November 2020

# The Wildbriar Branch

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November Highlights Coffee Cart & Chat Monday's at 10:00 a.m. Community Room

> Silver Sneakers M, W & Friday at 1 p.m. Community Room

Walk & Talk Tuesday's at 10:45 a.m. Meet In The Lobby

Wheel of Fortune~2 p.m. Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Pumpkin Painting~2 p.m. Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

Special Wildbriar Lunch 12 p.m. Wednesday, November 11th

Bingo~2 p.m. Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

Ornament Making~2 p.m. Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

Community Brunch~11 a.m. Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Birthday Bash~2 p.m. Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

# Happy November from Anna

November will be a busy month for all. We will be voting, and celebrating Thanksgiving in what is sure to be a historical time while we continue to struggle with the ever changing COVID problems.

I don't like to repeat myself, but in this situation, I am going to....Thank you to all who continue to keep Wildbriar Estates safe and COVID free. By following the mask requirement, having guests sign in and out, and maintaining safe distance practices during our gatherings have proved to be successful. We have some difficult months ahead of us, but I am confident by continuing our efforts we should remain COVID free.



According to the NYS Office For The Aging, there are several scams you should be aware off :

Calls threatening to suspend your Social Security Calls informing you are past due on utility bills

# If you have been a victim of such a scam:

Report it to the New York State Attorney General's Office: 800-771-7755 Report to the AARP Fraud Watch Network: 877-908-3360

## **Protect yourself:**

1. Do not answer your telephone if you do not recognize the caller or number.

2. Never share personal information over the telephone, like your Medicare number, Social Security number or banking information.



Our Wildbriar Veterans

*Navy* Ray Lawler~1952-1954 Kevin McGrain~1971-1972 Jerry Buck~1968-1974

# Army

Dan Marusiak~1957-1962 Gerry Gillette~1963-1970 Paul Hicks~1954~1956

*Marines* Sam Rivituso~1965-1968 1969-1979



# **Time with Cherish**

Our next get together will take place on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Our topic is S.N.A.P. and we will have a guest speaker. His name is Kevin Lozo from Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc. Kevin will explain what S.N.A.P. is and will help you enroll into the program if you qualify financially. If you make less than \$2,126 a month for one person and less than \$2,873 a month for two people then you qualify to get benefits to help purchase groceries each month. He will explain all of this to you during our session.

There is another program called Lifeline. Many of you may think that this is the help button you wear that you push when you need emergency assistance. There is a help program called that but I am referring to something totally different. If you are an individual that makes \$17,226 or less gross per year then you would qualify. Married couples that make less than \$23,274 per year will qualify. This program will give you a discount on your telephone service. You can get this for one phone only whether it is a land line or a cell phone. It is a quick application to complete. It does not matter who your provider is for the phone service. Please see Nicole or myself if you have questions about this program.

I know some of you may feel too proud to use some of these programs or feel there are more needy people than yourself.

Remember, you worked hard and paid taxes all your life. It is now time for you to take a little back. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>!

# **News From Nicole**

I'm glad to be back and working again with everyone and I look forward to our time together. There are many opportunities available to you, and I am excited to get things rolling.

We recently sent out a survey to all Residents, and we appreciate your time in completing the Survey. Please place your completed survey in the whie mailbox outside of Anna's Office. Below are some highlights for November.

### What's New!

Are you a Veteran? Ride free with RTS transportation. Please see Nicole for more information as you'll need to apply for a Veteran Outreach Center ID.

It sounds like a lot of you are in the market for a new cellular phone. I can help you navigate the world of smartphones based on your needs with an unbiased review, as opposed to what the salesperson may push you to get. Walk into the store confident with your idea of what you are going to purchase as opposed to the many overwhelming options.

### Need a Ride To Vote?

We have a volunteer who will take Residents to and from voting beginning at 2:30 p.m. Please see me to sign up for a ride!

### **Special Happenings in November**

On November 11<sup>th</sup> we'll have a Veterans Day luncheon. Randy will be making stuffed chicken breast, baked potato, gravy, vegetable and apple crisp for dessert. Please sign up on the clipboard by the mailboxes by November 9<sup>th</sup>. Payment of \$3.00 is due at time of sign-up, see Nicole to make payment. This is to ensure we have enough food. **Our Veterans will be served a complimentary meal.** 

On November 19<sup>th</sup> we will be decorating dove ornaments for the memorial tree. Remember your loved one this holiday season by purchasing a dove for \$1.00 to decorate the tree. On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be kicking off the holiday season with a brunch at 11:00 a.m... This will be a dish to pass, and you may sign up on the clipboard by the mailboxes if you would like to attend, and if you would like to bring a dish to pass.

We will be hosting Silver Sneakers classes via Zoom in our community room, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning November 9th at 1:00 p.m. This class is free for the remaining of the year. <u>Please see Nicole for assistance with</u> <u>registration and more information</u>. You may also participate in your apartment if you'd prefer not be participate as a group.

# **Pull Cords**

If you have a medical emergency, and are <u>able to call 911</u>, please <u>don't</u> pull your emergency pull cord. All emergency personnel have access to the Master Key when responding to an emergnecy and have immediate access to the building, including your apartment. You should pull your cord if you have an emergency and are unable to call 911.

# **News For Townhome Residents**

### Seasonal Decorations & Outdoor Furniture

We are requesting all Fall Decorations furniture, planters, are removed from sidewalks, patios and landscaped areas by November 15<sup>th</sup>. These items should be placed in storage.

Winter Decorations should not be in any area where we need to shovel or snow blow.

Any area that is not clear of the above items will not be shoveled, etc.

The winner of our contest for best pumpkin display is #27.



By the time this article makes the newsletter we will be quickly approaching the end of fall and this means the possibility of "yes I'm saying it" SNOW. Which means there are winter habits you need to know about this time of year to make things easier for snow removal? Here are things to keep in mind:

- Vehicles should be parked so that they are not hanging over the curbs or sidewalks. This prevents us from clearing the snow properly.
- If you park in a handicap space, please park a little onto the slash marks to give us extra room to shovel between your vehicles.

Be mindful not to walk behind plow trucks, especially if it is snowing they may not be able to see you. Please do not walk behind plow trucks (especially after dark) Assume they cannot see you and wait till they move to another area.

This is large complex with many areas to shovel, snow blow and plow, so please be patient. Since we now know what to expect from the last snow season, we are better prepared.

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