



LAKEVIEW ASSISTED LIVING NEWSLETTER

Fall
2026

A letter from our Administrator...



As summer comes to a close and we begin to welcome the beautiful colors and cooler days of fall, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been another wonderful summer here at Lakeview Assisted Living.

Summer brought us many opportunities to enjoy time together, make memories, and simply enjoy one another's company. From hot air balloon rides, to the Hooligan Flight Team flying T-34's over the building just for us, to celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, it is always rewarding to see our community come alive with laughter, conversation, and connection.

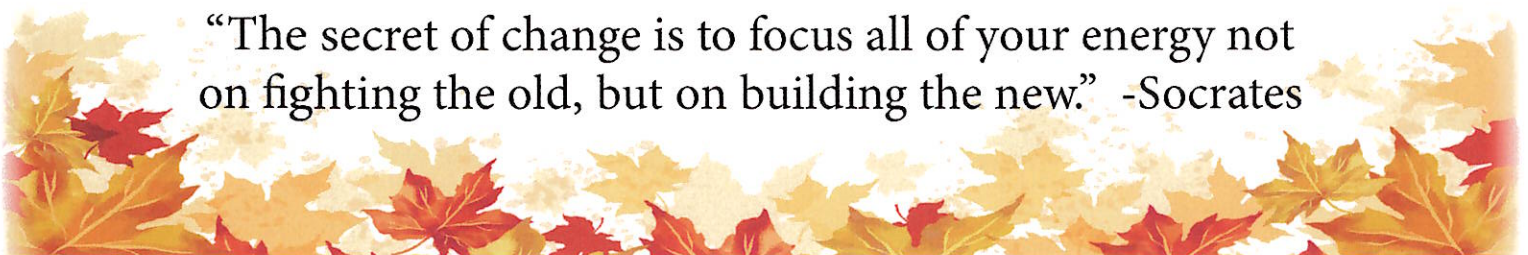
Fall is a wonderful time of year at Lakeview (my personal favorite), with seasonal activities, special events, good food, and plenty of opportunities to gather together and enjoy each other's company.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank our incredible team. Caring for our residents is more than a job—it is a responsibility and a privilege. Every day, our staff members have the opportunity to make a difference through the care, kindness, patience, and compassion they show to our residents. I am grateful for the dedication they bring to Lakeview each day. Most importantly, thank you to our residents and families for continuing to make Lakeview such a special community. Your feedback, involvement, encouragement, and trust are incredibly important to us. We are always looking for ways to improve and to make the Lakeview experience the very best it can be.

As the leaves begin to change and we settle into a new season, I hope everyone takes time to enjoy the simple things that fall brings—cooler afternoons, beautiful colors, good conversations, time spent with the people who matter most, and of course, Detroit Lions football. From all of us at Lakeview, we wish you and your families a happy, healthy, and wonderful fall season!

Warm Regards,
Reid Ganton

“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new.” -Socrates



Fall Activities Update!

From the Desk of Dawn Dye, Life Enrichment Director

We will be doing our best to enjoy the crisp autumn air as long as possible! Watch the calendar for fun fall opportunities like campfires, trail rides, scenic drives and a trip to **Gull Meadows** on September 29. We will be planning outings that include a bit of a drive to enjoy the colors to and from our lunch destinations. If you have any suggestions for outings or lunch spots, please let me Dawn know.

We will be **celebrating our resident Veterans** at 3:00pm on November 11th. Family members are welcome to join us in honoring those who served.

December 3rd we will be taking a trip to **Cornwell's Turkeyville USA** to enjoy their dinner theatre! We will see "Away in the Basement: A Church Ladies Christmas." Watch for the sign up for this fund day which includes a full turkey dinner, time for shopping and the show.

One of the highlights of the year is our **Annual Resident & Family Christmas Party** which will be held on Tuesday, December 15th at 5:30pm this year. Each apartment may invite two guests. Please mark your calendars and watch for an invitation with more details!

The Activity Calendar is always posted on our website under the "Activities" tab for reference. If you have any questions or activity suggestions, please contact Dawn at d.dye@gantonsc.com. Thank you!



Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

These events are exclusively for Lakeview Residents, Families and Staff - Stay tuned for additional information

- ❖ Tuesday, October 27 - Trick-or-Treat
- ❖ Wednesday, November 18 - Holiday Marketplace
- ❖ Tuesday, December 15 - Resident & Family Christmas Party



HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

**Open to the Public
Invite your Friends &
Family!!**

**Wednesday, November 18
1-3pm**

Explore what our vendors have
to offer and find those unique
gifts for everyone on your list!



A Page From Chef Tracy's Cookbook

Butternut Squash Bisque

Ingredients:

- 3 pound butternut squash (about 1 large or 2 small), peeled
- 1 pound yellow onions (about 2 medium), peeled and quartered
- 2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 3 garlic cloves, smashed and peeled
- 2/3 c. walnut pieces (or chopped walnuts)
- 3/4 ounce Parmesan, finely grated (about 6 Tbsp)
- Whole milk yogurt, for swirling on top (optional)



Directions:

1. Heat the oven to 400 degrees F. Halve the squash and remove the seeds. Chop into 1 to 1 1/2" chunks. Add half of these to a sheet pan, along with the onion wedges. Drizzle with the olive oil and generously sprinkle with salt and pepper. Toss with your hands, breaking the onions into petals. Roast for about 35 minutes - using a spatula to shuffle everything halfway through - until the squash is tender and blistering in spots.
2. While that's cooking, add 6 cups of water, 2 teaspoons of salt, and the garlic cloves to a stockpot and set over high heat to come to a boil. When the water is boiling, add the remaining squash and cook for about 10 minutes, until the squash is soft. At this point, add the walnuts and cook for another 1 minute to soften. Turn off the heat.
3. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the squash, garlic and walnuts to a blender. Pour the squash broth from the pot into a heatproof measuring cup (you should have about 4 cups). Blend the squash mixture until a smooth-ish puree forms. Add 1 cup of squash broth and blend. Add the Parmesan and blend. Taste and add more cheese if you want. Pour the soup into the stockpot.
4. When the squash and onion are done roasting, transfer those to the blender and add 1 to 1 1/2 cups of squash broth. Blend until smooth. Pour into the stockpot. Add another 1/2 cup of squash broth to the blender and blend (this captures all of the soup that was stuck to the sides). Pour this into the pot, too.

You can serve this right away with yogurt if you'd like OR stick it in the fridge or freezer to eat later!

SOUP SEASON!!

Reminders for Residents and Families

Our FLU & COVID CLINIC will be held October 13 from 10a-Noon in the Activity Room.

In order for us to provide you with a dining experience we can be proud of, please notify us at least 24 hours in advance if you need a guest meal.

When transporting residents in the building (or off the premises), wheelchair foot pedals must always be used and we strongly advise against pushing residents on their walkers.

If you are heading to an appointment, please notify Kim or Julie. They will prepare the necessary paperwork to take with you.

Please notify the Front Office if there are changes to Family contact information (phone number, address, email), insurance, legal paperwork (i.e. Power of Attorney)

When sending deliveries to residents here at the building, please ensure there is a **NAME AND APARTMENT NUMBER** associated with the goods. We have had quite a few Shipt deliveries arrive with no information as to who they belong to.

Residents must sign in when returning and sign out when leaving the building. We must know if a resident is on the premises, especially for medication administration purposes and in case of an emergency. It's imperative that our staff be able to check the sign in/out sheets to account for residents' whereabouts in a timely manner so they can help others.

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And the award goes to...Dustin!!

Each year, the Health Care Association of Michigan presents awards to the amazing people who make a real difference in the lives of others. The Gerry Baker Hero of Health Care Award, named for a past board chair, honors those whose commitment to residents and co-workers goes beyond the already high standard long-term care workers set every day. At Lakeview, we're fortunate to have so many of our staff fall into this description, but one definitely stands out - Dustin Ronders, Cook. We included an excerpt from his nomination letter below, and we know you'll agree that he is very deserving of his win!

Dustin was able to attend the HCAM Awards Luncheon with some of the Lakeview Team. His hard work was acknowledged in a ballroom full of his peers and we couldn't be more proud and grateful!

Nomination Letter Excerpt:

Dustin Ronders, Cook at Lakeview Assisted Living, consistently embodies the spirit of being a "hero of health care" through his unwavering dedication, compassion and leadership. Working in a kitchen at an assisted living community is about so much more than clocking in, making a meal and ending your shift - or at least it can be if you have a heart for service like Dustin. We asked him once, what his favorite part of his job is, and he said, "it's not just about food, it's about relationships." That mentality is evident in everything Dustin does. Taking care of people is important to him. His efforts go way beyond putting food on a plate.

It comes down to all the small details that really end up making the most difference and it isn't only the residents that Dustin watches over in the building. The staff are never wanting for food or attention either! The way that Dustin anticipates peoples' needs isn't a job duty, it's actually pretty magical. We're in the business of taking care of people, and it's really comforting to know someone is also taking care of you in return.

At Lakeview, we're led by the principle, "do what's right for the residents and everything else will fall into place." More often than not, that directive simply reminds us to lead with kindness. Dustin is proof that positivity abounds when you are generous with your thoughtfulness and compassion.



11th Annual Random Acts of Kindness

There are some days when it's easy to see all the ways we are divided as people, but there is one thing that will always unite us - kindness. It's for that very reason that many of our residents feel our **Random Acts of Kindness** trip is the most important thing on the calendar each year.

This year - on **Tuesday November 4th** - residents and managers will board the bus and spend the day spreading joy to random strangers throughout Battle Creek. Residents will choose people to come on the bus and gift them with envelopes containing money and candy!! In the past they've chosen to park at the Bronson Cancer Center and Kellogg Community College - there's no telling what this year will bring!

In ADDITION to blessing random strangers, we also raise money and collect goods for a specific cause so that we can further our efforts to give back to the community we serve. **This year we have decided to collect donations for the Battle Creek VA Medical Center!** Staff, families and residents are welcome to donate items or funds to help support our Veterans. You can see Dawn to make a cash donation OR drop off any of the items below at the Front Desk. We will accept donations through November 1.

ITEMS REQUESTED:

New men's t-shirts
Boxers
Gym shorts
Socks (all sizes)
Gas Cards
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Deodorant
Body Wash
Shampoo/Conditioner
New backpacks or duffel bags
Forever postage stamps
Gift cards for local fast food restaurants
Gift cards for Meijer
Store bought, pre-packaged snacks
Microwave popcorn

PLEASE NOTE WE **CANNOT** ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

Sample size personal care items
Used clothing
Crocheted blankets/goods
Lap robes
Puzzles

Celebrate

Staff Birthdays

October:

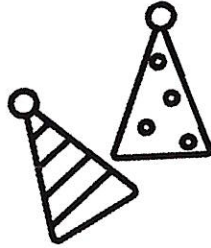
4 - McKayla
4 - Tammy
28 - Mishawna

November:

8 - Linda
18 - Roxanne
30 - Jacob

December:

11 - Leah
14 - Ivy
18 - Betty
20 - Kristie



Resident Birthdays

October:

15 - Jackie B.
18 - Niles K.
19 - Rudy P.
20 - Marilyn N.
21 - Darlene M.
22 - Sonya A.

November:

8 - Jim H.
18 - Tom B.
24 - Stephen F.

December:

8 - David B.
19 - Susan W.
23 - John C.
24 - Jack H.



Staff Anniversaries

October:

Mackenzie - 1 year
Natalia - 1 year
Rhianna - 1 year
Reid - 3 years
Hannah - 5 years!

November:

Melissa - 3 years

December:

Emma - 1 year

