

Dogwood Dispatch

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Dogwood Village of Orange County
Senior Living
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In and Around Senior Living...

Activities-

- ❖ Please wear your favorite Christmas attire for the Christmas Tree Lighting December 2nd and Pictures with Santa, December 17th

Admissions/ Resident Services-

- ❖ Be on high alert this holiday season for scammers. They can come in all different forms such as phone calls, junk mail and emails.
- ❖ Do not give out your personal information over the phone.

Dining Services-

- ❖ Christmas Meal will be held at lunch time on December 25th. Meal is TBA and will be discussed

during Dining Discussion Dec 13th.

Health Services-

- ❖ Remember to wash your hands before you leave and after you return to the facility.
- ❖ If you are not feeling well, please let health services know immediately.

Maintenance-

- ❖ If you need help with your thermostat or need anything that requires maintenance, please let a staff member know and a work order can be put in.



Christmas Tree Lighting Festivities

Our annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be hosted in the Main Lobby on December 2nd at 2pm. The tree lighting this year will only be for residents and staff so we can continue to ensure social distancing. We also want to keep our residents safe during this uncertain time with the virus. We hope to be able to get back to hosting our family traditions in the future. Merry Christmas to you!



Special Events and Outings

Events:

12/1 Dr. Koch- Hearing Evolution Hearing Aid Checks & Ear Cleaning **CR**
12/2 Christmas Tree Lighting **ML**
12/3 Folk Music with Alex Caton **CR**
12/10 Catherine's Christmas Radio Show **CR**
12/14 Joy to the World Holiday Shop **CR**
12/16 Denim and Lace Music **CR**
12/17 Pictures with Santa **ML**
12/24 Christmas Eve Service **CR**
12/25 Santa Gift Opening **FAC**

Outings:

12/6 Dollar Tree Shopping
12/8 Leisure Ride
12/9 Lunch at Lightwell
12/15 Leisure Ride
12/21 Christmas Light Night Ride
12/22 Leisure Ride
12/29 Leisure Ride

Reminders:

During all group activities, outings and anytime you are outside of your room, you need to be wearing a mask. Staff may remind you, but non-compliance can result in asking you to go to your room. This is to keep everyone safe.

New Activities for December!

Christmas Penny Ante- Get to know you game that brings back Christmas Memories!

Initial Christmas Wooden Door Hangers- Beautiful wooden cutouts with your initial you can paint, keep, or give as a gift.

Christmas Picture Bingo- Bingo using pictures related to the Christmas season!

Christmas Photobooth- Fun Pictures with props for the holiday season.

Canning Ring Christmas Card

Ornaments- Easy Craft where you cut out Christmas cards to make a beautiful ornament for the activity room tree.

Joy to the World Holiday Shop- Handmade & Christmas items that you can purchase using Dogwood Dollars to give as gifts to your family for Christmas.

Christmas Placemats- Easy Craft using Christmas Cards.

Nutcracker Matching Game- easy memory game using different Nutcracker's pictures.

Safety Question for December

Can you decorate your room for Christmas?

Yes- you may decorate your room for Christmas but there are some important rules to remember:

- ❖ Your tree or decorations must have the warning label attached. Please do not remove the label.
- ❖ All cords should be intact with no frays or bent prongs.
- ❖ Power stripes are allowed but there should be no extension cords.

- ❖ All decorations should be artificial. We are unable to have real trees or wreaths due to our fire codes/regulations.
- ❖ No Christmas wreaths should be hung on your door unless it is metal or fire resistant.
- ❖ Decorations or anything should be 18in. from the ceiling
- ❖ If you have any questions about decorations or décor, you can ask the Maintenance Department to see if it is in compliance.

December Birthdays:

Residents-
Don Detwiler
12/5

Nonnie Myers
12/8

Staff:
Marlena Rucker
12/19

Rebecca Ruffner
12/22

Notable Quotable

"Keep the circus going inside of you, keep it going, don't take anything too seriously. It'll all work out in the end."

~ David Niven,
actor

HOLIDAY Safety Tips

TO HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON





HIPAA Informative Reminder

What is HIPAA?

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, commonly known as HIPAA, is a series of regulatory standards that outline the lawful use and disclosure of protected health information (PHI). HIPAA compliance is regulated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and enforced by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

Personal healthcare information is highly sought after by identity thieves, and as criminals find new, elusive ways to steal large amounts of data, the privacy and security measures in place in the healthcare industry have received a lot of attention. HIPAA established rules that require healthcare

organizations to control who has access to health data, restricting who can view health information and who that information can be shared with. Residents are also given control over who their information is released to and who it is shared with.

Your private medical information is your business only. It can only be shared with who you want it to be shared with. Facility staff can not provide information on any resident to other residents or family members, that are not designated or anyone that is not involved in the care of that particular resident. This is against the HIPPA law and there could be serious consequences for a breach in compliance.



May God remove your fear & replace it with FAITH, your worries with HOPE, your pains with good HEALTH. The best is yet to come.
Amen

CHRISTMAS IS NOT AS MUCH ABOUT OPENING OUR PRESENTS AS OPENING OUR HEARTS.



1st Floor:

- Don Detwiler- Health
- Doris Washburn- Health
- Boots Lenn- Transition
- Family of John Nixon- Grief
- Dick Butterworth- Health

3rd Floor

- Jeanne Davis- Health
- Barbara Hutchinson- 3 Siblings- Health
- David Clark- Health

- Janice Crockett- Health
- Phil Brown- Health

Staff and Volunteers:

- Pat Davis- Volunteer- Assistant- Health of Grandmother
- Sherrell Carter- Health Services- Mother's Health
- Ashley Gore- Director of Resident Activities- Family Health

Resident Spotlight



Evelyn "Trudy" Boggs was born in Rochester, PA. to Charles and Eleanor Curtis. She is the middle child of 2 brothers Donald and Thomas. Trudy married Thomas Kelley Boggs and they resided in Aliquippa, PA for over 60 plus years. Trudy and Thomas have 4 children. Susan (Washington), Cheryl (Texas), Sandy (Virginia) and Scott (Pennsylvania). They have 11 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. She has several grandchildren in the military that she is extremely proud of. One of them is stationed in Germany. Trudy was mainly a homemaker, but she did work for the company Weight Watchers for several years. She was very active in her church in Pennsylvania and continues to enjoy going to daily devotions and church services since moving to Dogwood Village. Trudy enjoyed sewing and sewed hundreds of hats for her granddaughter and local hospitals for their surgical staff. One of Trudy's favorite hobbies is collecting nutcrackers. Her favorite ones are displayed in her room, and she enjoys sharing them and their stories with visitors.

One person caring about another represents life's greatest value.
- John Rohn



Staff Spotlight

Brooklynne Eppard was born and raised in Orange, VA. She is in her senior year at Orange County High School. She is in the SCA, Cosmetology School and is a cheerleader. Brooklynne plans to attend Radford University after graduation.

She began working at Dogwood Village over a year ago as a Hospitality aide in Health and Rehab. She currently holds the position as one of the evening/weekend receptionists in Senior Living. When not working she enjoys spending time with her family and friends and attends the youth group at Gordonsville Baptist Church. She enjoys animals and currently has a dog, cows, pigs and goats. When asked how she would describe herself in three words she stated "funny, intelligent and honest."

Brooklynne enjoys working at Dogwood Village and her advice to new employees is to form amazing bonds with the residents and staff because they become part of your family.

