

Messages from Maryhill

A Newsletter for Maryhill Manor Families

August, 2011

GREETINGS! At this moment we are receiving some wonderful summer weather! Ahhhhhh! These nice days are to be enjoyed, so I hope you're outside as you read this! ☺ *** Just a reminder to please mark any clothing that is brought in for a resident. Some people bring in different clothing items when the seasons change and there are always gifts that are given throughout the year and we want to be sure we get things back to the right resident. If you are not comfortable marking the clothing yourself, please ask a staff member to do so before sending the item to be laundered. If you do choose to mark an item yourself, please put both the first and last name in a spot that is easy to find but does not show through or mar the clothing. Thank you. *** Our new menus are going well and residents are telling us they like having the added choices. We have set a target date for August 15th to move to the new dining times and open seating arrangement. Breakfast will remain the same (served from 8:00-10:30am), dinner will be served from 11:30-1:00p.m. and supper from 4:30-6:00p.m. We hope our residents will enjoy this added flexibility for their meals. *** We are continuing to plan outings to different places based on suggestions and requests from our residents. A large group will be attending a RedHawks game on August 18th and a visit to Maryvale (the home of the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation who are our owners) is in the planning stage, as well as several others. Those who like to get a change of scenery really enjoy these events. If you are interested in helping with an outing, please call Deb Jordet to volunteer. Thank you. *** Peace and Joy...Nancy Farnham, Administrator

ANNUAL LIFE SAFETY SURVEY

We had our annual Life Safety Code survey on Tuesday, July 19th. This is an unannounced survey that is conducted by the ND Department of Health every year at all nursing homes. We were deficiency free, other than a note about the sprinkler system that is required by 2013. We are extremely proud and pleased with these survey results! Special thanks goes to Julie Dick, Support Services Coordinator, and Gary Thilmony in maintenance for all their work throughout the year to produce such an excellent report. We also thank all staff members for their daily attention to safety hazards in the environment and for taking fire drills and other emergency training seriously. All these things make a difference in the safety of our residents. We do have one area the Life Safety surveyor discussed with us that we need to work on and we need your assistance. This relates to electrical power strips. Power strips are only allowed in nursing homes to plug in two things:

1. Computers
2. TV's/DVD players/entertainment centers

Power strips cannot be used for any other type item. For instance, it is not allowed to use a power strip for lamps and radios. In addition, extension cords are not allowed at all in the nursing home setting. We ask that you help us by not bringing in power strips and by letting us know if your family member is having trouble finding a location to plug in everything they need in their rooms. Our main building was constructed in 1964 and our society's use of electronic devices has continued to go up since that time, so we know finding an outlet to meet all the needs in a room is sometimes a challenge. If you know that your family member is having trouble with this, please talk with Nancy Farnham or Julie Dick. This is an important Life Safety Code regulation that we must live within, so we appreciate your assistance.

(PS: There will be lots of outlets in the new additions! ☺)

Activities at Maryhill...to note a few:

Daily: Devotions, local news update, and exercises at 11:30a.m.

Church: Protestant services on Tuesdays at 2:00p.m. and Catholic Mass on Thursdays at 9:30a.m.

Bingo: Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at 2:00p.m.

Special Activities in August:

August 4th and 11th – 1:00p.m. Bible Study group led by Rachel Wawers.

August 18th – Outing to the Redhawks afternoon game. Hit'em out of the park, Redhawks! ☺

August 25th – 1:30p.m. Glenn Douglas will entertain

August 26th – 2:00p.m. Irene and the ValleyAires entertain for the Monthly Birthday Bash!

JOIN US ANYTIME!

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE:

Construction Plan Update:

*Installation of the sprinkler system is moving ahead smoothly. Most of the piping on the main floor is now in place, so you will see orange pipes everywhere! We want to assure you, though, that the pipes will not remain orange forever! ☺ The contractors are now working on piping the attic area, so if you hear footsteps over your head while you are visiting, that is probably who you are hearing.

*Construction on the additions has begun! They are working first on the resident room addition at the end of the northwest wing. They will begin digging the area for the chapel and therapy room addition at the front of the building in about a month. We enjoy seeing this activity taking place and look forward with excitement to the finished product next summer!

*Just a reminder that our front door will be temporarily relocated due to the construction. This will most likely happen before the summer is over. The temporary main entrance will be located at the east end of the building and you will enter into the living room/dining room area through a new screen porch. We also will be relocating some offices on a temporary basis. We will post signs to notify you of these changes as they occur.

*Back door: There is an alarm on the back door (the entrance closest to the garage), so it will ring if you come in that door. This is a safety measure to alert us in the event a confused resident goes out that door. There is a red button near the door that can be pushed to block the alarm for approximately 12 seconds. You can then enter without the alarm sounding if you close the door before the 12 seconds lapses. If you park in the back parking lot during construction, we encourage you to use this button. It is on the left hand wall when entering from the outside and on the right hand wall when leaving the building through that exit. PLEASE be as discrete as possible when doing this and, if a resident who may be confused is near you when you leave, please wait to push the button until they have left the area. Our residents' safety is very important to us! We also want to encourage you to continue to park in the front parking lot, as there are usually many spots available that are not affected by the construction at this time. As always, thank you for visiting!

Building Project Fundraising update:

*We are working toward raising \$75,000 so we can receive the full matching funds available to us through the grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation. At the current time we have raised \$16,000 toward this match since receiving the grant in March. If you would like more information about making a donation to this project, please contact Nancy Farnham, Deb Jordet, or Lynette Schmitz. We appreciate your support. Thank you!



In Our Memories

Our sympathy to the family and friends of this special man who had become part of our Maryhill family and has recently died. We treasure our memories of him and pray that God will be with his family at this time of loss. We will remember him...

Daniel "Dan" Perkins, 1959-2011

Thank You for Your Generous Donations:

For the Building Project:

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