



Village News



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I am so excited about next month's Friends and Family Events! We have some amazing opportunities for you to be involved in spreading the word and raising funds for our Community.

The construction located at the front and south side of our community was completed. The contractors assisting with our expansion will be repairing the areas as able. Please use caution while traveling these areas.

LHW II will have a space for those that support our community to be recognized. If you or anyone is interested in sponsoring a spot on the donor wall please see the office for details on how to become part of this art installation.

I encourage everyone to return the Activities Survey and The Fundraising Survey. Your feedback helps us to make sure we are spending time and money on the things our residents wish to see added or improved.

Thank you! Jeni Loshaw, Administrator



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Lake Huron
Woods

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A Mission of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan

Look for PVM on:



New Forms

These will be delivered to your ledges this month. Please complete and return by 03/15/2024. We are available to answer any questions you may have. We appreciate your assistance in making sure your files are maintained with the most recent information. It is appreciated and truly helps our ability to serve you.

“Casting Call”

We looking for volunteers for Resident Testimonial’s. This will be a short Video about why you love living here or why you chose to live here at Lake Huron Woods .

“Open House”

March 23rd we are having an Open House from 11:00-3:00 invite your friends!

“Make Money”

Your referrals aren’t priceless, they pay! Remember if you refer someone and they move in you could be earning \$500.



**Kristine Skarbo,
Sales and Leasing Specialist**



**Lori Jones,
Administrative Assistant**

March 2024

Looks like March is going to start with unseasonably warm temperatures. I will be keeping my fingers crossed the warm weather continues to stick around for an early spring!

March 10th is the start of Daylight Saving Time, which begins at 2:00 A.M. that day, don't forget to "spring forward" and set the clocks one hour ahead, or you may find yourself an hour late to everything!

The March equinox occurs on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. In the Northern Hemisphere, this is known as the vernal, or spring, equinox and marks the start of the spring season.

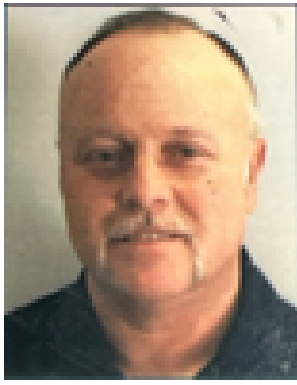
March's full Moon, the Worm Moon, reaches peak illumination on the morning of Monday, March 25, 2024. Look for it on the evening of Sunday, March 24, as the moon rises above the horizon

What to do if you get Covid?

- Isolate for 5 days**
- Mask for 5 days following isolation**
- Call kitchen for delivery of soup (free)**
- Inform our team**
- Press pendant if you need The Med Team**

If you receive Housekeeping or need non-emergency services we will resume service after your isolation period and when you feel well enough for us to assist.

We will mask in your home during the five days of masking and ask that you do the same while we are in your home.



**Rod Osantowski, Service
Lead**

Maintenance Updates

Just a reminder that Jeff is on vacation in March. I will also be traveling for a period. If you have an emergency please contact the phone number below. If the maintenance concern is non-emergent please contact the office. Your requests will be addressed as soon as possible.

Thank you to all our residents for your cooperation during our updates. We truly appreciate the opportunity to make these updates to your home.

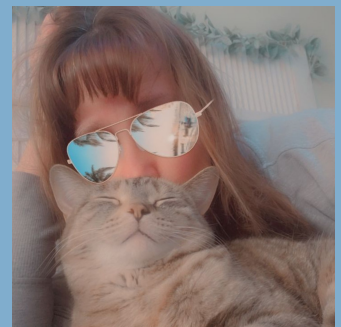
Maintenance Emergency: 810-294-9510

Housekeeping Updates

Reminder: Laundry Pods are to be put in with the laundry and not added to the tray of the front load machine on the first level.

We have added disinfecting wipes to the common bathrooms. Please feel free to use these to wipe seats and surfaces as needed. These areas are for use by residents and guests. We appreciate everyone assisting in keeping these areas clean between services. Remember to not flush paper towel or wipes.

**Laundry Room Hours are now:
7AM - 9PM**



Teresa

The LHW Housekeeping Team

Resident Chatter:

A brief review and update from last month's Resident Council Meeting

Treasurer Report: Two expenses were incurred in December Name Tags: \$41.97 and New roll of raffle tickets: \$13.77 for a total of -\$55.74. There was a total of \$60.90 in bottle returns resulting in an income of \$30.45 after the share of proceeds with Ron for assisting with the return of the cans. January balance was \$476.41. Please remember that returnable cans are collected on the second floor in the storage room.

1. Our Resident Council President, Juli, told of her 11 day hospital stay due to Covid and 2 strains of flu. Although this is a reminder, please be aware that Covid, Flu and other Respiratory viruses are still going around. It is suggested that all be conscious of washing hands and using the sanitizing foam located at the entrance to our elevators and near the mailboxes.

2. The 50/50 Raffle collected a total of \$96.00. The winner of the 50/50 Christmas Raffle was Mary T. and she donated a large part of her winnings to our adopted Christmas Family. The Resident Council's portion (\$48.00) was donated to our adopted Christmas Family as well.

3. **VERY IMPORTANT:** It was mentioned, that there are two machines that have been out of order since January. Update: Service has been performed. Please report any additional issues to the office. Thank you!

4. Reminder: Laundry Room Hours are now 7am-9pm Daily.

5. Additional Reminder: One of our outside activities has been a trip to the YMCA. At our February Resident Council Meeting, we had a glowing endorsement of the swimming pool and the many facilities available at the YMCA. “It’s like being on vacation!”

Since we now have a PACE Bus available twice a week to take us to some of our various outside activities, don’t forget to sign up. This is required in advance. If not enough residents are signed up for an activity, that trip may be cancelled.

The Activity Sign-up Notebook is on the table across from the Activity Room.

6. Reminder: Those who partake in the meals served here at Lake Huron Woods are invited to share compliments, concerns, a recipe or suggestion with the Chefs. Consider attending the monthly “Menu Chats” on the last Thursday of the month in the dining room at 1:30PM.

7. A concern, mentioned previously, discussed the “Heimlich Maneuver”. It was mentioned by one of our residents, that the Fire Department has training available complete with a “dummie” to practice on.

8. Cappuccino/Lattes/Hot Chocolate Machine: Once again, the machines were filled, but depleted within a few hours. Again the recommendation of installing a motion activated camera was made. To go once a week or so to enjoy a cup of your favorite beverage is such a special treat. Please , respect this privilege and respect others by sharing and not hogging. Update: Consideration of Coffee Bar Hours is under review. Week days from 8AM-2PM. Please provide feedback at the next Resident Council Meeting.

New Business

1. Overhead Lighting Fixtures in our apartments (update) have been replaced as a result of funding from DTE. It is another step in going “green” for the good of the planet. There was much concern among the residents about the lack of notice. Maybe there could have been some discussion of the possibility of change at one of the Community Meetings. Being well informed about change is always appreciated.

Note: This was discussed at the previous Community Meeting. Based on the feedback provided the LHW team will be distributing Community Meeting Notes after the meeting to all residents. We hear you and agree more information is always a benefit.

2. Voting Updates: Mary T. Shared information about the new voting changes. There is Prepaid Postage on return absentee ballots. Voters do NOT have to apply for a ballot each time there is an election. Once the voter is registered on the absentee voter list, a ballot will be sent for each election until the voter moves or hasn't voted for 6 years. Also, there is now early walk-in voting for 9 days before each election. The Township building will be open during that 9 day period all 7 days per week from 8:30am-4:30pm. Early voting is 2/17-25. It is important that you vote before the Monday of the Tuesday election date. You cannot vote the Monday before the election day. This year election day is February 27th. The Township Hall for fort Gratiot is located at: 3720 Keewahdin Rd. Fort Gratiot, MI. It is very important that each eligible voter votes!

3. One last reminder to refrain from speaking while others are trying to speak or ask a question. Thank you!

**Resident Council Meeting
Saturday, March 2nd at 1PM
Please Join Us in the Activity Room**

Activity and Wellness

Wow it's March! The month of March represents new growth and it's flower symbol is the Daffodil which represents forgiveness, trust, honesty and true love. Take time in March to enjoy the little moments when new growth sprouts from the ground of our earth.

I want to thank everyone for their generous donations for the 50/50 benefitting the PHHS food pantry. Also, thank you for coming and enjoying the Chilifest. I was so surprised to hear my Venison Chili took first place! Thank you!

We are starting line dancing in March. Cornhole practice for the Victory Cup Competition is also starting. We have several trips scheduled for March so be sure to check your calendars. We have music every week in March, see calendars for dates and times.

I also want to thank everyone for their input on what happens with activities. I'm so grateful that you come to the Activity Round Table. I enjoy talking with every person and listening to what they want or don't want.

Music in March

Sincerely,



Debrah
Activity Coordinator

3/6- Jim Ayres

3/14- The Larsons

3/20- George Sabb

3/28- Double D Easter Party



Happy
BIRTHDAY

Birthday Celebration!

The Birthday Party will be held on Friday the 15th.
Join us in the Activity Room at 2:00pm for refreshments!
Sponsored by Harmony Cares' Sarah!

Lake Huron Woods Celebrates our Residents with March Birthdays!

Ken	333	3/3	Patricia	101	3/23
Marilyn	209	3/4	Nancy	319	3/29
Barbara	219	3/19	George	120	3/31

Resident Reminder

Our Friends and Family Fundraiser will be starting April 1st. We are hoping to raise over \$3000 for improvements and additions requested by YOU. Please complete the survey to share your wish list for your home here at Lake Huron Woods!

The Med Team

Friendly reminder for updated paperwork. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact The Med Team at 810-689-0790.

In addition, The Med Team is now offering Home Healthcare and Hospice Services. These are both available to residents and to the surrounding area.

Thank you!

-The Med Team

Hello everyone! My name is Crystal Ratliff and I am the Dining Services Manager here at Lake Huron Woods.

We would like to remind everyone that we will be hosting TWO Buffets this month. We will be hosting a buffet for St. Patrick's Day and one for Easter. Please remember to sign up and get tickets! We hope to see you enjoying the amazing food!

Menu Chat will be on March 28th at 1:30PM in the Dining Room.



Crystal Ratliff, Dining Services Manager

Fire Drill Tips

Lake Huron Woods holds multiple fire drills per year. Some will be announced and some are not. This is what to do if you hear or see the fire alarms.

-Hang a brightly colored towel or blanket over your balcony rail or, for first floor, on the door of your patio. *This will indicate to Fire Response team that you are in your home.*

-Close all doors and windows.

-Shelter in place.

-If directed to evacuate, meet at PACE building until given all clear.

Participation in Fire Drills is Mandatory. Please make sure you are ready. Practice makes responding in the event of an actual emergency easier, as they say practice makes perfect.

Consult emergency flyers for more tips. These are circulated throughout the year. If you need a copy see the office. Thank you!



One Call

Lake Huron Woods uses a system called One Call. This system allows the team at Lake Huron Woods to send messages with information that we wish to communicate to our residents.

These alerts can be set up for phone call, text and/or email. I know that some have reported issues with hearing the information via the automated speaker, so text or email may be a better option.

These calls can contain, but are not limited to, Activity information, Important Emergency Updates impacting LHW (Power Outage), Resident Council Reminders, Service Notices and much more.

If you want to receive TEXT Messages on your phone please:

- Go to text messages on your phone**
- Create a new text message to number 22300**
- Enter ALERT in the message**
- Hit Send**
- Let office know number you have registered by completing the below.**



If you want phone calls, complete and return the below:

Name:

Apt:

Phone:

Bus to Victory Cup
on June 21st

What do you want to see at Lake Huron Woods?

Additional Raised
Gardening Beds

Tell us what we need to
add to make life even more
enjoyable at LHW!



Your Opinion Matters!

We want to make sure we are raising funds for items you want to see or have improved at Lake Huron Woods. Please let us know what is on your wish list! Make a note and return to us for consideration. Remember Friends and Family Fundraising is from April 1st until April 30th. All funds raised stay with Lake Huron Woods for use to enhance your enjoyment of our community!

Campaign FOR THE AGES

THE COMMUNITY OF LAKE HURON WOODS

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FOR THE AGES

Leave your legacy
TODAY!



By making a gift today, you can become a permanent part of the Community of Lake Huron Woods history! **Consider making a gift as a tribute or memorial to a friend, family member, loved one, or yourself.** When you make a gift of \$500 or more, you will become a lasting part of The Village of Lake Huron Woods campus.

Your Legacy Can Live Here!

Housing and healthcare are too expensive for too many seniors. We can change that together! By Supporting the Campaign for the Ages, the Community of Lake Huron Woods will be truly affordable for everyone in the BlueWater region.



Make your gift by December 1, 2024!

Reserve your block now!
Any gift over \$500 will be recognized.

Yes! I'm interested in making gift and becoming a lasting part of The Village of Lake Huron Woods campus!

Campaign
FOR THE AGES



Name: _____ Scan the code to learn more about The Campaign for the Ages

Phone: _____ pvmf.org/CampaignForTheAges

