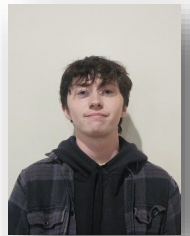
Henry Zomcheck
1E Neighborhood



Madison Prentice
PCW



Donald Hostvedt
3E Neighborhood



Austine Rothe
CNA

We are so glad you are here! Welcome to our Bell Tower Family! Bell Tower is still searching for Care Givers for all Shifts!

A Time of Honor

May is Older Americans Month, a time to honor the invaluable contributions of older adults in our lives and to reflect on the rich history, experiences, and perspectives they share with us. This year's theme, "Powered by Connection," reminds us that strong relationships and community ties are essential for well-being at every age, fostering a sense of belonging, purpose, and joy. Whether it's sharing stories that pass down traditions, volunteering together to make a difference, mentoring younger generations, or simply enjoying a cup of coffee and heartfelt conversation, these moments strengthen the bonds that make our community thrive. Let's take time this month to reach out, listen deeply, express our gratitude, and celebrate the wisdom, resilience, and warmth our residents, family members and neighbors bring to our lives every single day.

"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope."
– Emily Bronte

Holly Burgener DON

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Theresa Gust on being selected to be Bell Towers Employee of the Month for May. This was well deserved, and we are glad to have you a part of our team!



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(715)-536-5575 Admissions Coordinator