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Notes from Administrator

Happy Valentine's Day!

Hello Residents,

There are several announcements this month that I am excited to share with you.

In the December 2021 newsletter, I announced my transition from my current role as Housing Administrator at the Village of Oakland Woods to the Director of Innovation and Wellness role at the PVM Home Office. Due to extenuating circumstances, there will be a delay in that transition. Therefore, I will be stepping in to coordinate the 2022 Village Victory Cup in the interim in addition to my duties as Administrator for the Village of Oakland Woods and will be remaining on the campus with all of you.

On January 18th, I made the decision to temporarily close off common areas on the Oakland Woods Campus (i.e., Community Center), and cancelled events for the remainder of January. In addition, I have held off on scheduling events for February. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and am hopeful to begin hosting activities again in the next coming. The office is open by appointment only currently. These appointments include:

- Recertification Signings
- Lease signings
- Signing for Focus Hope
- Service Coordination Appointments
- Laundry Room Usage



Please call the office to place a work order. If it is a maintenance emergency during off-hours, please call the emergency maintenance line at 248-330-0213

The office is still working to accurately track our campus vaccination and booster status. Please know you are NOT required to share this information; however, should you feel comfortable please call the office to inform us of your vaccination status of Dose 1, Dose 2, and the booster. Doing so will help us better track our COVID Vaccination numbers.

On January 18th, Gov. Whitmer¹ urged Michiganders to take advantage of the federal government's free COVID-19 testing program. At-home, rapid COVID-19 tests are available for free at [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov), with every household eligible for four free tests that will be shipped directly to Michiganders' homes. Please feel free to take advantage of this service. Copies of the flyer with this information is available upon request.

Finally, The Village of Oakland Woods residents are fortunate in being able to declare 10% of their rent as property taxes when completing their homestead property tax credit form. This rate applies to both apartment and cottage households. Copies of the flyer with this information is available upon request.



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The Senior Advocate.

By Lynn Alexander,
Vice President of Public Affairs

A Tribute to a Legend

January 18th would have been Betty White's 100th Birthday. She almost made it passing away just recently. She was an icon and a role model for many inside and outside Hollywood. Her storied career of many decades included the Mary Tyler Moore Show and The Golden Girls. She also appeared in many movies and even had a memorable commercial for a Super Bowl well into her later years. Betty was known for her quick wit and comedic timing. And she was known as well for her passion to save animals.

For anyone over the age of 50 she also provided inspiration for an aging well attitude. I often talk about the interesting things that centenarians attribute to their longevity - everything from exercise, eating vegetables and a positive attitude to a shot of whiskey every night and a fondness for chocolate have been acknowledged. I got a chuckle out of Betty's explanation in a recent interview—vodka and hot dogs!

She did exhibit traits which are often stated by experts in that she had a zest for life, a wonderful sense of humor, many interpersonal relationships and a continued dedication to her acting career. Thanks for your inspiration and your magnificent example of a life well lived, Betty!



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Reception News

By Sharon Benton

Administrative Assistant

Hello Residents,

I hope you are enjoying the beginning of 2022! We have realized that there has been some confusion throughout this process and we hope that this may bring you some clarity. First and foremost, I would like to apologize for all the recertification packets that were received late and had to be returned quickly. We want to thank you for your continuous support in returning your packets as requested, We are working hard to correct this problem!

When reviewing the packets as they are being returned, we see that the instructions on the cover letter are ***not*** being followed. Your verification forms are to **only** be signed and dated above the highlighted lines, no other information should be filled out on these forms.

Your eligibility checklist should also be completed. Also, please ***DO NOT*** write down any other information on your forms such as calculations, notes, etc. Incomplete or inaccurate forms turned in will require the office to re-do the forms, and return to you for corrections which adds additional time to the recertification process.

We appreciate your efforts in helping us improve the recertification process. For Any questions or clarification call the office :)



Maintenance News

By Matthew Myers

Maintenance Lead

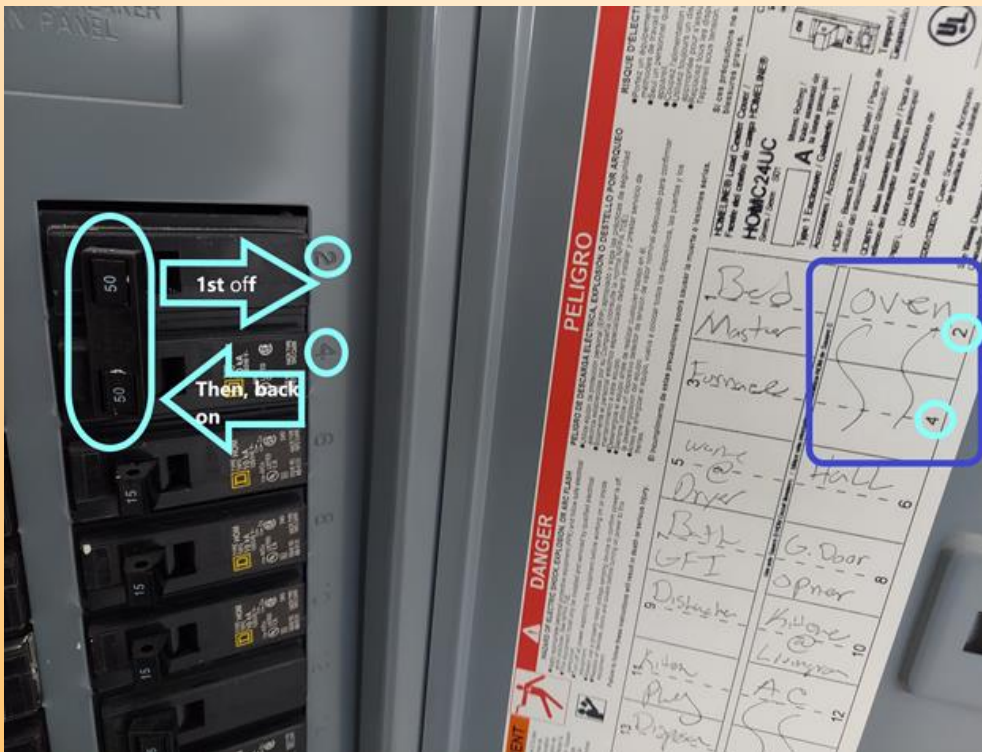
All residents: Please take extra care during snowfall! Snow cleanup doesn't usually begin till the snow has stopped falling, and you take additional risks going out on days while it is still falling. As always I recommend that even if you do not normally use a cane, taking one along with you is a good idea in winter weather.

Take good care of yourselves and stay warm!

Cottage Residents Only:

The new fire safety device installed on your stove listens for the sound of your smoke detector. If your smoke detector alarms, it will shut down the stove to prevent a fire. This means that if your oven isn't working after a smoke alarm goes off the stove will need to be reset. You can do this by going into your fuse panel and locating the 50/50 amp fuse labeled "Oven" or "Range". The fuse will not be in the "popped" position, but still, you'll need to turn that fuse to the off position, and then back to the on position.

Once that is done if you listen very closely you'll hear a beep sound and your oven will be back on.



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Service News

By Sue Carney

Service Coordinator

Welcome February!

Hope all is well with everyone. Just think, only about 48 more days till the first day of Spring. Hang in there. Hopefully this year gets better as the year goes on.

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that we have free packages of extra-large depends and blue pads that were donated. If you or anyone that you know are in need of these items, please let me know, 248-334-4379 as soon as possible. There is a limited number and this is on a first come, first serve basis.

Also, I wanted to share with you that sometime during this year that I will be calling or meeting with some residents to update some service coordination information. It is always your choice if you choose to meet with me or not. If you do receive a phone call from me, I will go into more details regarding this topic with you!

I hope you have a Happy Ground Hogs Day, Valentine's Day and President's Day.

Take Care of yourself, have a blessed day, and always remember to be KIND!

Keeping you all in prayer.



Birthday Celebration!

Happy Birthday to all of our February Babies!

Sharon Senter 2/2

Janice Model 2/2

Lessie Tademy 2/2

Carol Mott 2/12

Martha Smith 2/12

Jeane Dockham 2/12

Minnie Jamison 2/13

Carol Wasnich 2/13

Christine Benton 2/14

David Dewald 2/17

Clara White 2/17

Mary Alexander 2/21

Lorraine Jones 2/21

Martha Bullis 2/22

Doris LeClerc 2/23

Gladys Smith 2/25

Cleta Jones 2/27

Minnie King 2/28



*Happy
Birthday!*



Follow and like us on Facebook at **Village of Oakland Woods**. We recently created a new page that allows you to stay up-to-date with our community.

Resident Council News

By *Philena Holdridge*

Resident Council President

Black History Month:

Every year in February, we honor Black History Month. According to History Magazine, Black History Month is “an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history.” Here are a few interesting facts about Black History Month:

1. Black History Month Was Founded in 1915.

According to *People*, Harvard historian Carter G. Woodson and minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History to bring awareness to the African American people who had made contributions to society, but had been forgotten or left out of the narrative. That turned into Negro History Week, and later into Black History Month.

2. Not Every Country Celebrates Black History Month in February

Revolt Magazine states that some countries, including the Netherlands and the U.K., celebrate in October.


3. There Is A Reason We Celebrate Black History Month in February

History Magazine states that February wasn't just randomly chosen for Black History Month. Back when it was Negro History Week, the second week of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

February is also the month of Love - Happy Valentine's Day everyone! Speaking of love, I'm reminded of this scripture: **John 13:34-35** - A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

What great departing words the Lord left his disciples - a New Commandment to love each other and show each other that love in the same way He had shown them. We do not see Jesus in the flesh now, but we can see and feel Him in the love with which He loves us through one another. Jesus said this is the distinguishing mark that shows we are His disciples.

FEBRUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14  Happy Valentines Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	NO EVENTS SCHEDULED THIS MONTH WE MISS YOU AND CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!				

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