



## **WCNH Newsletter Fourth Quarter 2022**

**We are working together to help you  
feel at home!!**

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### **Administrative Update**

I can't believe that summer has come and gone already! We are now entering my personal favorite time of the year, fall. As a child, Halloween always marked the beginning of the holiday season for me.

Here at Wayne County Nursing Home, we've been busy planning our future, and working on improving the facility. We have refreshed and opened our short-term rehab unit, and are working to reopen our outpatient therapy services to Wayne County residents and our surrounding communities.

Also, our summer was filled with facility improvements including painting, new sidewalks, and renovations to our reception and pub area. We plan on reopening our pub soon! The pub has been missed by residents, families, and staff.

We were also visited recently by Sodexo Seniors CEO Zeta Smith! She came to tour the facility, meet our residents, and interact with her staff.

Lastly, we just completed our recertification survey by the department of health, and only had a few minor deficiencies. Please be sure to visit Care Compare on the Medicare.gov website to check our progress on our journey to being a 5-Star facility.

### **Festival of Trees**

Our annual Festival of Trees will be held Nov. 30th—Dec 12th. Many wonderful holiday décor items will be for sale during this silent auction. Proceeds will go to the WCNH Foundation and funds raised are used to support programs for our residents. We are in need of items to sell. Please contact Michele Blair, Residential Services Director, at 315-946-5673 ext. 4670 if you can help. Thank you and best wishes for a joyous upcoming holiday season!!



### **In Memory**

*These are our residents who have passed since our last publication. Our thoughts are with their families.*

**Helen Schultz**

**Mary Veley**

**Ann Richael**

**Margaret Pulver**

**Doris Colacino**

**Art Lebowski**

**Joe Donnelly**

**Barb Bowman**

**Alice Curatolo**

**Roger Blondale**

**John "Jack" Burgess**

**Lillian Hotto**

## **Vaccine Information**

We would like to encourage all residents, resident family members, and staff to take advantage of the newly available COVID-19 booster. This is a critical step we can take to protect ourselves and our loved ones. We all are experiencing COVID fatigue. However, the virus remains a serious public health issue and outbreaks within the nursing home affect our social programs and the quality of life for our residents. The latest booster, known as the bivalent booster, was developed to provide better protection against the currently circulating Omicron variant. Please contact your resident's nurse to complete the consent needed to administer the shot for your loved one. We urge you to contact your local pharmacy or your medical provider to get the shot for yourselves.

Additionally, flu shots are also important. Please consider being vaccinated to help keep yourself and your loved ones as healthy as possible. Included with the newsletter

is a separate Fact Sheet about these two vaccines. We encourage you to review this information



## **All Aboard...Welcome to our New Staff**

We are pleased to introduce the following individuals who have joined the WCNH team:

- Carolyn Wilson, Director of Nursing
- Heather Louckes, Deputy Comptroller
- Christopher VanAuken, Activity Aide

Also, Congrats to Patty Bullock who was recently promoted from Nurse Manager to Asst. Director of Nursing.

## **Have a concern? Let us know!!**



WCNH Compliance Hotline  
315-946-5674

NYS Dept. of Health Complaint Hotline  
1-888-201-4563

Local Ombudsman Office (Lifespan)  
585-244-8400



## **The Pub is Back!!**

If you have visited the nursing home recently, you've noticed we've been working on giving the Pub a facelift. We expect the Pub to be opened by the end of the month. Hours will be 10 am—2 pm. When you are visiting, watch for signs about our Grand Opening!!

### **Kudos to:**

- Handcrafted Hugs Club from Rose for making and donating clothing protectors.
- Newark and Lyons Public Libraries for including our residents in the Books to Go programs.
- All our staff— especially those that are regularly working overtime.

### **Family Council**

Our was held on Wednesday, Oct 19th at 2:00. If you missed it and would like a copy of the minutes, please contact Michele Blair, 315-946-5673, ext. 4670 or [mblair@co.wayne.ny.us](mailto:mblair@co.wayne.ny.us).

### **Holiday Safety Tips**

During this holiday season, please be sure to be mindful when bringing in holiday decorations for your love one. All décor items should be fireproofed. Maintenance has a spray to use which is safe for most items. Also, please have maintenance check any electrical items.

If you are bringing in food items, please check with nursing staff. They will help make sure the food is safely stored and within your loved one's dietary plan of care.

Finally, please be very careful when taking any photographs of your resident. You **MAY NOT** take any photos of any other residents. You need to pay attention to the background of your photograph to ensure there are no names or other identifying information. This is a violation of the residents' right to privacy and confidentiality. Thank you for your help in keeping our residents safe and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

### **Outpatient Therapy**



**Stay tuned for details!!**





# Sights from Summer



Above: Butterfly Release and Greece Jazz Band. Left: WCNH aquarium and GV patio. Right: 2021 Candy Cane Dress Up Day and Resident Christmas party with entertainment from Mike Kornrich.



## Signs of Fall



And Winter fun will Come!!

