



Dear Residents, Family Members and Friends,

This newsletter is being sent to responsible parties listed as the primary contact for residents of the Baldwin Care Center. Birch Haven Assisted Living is also sending this newsletter to responsible parties. The Apartment Manager distributes copies to the Birchwood Apartment tenants. 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. If there is a topic 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.



We continue with the same visitation policy that has been in place for the past several weeks. Nothing has changed regarding the visitation guidelines. We are seeing some concerns particularly in the Baldwin Care Center regarding family members spending longer than the suggested one hour visiting time. Please respect this time frame suggestion. What is happening is that if someone stays too long in a particular household, they are making another family member wait in the lobby. We understand that you have not been able to see family members for a while. If you are unable to get everything talked about in an hour, we suggest you return another day. Another option to ease the visiting traffic inside might be to go outside. We have had several nice days, hopefully with many more to come. There are courtyard areas located adjacent to each neighborhood and there are also porches at the front of the building where residents and family members can visit. There continue to be questions about eating with residents. At this time we are not able to have family members eat with residents. The guidance still suggests that this is not a good idea because both people would be unmasked while eating. If residents eat in the dining room, each resident has to be seated at a separate table. I believe that there will have to be many more people vaccinated before it is recommended to eat together in this setting.



There have also been questions about pets. We suggest that if you bring pets, that those visits should occur outdoors. There have been questions about bringing very small children. The policy indicates that if a child cannot wear a mask for the entire visit they should not come in. Again the best location for a visit with a small child would be outdoors. We continue to ask for your patience particularly in Birchwood Apartments and Birch Haven Assisted Living to allow staff adequate time to get to the doors to let visitors in. All visitors MUST be screened prior to entering. The guidance is very clear in that regard. All settings on the campus were very busy with visitors Easter weekend. Overall, visits have been going well. It is obvious that the ability to visit family and friends is positively impacting the residents. We still need to remain vigilant in infection control practices so we can continue visiting.



I would like to discuss the Baldwin Care Center campus vehicle situation. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, some of our vehicles are in need of replacement. At the recent Board of Directors meeting we discussed the prioritization for vehicles. We felt that the need for a bus for outings is a priority. We felt that getting the residents out of the building after being cooped up for so long is very important. The condition of the current bus regarding safety is a concern. We decided to purchase a bus when we find one that suits our needs. We are looking for up to a 14 passenger vehicle with wheelchair tie downs to transport residents in wheelchairs. We are looking for a slightly used vehicle with lower miles. We would still like to purchase a van for medical transports. We would like to raise funds for the purchase of this vehicle. There is information on our website regarding the Capital Campaign for vehicles. You can send donations to Baldwin Care Center, Inc. (Vehicle Fund) at 650 Birch Street, Baldwin, WI 54002. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who have already sent donations.



This week I would like to thank Lucy Crosby's daughter Shirley Chiccese for the donation of assorted chips and candy for the Baldwin Care Center staff. Thank you to the anonymous donor for the donation of Girl Scout cookies for the residents of the Baldwin Care Center. Many thanks to Doris Birkett's daughters, Mary Roen and Wendy Trendera for the bags of mixed popcorn. Thank you so much to all family members across the campus who remember us and thank us with treats. We love them!

*Eileen LaFavor,
Administrator*

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birthday*



A very
Happy Birthday
to our 2020 Queen
Bev Medes!
(April 3rd)

