

Happy Birthday!



Notable Quotable

“People say, ‘Oh, to be the daughter of Picasso!’ But it’s not as extravagant as it seems. He was very special, very vibrant, but he was my father. I didn’t have another.”

~ Paloma Picasso (born April 19)

RESIDENTS BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DATE
FRANCIS, BILL	4-01
VOSENKEMPER, NANCY	4-08
LUKEN, JANET	4-09
NAGEL, VICTORIA	4-10
COPELAND, LOIS	4-13
SCHWALLENSTECKER, LETA	4-14
LEONARD, GERALD	4-16
HARTMAN, BILL	4-19
SCHINDLER, DANA	4-21
MYERS, TOMMIE	4-23
FLACTIFF, BETTE	4-29
DORRIS, NANCY	4-26
FORTADO, MARJORIE	4-26
PELLEGRINO, PHYLLIS	4-28

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

SMITH, MARGIE	4-14
HOWERTON, ARIANNA	4-14
MINNER, KYLE	4-16
PURCELL, CYNTHIA	4-16
RAGSDALE, NICHOLAS	4-18
ROGGIO, OLIVIA	4-24
WILLIAMS, ISABELLA	4-26
HULL, SOPHIA	4-28



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April 2025



Celebrating April

Charades
April 2

Food for Thought: Ramen
April 9

Gary Jackson: Brain & Beauty Discussion
April 12

Outdoor Picnic
April 16

Easter Egg Hunt
April 18

Easter
April 20

Morel Mushroom Hunting
April 22

DNA Day
April 25

Calhoun Fishing Trip
April 26

Welcome New Residents



Rosie Brugemann
Meadows #118



Ray and Kay Robinson
WP #106

April's here with skies so bright,
Bringing warmth and soft daylight.
The flowers bloom, the birds all sing,
A fresh new start, a time for spring.
We'll stroll through gardens, hand in hand,
And watch the trees begin to stand.
With gentle rain and sunshine's glow,
Together we'll let laughter flow.
From crafts to games and garden fun,
April's here for everyone!
So join us, friends, and don't delay,
Let's make the most of this spring day!
A time for joy, for friends, for cheer,
April's magic is finally here!

Anita's Corner

As April arrives, we welcome the beauty of spring – a season of renewal, fresh beginnings, and blossoming possibilities. The warmer days, budding flowers, and longer evenings remind us of the promise of growth and the joy of embracing new opportunities.

In the spirit of renewal, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who attended the recent **Ask Anita** gathering. I hope you enjoyed hearing the departmental updates from our Leadership Team. Your engagement and thoughtful questions make these sessions so meaningful. For those unable to attend, I shared updates on several of our **capital projects**:

- The **Wiseman Pollock front entrance pillar project** is progressing steadily.
- We are preparing for the **sealing of the walkway to the lake**, ensuring it remains a safe and scenic path.
- The **Wiseman Pollock front parking lot** will soon be resealed and restriped.
- The **McKendree corridor** is getting a beautiful refresh with new artwork and furnishings, creating a more welcoming and visually appealing space.
- We are excited to announce the **launch of the Weston Terrace renovation**, which will soon begin. This project will enhance the comfort and appeal of the community, benefiting both current and future residents.

On the **personnel front**, we are excited to **welcome Olivia Roggio** as our new **Human Resources Manager**. Olivia brings valuable experience in **human resources, general management, administrative work, and social media** making her a wonderful addition to our team. Please join me in extending a warm Asbury Village welcome to Olivia.

We also continue our **search for a new Plant Operations Director** as **Rick Taylor** prepares to transition into a part-time role. Rick's dedication and expertise have been invaluable, and we are grateful he will remain part of the team in this new capacity. Additionally, we are actively seeking our next **Health and Wellness Navigator**, as **Nicole Reed** eagerly anticipates her move into the **Director of Nursing** position at **Weston Terrace**. We are excited for this next chapter of leadership and growth.

Forever Family Fund Update:

We are exploring the exciting possibility of developing the **Forever Family Fund into a Foundation**. A **Foundation Committee** is forming to guide this initiative, with forthcoming announcements to keep you informed. This transformation would allow us to further strengthen the impact and sustainability of the fund, ensuring ongoing support for our residents and community.

Your Council Members – Mary Ann Forcade (President), Bonnie Fox (Vice President), Marcia Callis (Secretary), Charla Canale, Nancy Dorris, Jerry Leonard, Bob Parish, Valerie Pelot, Ollie Reszler, Arnie Saaf, Carol Sawyer, Elaine Wardein, Rita Wyatt

If you have questions or concerns, please contact one of the council members above and it will be discussed at our next meeting.

Asbury Village Board Members – Donna Bernis, Andy Bowen, James Herndon, Jack Hoelscher, Zeke Jabusch, Paul J. Jun, John Keller, Jeff Lauritzen, Mike McCormick, Rev. William Pyatt, Mary Reilly, Stephen Shwartz, Rev. Kim Stuby, Karen Wilson

Activity Committee – Kay Agard, Linda Rainey, Cheri Bond, Charlie Bond

Suggestions for outings or activities are welcome. Feel free to contact one of these members with your ideas to be discussed at the next meeting.

If you are interested in joining the activity committee, let Linzi Sweetin know.

Dining Room Committee – Betty Light (Chairman), Mary Henley, Rose Roggow, Mary Ann Forcade

If you have questions, concerns, suggestions or compliments regarding the dining room, please contact one of these members and it can be discussed at the next meeting.

Library Committee – Maggi Behrens, Liz Bumbacher, Dave Callis, Grace Green, Irene Gulovsen, Sarah Huber, Jan Luken, Linda Nevin, Valerie Pelot, Bernie Wickenhauser

Your Village Ambassadors – **Wiseman Pollock:** Nancy Dorris, Jerry & Etta Jane Leonard, JoAnn Phelps

McKendree: Linda Rainy, Martha Darr, Lorene Flowers

Villas: Shirley Bachman, Elaine Wardein, Rose Roggow, Arnie Saaf

Homes: Ruth Scanlon & Larry Peiman

Back Up Ambassador: Darlene Gulovsen

Council Member Elections

Would you like to serve on our Resident Council? We're seeking residents who have lived at Asbury Village for at least one year and currently reside in Wiseman-Pollock, the Villas, or the Homes. We have openings for two residents from Wiseman-Pollock, one from the Villas, and one from the Homes. If you're interested, please contact Valerie Pelot, Nancy Dorris, or Marcia Callis for more information.

Chaplain's Reflection

From Lent to Easter

At the time that you receive this article, Easter will be right around the corner. So, let me share with you some of the things we plan to make available to all who may be interested as we finish up our Lenten Season and move to the Easter Season.

On Thursday, April 3rd a bus will be available to take all who may wish to go to the movie, "The Chosen." It is showing at the NCG Cinema in the Alton Mall. Departure time is 2:30 and we will eat out after the movie since we will miss the dining time at Asbury. Please sign up at the desk for this activity if you wish to go.

On Friday, April 18th, during the 10 am Chapel Time, Julie Gvillo will share with us about Good Friday. Remember, Julie is the person that brought the instruments to us for reflection at Christmas. She is gifted in other areas as well, one being telling the Good Friday Story through wooden blocks and narration. The conversations that surrounded the first Good Friday are so enlightening. Julie will reflect this experience on April 18th at 10 am.

Then, the next Friday, April 25th, Julie will return to share with us the Easter Story through musical expressions that brings scripture to life through sound. This experience is called, "Audiendo Divina" (Divine Listening). This will also be during the 10 am Chapel time, immediately following the Breakfast Buffet. Normally, we don't have Chapel on Breakfast Buffet Day, but being that it is the Friday following Easter, we will plan to gather.

On Easter Sunday Evening, April 20th at 6 pm, Rev. Ray Robinson will lead the worship and preach the sermon. Rev. Ray, and his wife, Kay are new residents of Asbury Village. It is a joy to welcome them and to be blessed with Ray's gifted nature of preaching.

So.....be prepared! Be Ready! End Lent and Begin Easter. End Contemplation and Begin Celebration. End sorrow and Begin Joy. Psalm 30:4-5 encourages us:

⁴ Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people;
praise his holy name.

⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment,
but his favor lasts a lifetime;
weeping may stay for the night,
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Easter Blessings to Each of You! Chaplain Jackie



Exterior Grounds Standardization:

In the upcoming weeks, we will begin reviewing **exterior grounds standardization**. The goal is to develop clear guidelines, similar to **Homeowners Association standards**, regarding what can be displayed or stored outside of homes, villas, and certain apartments. Establishing these guidelines will help create a consistent and aesthetically pleasing appearance throughout our community, ensuring a beautiful and harmonious environment for all.

As we celebrate the arrival of spring, we also prepare our hearts for the joy and hope of **Easter**. May this season of faith and renewal fill you with peace, love, and gratitude. Whether you are enjoying time with loved ones, attending a special service, or simply taking in the beauty of the season, I wish you a wonderful and meaningful Easter.

Thank you for making Asbury Village such a vibrant and caring community. Your support and spirit of togetherness inspire us to continue growing and enhancing the place you call home.

Wishing you a bright and beautiful April,

Anita Martinez



Bulletin Board Updates

The bulletin boards at McKendree will be going up soon! There is a communal bulletin board located just outside the bathrooms on the first floor of Wiseman-Pollock, designed to showcase events from the wider community. Please note that the elevators and the bulletin boards adjacent to them are reserved for internal postings only.

Activity Connection

New Art Exhibit: Quilts

We are thrilled to announce our new upcoming art exhibit featuring beautiful quilts! We invite all residents to drop off their quilts at the front desk for a chance to be showcased in this unique display. Whether it's a cherished family heirloom or a personal creation, we can't wait to see your work featured in the exhibit! The exhibit will be up by April 7th to view. If you would like to enter a piece into the exhibit, please drop it off by April 3rd.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Get-Togethers

Join us for our ongoing Neighbor-to-Neighbor Get-Togethers, where you can connect with fellow residents, share stories, and build lasting friendships. These gatherings are a great way to get to know your neighbors and enjoy some quality time together. Look at the calendar for more details on dates and times!

Easter Egg Hunt & Visit from the Easter Bunny – April 18th

Hop into the spirit of Easter with our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 18th! The Easter Bunny will be visiting to spread joy and excitement. We look forward to seeing you there!

Chili Cook-Off Winner – Congratulations to Lana Perry!

A big congratulations to Lana Perry, our Chili Cook-Off winner! Her delicious chili earned her the top spot, and we couldn't be more proud of her culinary skills. Thank you to all who participated, and we look forward to the next competition!

Special Speaker – Gary Jackson – April 12th

On April 12th, we are pleased to welcome Gary Jackson as our special guest speaker. Gary will be presenting on a fascinating topic, so don't miss this opportunity to gain new insights and knowledge. Mark your calendars!

Fusion Glass Workshop – Sign Up Now!

We are excited to offer a Fusion Glass workshop on May 1st at 12:30 PM! The cost is \$59, and spaces are limited, so be sure to sign up by April 16th and submit your payment to reserve your spot. It's going to be a creative and fun experience you won't want to miss!

Important Calendar Update – April 19th, 22nd, 23rd

Please note there is an error on the calendar: There will be **no Catholic Communion** on April 19th. On April 22nd we will be going to the Alton Mall Hayner Library at 3:00. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused and appreciate your understanding.

For more information or to sign up for any of the above events, please contact the front desk. We look forward to seeing you at these exciting events and activities!

Best,
Linzi

Scams and Fraud Prevention

Financial scams targeting older adults are unfortunately common. In 2023, 536 people reported scams to the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, bringing the total complaints since 2013 to nearly 12,300.

Here are the five most common scams affecting seniors:

1. **Grandparent Scam:** Scammers pretend to be a grandchild in need of money, often asking for help with car repairs, rent, or medical bills. They exploit emotions to trick victims into sending money, often using gift cards or wire transfers.
2. **Financial Services Scam:** Scammers pose as banks or debt collectors, claiming that accounts have been compromised or offering fake loans. They ask for personal information like passwords or Social Security numbers and demand payment immediately.
3. **Tech Support Scam:** A pop-up message claims your device has an issue and directs you to call a number for help. The scammer then offers fake tech support, often asking for payment or remote access to your device.
4. **Government Impersonation Scam:** Fraudsters pretend to be from agencies like the IRS, Social Security, or Medicare, threatening arrest or loss of benefits unless the victim provides personal details or money.
5. **Romance Scam:** Scammers create fake online profiles to gain trust, then ask victims to send money for fake emergencies like travel costs or medical bills. These scams can lead to significant financial losses.
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Other common scams include sweepstakes, robocalls, business imposters, investment scams (especially involving cryptocurrency), and Medicare fraud.

If you think you've been scammed, don't panic. Contact authorities like the local police, your bank, or Adult Protective Services. You can also report scams online to the FTC to help protect others.





