

The Bluffs Senior Community

1000 Bluff View Drive, Houghton, MI, 49931



JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Resident Birthdays

2nd- Wilma B.
5th- Joyce N.
6th- Fred G.
10th- Don P. QC
14th- Janelle S.
20th- Betsy B.
25th- Katie G.

Employee Birthdays

23rd- Andy N.
26th- Tana D.

Letter from our Executive Director

Welcome to 2021!

2020 was a roller coaster ride to say the least, constant changes each and every day and we closed out December with many thrills among our team! We welcomed a new Exercise Instructor, Ann. A new Resident Assistant, Kareen and Abbie has been promoted to our new Business Office Manager position and Maria has been promoted to our Activities Director! Abbie will remain in the same office she is currently in while Maria will now be stationed in the 2nd floor Library. She can easily be reached by dialing 2229 or please feel free to stop on in and say Hi...It was an exciting month and we are really looking forward to the new year!

Let's go forth with an open mind and some goals for the new year. Here are some ideas to get you started. More Music, More Books, More Tea, More Sunsets, More Creating, More Long Walks, More Laughter, More Hugs, More Dreaming, More Fun, More Love...the options are endless!

Wishing you love, great health and laughter in 2021.

Cheers to the new year, Jessica

COVID Vaccine

We are very excited that we are some of the first in the area with the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine. It is crucial that we get everyone to participate in being vaccinated! While we are unsure when the vaccine will arrive to The Bluffs, we are confident that it is a step in the right direction to combat COVID-19. As we look to the future in 2021, we can only hope that we see the light at the end of the Corona Virus tunnel and we can achieve this faster through the vaccine. There is no telling what will happen with restrictions and protocols once the community receives the vaccine but we will have the piece of mind knowing that we are safer in the long run. So please, join us in being some of the first in line in Houghton County to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine.



Culinary Corner

Greetings from The Kitchen~

What a wonderful and weird year we had in 2020. I am looking forward to a new year and fresh start for 2021. I have enjoyed my continued Culinary meetings with you. I love getting to take the time to get to chat with you all! Because it was difficult to hear in the Ballroom last month, we will hold the meetings in the library now and if there are a large number of participants, we will need to hold 2 separate meetings! We will work out the details in the coming weeks so stay tuned! The Culinary meeting is currently scheduled for January 12th at 1:30 PM. Jes and I are going to continue to work on the new menu project. As we have said before, it takes awhile to come up with a six week rotation of meals but we are confident that the changes will be great! If you have any suggestions, jot them down and come to the meeting! I hope to see you there!

Jodi
Kitchen Manager



Activity Happenings

A Happy New Year brings changes for 2021!

As many of you already know, we have welcomed a new Activities Director to The Bluffs, Maria Lorenzetti! I am so excited for Maria to take over the Activities Department! Maria previously helped me as an activity assistant so she is a great fit for Director! Over the next few weeks she will be likely sending out a survey or sitting down to chat with you to see what kind of activities you would like to see or any changes for the department! I just know Maria will bring new creative and fun ideas for you all!

With this change also comes another! The Activities Director office will now be in the 2nd Floor Library! This change is going to bring the opportunity for the Maria to spend more time with the residents! Residents will be able to stop and see her to chat, hangout, do a puzzle or grab a cup of coffee!

January is a good month to refresh, renew and reflect! As we look back at 2020, the first thoughts for many are "what a tough year" and those people wouldn't be wrong. 2020 was a hard year for all but there were some positives to come out of it. It brought families, friends, children & others closer together. You had to rely on the people closest to you to get you through the hard times. We were able to celebrate many Holidays, in different ways than normal. We were able to really be grateful for the little things that we have every day. The small things mattered in 2020. I am so glad I was able to spend this last year with you all and make lasting memories! I look forward to positive changes in 2021!

~Abbie

Giving Tree Update



We are pleased to announce that we raised over \$1400 for charity through our Giving Tree!

The money was donated to the following charities:

- Toys For Tots
- The Salvation Army Christmas Fundraiser
- Love Inc.
- Copper Country Angel Mission Coat Drive for Winter Jackets & Gear for All ages

Thank You All for your Support & Generosity!

WORD SEARCH

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.

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Y E A G H R G H M K P E N N
C O U N T D O W N N G S D S
F I R E W O R K S N R R T O
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Ball	Hat	Party
Clock	Horn	Resolutions
Confetti	Hourglass	Sparklers
Countdown	Kiss	Streamers
Fireworks	Memories	Toast
Goblet	Noisemaker	Tuxedo
Gown	Parade	Vow

Funny Bone



I AM "WONDER WOMAN"

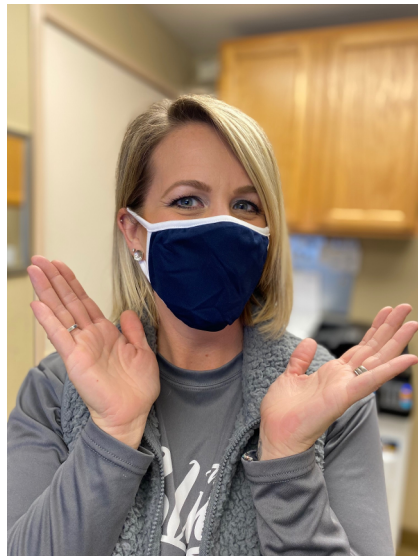


Why shouldn't you go jogging on New Years Eve?

The ice falls out of your punch.



Community Captures



Employee Birthdays

Andy Newman

January 23rd
Maintenance Assistant

What do you enjoy most about working at The Bluffs?

Getting to help out the residents!

Tana Datto

January 26th
Dish Washer

What do you enjoy in your free time?

I enjoy hanging out with my friends and family!

What do you do in your free time?

In the summer I enjoy working on my garden!



Additional Reminders

- Shopping lists must be turned in by Monday Afternoon so that shopping can be done on Tuesday morning!
- Please use extreme caution when going outside for walks or to your car. The sidewalks & roads are unpredictable in the winter months!
- Please continue to utilize the feedback box for employee nominations, dining room/meal suggestions, activity comments or anonymous comments. They are read weekly by the management team!

February– Save The Dates

5th- Birthday Lunch

14th- Valentine's Day

18th- Martin Luther King Jr. Day



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2021
Happy New Year