



Village News



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Happy Labor Day!! Labor Day is usually celebrated on the first Monday of September. It recognizes the contributions and achievements of the American labor movement and the workers who helped build and strengthen our nation.

Labor Day is also associated with the end of the summer and is usually celebrated with parades and barbecues. It also symbolizes time for workers to relax and spend time with friends and family.

Also, I have accepted the position as the Administrator for The Village of Oakland Woods. My official start date is September 14th. Please stop by and say hello. I am looking forward to all the great things we have planned for Oakland Woods

Tracy Lathan



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Office News

Sharon Benton & Stephanie Daniel

Administrative/Receptionist

There have been several complains regarding visiting family members (mainly children) disrupting our community. It is up to the resident to be mindful of there visitors whereabouts. Please be respectful of others property and space.



Can you believe it's September! A lot has changed in the last couple of months, but our top goal is to make sure that our residents here at VOOW stay connected with the staff. The events we have hosted so far, have been fun and exciting. Our next event big event will not take place until November to celebrate Thanksgiving with a brunch.

September marks the beginning of fall with the Autumnal Equinox on September 22. But the month also holds important national holidays including **Labor Day and Patriot Day**, which honors and remembers those who were killed in the September 11 attacks.

What makes September the best month?

Experts say that the month following summer (September) is often the best time for **setting important goals - and charging toward them**. September also represents the final push toward yearly objectives for many companies.

What is special born in September?

People born in this month are either a Virgo or a Libra, and both of these signs are regarded to have a **practical, kind and thoughtful approach to life**. They are also more amiable, harmonious and love to help those in need! Hence, they make for people with nice personality traits.

Sales and Leasing News

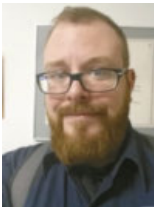
The Village of Oakland Woods is looking to fill the Sales & Leasing Specialist—Housing position, if you know someone that maybe interested please go to pvm.org/careers and search **Sales & Leasing Specialist-Housing**, Pontiac location.

We have added new residents to our community in the last few months. Please make any new faces that you meet feel welcome, and encourage them to get involved.

We love it that you want to share our community with friends and family. However please let them know that we do work by a waitlist, which is quite long at this time.

Have no fear the staff will continue to meet all of your Sales and Leasing needs.





Maintenance News

Matthew Myers
Maintenance Lead

Dear Village of Oakland Woods,

I hope this letter finds you all in good spirits. I wanted to take a moment to let you know that after eight wonderful years working here, it's time for me to move on to new horizons. I'll be departing from my role at Oakland Woods to pursue other career opportunities.

Working at Oakland Woods has been an unforgettable experience. I have been incredibly fortunate to work alongside such a dedicated and passionate team. The camaraderie among the staff is something I'll always cherish, and it has made every day here enjoyable and rewarding.

The residents of Oakland Woods have been a joy to interact with. Your warmth, humor, and stories have brightened my days and made this place feel like a big, supportive family. I am grateful for the friendships I've formed and the kindness you've shown me throughout my time here.

The grounds of Oakland Woods are truly picturesque, and they've provided a tranquil and soothing backdrop to our daily activities. From the lush gardens to the peaceful woods, I'll miss the beauty and serenity that surrounds us.

Although I am sad to say goodbye, I am also looking forward to the new challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. I will carry the memories and experiences from Oakland Woods with me, and they will serve as a reminder of the time I spent here.

Please keep in touch, and I hope our paths will cross again in the future. Thank you for making my time at Oakland Woods so special.

Matthew Myers

Service News

Sue Carney & Terri Price
Service Coordinators

September Events:

Monday, September 4th – Office closed for Labor Day recognition (have a safe holiday)

Monday September 11th – 1 p.m.- 2 p.m. Care & Connect session on Spiritual health and healing with Debra Dixon. Community center conference room (**limit of 6 attendees**)

Wednesday, September 12th - 11a.m. - 12 p.m., Cap-Tel Caption and Hearing screening

Wednesday September 20th – Flu / COVID shots provided by HOME-MD

As always, please sign-up in the activities book

Important Immunization Information: Your health care provider may recommend vaccinations, also known as shots or immunizations, to help prevent certain serious illnesses, as you get older. Talk with your doctor or pharmacist about which vaccines recommended for you. Vaccines can help protect you, and others.

- **Flu** (influenza): a virus that can cause fever, chills, sore throat, stuffy nose, headache, and muscle aches.
- **Shingles:** an infection that affects the nerves and can cause pain, tingling, itching, a rash, and blisters.
- **Whooping cough** (pertussis): an illness that causes uncontrollable coughing fits, which can make it hard to breathe.
- **Pneumococcal disease:** an infection that spreads from person to person by air and often causes pneumonia.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): a respiratory disease that can cause fever, cough, shortness of breath, and other serious health problems.

Learn more about [vaccines recommended for older adults](#) Source: NIA - National Institute on Aging





Wellness News

Jessica Roberts
Wellness Coordinator

We all know that life is full of different seasons, and sometimes those seasons change more quickly than we expected!

Delivering my son early was most certainly unexpected. But as I transition into motherhood I will not be returning to my role as the Wellness Coordinator at VOOW. I feel very grateful for the time I had to serve as the Wellness Coordinator.

I learned so much in the year and 3 months of working here. Not only did I get to expand my skill set, but I got to know - and love - so many wonderful people!

Many of our residents inspired, encouraged, and supported me in a very precious way, and I felt so privileged to be able to give back to them!

I also was honored to be a part of the great Oakland Woods staff who serve residents faithfully.

I truly believe that God placed me at Oakland Woods for a time, and I'm thankful for any and all opportunities I had to love the people there as well!

I look forward to the day I can come by for a visit and introduce you to the newest little member of my family.

Much Love Jessica

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Last month the Village Chorus put on their summer concert. Special thanks to the new choir director Phillis Davenport. Job well done.

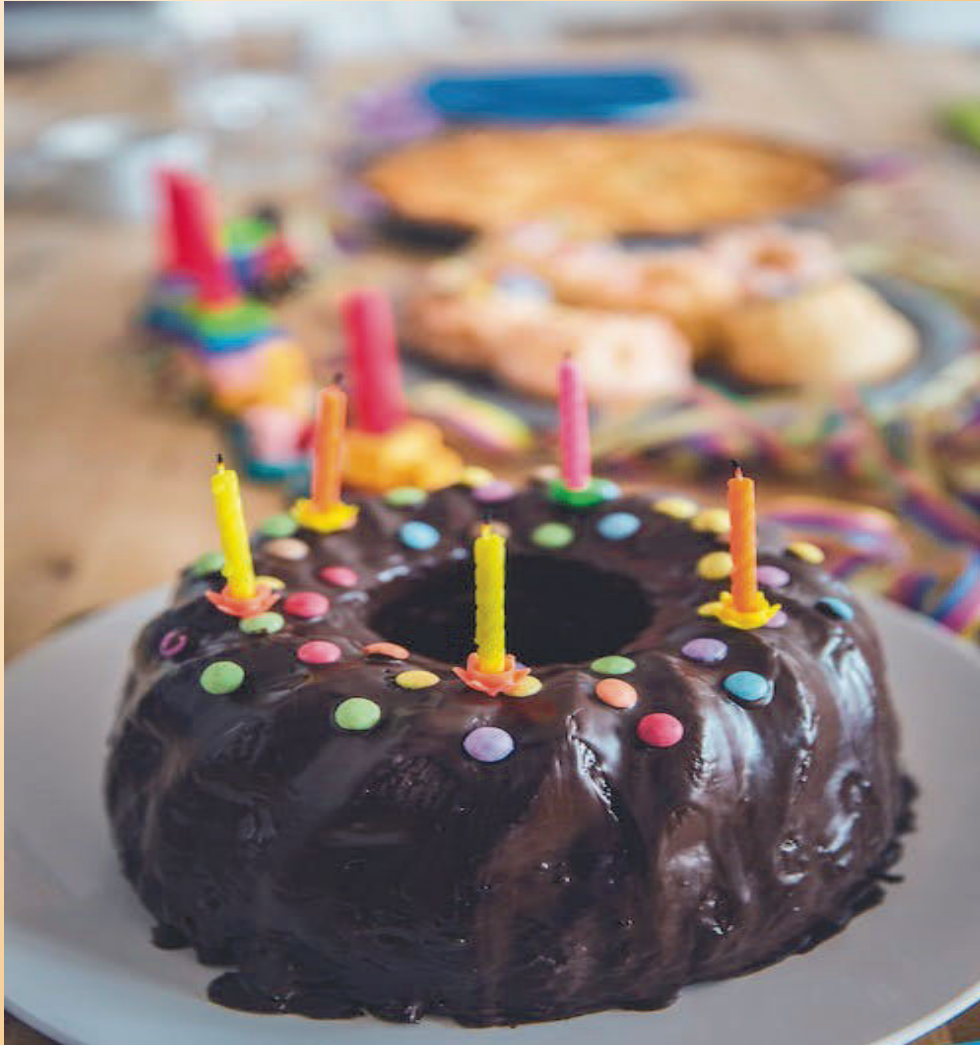


Front row: Larry Milz, Dennis Owens, Joyce Parlor, Gertrude Rankin: Back row: Chris Milz-Mistress of Ceremony, Vernice Harper, Nicholas Prevas, Janet DeVold, Dianna McCall, Becky Bolden and Choir Director-Phillis Davenport.

If you would like to join the Village Chorus join us on Wednesday's starting in September at 11:00am in the Dining Hall, no audition needed.

SPROUT/ FRESH FOOD STORE

Serving fresh and healthy produce from local farms with affordable pricing. Starting every Friday in the month of September, Sprout will be at the Village of Oakland Woods from 11:00—12:00. **Selling** fruit and vegetable at affordable pricing.



Birthday Celebration!

The Birthday party will be held on Thursday, September 21st, join us in the Community Room at 1:00pm for refreshment, bingo and prizes.

Shirley Stroggin 9/3

Mary Tillman 9/3

Joan Manchester 9/4

Phillis Davenport 9/8

Becky Bolden 9/8

Patricia Coulson 9/9

Elroy Lance 9/10

Dorothy Dilworth 9/23

Raycene Madden 9/24

Bernadette Harrison 9/26

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9-15am Hollywood Office closed at 12:00pm 11:00 Sprout Fresh Food	2
3	4 Office Closed Labor Day	5 10:00: God's Word & Prayer	6	7 10:30am Pop up Pantry	8 9-15am Meijer Office closed at 12:00pm 11:00 Sprout Fresh Food	9
10 10:00am Kirk in the Hill Church Picnic	11 1:00 - 2:00pm Care & Connect	12 10:00: God's Word & Prayer 11 - 12 Cap-Tel	13	14	15 9-15am Wal-Mart Office closed at 12:00pm 11:00 Sprout Fresh Food	16
17	18	19 10:00: God's Word & Prayer	20 Focus Hope Flu/Covid Shots Home MD	21 10:30am Pop up Pantry	22 9-15am Hollywood Office closed at 12:00pm 11:00 Sprout Fresh Food	23
24	25	26 10:00: God's Word & Prayer	27	28 9-15am Meijer	29 Office closed at 12:00pm 11:00 Sprout Fresh Food	30

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