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Veteran's Day Social

Burcham Hills honored their veteran's and veteran spouses during our annual Veteran's Day Social. MSU ROTC conducted a flag folding ceremony and presented the flag to resident Robert Kenney in honor off all the Veteran's at Burcham Hills. Robert's grandson, Jim, accepted the flag on his grandfather's behalf (see photo). All honorees were presented with a certificate and flag pin to commemorate their sacrifices for our country.

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Our annual celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday was delightful experience, both in the food prepared by the residents and the upbeat entertainment provided by The Clarksons. Our bounty was plentiful and the community smelled



amazing throughout with the aroma of apple themed treats prepared in each neighborhood.



Happy Holidays!

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Residents strutted their stuff on the

Fall Fashion Show

runway at our Second Annual Fall Fashion Show. Residents selected fashions from Kellie's Consignment store that showed off their own unique styles. We would like to give a special "Thank You" to Kellie for emceeing this event and for loaning us the fabulous wardrobe selections. We also appreciate the residents who participated and hope they enjoyed themselves.

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From the Desk of the Executive Director . . . by Pam Ditri

6 t is that time of the year again where many within Burcham will celebrate the holidays. Directly after Thanksgiving this year, as in past years, 12 trees will be displayed and decorated by residents and staff. It instantly transforms Burcham with a holiday feel.

A very special event is the annual Resident Association Employee Holiday Party on Friday, December 8, from 2-3:00 pm in the Ada Whitehouse Room. This event is hosted by the residents of Burcham Hills, including the Clusters, for our 385 staff members. Each year, the staff look forward to this event with great antici-

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pation. There will be singing and a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus. Since Burcham has a "no tipping" policy, this one exception is allowed. The Resident Association oversees a monetary collection, which is divided between the staff according to their defined guidelines and gifted during this Holiday Party.

The Holiday Parties, hosted by Burcham, for the residents and their loved ones, will be held in the Ada Whitehouse Room. The **Resident Center Party** will be on **Tuesday**, **December 19**, **from 6:30-8:00 pm**. The **Center for Health & Rehabilitation Party** will be held on **Thursday**, **December 21**, **from 6:30-8:00 pm**. We hope that you will be able to attend as we celebrate the season.

The Christmas Day noon meal remains a favorite for the residents and their guests. On this day, a staff greeter will be at each of the lobby entrances with egg nog and sweets to welcome our guests. As Promise #1 states, We greet you warmly, by name and with a smile.

The culture and the holiday traditions continue to make Burcham Hills a special place to be, thank you all for being part of Burcham.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season and a Healthy and Happy New Year.



Music Opportunities

Christmas Carols

with the children from University Reform Church

Sunday, December 3 2:00 pm / AWR

MSU Music Series

Thursday, December 7 7:00 pm / AWR

MSU Music Series

Friday, December 8 7:00 pm / AWR

Piano Recital

with Miho Segal & Students

Saturday, December 9 3:00 pm / AWR

Piano Recital

with Joan Wierzba & Students

Sunday, December 10 1:00 pm / AWR

New Horizons Band Performance

Tuesday, December 12 1:30 pm / AWR

Piano Recital

with Marina Ionescu & Students

Sunday, December 17 1:30 pm / AWR

Spanish Christmas Carols

with students from Lansing Christian H.S.

Monday, December 18 10:30 am / throughout the community

Lansing Matinee Musicale

Wednesday, December 20 2:00 pm / AWR

MSU Music Series

Friday, December 22 7:00 pm / AWR

<u>Piano & Trumpet Performance</u> With Hari Kern & Rich Illman

With Hall Kelli & Kich IIII

Thursday, December 28 7:00 pm / AWR

- ♦ BH Burcham Hills
- ◆ RC Resident Center
- ◆ CHR Center for Health & Rehabilitation
- ♦ AWR Ada Whitehouse Room (1st RC)
- ♦ AS Ada Studio (1st RC)
- ◆ PDR Private Dining Room (2nd RC)
- ♦ WC Wellness Center (1st RC)
- ♦ LS Leisure Studio (1st CHR)
- ♦ SVDR Scenic View Dining Room (2nd RC)
- ◆ SP Stansell Patio (1st CHR)
- ♦ GLLR Great Lakes Living Room (3rd RC)

Men's Event

Holiday Breakfast Wednesday, December 6 8:00 am / AWR



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Intergenerational Exercise Class

Tuesday, December 12
10:00-10:45 am / GLLR & 3CHR
Children from Peoples Church
Preschool will join the residents in
a gentle and fun fitness group.



Wine & Cheese Socials

w/ Piano Performance by Lucille Olson 4:00 pm / 2RC Lobby Wednesday, December 13 Wednesday, December 27



"Big House" Book Club *

Monday, December 18 1:30 pm / Ada Studio

"A Man Called Ove" by Fredrick Backman

*Be sure to make notes of areas you wish to discuss. If you would like a book or more information, please contact Margaret Rockwell 333-1856 or Jane Bunge 337-3162. Bring your book to return and pick up a copy of

Art Appreciation*

your next book.

with Ethel Anthony Pulitzer Prize Photos Tuesday, December 19 4:00 pm / PDR



Birds of a Feather

Bird enthusiasts share stories, sightings and discuss all things 'bird' related!



Tuesday, December 26 / 2:00 pm / SVDR

Additional December Holidays

December 3 Advent

Location Key

December 12 Chanukah/Hanukkah

December 21 Winter Solstice

*All programing complies with the Fair Housing Act (FHA). Some programs may require support staff, which will need to be arranged with the Personal Wellness and/or Recreation departments prior to the event.

Employee Spotlight ~ Molly Fultz

Meet Molly Fultz. Molly has been with Burcham Hills since July 2017. She began as a PRN, which means she is shared amongst several departments within Burcham Hills. Currently, Molly has been working as a Fitness Technician, Recreation Assistant, Personal Wellness and RC Receptionist.



Molly was born in Middleton, Ohio, but moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan when she was 8-years-old. Even though Molly's parents moved to Chicago a few years ago, Molly still considers Kalamazoo home. She has one younger sister, Emily. Molly has a boyfriend named Brian, and a 7½-year-old German husky named Zola.

Molly graduated from Michigan State University in Kinesiology in May 2015. She first heard about the position(s) at Burcham Hills as she was job shadowing with physical therapy. Molly also works part-time for Helping Hands Respite Care where she works with children with disabilities in their home. She currently has three clients. Molly also is job shadowing with Hartwood School in Mason, working with special needs students. In the near future, Molly plans to begin applying to graduate schools to work on her Masters in Physical Therapy, specifically for children with disabilities – strengthening muscles, range of motion and independence in terms of mobility.

When not working or studying, Molly enjoys traveling. She recently vacationed in Greece for two weeks. She also enjoys dance – tap, jazz, ballet. In High School, she belonged to a competitive troop. She is an avid downhill skier, having grown up going on ski trips out west with her dad, who is a ski instructor and patroller. She also plays the trumpet.

When asked how she has liked her experience at Burcham Hills so far, she says that everyone is very friendly and accommodating for her schedules. She never is afraid to ask questions. She thinks the residents are happy, sweet and welcoming, and very grateful for everything you do for them. Molly is thankful for the opportunities she has received at Burcham Hills and is happy to be part of our Community.



Employee Spotlight ~ Diana Ramirez

Diana Ramirez is a proud Lead Server for the Hospitality Services Department. Although Diana has only worked for Burcham Hills since September, she has left lasting impressions on the residents with her attention to detail, kindness and her ability to meet the residents' needs during each meal time.



Diana was born and raised in the busy city of Grand Rapids, Michigan and comes from a large family with four siblings. She finds herself closest with her baby sister and loves spending time with her. Although a lot of her family lives in Grand Rapids, a large portion also resides in Mexico. Diana is looking forward to her holiday trip to Mexico to visit her family next month!

Even though Diana has a busy schedule between spending time with family, working and going to school, she enjoys being cozy at home - watching movies on Netflix or going to the movie theater to catch a show. Her favorite types of films to watch are comedies. Although Diana loves all different types of foods, her favorite hot meal is homemade lasagna, and she looks forward to when it is served on the menu at Burcham! Diana is currently studying Civil Engineering at Michigan State University. After graduation, she hopes to someday create her own construction company.

The reason Diana chose Burcham Hills was because of its friendly atmosphere and room to grow within the organization. Her favorite part of her job is interacting one-on-one with the residents. She says that she can always tell when someone is having a bad day, and it is her pleasure to help turn their day around with exceptional service. Diana feels honored to be a part of the residents' lives as someone who works in their community. Some of the outstanding changes that she has witnessed during her brief time at Burcham include new and improved methods of training new employees. Diana says that because of the more detailed approach to training, fewer mistakes are made.

Thank you, Diana, for choosing Burcham Hills and for all that you do to help our clients and residents feel at home. We wish you, as well as all of our other staff, clients, residents and their loved ones, best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season!



Christmas Thoughts

by Bruce Greenman

person complaining about the commercialism of Christmas is a favorite topic this time of the year. The all out devotion to materialism and the general chaos of the season always brings out laments of "Why can't it be the way it used to be?"

Well, how did it used to be? How far back should we go? Certainly not as far back as the Puritans, for they took a very dim view of Christmas insofar as joy and gladness was concerned. In Cromwell's England, any non-religious celebration was illegal, and was duly punished.

It wasn't until after 1750 that Christmas was even a recognized holiday in our country. Most of the yuletide celebrations in those early days would hardly meet the standards or desires of even the most severe critics of today's crassness.

Obviously, the complainers are in reality remembering Christmas as it was in their own youth. Time has a way of blotting out all but the pleasant memories that become embellished with the passing of years.

Which brings us to the simple conclusion – is it really that much different today? Not really, except we seem to have to start all the whoop-ta-do at Thanksgiving.

Forgetting the commercialism, which is apparently a necessary evil to our economy, we are left with the same long-standing traditions that never change. Christmas collects traditions the way some families accumulate tree ornaments from year to year. Some are lost, some are broken, some endure and some new ones are added. Who knows, perhaps some of the gaudiness that has been added in our time will endure and be looked upon with gentle sentiment some day in the future.

Christmas remains meaningful because its basic message transcends the decorations, the exploitive and the greedy . . . It is impossible to discuss Christmas without a mention of gifts, beautifully wrapped, and probably too expensive. But there are gifts that need not be purchased in a store, gifts that cannot be purchased with money. In the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Rings and jewels are not gifts, but apologies for gifts. The only true gift is a portion of thyself." Mr. Emerson is, of course, referring to gifts of the heart and mind. Among these are the gifts of consideration, praise, friendliness, tolerance, responsibility and attention. These are gifts that all can bestow, throughout the year, and be richer for the giving.

Everyone has special thoughts or remembrances of Christmas. Some are of a religious nature and some are humorous, but all contain fond sentiments. See what you think of these.

Christmas is...

- The lovely light that shone on a stable.
- Trying to wrap a bicycle.
- The light in a child's eyes as he gazes in awe at the brightly lit, ornamented tree.
- When you can't find the greeting cards you bought for half price at last January's sale.
- A time for bells that jingle and pockets that don't.
- Made of cookie dough and kissing kin.
- A child in bed, dreaming of that first bike.
- Twinkling lights on the boulevards.
- Finally wrapping the last presents and forgetting which is for whom.
- Kids getting up at 6:00 am to see what Santa brought.
- Opening the gift you just wrapped because the price tag remained within.
- God's great gift to man, the giving of a Savior.
- Trying to put together some dissembled toy.
- Music playing, Salvation Army bells ringing, people with red noses, smiling faces and happy hearts.
- Buying gifts for someone else that you've wished all year you could afford yourself.
- Caring. Being together with those you love.
- Finding out you're not the size everyone thought you were.
- Wishing with all your might that Santa's not a fable.
- A time when we share our hopes, love and wealth. And by sharing in each, we gain in each.







Monday

December 11

1:30 pm



We will have candy galore on hand to decorate a house of your choice. You are limited only by your imagination at this festive holiday event.



Tuesday, December 19

6:30 pm / AWR

'Tis the Season to have a party!

Center for Health & Rehabilitation

Christmas Party

Thursday, December 21

6:30 pm / AWR

Jingle, jingle, lets mingle!

Residents and families are invited to join us for our annual Christmas gatherings!

Entertainment by "Ricky and Nikki" And don't miss an appearance by Santa! Light Refreshments will be served!

CELEBRATION PARTY

Sunday, December 31 * 7:00 pm * AWR

LET'S RAISE A GLASS TO CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR.
WE'LL TOAST TO THE HOLIDAYS WITH FRIENDS AND GOOD CHEER!

Entertainment by: Fading World * Light Refreshments will be served



GROUPS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

Ted Talks

Mondays and Fridays @ 9:45 am
Ada Whitehouse Room
From science to social change, the Ted
Talks website provides short lectures on
just about every topic. Join us on Monday
and Friday mornings for a 15-20 minute
video with discussion following.

Card Making

Every Tuesday @ 1:30 pm & 4th Floor Lounge

Need a creative card? We will supply all the materials as well as tips and ideas.

4th Floor Neighborhood

Travels Through Time

Every Wednesday

@ 9:15 am

4th floor Lounge





Birthday Party

Thursday, December 21 1:30 pm 4th floor Lounge

Join your neighbors as they celebrate their special day!

Geographic Explorer Films

Every Friday 6:30 pm 4th floor Lounge

All 4th floor residents, families & staff are encouraged to attend.

PRESIDENTS & FIRST LADIES



We welcomed President and Mrs.
Roosevelt to Burcham to tell us a little about their lives in the Whitehouse. This year's performance was a little more interactive, as the Roosevelts answered questions given by residents.



Ongoing Opportunities

Musical Memories (2CHR)

December 14, 21 & 28 @1:30 pm

Play different musical instruments to familiar music. Great opportunity to gather with your peers and have fun.

Piano with Marvin (3CHR)
December 8 & 22 @4:00 pm

Evening Bingo (3CHR)
Every Monday @ 6:45 pm











CHR Resident Council Meeting

Located on 3CHR
Pigeon Conference room
Wednesday, December 27 @ 11:00 am

This meeting is for both 2nd & 3rd floor neighborhoods. Please join us and receive information about things happening within your neighborhood. We also value your input and feedback!

Spanish Christmas Carolers

Christmas Carolers will be going throughout the 2nd and 3rd Floors in the CHR to spread Christmas cheer! Keep a lookout!

Monday, December 18 Starting @ 10:30am



Upcoming Events 2nd flr CHR Neighborhood

2nd floor CHR Neighborhood Meeting Thursday, December 28 @ 3:00

Families & staff are encouraged to attend.

Birthday Party

Thursday, December 28 @ 3:30 pm

Come celebrate our December Birthdays!



<u>Upcoming Events 3rd flr CHR Neighborhood</u>

3rd floor CHR Neighborhood Meeting
Tuesday, December 26 @ 2:30 pm
Families & staff are encouraged to attend.

Birthday Party
Tuesday, December 26 @ 3:00 pm



Come celebrate our December Birthdays!

CHR Lunch Outing

State Room at Kellogg Center

Thursday, December 7 11am — 2:00 pm



**Please contact Maegan or Eldon if you would like to attend.

CHR Event Outing

Holiday Light Tour Monday, December 19 6:30-8:30 pm



**Please contact Maegan or Eldon if you would like to attend.

Emperor's New Clothes

Riverwalk Theatre Musical

Saturday, December 2 Depart at 1:00 pm Return at approx. 5:00 pm





*Sign-up was due November 24

Holiday Pops

Lansing Symphony Orchestra - Wharton Center

Sunday, December 10 Departing at 2:00 pm (performance starts at 3:00 pm) Cost: \$33 (includes ticket and

premium series charge)

snack \$ optional



Please sign-up by Dec. 1

Holiday Lunch Bunch Outing

English Inn

Wednesday, December 13 Depart at 10:45 am Return at approx. 1:30 pm Cost: \$15 (includes entrée, sides, drink and tip), Dessert is an extra cost.



Please sign-up by Dec. 12

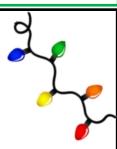
Holiday Light Tour

Wednesday, December 13 Departing at 6:30 pm Return at approx. 8:00 pm

Cost: Free

Hot cocoa and an evening

snack provided.



Please sign-up by Dec. 12

Christmas Around the World

Frederik Meijer Gardens with Lunch at Kitchen 67

Thursday, December 28 Departing at 10:00 am Return at approx. 5:00 pm

Cost: approx. \$30 (with ticket \$11 and lunch \$15-20)

Please sign-up by Dec. 27

December Neighborhood Outings

Get to know your neighbors! Check with your Recreation Therapist or Recreation Assistant for the specific time and destination of your outing.

Wednesday **December 6 - Memory Care**

Holiday Lunch - Bravo

Thursday December 7 - CHR

Holiday Lunch - State Room

Tuesday December 19 - CHR Event

Holiday Light Tour

Thursday **December 21 - Memory Care**

Holiday Light Tour

These holiday themed outings are a "can't miss"! Enjoy a festive time on the town with your neighborhood friends.

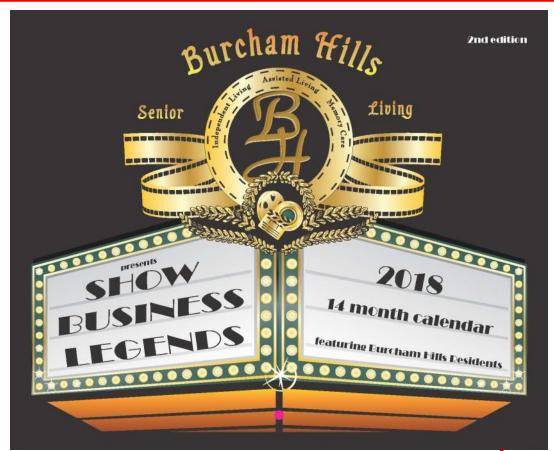


Outings Sign-up Procedure

Please sign-up in the 2nd floor Resident Center Lobby (table in hall by kitchen) at least 48-hours in advance for ALL outings and shopping trips, unless otherwise stated on sign up sheet. If you find it difficult to sign yourself up, you may also contact the Receptionist at 351-8377. Please be aware that signing up does not guarantee attendance. Number of seats as well as the needs and safety of the individuals will be evaluated. You will be notified once a decision is made on the final attendance. To provide a fair opportunity for others, we may limit the number of outings individual attend each month. ALL trips depart from the 2RC Lobby.

NOTE: Outing locations are accessible to ALL residents unless other wise noted on flyer and sign-up sheets. Accessible transportation is provided and wheelchairs can be requested in advance for your added convenience. If you require assistance or reasonable accommodations to attend, please contact the receptionist prior to signing up.

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Get your copy of the Burcham Hills Calendar!

Join the stars of the Burcham Hills Calendar on

December 6
Ada Whitehouse Room
1:30—2:30 pm

for a Calendar Signing Event!
You can purchase your copy of the
Calendar and have the stars sign their month.
Calendars will be available for sale for \$10.
L:ight refreshments will be served!

Lois Walker Back in the Races Fitness Success Story

Lois Walker, 4th floor resident, has always been an active woman. She and her husband, Bruce, were very involved with Michigan State University. Back in the day, you could find Lois and Bruce walking, biking and even rollerblading around campus. When she moved to Burcham Hills, she was using primarily a wheelchair to get around. Lois described herself as being in "terrible shape." As someone who always led an active lifestyle, Lois was determined to bounce back.

In comes Kirsty Bullis, Fitness Specialist. Kirsty and Lois hit it off right away. There was a spark in their relationship from the beginning. This could be because Kirsty grew up with Lois's husband, Bruce. He worked with Kirsty's mother in the Anatomy Department at Michigan State University.

After a few months of strength training in the Fitness Program, Kirsty encouraged her to try walking with a walker. They practiced and practiced until Lois became comfortable. Now you can see Lois walking with her walker around Burcham Hills. She says the staff are really encouraging and remind her to stand up straight. She is getting strong and walking longer distances each day. Keep up the good work!



Lois & Kirsty walking in the hallway.



Title of above picture from the 1996 Lansing State Journal: That lady with the big smile on her face is 71-year-old Lois Walker of Bath. Walker and her husband, Bruce, finished first in their age divisions of the 5K road race in the Great Lakes State Games.

Fitness Program

All I want for Christmas is to...

"Get stronger" "Be able to walk to meals" "Get up from a chair easier" "Balance better"
"Reduce my fall risk" "Become more active" "Walk better"
"Have someone who will make me accountable to exercise"

Does this sound like you? If so, the Fitness Program is right for you! Fitness is an exercise program where clients work one-on-one with an Exercise Specialist to develop personal goals. Residents are scheduled for standing, re-occurring weekly appointments.

Call the Wellness Center at (517) 827-2452 for more information.



WELLNESS CLINIC

THURSDAY, December 28 9:30-11:30 am 2RC LOBBY



Hearing Aid Cleaning · Questions for the Dentist · **Blood Pressure Checks · Fitness Assessments**

Free Exercise Classes

Enhanced Fitness

Mon/Wed/Fri 10:15-11:00 am

4th floor Resident Center

Seated exercise group to enhance your strength while seated.

Fit and FUNctional

Mon/Wed/Fri 11:00-11:45 am

Ada Whitehouse Room

Seated and standing exercise class designed for those who want to get a more out of their workouts.

Fall Prevention Exercise Class

Tues/Thurs 1:00-1:30 pm

Ada Whitehouse Room

Seated and Standing exercise yoga class designed to improve balance and increase core strength.

Cardio Drumming

Tues/Thurs/Sat 1:30-2:00 pm

Ada Whitehouse Room

Drum to the beat of John Philip Susa marches.

Sat. time Change

Time

Change

Making Strides Walking Group

Tues/Thurs 9:45-10:15 am

4th floor Resident Center

Stroll around the neighborhoods of Burcham and increase your endurance!

Tai Chi

1:30-2:00 pm Sun

A form of stand exercise that guides the body through gentle, flowing poses.

Ada Whitehouse Room



Monthly Wellness Focus: Health Services

Medical screenings and regular exams, along with the proper management and organization of health care needs, can lead to longer, healthier, and happier lives.

Effective Health Appointments:

Here are some suggestions to prepare yourself for your next appointment with your health care practitioner:

- ♦ Make a list of your concerns and prioritize them.
- ♦ Take information with you bring your medication list including all over -the-counter and vitamin supplements that you take, even if you take them only occasionally.
- Bring your insurance cards as well as the name and number for all other physicians and medical providers that you see.
- ♦ Make sure you bring your glasses and hearing aides. Let the doctor and staff know if you are hard of hearing or have vision difficulties. For example, tell them "My hearing makes it hard to understand everything you are saying. It helps if you speak slowly."



NEW THERACYCLE COMING TO THE WELLNESS CENTER!

News from The Foundation at Burcham Hills

Due to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the Burcham Hills Wellness Center is getting a brand new Theracycle $^{\text{\tiny TM}}$ to enhance its exercise and wellness programs.

The Theracycle $_{\text{TM}}$ is a specialized recumbent bike that assists users in the completion of their exercise regimen. Driven by a powerful, yet quiet motor, the

Theracycle_{TM} allows riders to benefit from a repetitive range of motion with little to no effort. This type of exercise is extremely beneficial for individuals having Parkinson's Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, Arthritis and Diabetes, or who are survivors of a stroke or spinal cord injury. "In addition to its benefits for people with these conditions, the Theracycle_{TM} is beneficial for all users," commented Wellness Manager, Elizabeth Pahl. "We encourage everyone to visit the Wellness Center and add the Theracycle_{TM} to their exercise routine." The Theracycle_{TM} will be ready for use on Wednesday, December 6.

The Foundation at Burcham Hills extends its appreciation for this generous gift to the Burcham Hills Wellness Center. Thank you!

The Foundation at Burcham Hills exists to generate and receive charitable gifts in support of the entire Burcham Hills Community. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, gifts received through the Foundation are tax-deductible related to applicable state and federal law. For additional information regarding the many charitable ways to give to The Foundation at Burcham Hills, please contact Lesa Smith, at (517) 827-2924 or <a href="mailto:listingle-listing-listin



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Employee Recognition Event

A Life Plan Community The annual Burcham Hills Employee Recognition was held on November 17 in celebration and honor of our employees' years of service and dedication to Burcham Hills. This event was for **ALL** employees; however, the employees listed below received Special Recognition at the event for their 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service. Years of service as of December 31, 2017.

3 Years of Service

Center for Health & Rehabilitation

Juanita Baraza Porshia Coleman Staci Cook Valerie DeRosia Sarah Esmay Henry Honaker Rhonda Horton Kayla Polzin Kaysey Tilly **Brittney Wibert** Mercidiez Wilson

Environmental

Suada Avdic Amanda Bonilla Jasmina Dzomba Mohammed Jawad

Hospitality Services

Laura Bell Rachael Collins Keaira Jackson Taylor Jolliff Meaghan Massev Ken Peters John Reid Heather Smith Maintenance **Stuart Lucius**

Marketing

Celest Burge Melissa Smith

Resident Center

Trisha Bradshaw Comfort Deh Autumn Dunckel Sierra Edgar Karla Finch Danielle Heinritz Lilian Izquierdo Sara Jackson Kathleen Leslie Lukas Sasser Carol Smith Wellness

Briana Dumond

5 Years of Service

Administration Barbara Smith

Center for Health & Rehabilitation

Kellie Knoblauch Lisa Pender Agustina Quimba Kimberly Wortley **Hospitality Services** Zarema Gungor Ardiana Seidiu

Human Resources

Souci Chappell

Maintenance

Brian Barnes John Mkangaa

Personal Wellness

Vickie Gibbs

Recreation

Alesha Williams

Resident Center

Ofelia Castilla Lisa Phillips Jacob Sawver Mercides Turner

Transportation

David Alward

10 Years of Service **Business Office**

James Kaczmarczyk

Center for Health & Rehabilitation

Kaweche Nguni

Environmental Services

Zeinab Adam

Hospitality Services

Dennis Dean Jadranka Milosavljevic Linda Murthum Jovce Pearson

Maintenance

Doug Woodworth

15 Years of Service

Business Office Betty Richmond

Center for Health & Rehabilitation

Ponsian Kwayu **Environmental** Saliha Mujdanovic **Hospitality Services** Teresa Fitzpatrick **Human Resources**

Mary Bouchard 20 Years of Service

Center for Health & Rehabilitation

Pegi Chatti Recreation Eldon Wood

Social Services

Diane Parsons

25 Years of Service

Center for Health & Rehabilitation Sue Vandegriff

30 Years of Service

Resident Center Ken Dennis



















Employee





Recognition



The Foundation at Burcham Hills 2017 Annual Fundraising Campaign

Supports the Burcham Hills Benevolent Care Fund

Annually, The Foundation at Burcham Hills conducts a year-end fundraising campaign to generate charitable support for programs and/or services within the Burcham Hills Community. For its 2017 Campaign, the Foundation is asking for support of the Burcham Hills Benevolent Care Fund.

What is the Burcham Hills Benevolent Care Fund?

The Fund provides financial support to residents in the Burcham Hills Community who have found themselves negatively affected by changes in their financial status, thus allowing them to live at Burcham Hills. It is our honor and responsibility to help ensure no one must leave their Burcham Hills home - even if they have outlived their financial resources. As the cost of senior care increases each year, the availability of this benevolent support provides tremendous peace of mind for residents and their families.

What is the Need?

With people living longer: 20, 25 or even 30 years following retirement, it may cost more than a lifetime of savings is able to sustain, even with good stewardship and planning. As people age, it is possible their level of medical care, and the expense of that care, becomes more expensive. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for seniors to exhaust their savings, either due to unforeseen health issues or sheer longevity.

Each year, The Foundation at Burcham Hills assists several residents through its Benevolent Care Fund. In 2017 alone, the Fund has contributed over \$24,000 in grants to ensure residents remain in their Burcham Hills home. As the need for assistance increases, we are working to ensure funds are available to offer support to a larger number of Burcham residents. To this end, we are asking for your consideration of an outright and/or planned gift to the Burcham Hills Benevolent Care Fund. Your generosity will help us continue and strengthen our commitment to enhance our residents' sense of security.

Giving to The Foundation at Burcham Hills

As the fundraising arm of Burcham Hills, The Foundation at Burcham Hills is committed to enhancing the lives of our residents by securing philanthropic resources that empower our mission to ensure Burcham Hills as the greater Lansing area's preferred Life Plan Community and retirement lifestyle option. Charitable gifts received from donors like you strengthen the Foundation's mission to provide financial and other charitable support exclusively for the benefit of the Burcham Hills community and its residents. Please visit **Burcham-Hills.com** and click on the link for additional information on charitable giving to support Burcham Hills. Please contact Lesa Smith, MPA CFRE, director of The Foundation at Burcham Hills, at (517) 827-2924 or **Ismith@burchamhills.com** for assistance with your gift or to review your giving options.

Thank you for your support of the Burcham Hills Community. Your giving makes an impactful difference!



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From Down the Hill . . .

By Sylvia Rundquist, Clusters Board of Directors

- ♦ The Clusters residents will hold their Clusters Holiday Dinner on Friday, December 1, at 6:00 pm in the Ada Whitehouse Room. We are looking forward to that occasion.
- At this time, there are no condos available for sale.



Resident Association Employee Holiday Party

Friday, December 8, 2-3:00 pm/AWR

The Resident Association invites all residents, employees and their families to this year's Holiday Party. Each year, the Burcham Hills Resident Association sponsors a holiday party to honor all employees and to present each with a monetary gift.

Ask Questions / Get Answers

Ask Questions / Get Answers (AQ/GA) Wednesdays at 1:15 pm in the Private Dining Room. Guest speakers for discussion are listed below:

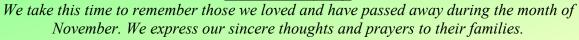
Date	Speaker	<u>Department</u>
Dec 6	Kathleen Leslie	Memory Care Manager
Dec 13	Cindy Popovitch	Director of Organizational Development
Dec 20	Jonathan Wilson	Business Development Director
Dec 27	Lesa Smith	Foundation Director

♦ Please note: Speakers are subject to change, please refer to the daily calendar.

Speaking Agenda:

1:15-1:30	Pam Ditri, Executive Director
1:30-1:40	Guest Speaker
1:40-1:50	Hospitality Team
1:50-2:00	Alesha Williams, Recreation Manager (Dec. 27)







Phillip Christy ~ October 31 Esther Dalrymple ~ November 19 Bruce Behrens, Sr. ~ November 20 Ethelmae Hartley ~ November 23 Oskar Hornbach ~ November 25 Betty Koch ~ November 28 Frederick Sova ~ November 7 Marcia Freedland ~ November 19 Leah Heimbeck ~ November 21 Ronald Raymond ~ November 23 Carl Lautzenheiser ~ November 27 Page 18 December 2017

ABC's

By Mary Ann Ross

Does that remind you of your childhood days? Let us think of our present day meals.

Can you guess what they may be?

They are Vegetables!

Asparagus

Broccoli

Cauliflower

These are served to us seniors at Burcham.

Where they provide us with healthy daily meals

That are good for us

Remember when your parents would say to you,

"Eat your Vegetables. They are good for you!"

Your parents would be proud of you today.

Thanks to those who plan our daily meals at Burcham.

Christmas Decoration "No No's"

- ♦ No Live Wreaths
- ♦ No Live Trees
- ♦ No Candles/Open Flames
- ◆ No Flammable Door Decorations (must be fire retardant)
- No hanging decorations from doorknobs, sprinkler heads, railings
- ♦ No multi-plug adapters





CATA's Spec-Tran Service

Spec-Tran is CATA's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit service for people unable to use CATA's fixed-route system. This is an advance reservation, curb-to-curb service that uses small lift-equipped buses and vans to transport customers.

Service Area

Spec-Tran service is available in the cities of Lansing and East Lansing; the townships of Delhi, Lansing and Meridian; and up to three-quarters of a mile beyond any of CATA's fixed routes.

Service Hours

Spec-Tran operates seven days a week during the same hours as the CATA fixed-route service. For specific hours, call (517) 394-CATA (2282).

CATA services, including Spec-Tran, do not operate on any of the following holidays: New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Paying for Your Ride

The Spec-Tran fare is \$2.50 for each one-way ride. You can pay for your Spec-Tran fare with: cash (you must have the exact fare; drivers cannot make change), pre-paid Spec-Tran punch cards or blue Spec-Tran tokens.

Wheelchairs and Other Mobility Devices

Customers may bring aboard mobility devices such as canes, walkers, wheelchairs, etc. CATA will transport any mobility device as long as the combined weight is within the actual dimensions and design load of the vehicle. As a courtesy to other passengers in the vehicle, customers are asked to limit packages to as many as they and/or their personal care assistant or companion can carry on board in one trip.

For more information and a detailed Spec-Tran guide, call the Spec-Tran office at (517) 394-CATA (2282).

Regularly Scheduled Program Descriptions

Bridge If you are interested in playing, see Resident Ellie Miller (room 233) for more information.

<u>Card Making</u> (Mon., 2:15 pm/4RC): Whether you need a card for a special occasion or just like being creative, Recreation staff will assist you in making a beautiful card you will be proud to mail. We can make cards for good causes such as the military troops and thank you's for area businesses.

<u>Cranium Crunches</u> (Sat., 10:30 am/4RC): Come test your knowledge on a variety of subjects using both trivia and other brain games such as word searches, word scramble puzzles, and cross word puzzles. These are often focused on a timely topic such as a holiday or based on a theme.

<u>Creative Cooking</u> (Sat., 2:00 pm/4RC): We provide the recipe, ingredients and supplies for a new recipe each week, often focused on the holidays or season each month.

<u>Cribbage</u> (Fri., 1:30 pm/4RC): Unique card game that does not require any experience to play successfully.

<u>Current Events</u> (Thur., 9:30 am/4RC): Resident ran program for the news enthusiasts. Come ready to discuss topics relevant to todays society.

<u>Farkle</u> (Mon., 1:00 pm; Thur., 2:30 pm; Sat., 3:00 pm/4RC): A classic dice-rolling, risk-taking game. Don't know how to play? No worries, we will teach you...it's easy!

<u>Geographic Explorer Film</u> (Fri., 6:30 pm/4RC): A variety of series are presented with a focus on nature, geography and world exploration.

<u>Lecture Series</u> (Mon. & Fri., 9:45 am/AWR): Each week a new lecture from online educational sources will be presented. Residents select the series they wish to have presented next.

<u>Lifelong Learners</u> (Mon/Thur., 4:00 pm/PDR): This learning experience is provided via videos through Great Courses. Topics are selected by a committee of residents. Each video series comes with a transcript and guide books to assist in the learning experience.

<u>Making Strides Walking Group</u> (Thur., 9:30 am/4RC): Recreation staff will accompany residents on a walk through the community and outdoors. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing. Staff will adjust the pace of the walk to meet the needs of those who attend that group.

<u>Manicures</u> (Mon., 3:15 pm/5RC; Fri., 2:30 pm/4RC): Recreation staff will file, buff and even paint your nails. This is a first come, first served opportunity. If time runs out, we will make every effort to schedule additional time.

<u>Michigan History Group</u> (Tues., 6:30 pm/PDR): Each week is a new topic focused on our beautiful mitten state. Recreation staff presents their findings and residents share stories of their experiences. Residents help pick the topic for the upcoming week.

Reference a Librarian (Wed., 12:30 pm/2RC Lobby): Annie from the East Lansing Public Library provides books to loan and will take requests to bring for future visits.

<u>Tech Time with Sarah</u> (Tues., 2:30 pm/4RC): Do you have a question or need help with your tablet, laptop or cell phone? Sarah will provide one-on-one assistance to teach and assist with your questions.

<u>Travel Through Time</u> (Wed., 9:15 am/4RC): Travel to a different time and place, no ticket necessary. Using videos, slide shows and historical information, you will feel as though you are traveling through time and experiencing the world.

Quilting for a Cause (Wed., 10:00 am/2CHR): Residents make quilts to be donated to area organizations in need. We have all the equipment and can teach anyone interested in being involved.

<u>Wii Bowling</u> (Wed., 1:00 pm/5RC): No heavy balls or rented shoes, come try your skill at the Wii version of a favorite past time!

<u>Wine & Cheese Social</u> (Every other Wed., 4:00 pm/2RC Lobby): Enjoy wine and cheese selections while Lucille plays the piano. It is a wonderful social opportunity to gather before dinner.

*Do you have a question about a program or a new program idea? Contact Alesha Williams at (517) 827-1068 or stop by the Recreation office (1RC).

Golfing Gals

Pictured in the November issue of the Beacon were 9 golfing gals who played in two East Lansing Women's leagues. Mary Lou Johnson and Jean Porter also played in these leagues. This was not known to the writer at the time the Beacon was published.

Special Announcement



Our Religion Committee wants to thank the Resident Association for providing three new *Glory to God 1st Edition Hymnals*. These will be used by our pianists during Vespers Services each Sunday.



Friday, December 15, from 8:30 – 10:30 am in the 2RC Lobby Monday, December 18, from 12:30 – 2:30 pm in the 2RC Lobby

Free service offered in collaboration with CAHEP Students.

Neighborhood Meetings

2RC: Monday, December 4 2:00 pm / SVDR

4RC: Monday, December 4 1:00 pm / 4 RC

5RC: Monday, December 4 3:00 pm / 5RC Lobby

Open forum for questions, suggestions and concerns.

This month's meetings will focus on the introduction and discussion of the Master Plan.

Save the Date



Tuesday, January 16 2:30 pm / AWR

No kitchen or supplies to make your favorite chili recipe?

No problem! The Recreation Team can help!

Call Kimber Lucius (827-1061) or
Alesha Williams (827-1068)
to make arrangements. We have supplies on hand
and can assist you in getting any ingredient you need.

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Stroke Education and Support Group

Thursday, December 7, 2017 (1st Thursday) 1:30—3:30 pm, Private Dining Room

Topic: Staying Healthy Over the Holidays Presenter: Elizabeth Pahl, Wellness Manager

Sparrow Health System and The Center for Health & Rehabilitation at Burcham Hills have partnered to bring a fresh approach in stroke support to the Lansing area. Each meeting will have an educational component followed by support and sharing time. The goal of this group is to provide invaluable information from experts in various areas to aid those who have suffered from a stroke.



Parkinson's Disease Dialogue Group

Friday, December 8, 2017 (2nd Friday) 4:00 pm, Private Dining Room

Opportunity for residents with Parkinson's Disease to come together and get acquainted and discuss mutual concerns.



Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group

Friday, December 15, 2017 (3rd Friday) 1:30—2:30 pm, Private Dining Room

It's a family affair. You are not alone in the fight against Alzheimer's disease. This Caregiver Support Group can help. The support group is designed to offer emotional support and provide helpful information on coping with the challenges of Alzheimer's



disease. The group is facilitated by trained support group professionals. The group is confidential, free and open to the public. Everyone needs support, especially those caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's Disease. We hope you can join us each month!

Religious Services

Bible Study (The Peoples Church)*

Each Thursday at 6:15 pm / 4RC

Postponed until January

Open Bible Study (Non-Denominational)*

Wednesdays, 10:00 am / Burcham Library

Rosary & Communion*

Thursdays, 10:00 am / AWR

Catholic Mass will be December 14

TV Mass (Catholic)

Sundays, 10:00 am / AWR

Episcopal Service (4th Tues)*

December 26 / 2:00 pm / 3MC - Red Cedar

Vespers (Non-Denominational)

Sundays, 4:00 pm / AWR

December 3 - Rev. Betsy Aho, The Peoples Church

December 10 - Rev. Drew Filkens, The Peoples Church

December 17 - Rev. Kurt Kirchoff, Haslett Comm. Church

December 24 - Rev. Fred Fritz, University Lutheran

♦ Communion will be offered

December 31 - Rev. Julie Winklepleck, St. Paul Lutheran

Monthly Music Opportunities

Sing-a-Long w/ Jug & Mug

Sunday, December 10 / 7:00 pm / Ada Whitehouse Room

Piano w/ Lucille Olson

Wednesdays / 4:00-5:00 pm / 2nd floor RC Lobby

Piano w/ Lorrie Dyal

Tuesdays / 10:15-11:00 am / CHR 3rd Floor

Piano w/ Marvin Lyons

2nd & 4th Friday / 4:00-4:30 pm / CHR 3rd Floor



Wednesday MOVIES*

7:00 pm - Showing in the AWR/1RC*

<u>December 6 – Holiday Inn (1942)</u>

Bing Crosby croons to the tune of the Oscar-winning "White Christmas" in Irving Berlin's love triangle romantic comedy. Tired of bright lights of showbiz, Jim Hardy retires to the countryside to become a farmer. He converts the farm into the Holiday Inn, open only on holidays, then competes against his pal for a singer-dancer's affection [101 min] Cast: Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire, Marjorie Reynolds

December 13 - Mrs. Miracle (2009)

This charming family film, based on Debbie Macomber's popular novel, tells the story of bereft widower Seth Webster, whose lively 6-year-old twins are taken in hand by a nanny they dub Mrs. Miracle. Could she be the Webster family's guardian angel? [92 min]

Cast: James Van Der Beek, Erin Karpluk, Doris Roberts

December 20 - A Christmas Carol (1999)

Anything but humbug, this adaptation of Charles Dickens' immortal novel breathes new life into the yuletide tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, a skinflint visited by the spirits of Christmas past, present and future to help him see the error of his ways. [86 min]

Cast: Patrick Stewart, Richard E. Grant, Joel Grey

December 27 - Ocean's Eleven (1960)

Frank Sinatra leads an all-star cast as Danny Ocean, who decides to knock over a few casinos on the Las Vegas Strip with his buddies in one of the merriest heist movies ever. The summit meeting of Sinatra's "Rat Pack" cronies, this comic caper was filmed on location in Vegas during the daylight-hour downtime between the real life group's ongoing gig at the Sands Hotel. [127 min]

Cast: Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Joey Bishop and Peter Lawford



A Movie Committee selects the movies shown each month, which are based on resident requests.

If you would like to be a part of the committee or you have a movie to suggest, please contact Maxine Hewett or someone in the Recreation Therapy Office, 1RC.

*All programing complies with the FHA. Some programs may require support staff, which will need to be arranged with the Personal Wellness and/or Recreation departments prior to the event.

Saturday MOVIES*

1:30 pm - Showing in the PDR/2RC*

December 2 - Miracle on 34th Street (1947)

When Santa falls down drunk in the Thanksgiving Day Parade, reluctant Macy's supervisor Doris Walker offers the job to a bearded Kris Kringle, purporting to be the real Santa! During the Christmas season, he shares a flat with Doris's neighbor, who has eyes for Doris. Kris hopes to unite the two while winning over Doris's skeptical 6-year-old daughter. [96 min]

Cast: Maureen O'Hara, Natalie Wood, Gene Lockhart

December 9 - A Bing Crosby Christmas (2000)

Celebrate the season with a selection of the best moments from Bing Crosby's annual Christmas specials. Narrated by Gene Kelly and hosted by Bing's widow, Kathryn, the segments are drawn from the broadcasts of 1962 through 1977. [60 min]

Cast: Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire, Jackie Gleason and many more

December 16 - Nutcracker (1993)

Narrated by Kevin Kline, this movie version of the timeless yuletide fantasy features the New York City Ballet. Angels and sugarplums dance, a magic prince conquers all, a dreamy young girl twirls across the stage and a Christmas tree grows sky high in this enchanting adaptation. [89 min] Cast: Kevin Kline, Jessica Lynn Cohen, Bart Robinson Cook

December 23 - It's A Wonderful Life (1959)

It's a wonderful film. George Bailey is a good man who's spent a lifetime giving up on his dreams in order to keep life in his small town humming. When a guardian angel named Clarence finds a despondent George poised to jump off a bridge, he shows George what life would've been like had he never been born. [132 min]

Cast: James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore

December 30 - The Holiday (2006)

Stuck in a vicious cycle of dead-end relationships with twotiming men, Los Angeles resident Amanda and Londoner Iris decide to swap homes. In the process, their trade paves the way for romances they never imagined possible. [136 min] Cast: Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law, Jack Black, Edward Burns

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Welcome New Residents!

#332 Mary Lou Benda

#421 Marilyn East

#552 Irene Hundt

#344 Alice McGowan

#545 Robert & Sharon Muir

#211 Carol Roush

#327 **Dorothy Skillings**

#335 Michele Fluck

December Birthdays

- 3 Harold Weaver
- 4 Geneva Wray
- 5 Edward Soergel
- 5 Marjorie Mohrhardt
- 6 Peter Schroeder
- 6 Thomas Lawrence
- 7 Faith Fenner
- 9 Suzanne Byers
- 12 Ronald Coffey
- 13 Mary Ries
- 14 Milan Griffes
- 15 Clarence Suelter
- 15 Jerry Koupal
- 15 Duane Smith
- 21 Mary Ann Ross
- 21 George Layman
- 22 Audrey Wilson
- 24 Mary Lou Horwath
- 25 Jean Porter
- 25 Carroll Trail
- 25 Dorothy Wenger
- 25 Rose Baker
- 26 Robert Curtis
- 29 Evelyn Jones
- 29 Frederick Freiheit





Saturdays 10:00 am 2CHR 2:30 pm 2CHR Sundavs Fridays 2:30 pm 3RC & **3CHR**

Meetings in December

- 11 Res. Assn. Monthly Mtg-1:30 pm / PDR
- 27 Resident Council—11:00 am / 3 CHR
- 28 Food & Dining Comm.—1:30 pm / PDR

December Highlights

- **Tree Decorating Parties** 1
- 2 "Emperor's New Clothes" Musical Outing
- 3 **Christmas Songs**

w/children from University Reform Church

- 5 **Burcham Sings! Chorus Concert**
- 6 Men's Event Holiday Breakfast
- 6 **Resident Calendar Signing Event**
- 7 **Stroke Education & Support Group**
- 7 **MSU Music Series**
- 8 Parkinson's Disease Dialogue Group
- 8 **MSU Music Series**
- 9 Piano Recital

w/Miho Segal & Students

10 Piano Recital

w/Joan Wierzba & Students

- 10 **Holiday Pops Concert**
- 11 **Gingerbread Decorating**
- 12 **Intergenerational Workout**
- 12 **New Horizons Band Performance**
- 13 **English Inn Holiday Lunch**
- 13 **Holiday Light Tour**
- 15 **CAHEP Gift Wrapping**
- 15 **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**
- 17 **Piano Recital**

w/Marina Ionescu & Students

- 18 **CAHEP Gift Wrapping**
- 18 **Spanish Christmas Carols**

w/students from Lansing Christian H.S.

- 18 **Big House Book Club**
- 19 Art Appreciation with Ethel A.
- 19 **RC Christmas Party**
- 20 **Lansing Matinee Musicale**
- 21 **CHR Christmas Party**
- 22 **MSU Music Series**
- 26 Birds of a Feather
- 28 **Christmas Around the World**
- 28 Piano & Trumpet Performance w/Hari Kern & Rich Illman
- New Year's Eve Celebration 31

Recreation Team

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Recreation Manager Ext. 417 or 827-1068

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Maegan Anderson, CTRS

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Eldon Wood

2&3CHR Recreation Lead Chelsea Cole

2&3CHR Recreation Assistant

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Kirsty Bullis, BS

Fitness Specialist

Alicia Feldpausch

Massage Therapist

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Ext. 267

Abdullah Masood

Director-ext. 371

Dave Alward / Terry Lickman

Drivers

Cathy Privette, Scheduler

January Upcoming Events

- 18 **Double Play Flute & Tuba**
- 19 Chili Cookoff
- **International Cultural Festival** 26
- 30 **Refugee Lansing Story Telling Project**



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