



Dear Residents, Family Members and Friends,

This newsletter is being sent to all responsible parties listed as the primary contact for the residents of the Baldwin Care Center. This newsletter is also distributed to the residents of the Baldwin Care Center. Responsible parties can direct other family members and friends to the Baldwin Care Center website at www.baldwincarecenter.com to read current and previous newsletters. Birch Haven Assisted Living is also sending the newsletter to responsible parties. The Birchwood Apartment Manager also distributes copies to tenants. If there is a topic that you would like discussed in the newsletter, please contact me via email at elafavor@baldwincarecenter.com or by phone at 715-684-3231, Ext.103. This edition of the newsletter will cover events of a bit shorter week because of the holiday falling during the week.



It looks like the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine is getting closer for all of the settings on the campus. Walgreens or Village Pharmacy will provide the vaccine for Baldwin Care Center residents and staff. Walgreens will provide vaccination clinics for Birch Haven Assisted Living and Birchwood Apartments. Based on the current information I have, it looks as though vaccines may be available as soon as the first week in January. Walgreens has contacted the Birchwood Apartments and Birch Haven Assisted Living about vaccinating staff and residents there. Dr. Kathleen Findlay, Medical Director will begin speaking to residents about receiving the vaccine when she rounds here beginning on the 28th. Ideally, responsible parties will be receiving information regarding the vaccine next week. There is a letter included in this newsletter from Dr. Findlay regarding the vaccine. Dr. Findlay will be available for questions from family members when she is at the Baldwin Care Center rounding on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Please call the Baldwin Care Center and ask for Dr. Findlay if you have questions about the vaccine. We are so hopeful that this vaccine will be the answer we have all been waiting for that will end this disease and the feeling of isolation it brings for all of us.

This week the Baldwin Care Center had a staff member who does not provide direct care test positive with a rapid test. As of the writing of this newsletter we are waiting for a confirmatory result from the molecular test that was sent to a lab for processing. Unfortunately, this week we had a resident test positive with a rapid test. Similar to the employee just mentioned, we are awaiting the results of the confirmatory molecular test for the resident. The resident is currently in the hospital. All responsible parties and residents were informed of the potential COVID positive resident and staff member. This week also we had a Birchwood Apartment tenant test positive with a rapid test. All tenants were informed that another tenant tested positive. All residents in the Birchwood Apartments and in the Baldwin Care Center were tested with a rapid test when there was a potential case. All residents and tenants tested negative. The Birchwood Apartment tenants and Baldwin Care Center residents will have a molecular test done which will be sent to the lab for processing. Residents in Birch Haven were tested this week with a molecular test because of the positive employee from last week. We are awaiting results of those tests.



This week at the Baldwin Care Center we began visits in our visiting booth. It was a Christmas surprise for all of the residents! The reaction of family and residents has been very positive. Since the visiting booth is similar to a window visit, we should be able to continue with these visits throughout the winter months, even during quarantine. I will be contacting family members to set up future visits. When quarantine is ended in Birchwood Apartments and Birch Haven Assisted Living we can continue vestibule visits.

This week Santa Claus came to Birch Haven Assisted Living and the Baldwin Care Center to bring gifts for the residents. Staff in each of those buildings chose resident names and got personalized gifts for each resident. The residents were also treated to homemade Christmas goodies from the Dietary department. Thank you to Santa and the staff for bringing Christmas joy to the residents of the campus.





This week we have been treated to goodies from several sources. The First Bank of Baldwin donated a gift basket with assorted treats like popcorn and cookies. Doug and Pam Sachs, who happen to be my neighbors in New Centerville donated a plate of Christmas goodies to the staff. We also received the best toffee from resident George Schlegel's daughter. It has been a Christmas tradition for several years that she sends enough toffee for the entire staff. Thank you so much! It was enjoyed by everyone. This week Birch Haven staff were treated to Subway sandwiches, chips and pop from the Ole Ellefson Family. Thank you!

Even though 2020 has been a difficult year, it is clear that we have many things to be thankful for. I would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday season. We are all looking forward to the New Year. Thank you to the staff of the Baldwin Care Center campus for all of your hard work and dedication throughout the year. Thank you to family members for your continued support.

Eileen LaFavor,
Administrator

Merry CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY New Year

