



# Village News



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APRIL 2024

It's Friends and Family Month! This is our annual fundraiser that assists us in updating and providing activities and resident spaces for events and enjoyment. Please let your friends and family know about this opportunity to support the lifestyle you all enjoy. Every dollar counts and it is greatly appreciated. We CANNOT offer all we do without your support. Your Giving and Support Matters!

LHW II will have a space for us to memorialize or recognize community members both past and present. If you would like to get more information on our Legacy Blocks please see the office or our Resident Ambassador Bob L.

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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# Join in the FUN!

This month we have several special events. We encourage you to invite Friends and Family to join you and take an opportunity to support our Resident Activities and Shared Spaces.

Please see Calendar for more details. Events supporting the Family and Friends Fundraising are marked with a dollar sign (\$).

## Resident Referrals

Love your apartment and lifestyle here at LHW? Tell others! If they rent and mention your testimonial, you will not only earn a new neighbor, but can also earn \$500 in a Resident Referral Reward! Make money and new friends by spreading the word about life here at Lake Huron Woods!

## Thank you

I want to thank everyone for their condolences in my family's time need. Your love and support will definitely speed up my healing process. I love you all.



**Kristine Skarbo,  
Sales and Leasing Specialist**





**Lori Jones,  
Administrative Assistant**

# **March 2024**

## **MEAL TICKETS**

**If you enjoy coming down to our dining room for an occasional meal, for your convenience we sell meal tickets in the office. You can purchase tickets ahead of time for breakfast, mid-day, and evening.**

**The benefit of purchasing tickets ahead of time is, you are able to keep better track of how many meals you have had. This will help you keep track of what you are spending on meals. When you are getting low on tickets you can plan ahead to purchase more. Meal tickets do not have an expiration date.**

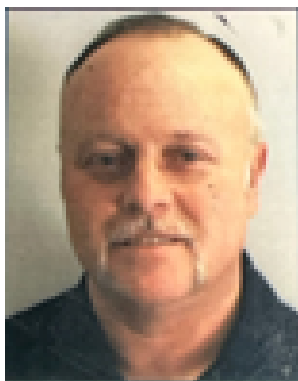
**When you come down to the dining room, you simply give the ticket to your server, no need to sign for the meal. We prefer that our residents start pre-purchasing tickets. Just come to the office and let us know how many of each you would like, you can pay at the time of purchase with a check or we can bill your account, to be paid with the following months' rent.**

**We will never turn you away from a meal, but we do prefer you buy the tickets.**

**If you have, any questions ask the office staff.**

**Meal tickets make also great gifts! Family and friends can purchase meals for you. Let them know we do not accept cash. Check or Money Order Only. Bon Appetite.**





**Rod Osantowski, Service  
Lead**

## **Maintenance Updates**

**Just a reminder please make sure that your garbage bags are used for trash and that bags are tied securely closed. Store bags are amazing for cleaning kitty litter, however, they will frequently break open. Please put these bags in trash bags when placing them into the trash rooms.**

**Exterior repair to the main building has started and is expected to continue through April. We are also anticipating our Boiler Replacement to be both started and completed this month. Watch for notices regarding potential disruption of water service.**

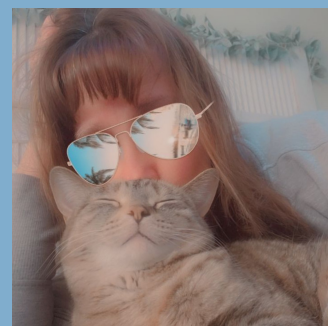
**Maintenance Emergency: 810-294-9510**

## **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: January balance was \$476.41. February pop bottle returns were \$28.50, half = \$14.25 for Resident Council and a second bottle return of \$22.40, half = \$11.20 for Resident Council. This gives us a February bottle return of \$25.45 for Resident Council and \$25.45 for Ron, for all the work he does to collect and return our empty bottles. January ending balance: \$476.41 + 25.45 = \$501.86 ending balance for February.**

- 1. Our Resident Council President, Juli, said that she would like to purchase a new microphone that would be able to hook up to our present amplifier for the officer table to use & a mobile one to hand around to the attendees so that everyone has a greater chance to hear what is being said. She told us it would probably be less than \$50. A motion was made. It was approved and new microphones are to be ordered.**
- 2. Juli announced that a battery has been purchased for the white van that had been purchased by our former manager, Diane. This will give us one more working LHW bus, including the PACE bus to be used to transport residents.**
- 3. Name tags purchased by Resident Council have been finished and distributed. All are encouraged to wear your new name tag when you are out of your apartment within the building, attending activities or our meetings.**
- 4. The Cappuccino machine is becoming very expensive. Please use as a treat and not as your daily serving of caffeine.**

- 5. Our “Resident Store Reorganization” is coming along very well, with the refrigerator being relocated in the room with the hopes that it will make for a much better flow of customer traffic. Rest assured, during the reorganizing, essential items will still be available.**
- 6. The Boutique, across from the Resident Store is being totally remodeled. It should be very nice and we will be offering many new items for your shopping enjoyment.**
- 7. The new lighting in our apartments is now complete and there were very few complaints of the installation process. The increased brightness has been appreciated by many of the residents. One resident said she will be interested in seeing how her DTE bill reflects the change. Rob, our Vice President, did want to remind us that anything we have plugged in such as a refrigerator, stove, toaster oven, floor lights etc will still draw electricity when in use and will reflect on your bills.**
- 8. All areas around the updated lights will be touched up in April/May. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office.***
- 9. Parts to repair “out of service washers” in some of our laundry rooms have been received. One unit is still having issues and this has been reported to our vendor. *The machines are not owned by LHW. The vendor would be the one to determine need and ability for replacement.***
- 10. Smoke Detectors in resident homes are due for replacement. LHW team is working with our Director of Facilities and the Ft. Gratiot FD to determine the best type for use in the space. As most know we have seen an increase in false alarms due to shower steam and “burnt toast” incidents. Watch for notification of when these new detectors will be installed.**
- 11. April is “Friends and Family Month” - Juli explained that if we meet our donation goal of \$3000, the PVM Foundation will add**

**\$1000 to our funds. If we double our goal to \$6000 they will add to our fund! This money will stay with LHW and be used for resident items to improve or enhance events, supplies and add items as able/recommended. Last year's fundraising funds were used for the new patio cushions and a storage shed to be used for the cushions. This made the cushions more accessible to the residents. There was also a purchase of items used for activities: exercise bands, Nintendo Switch and accessories, and much more. The renovation of the Resident Store and Boutique is also funded by the Friends and Family funds raised in 2023.**

**12. In our March Newsletter, and in the attached, is a page that has space for you to write down suggestions as to what you would like to see in LHW that would add to & improve your experience here at LHW. A collection of the suggestions will be printed so that residents can vote on the items.**

**13. Juli discussed the "Wall of Remembrance" for the new two story building being built. The "Wall of Remembrance" will be a wall that will permanently display various blocks that a person will purchase in honor of a special family member, friend or even yourself. Starting price for a block is \$500 and payments can be spread over 2 years.**

**14. Congestion around the mail box prior to the evening meal was discussed. Please be kind and allow the delivery person to complete deliveries prior to checking your box. It may be easier to collect your mail after the rush is over. Please be courtesy as everyone is eager to gather deliveries.**

**Resident Council Meeting  
Saturday, April 6th at 1PM  
Please Join Us in the Activity Room**

# Activity and Wellness

Hello Everyone,

Well April is here! It is the time when the Earth gets showered and everything starts to bloom around us. Take time to enjoy the beauty that emerges now that winter is over.

April is a time to celebrate Earth Day. We will be going to Goodells Park to do just that on April 26th. The Solar Eclipse will be visible on April 8th at 11:07am.

Please look at your Activity Calendar Daily. A LOT is happening in April. We have tons of fund raising activities and local trips to join. Our April Birthday Celebration will be on April 19th during Happy Hour.

Have a Wonderful April!

Sincerely,



Debrah  
Activity Coordinator

## Music in April

04/12- John Denner

04/17- George Sabb

04/25- Ray Champion

04/29- Allan Sabb





*Happy*  
**BIRTHDAY**

**Birthday Celebration!**

The Birthday Party will be held on Friday the 19th.  
Join us in the Activity Room at 2:00pm for refreshments!  
Sponsored by Harmony Cares' Sarah!

Lake Huron Woods Celebrates our Residents with April Birthdays!

Joyce	119	4/3	Roberta	326	4/12
Tom	116	4/10	Jean	206	4/22



**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

Please be aware that all paperwork was due last month. If you have a pendant and have not returned the paperwork, our team may not be able to serve you in the event of a pendant push. Please make sure you return your forms as soon as able. If you have questions 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

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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 will be hosting several “Friends and Family Events” this month. Please make sure that you are inviting your friends and family, however, also communicate if you have a large group attending so that we can ensure prompt service for all.

Menu Chat will be on April 25th at 1:30PM in the Dining Room.



Crystal Ratliff, Dining Services Manager