

cooperation during this time. There will be a limited amount of seating in the Multi-purpose Room but our staff will do their best to accommodate everyone as quickly as possible. Also in order to serve you in a timely manner we will be serving on paper products. The goal is to return to the Dining Room the week of November 18th. During this time crews will also be working in the lobby area painting and installing some of the new flooring. The lobby will be receiving a combination of hard surface flooring and new carpeting. The hard surface flooring will be installed in November unfortunately the new carpeting for areas will not be in until January. The lobby work will take place between the hours of 9pm and 6am so disruptions should be minimal. New lobby furniture is being ordered and will hopefully arrive in the very near future. During these 2 weeks locations of scheduled activities will be adjusted. Please see your Activity Calendar for locations.

Hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. On Sunday, November 24th Oakleaf Village will host it's annual Family Thanksgiving Meal. Family members are invited to join you on this date for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. If you have family members who would like to join you on this date please contact the front desk at 614-431-1739 to make a reservation. Reservations are being taken between 12 and 3pm. There is a \$10 guest meal charge that will be added to your December billing statement. Residents who are not having guests join them for this meal do not need to make a reservation.

On Thanksgiving Day a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings will also be served from 11:30 am to 5:30 pm. Residents who would like to have a guest are asked to make a reservation for this meal as well. Guest charges will also apply. There will not be a separate evening meal so residents may come to the Dining Room for both lunch and dinner between the hours of 11:30 and 5:30.

The following staff members are celebrating anniversaries this month: Mary Muema, 3rd shift Personal Care Assistant, celebrates 15 years with Oakleaf Village on November 1st. Mary Griffith, Food Service Manager, celebrates 4 years on November 6th. Maria Ellis, Receptionist, will celebrate 2 years on November 13th. Larissa Gould, Personal Care Assistant at The Grove, will celebrate one year on the 14th. And on November 28th both Amy Horn, Receptionist, and Cecilia Conteh, Grove Personal Care Assistant, will celebrate one year anniversaries. Please join me in wishing these staff members Happy Anniversary and many more.

Please remember my door is always open. Happy Thanksgiving.

Respectfully, Dawn Nero

# the Acorn

November 2019

A newsletter for friends and residents of Oakleaf Village

**Oakleaf Village** is very proud to recognize Beth Loomis who received the OALA Award for Excellence in Housekeeping Management. OALA stands for Ohio Assisted Living Association. Beth has been employed at Oakleaf for 23 years. So, not only is she an outstanding manager, but is the unofficial historian of Oakleaf Village. Where ever there is a need, you'll find Beth. I personally think what makes Beth outstanding is her compassion and care for our residents; respect and understanding for fellow associates; a strong quiet presence; and one of the most unselfish people I know. Thank you, thank you and thank you, Beth.

**The 5th Annual** Oakleaf Village Trick or Treat and Halloween Party was a "howling" success. About 120 attendees got lots and lots of candy; enjoyed all the great costumes and cheered on the little ghosts as they played "Toss the beans in the Cauldron". The top three winners were, Ethan and Chloe (grandchildren of Laura Bennett) and Jax, (nephew of Michelle Spiert). Each winner took home a real pumpkin as a prize.

Oakleaf Village is very excited to have been chosen as the site for the 2020 monthly meetings of the "Wild Ones". No, it is not a heavy metal band. Wild Ones encourages environmentally sound practices such as less mowing, less lawn, fewer pesticides and less fertilizer. They promote the use of native plant communities that provide habitat for indigenous species. But more than that, Wild Ones

encourages us to establish a personal relationship with the natural world, one that literally invites native plants and wildlife back into our immediate lives. Wild Ones seeks to promote a natural landscaping movement. When we get up close and personal with the natural world over which we have dominion -be it our own urban/suburb yard, a community park or schoolyard, or even a small balcony of potted plants- the whole environmental movement is viewed in a different light. The really exciting part is that our residents will be able to attend these monthly meetings featuring all kinds of different programs and speakers as well as opportunities for field trips (using Oakleaf transportation). In the spring the group will help us to add native vegetation to our grounds. The Wild Ones programs will be listed on the monthly calendar.

Please note that this year's **Veteran's Day Program** will be celebrated the evening of Tuesday, November 19th at 7:30. All residents and families are invited to this very special program.

Then, it's off to the Holiday races of things to do; places to go and people to see.

Watch your calendars !



Suzi Heit and Beth Loomis at the October staff meeting honoring Beth for her OALA award.

## Oakleaf Village Activity Snap Shots



**(L)** Hustle the (Ally's) cat was helping make cat nip toys.

**(LL)** The "Blues Brothers" were practicing with the NACHO STREET Band.

**(Below)** Mary Kling and Nancy Gay with their Autumn wreathes.

**(LR)** Dancing to the music of Cathi Aldrich.

**(Right)** Eileen Davis and Glenna Sherman happy with their pumpkin arrangements.



**From The Desk Of  
Dawn Nero**

Dear Residents,

I am excited to share with you that Beth Loomis, Housekeeping Supervisor, has been awarded the Ohio Assisted Living Association's Honoring Excellence Award for Outstanding Housekeeping Supervisor. Each year the Association accepts nominations in various categories. To nominate an individual a letter is written explaining why the individual deserves the Award. I was honored to write such a letter and to nominate Beth. Beth has been an employee of Oakleaf for 23 years. She goes above and beyond and exhibits Wallick Communities core values of Care, Character and Collaboration. Beth will be awarded the honor at the Ohio Assisted Living Association's Fall Conference on November 4th. Please be sure to join me in congratulating Beth on a job well done. Beth is actually our second award winner. Last year I had the honor of nominating Gina White who won the award of Outstanding Lead Personal Care Assistant. Who will be our award winner next year? And I have to brag, my son Bobby will be accepting the award for Outstanding Executive Director on November 4th. I'm a proud mamma with two winners this year.

Believe it or not the renovations to the dining room are finally underway. I thought the day would never come. Starting on Monday, November 4th all meals will be served in the Multi-purpose Room while renovations are being completed in the Dining Room. We appreciate your patience and

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**5th Annual Oakleaf Village Trick or Treat and Halloween Party**



**(UL)** Payten and Elise.  
**(L)** Michelle and Mary.  
**(U)** Suzi and Ganondorf.  
**R** Ava, Janiaah, Roxie & Rowdy.

**Check Out November Outings**

**Load the Bus!!!!**

**Restaurant trips:**

This month we are going on November 13th for dinner at O'Charley's (Free Pie Wednesday)! On November 20th lunch at Plank's Café (yes, family of our own Ed Plank).

**Bank/ PO/RX Trips:**

The time for Thursday afternoon bank/PO/RX trips has been changed to **4:00**.

**Kroger:**

On Thursdays there are two scheduled time for grocery shopping at the Sunbury Rd. location, 9:30 am and 1:30 pm. If you have prescriptions at another location, you can easily transfer them to Sunbury Rd.

**Weekly Sunday Morning:**

Transportation is available to local churches. Check the trip book to see which churches we go to.

**Carry-In Lunch is back!** Wednesday, November 6th. Sign up in the Activity Room. Lunch will be from Lucky House, Chinese.

**F YI** There is a notebook in the activity room containing sign up sheets for outings, church transportation, Kroger runs and shopping. It also sign up for the ancillary services such as the podiatrist, dentist, audiologist and optometrist.



**Upcoming Attraction:**

**Annual Oakleaf Village Holiday Open House**  
**Wednesday, December 11, 2019. 4:30pm-7:00pm.**  
**Everyone is welcome: food, fun and music!!!**

**Community Events**

- 1 November Birthday Party. Sponsored by Crown Pointe. Music by Cathi Aldrich on Piano.
- 4 Plants Alive. Make a fresh floral arrangement.
- 6 Enliven Health Clinic, Rm #231. Get your blood pressure and much more.
- 8 Forest Park Christian Pre School student visit.
- 8 Happy Hour w/ Music by ENCORE Band.
- 12 Special art project w/ Aprons & Easels.
- 12 Music Program by guitarist, John LaFollette and his sidekick, Marcus.
- 15 Happy Hour .
- 18 Aprons & Easels Painting Class.
- 18 Music program by vocalist, Debbie Zimmerer.
- 18 Resident Open Forum presented by Oakleaf Staff. Open to everyone.
- 19 Oakleaf Village Veteran's Day Program. Residents and families are invited. Music provided by Mark Gaskill.
- 20 Enliven Health Clinic Rm #231. It's Free!
- 20 Rhythm & Drumming program w/ Ruth Ann..
- 21 Susan Cowell, guitarist and vocalist.
- 22 Men's Lunch brought to you by Don Courtright.
- 22 Happy Hour. Music by vocalist, Mark Snow.
- 26 Columbus Library Lobby Stop. Last one of 2019.
- 26 Music Program by The Republican Glee Club.
- 26 Art in Afternoon with John. Make a great art project.
- 29 Visit by the Buckeye Brass Alumni.
- 29 Happy Hour. Music provided by Wade Jones, Jazz pianist.

**Additional Monthly Activities**

- Bible Study:  
Mondays – 10:00 am
- Christian Worship:  
Wednesdays – 10:45 am
- Catholic Mass:  
1st Friday – 10:30 am
- Open Forum Meeting  
3rd Monday at 3:00pm
- Columbus Library Lobby Stop:  
11:15 am-12:15pm  
(Check calendar for dates)

**Oakleaf Village Managers**

Dawn Nero	Executive Director
Tammie Dillon	The Grove Program Manager
Cindy Whalen	Director of Nursing
Gina White	Care Giver Supervisor
Michelle Spiert	Business Office Manager
Mary Griffith	Food Service Manager
Debbie Kelsik & Ashley Hetman	Marketing Directors
Suzi Heit	Activity Director
Don Courtright	Maintenance Supervisor
Beth Loomis	Housekeeping Supervisor
Stephanie Keathley	Dining Room Supervisor



**New Kids on the Block**

- Brad Harold #118
- Ken Walls #262
- Mary Cornette #258



**Residents**

- 5 Carol Lynn
- 8 Nancy Gay
- 10 Gene Raby
- 10 Joann Lewis
- 11 Roseann Leibbrand
- 19 Tony Gratziano

**Staff**

- 6 Gertrude Morrison
- 12 Maria Ellis
- 16 Eva Blankson
- 17 Debbie Kelsik

**In Memory**

**Betty Recob**