



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. 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 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.



Both Birchwood Apartments and Birch Haven Assisted Living celebrated Assisted Living Week with some fun dress up days and activities during the week. During the week, tenants, residents and staff from Birchwood Apartments, Birch Haven Assisted Living and Baldwin Care Center had the opportunity to attend an outdoor Vendor Fair that included the following local businesses: Adoray Home Care and Hospice, Live 2 B Healthy and the Village Pharmacy. Live 2 B Healthy is an organization that is going to be beginning Senior Fitness Classes for residents of the campus. The exercise classes will be held three times per week. All levels of ability are welcomed. It is looking like the senior fitness classes will begin later in October. The organization has funding through a grant program, so the classes will be free to residents of the campus. We are looking forward to having this begin on the campus.

A Classic Car Show was held on Friday, September 24th in the parking lot of Birch Haven Assisted Living. It was unfortunate that the weather did not cooperate. It was rainy and a little cool. Tenants, residents and staff from all three settings on the campus enjoyed the show. We had a great turnout of participants for the car show. Many thanks to Sheila Mikla for coordinating many of the participants who were able to come. Thank you to the following people for sharing their classic cars with us:

1. Jack Vrieze – 1947 Ford
2. David Helgeson – 1931 Ford Model A
3. Brent Ackley – 1948 Packard
4. John Stoffel – 1956 Chevy
5. Joe Lindstrom – 1929 Willys Rat Rod
6. Stuff Tyler – 1967 Ford Mustang
7. Todd Ptacek – 1957 Chevrolet Nomad
8. Rich Gregerson – 2019 Mustang Shelby GTH
9. Chad Nawrocki & Sheila Mikla – 1969 Chevrolet Suburban
10. Eileen LaFavor – 2007 Ford Mustang



Since the last newsletter we have had an employee of the Baldwin Care Center test positive for COVID-19. The employee did not work during her contagious period, so there was no exposure to residents or staff. That employee had been vaccinated. It seems the contact came from a child in the school system who brought the virus home.

Since the last newsletter there have been changes to the guidelines for quarantining those that have an exposure to someone with COVID-19. Vaccinated people do not have to quarantine after being exposed to COVID-19. This is great news for all of our settings. We should no longer have to shut down buildings to visitation because of an exposure. This does not mean we can relax the precautions we need to continue to take to avoid contracting COVID-19. It is clear that the Delta variant is spreading to both unvaccinated and vaccinated staff and residents. The difference continues to be that vaccinated staff and residents have a milder case, with a decreased risk for hospitalization or death. I'm assuming you may have been hearing in the news that booster shots for COVID-19 are headed our way. Thus far, the Pfizer booster had been approved for use. The residents and staff of the Baldwin Care Center campus were vaccinated with Moderna vaccines. Booster shots approval for Moderna vaccines has not yet been approved, but is anticipated to be approved soon. I have contacted Walgreen's regarding our interest in having them conduct a vaccine clinic on the campus for residents and staff. I am awaiting a response. We will keep you posted

regarding the timeline for receipt of the COVID-19 booster shots. We are currently in the process of vaccinating both staff and residents of the campus for the seasonal influenza.

We are still awaiting the publication of the vaccine mandate for skilled nursing facility staff from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). As soon as we know the details, we will be sharing them with everyone.

Wednesday, October 6th – Friday, October 8th, I have the opportunity to attend an in- person seminar in Green Bay with my long-term care colleagues from around the state. This is the first time in a very long time that we have had the chance to see each other in person. I will be attending educational seminars and networking with colleagues. I am really looking forward to it! I will share any new information that I learn in the next newsletter.

*Eileen LaFavor,
Administrator*

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