BELMONT VILLAGE OF WESTWOOD

THE VILLAGE NEWS

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JAMES ARP

Hello, and Happy December! It's hard to believe we are in the last month of 2020. I think we all need to take time to reflect and rejoice about our progress in adaptability. The world around us has needed to exercise patience, understanding, flexibility and resiliency. 2020 has certainly been a curveball, but we all learned that throw, and knocked it out of the park. But, before we usher in a new year, let's focus on this month: December. The first Sunday in December we are going to host our 2020-version, resident holiday party dinner. Executive Chef, Jean Yves, and his team will show off their culinary brilliance once again and dazzle us all with a palate-full of goodness. We hope you all will

enjoy this festive evening on December 6, 2020.

During our last resident council meeting, we discussed how residents can show their appreciation of our wonderful staff. As most of you are aware, because Belmont Village has a no-tipping policy, an employee appreciation fund was established to provide a way for you and your family to thank our nonmanagement employees. Many have already contributed in 2020 to the appreciation fund and will remain available to contribute until December 11, 2020. If you wish to contribute, please drop off a check (no cash, please) to the second floor Admin office. Thank you for showing your appreciation of our wonderful Team!

Have a wonderful and joyous Holiday Season, everyone. Stay safe and take care of one another, and get ready for 2021.



Enjoying the crisp, fall air during glass art class!



DECEMBER 2020



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SENIOR LIVING WESTWOOD





RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

- 14 Grace Cohen
- 14 Marshall Gelfand
- 14 Harold Mills
- 14 Dora Rosenberg
- 24 Noel Riley Fitch

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Chris Miller
- 2 Alexis Mazariegos-Ramon
- 3 Patti Fields
- 5 Christian Cortes
- 6 Sherylee Lino
- 8 Emma Sample
- 8 Angeles Santiago
- 12 Bun Oeng
- 13 Jose Vaca Orozco
- 13 Arlyn Torres
- 13 Destiny Salas
- 15 Glenda Aniporda
- 16 Shenae Aitchinson
- 16 Shnarria Pacheco
- 19 Ahmand Basamah
- 24 Janeth Vela
- 25 Princess Chavez
- 27 Mark Iheanachor
- 28 Sharon Person
- 30 Luis Sosa
- 30 Norbertine Kabwanga
- 30 Crystal Thays
- 30 Simone Scott
- 30 Jose Inita
- 31 Mutiara Sukantri





KAYLA MCDONALD

Congratulations, Kayla! Thank you for being so sweet toward our residents. The extra efforts you take to be constantly kind and empathetic do not go unnoticed. Our families and residents acknowledge your friendliness toward others, and your colleagues love having you on their team!





LAKESHA JEFFERSON

Congratulations, Lakesha! Lakesha was nominated by her coworkers and supervisors for the Extra Mile award. She always has a cheerful and positive attitude. She is a great team player and goes above and beyond to help others. We are so thankful to have you as a leader on the NH team!



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

DIRECTOR OF RESIDENT CARE & SERVICES- HEALTH HINTS

The holiday season is supposed to be a time of celebration with family and friends. Unfortunately, many people for many reasons suffer from "Holiday Blues."

This can affect more than just your mood; it can seriously affect your health. Make it brighter by putting plans in place to add more joy to those tricky weeks! Stay connected. Even if your family is absent, you do not have to spend the holidays alone. Schedule phone calls with loved ones (your care team can help).

Ask your Activities Program Coordinator (APC) if there are activities that you can help with or even plan. Volunteer through your place of worship if you have one. Give to others and put a smile on their faces. Maintain healthy habits. Try to stick to a healthy diet with plenty of fruits, vegetables and protein, and keep sweets and fatty treats to the absolute must-haves.

Also, be sure to get adequate sleep. Research suggests that people are less inclined to be sociable and feel lonely when they are sleep deprived. Be active. Exercise is a great antidote for depression. Go outdoors for a daily walk. If the weather makes that impossible, try some easy exercises like walking in place.

Stop into your Center For Life Enhancement (CFLE) and talk to the wellness director for exercise suggestions. If you're up to it, join a scenic drive and take in the decorations. Let the sun shine in. At this time of year, daylight is in short supply, which can add to gloomy feelings. To help prevent low moods, try sitting in a sunny window every morning and throughout the day. Relax, enjoy and celebrate!



TO YOUR HEALTH: SIP SOME SOUP

Chicken soup is often a go-to meal when someone is sick with a cold or flu, and science can explain why. Chicken soup is full of protein, vitamins and antioxidants that boost the immune system, and a University of Nebraska study found that the ingredients have a mild anti-inflammatory effect. Plus, the steam from a bowl of hot soup can clear congestion. While it won't actually cure your cold, chicken soup can ease the symptoms and help you feel better.



A NEW NEWSLETTER!

This December's Newsletter will be the last BV Newsletter of its kind. We are going digital! We are partnering with "Spectrio Share," an app available on your smart phone for free. Users will love being able to find daily menus, activity offerings, updates and more all in one place. Residents who utilize the app can choose to opt in to reminder notifications for appointments or activities they want to attend. Paper copies of the daily schedule will still be available at the Concierge desk and Wellness Centers.



We require a minimum of two business days' notice to schedule transportation for medical and dental appointments, but kindly request that you please provide as much notice as possible. As soon as you make the appointment, please fill out a transportation request form, send us an e-mail, or call the Concierge desk.

Transportation request forms can be found on the Concierge desk, located on the first floor to the right of the west elevators. The direct line is (310) 234-3044.



WESTWOOD

December 2020



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CL Center for Learning

PL Pool

🐴 Therapeutic

* Special Event



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RESIDENT SERVICES

Maintenance Services Please see the Concierge for a work order.

Concierge Services Assistance with local appointments and transportation. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM daily. Phone number: (310) 475-7501.

Dry Cleaning

Please see receptionist to arrange for delivery and pickup with an outside vendor.

Dermatology* Available monthly: Please see Wellness Center to schedule an appointment with the doctor.

PT/OT/Speech Therapy Available in CLFE (gym) on 1st floor: See a RehabCare therapist for an appointment.

Daily Activity Schedule Provide your email address at the Concierge desk to receive programming information and schedule for the next day.

Salon

A full-service salon is located on the second floor, providing hair and nail services.

Podiatry*

Available monthly: Please see Wellness Center to schedule an appointment with the doctor.

Marketplace

Toiletries, snacks, and household products: Please see receptionist. Requests for specific items are taken through the Concierge desk.

MEMORY PROGRAM UPDATE

Season's greetings! Even in uncertain times, we always strive to provide wonderful program options for our Neighborhood and Circle of Friends residents! We are continuing to offer entertainments seven days a week in the Neighborhood. We added seasonal crafts such as soap making, ornament decorating, and jewelry making.

We are also excited to announce our collaboration with TimeOut UCLA! We are offering an intergenerational program starting in January to provide social engagement with a student seeking to work in healthcare. Please let Miquelle or Naomi know if you'd like to sign up yourself or your loved one for this program!

With grateful appreciation for allowing us to care for your loved one, we send you the warmest wishes for the Holidays!



Our residents enjoy learning how to paint with watercolors in our art program!



Erleen connects weekly with Brandon, whom she met from our UCLA volunteer program!



Morley shows off a painting he created on a balloon!

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HAPPY HANUKKAH!

We'll kick off the festival of lights with a Hanukkah party complete with a Klezmer band before gathering around the menorah to light the first candle and hear the prayer on Thursday, December 10. Rabbi Ira will lead holiday services in the Screening Room on the evening of Friday, December 11. Every night of Hanukkah at 4:30pm, we will gather again to light the menorah, with interested residents being invited to lead others in the Hanukkah Blessings.



WELCOME 2021!

For New Year's, prepare for a party fit for royalty! Enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Jean Yves before descending into a New Year's-themed, multilocation party featuring live music! End the night with a champagne toast at EST midnight.



CHRISTMAS AND CHRISTMAS EVE

We'll kick off the celebrations with the decoration of a special tree that a small group of residents and staff can join together to "spruce" up! On Christmas Eve, enjoy festive, musical entertainment before settling down for a lovely dinner in Josephine's Kitchen and a holiday-themed movie in the Screening Room. The next morning, arise to a delicious. Christmas day lunch, followed by entertainment by fan-favorite musicians. Merry Christmas to all!: Thursdav the 24th and Friday the 25th.

CURRENT EVENTS WITH MARGOT

Back by popular demand, Margot Reiner will resume leading residents in lively discussions of all things current events and politics. Welcome back, Margot!: Wednesdays 2:00pm-4:00pm in the Screening Room



RESIDENT COUNCIL

Resident Council will be held on **Tuesday, December 8th at 1:30 PM on Zoom.** Once again, we will broadcast the meeting to a variety of locations where residents can gather in small groups. Alternatively, residents will be provided the Zoom information to join the virtual meeting from their own apartment.

Residents who wish to bring a topic to the Council's attention will be asked to submit their comments one of two ways. Handwritten or anonymous notes can be placed in the secure box on the Concierge desk. Alternatively, residents can contact the specific council member that acts as a liaison to the relevant member of the management team.

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VILLAGE SCENE



Studying Marc Chagall's dreamy painting style by the pool



We were thrilled to host Jewish Journal editor David Suissa for a poolside chat!



Celebrating the return of Acting Class with Chris!



Resident quiz master Brandon loves hosting Jeopardy and Kahoot Trivia!



We love to see these glamorous (and safe!) face mask looks!



Cheers to this dynamic duo who stole the show with their matching costumes!



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