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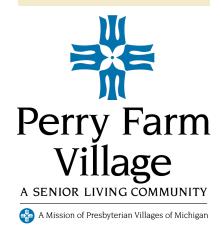
# **Embrace the possibilities**

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#### A Letter from our Executive Director

#### Happy Fall to ALL!!

If asked, fall is my favorite time of year. I think it's the amazing colors that seem to spring up overnight, and the beauty of it all when the sun shines and the colors brighten even more. Oh, and don't get me started on those unexpected warm days that surprise us. It truly is one of the many reasons that we all decide to call northern Michigan "HOME".

I read a book once that was titled "*CHANGE IS GOOD......YOU GO FIRST*". There have been a lot of good changes and challenges over the last year, and more to come as we await the opening of *The Birches of Perry Farm Village.* I'd like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all who live down corridor # 2 for putting up with noise, no car ports, no garbage rooms, foot traffic down the hall, construction crews for neighbors, and oh so much more! Your patience is appreciated and know it's getting close to the end. In anticipation we welcome new members to our Team. Tom Swan, Sales Specialist who now shares an office with me and Sara Sumner, Resident Assistant. We hope to continue to add to our team as the December opening comes closer. Positions are Dietary Aides, Cook, Caregiver, Housekeeping, Activity and Maintenance Assistants. Any referral for these positions are appreciated.

Karen Martin, Concierge extraordinaire, just could not stay away and will return part time, partnering with Kathy Barnett, to make sure the office front desk is staffed to serve you and all coming into or calling the community. So glad to have you back Karen!!

As always, Chef Joe is planning more delicious meals followed by those delectable desserts that Colleen and Dawn whip up.

Please look over the newsletter carefully and mark your calendars, as October is another full month for activities, fitness, entertainment and learning are all being offered. Enjoy the changes that fall brings! Blessings to you all, Barb Tom Swan Sales & Leasing Specialist



Although born and raised in Indianapolis, IN, I've been visiting Harbor Springs since I was a baby. My dad and a friend developed "Harbor Hills", a subdivision at the corner of M119 and Hedrick Rd., back in the mid 1960's, and I've come up for weeks in the summer and winter.

My wife, Jennifer, and I made the permanent move from the Indianapolis area to our home on Lake Street this past July. We are so happy that we moved and to be a part of such a special community. The people, the weather and the beauty of Little Traverse Bay has been well worth the 450 mile move.

I am so happy to be working for and be a part of Perry Farm Village family. The staff has been so welcoming and the residents couldn't be nicer or more accepting. I'm excited about the upcoming opening of The Birches and helping to grow and represent Perry Farm Village.



Liz Frey has been a resident at Perry Farm Village since November 2021 when she spent 4 months on the Terrace level for assistance with healing a broken leg. She is well known for her long distance walks and she says, "I've been walking for many years, long before my broken leg, walking 2-3 miles every day, no matter the weather. "

Liz grew up in Holland, Michigan and graduated from University of Michigan with a degree in Elementary Education. Upon graduation, she joined the Peace Corps and worked in their rural education program.

Liz has 4 children and retired after a fulfilling career in education. She is an avid reader, with an interest in historical novels and learning more about religion.

Other hobbies she enjoys are: snowshoeing, cross country skiing, swimming and is a regular at Sit & Fit! Thank you for the high energy you bring to our community, Liz!

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Happy Birthday from all of us at PerryFarm Village!



Michelle Khaled 1<sup>s</sup> Resident Assistant

Kjersti Kontio 6<sup>th</sup> Wellness Coordinator

Karen Martin Community Concierge

# The Senior Advocate.

By Lynn Alexander, Senior VP & Chief Marketing Officer

#### International Day of Older Persons – October 1st

In the month of May we celebrate Older Americans Month via the Administration on Aging at the federal level and Older Michiganders Day with the State of Michigan. The United Nations has also created the International Day of Older Persons on **October 1st** annually to "increase awareness of the impact of having an aging population. We want people in society to be able to grow old with dignity."

This is such an important philosophy with growing importance as the population ages in America. To enhance an appreciation of older citizens there is much we can do. First of all, encouraging an intergenerational approach to life is of utmost importance. There is a centuries old Latin phrase: Example teaches. This is very powerful. Our children and grandchildren observe our actions. Teach them early on to appreciate their older loved ones and others in the community. Giving our time and resources to seniors is a great way to act on this. With all that is going on in our lives, it is easy to push this off until another day. Recently I heard a great comment from Rabbi Steve Leder in that many of our regrets at the end of our life are about what we did not do rather than what we did.

Do you have a former teacher or mentor that shaped your life in a positive way? Make sure you acknowledge them today. Do you have an aunt or uncle or other relative who never missed your birthday with cards and a little cash? How long has it been since you sent them a card? Facebook birthday wishes are nice but cannot match the appreciation given by a card or a phone call. If you are an educator or PTO officer encourage your schools to engage in intergenerational programs. PVM Villages have been pleased to host choirs, arts projects and storytelling visits from community members. Embrace family history so young person's learn what their older loved ones were like when they were their age. Compassion comes easily when encouraged at a young age.

Let's celebrate older persons as a society every chance we get!

# Announcements

#### SAVE YOUR GROCERY RECEIPTS

We appreciate all the grocery receipts we've received this month from Oleson's and D&W! Please keep them coming into the PFV office. This is a great way to bring additional dollars to support our programs!

Check Channel 900 often for upcoming events, changes and notices. We will also post pictures from past events for all to enjoy!



"WE DON'T STOP PLAYING BECAUSE WE ARE OLD. WE GROW OLD BECAUSE WE STOP PLAYING." George Bernard Shaw

#### **October Wellness Classes**

Sit & Fit Mon/Wed/Fri 10:30am

Cardio Drumming Thurs 10:30am At HS Friendship Center

#### **Meditation**

Mon & Fri 10am (20 minutes for residents and staff) Lower Level Wellness classroom

## **Craft with Barb!**

#### Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm

This month, to get everyone in the Halloween spirit (staff included) we have a fun, easy, group costume craft! If you don't want to get crafty, but still want to participate on

#### Oct 31<sup>st</sup> ~ 4:30pm (Halloween Happy Hour)

sign up and someone will make your costume for you! Here's your hint......



decorate for the holidays, please join us on Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:15pm to put PFV in the Fall Spirit! Meet in the dining room.



Wellness Matters Kjersti Kontio Wellness Coordinator

#### Hello Friends!

I always sigh with relief when the heat and humidity of summer turn to the brisk, colorful days of fall. I love a hot cup of tea, a batch of muffins in the oven and a stew on stove. Can you tell how energized I'm feeling?

I hope to keep you energized and moving throughout fall too! Do you enjoy decorating your home for the season? Let's meet Oct 4<sup>th</sup> in the dining room at 2:15pm (after Bingo) and take on this task together! Many hands make light work! On the 7<sup>th</sup> we head to Kiwanis Park for Village Victory Games. Please sign up to cheer our Team "Perrywinkle Blues" to victory!! There is a heated indoor area, and lunch is provided.

We have two Lunch Bunch outings and a visit to Appletown that will provide an opportunity to enjoy a color tour. Also, mark your calendar for our *two* immunization clinics and Dr. Wong's visit if you'd like your hearing aids checked or cleaned.

You won't want to miss "Lives Well Lived". Please invite friends & family to join you in the dining room on Oct 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a special film that is sure to warm your heart.

A special Halloween costume theme has been chosen for the whole community and we hope you will be one of the 101......hint, hint.....Crafty Barb will help us create our costumes on Oct 20<sup>th</sup> On Halloween we will gather for a special Happy Hour (costumes encouraged).

Be sure to sign up for outings, shopping and events early as spaces fill up fast. And as always, if there is any way I can help, please let me know!

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Immunization Clinics At Perry Farm Village

Flu – October 18th 2-4pm

Covid – October 26<sup>th</sup> 2-5pm

For residents, staff & volunteers only.



Dr. Adam Wong Will be here Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm

Please sign up in advance to have your hearing aids cleaned and checked.

\*\*Appointments are limited.\*\*



## Presbyterian Villa of Michigan Mission Statemer

Guided by our Christian heritage we serve seniors of all faiths and creat new possibilities for quality living.

# **Office Numbers**

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**CAREGIVING TEAM:** Vacant **RN/Nurse Manager Resident Assistants:** Benjamin Duncan Laurie Russo Joy Eaton Margaret Small Rose Gokee Susan Storrs Ciara Halliday Sara Sumner Michelle Khaled Sheree Woollard Christina Leal Christine Woodward

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