



November, 2021



Message From Ellen

Last month I shared with you my plans to move to my new home; thank you for your well-wishes and checking in on how the move went! All went well and I (and my fur family) are quite settled in!

You have been seeing an array of familiar faces at the front desk at some not so familiar times – we continue to recruit for shifts left open by departing team members. I'd like to give a special **thanks** to Shawn, Delfina, and Patty, resident care assistants, for helping to cover our reception desk, as well as the rest of the front desk team for picking up hours outside of their normal schedule. Also, you had a special treat of seeing Linda (our housekeeper) pitching in to assist! Everyone's commitment and cooperation is deeply appreciated!

We also continue to recruit for our full-time Lifestyle Coordinator and Director of Community Services positions. These important roles at Forest Ridge require specific skills and talents and will remain open until

we have the perfect fit with new team members. Shay and I are covering these roles in the meantime (**Shay – thank you!**) Lastly, interviews will be scheduled when qualified applicants are identified to add to our dining services team. Myong, Kaitlyn, Diana and Ale ensure our dining program runs smoothly, and look forward to adding some energetic, friendly, and hardworking team to the mix!

Our cold-weather prep has included placing a/c covers on units, changing furnace filters, washing windows, and having carpets cleaned in some hallways. Attached to this newsletter is our annual winter weather notice – please take time to review this and keep it handy. Wisconsin weather is unpredictable, and we want everyone to know how snow removal is handled and what to expect.

I hope you have a chance to spend time with family and loved ones over the Thanksgiving holiday and find much to be grateful for – I certainly do and I include our wonderful residents among my many blessings.

Underground Parking

Parking in the garages is available to residents at no additional charge based upon availability.

The vehicle parked must be registered at our front desk and have a parking tag visible (usually hung from the rear-view mirror). Only vehicles registered *to* and driven *by* residents are allowed. Vehicles in handicapped parking spaces must have an appropriate handicapped sign displayed either on the license plate, or on the rearview mirror. Temporary signs that have expired do not qualify a vehicle for using a handicapped spot. Please be considerate of our residents who need these limited spaces and only request a handicapped spot if necessary. Non-running vehicles may not be stored anywhere on our property, including in underground or surface parking spaces.

Residents must use their underground parking spot at all times, reserving outside surface parking for visitors, service providers, prospective residents, vendors, etc.

November Activity Highlights

- Original Cheesehead Factory Outing (This event is full)
- November Birthday Party Celebration
- Wine Down Wednesday
- Popcorn Social

- Scenic drive to Waukesha
- Apple Cider Social
- Root Beer Floats
- Winter Wonder Scenic drive
- Memory Minders Presentation w/ Jill Hoven (Exercise for a Sharper Memory)

November Restaurant Outings

- Meyer's Restaurant
- Oscar's Frozen Custard
- Culver's

November Entertainment

- Brain Leffin

Welcome Home

Please join us in welcoming the following new residents to Forest Ridge! May your new life here bring you happiness for many years!

Welcome to the Founders wing:

Chris Ulwelling 210N

Mary Chamberlain 309N

Sharon Mueller 106W

Gail Causey 310W

Welcome to the Legacy wing:

Patricia Dreckmann – E312

Mary Pederson – E215

Peter Sirko – E226

October Activities Highlights

Craft Class

Eileen Roth & Maryann Ernst



Karaoke

Pam Schambow & Jodi Roth



Writer's Club

Stories written by Forest Ridge residents are printed each month in connection with the publication of the newsletter. Copies of each month's publication are available at the following locations:

Dining Room: Wall pocket by the announcement (bulletin)

Mailboxes- Epoch, Millennium, and legacy wings. If you are inclined to express comments or write your own experience or ideas, do so and deliver them to Donna Gorrell, W211, or to dgorrell@stcloudstate.edu

New Residents Tours

If you are a new resident and are interested in becoming familiar with where activities are held in Forest Ridge, well this tour is for you. A monthly tour for new residents is offered, check your calendar for date, time on where we meet for the tour. This is a great opportunity for a personal tour to "learn the ropes"!

Country Store

Visit our convenient Country Store here at Forest Ridge. Our Country Store is located on the 1st floor, where the Founders/Legacy and Millennium wings intersect. We offer items such as bread, milk, soda, eggs, juice, soup, microwaveable sandwiches, pizza, ice cream, snacks, bananas, etc..... Check the bottom of your calendar for store hours.

If you are interested in volunteering, we are currently looking for volunteers to work the store **Thursdays** and **Fridays** each week or at your convenience. Training is provided!



Country Store Soup Sale
Thursday's 1:00-2:00

Happy Anniversary

**Lisa Anderson, 3rd Shift Front Desk
Receptionist- 1 Year with Forest
Ridge**



**Phillip Gural, Forest Ridge Driver-
20 Years with Forest Ridge**



**Delfina, 1st shift Resident Assistant-
5 Years with Forest Ridge**



Dear Housekeeper

Thank you for making our everyday
sparkle!

You make a difference



Veterans Day

November 11th at 9:00am we
welcome all veterans to join us in the
main dining room for a Veterans Day
breakfast. This special breakfast is
dine in only. We are looking into
updating our Veterans list before
November 11th. Please, come down to
the dining room ledge to add your
name on the list. Also, November 10th
at 2:00 American Legion Post will be
at Forest Ridge in the main dining to
honor our veterans. Please, come
down.

Love Where You Live?

Resident referrals are the highest
compliment! If you love where you
live, share your thoughts with others.
If a new resident indicates you are the
referral source, you will earn a \$500
rent credit!

Set Up AutoPay!

Did you ever have to rush to the front desk, realizing you forgot to pay your rent? Have you been asked to re-write your check because the writing isn't legible, or the amount is wrong? Why not set up autopay and never have to worry about your rent getting paid on time, correctly, each month. There are two easy options to set up autopay:

- Check with your bank and see if they offer this service
- Set-up autopay through the Wimmer Communities website via Rent Café. All you need is an email address so we can send the information which will guide you through the steps. You can ask a trusted friend or family member to help you, or our own Nanlee from the front desk will help!

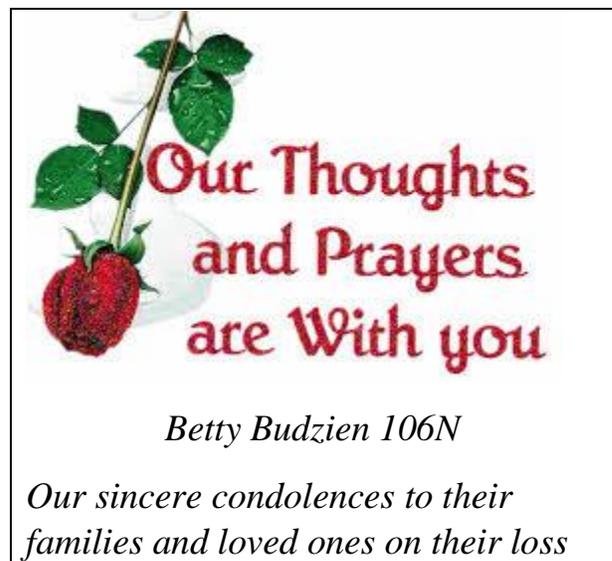
Please talk with Shay about the options and make your life a little easier with one less thing to worry about.

Dealing With Packages

Retrieving packages ordered online has been a challenge for some residents. Unfortunately, delivery services such as FedEx, UPS and Amazon refuse to deliver packages as

addressed, which it directly to your apartment.

We will try and support you in having our bus drivers, Bruce and Steve, provide *limited* package deliveries on Mondays and Thursdays (excluding holidays). **Please**, if you can retrieve items you have ordered yourself, continue to do so. Deliveries by our team will be fit in between bus commitments and the time is limited. Oversized/heavy packaged (over 20lbs) will not be delivered; please plan to have family or others assist you if you make these types of purchases. Bus driving has priority and special trips may preclude delivery on a day.





Gather with friends to enjoy a scenic drive through Whitnall Park to experience dramatic lighting techniques and fantastic displays. Tuesday November 23rd at 5:30. Sign up at the front desk by Thursday, November 18th. The cost for this drive is \$8.00. Please make check out to Forest Ridge.