



Anita's Ad-libs



Happy Fall Ya'll!

Yes, fall is arriving and unfolding before us. I've shared over the years how much I am in awe of our beautiful countryside in the fall. Our leaves are beginning to turn; however, our local meteorologists have conveyed that the colors may not be as vibrant as we're behind on rain. We'll just wait with anticipation!

I'd like to thank our entire Village for the admirable participation in our fundraising events for the local Alzheimer's Association. We raised \$4,800.00! When you participated in the fundraising efforts of the Walk to End Alzheimer's, the funds you raised fueled the mission of the Alzheimer's Association and helped advance critical support and research. Every dollar that we contributed counts. Soon, we will arrange for an opportunity to present the Southern Illinois Chapter with our donation. Thanks for making a difference in the lives of mankind.

During Ask Anita, I provided a few updates on the following:

<u>The Dress Code</u> - please refer to your resident handbooks and the guidance posted in the elevators.

<u>Wi-Fi</u> - we do deeply apologize for the intermittent Wi-Fi coverage. I cannot express my gratitude to Rick Taylor for his endless and constant efforts to address this issue on an ongoing basis. We've been facing multiple challenges both with our on campus Single Digits Wi-Fi and with Spectrum. We'll continue to forge ahead with resolution. Trust me.. it has affected our ability to perform our daily jobs as well. We're all equally frustrated and anxious to resolve this once and for all.

<u>Walking Path</u> - due to the challenges of the timing of the year, this project has been postponed until Spring.

<u>McKendree Corridor Carpet</u> - we are actively working on the resolve of the McKendree corridor carpet. We're working with several vendors on this endeavor. We realize the importance of this project and want you to be assured that a plan will be forthcoming.

Storage - We understand that additional storage is on the top of our residents requests. In order to respond to the request timely, we have made arrangements with an offsite storage company to provide competitive pricing for Asbury Village residents. Thanks to Chris Hoover for coordinating this endeavor. If you are interested in knowing more information about pricing and location, please contact Chris Hoover. She will make arrangements for you to sign up and coordinate transportation for this sign up. Once everyone that is interested is signed up, we will then schedule monthly or bi-monthly transportation to the offsite storage location. There will be both regular storage and climate controlled storage available. I do hope that this will be an alternative for those that have made requests for additional storage. One day, we may have this on our future capital projects.

Google Reviews! - Thanks to those of you who have supported our efforts to increase the internet and social media image of Asbury Village. We appreciate those that have taken the time to complete a Google Review for us. We've been receiving 5 out of 5 star reviews. When others search for senior living options on the internet, they begin with an online search. Many are looking for comments on what our reputation is online. The google reviews are what they are looking for. It's a different type of importance for us just like reading an advertisement in the newspaper. If you are interested in completing further reviews, please stop by the receptionist desk or the marketing office for assistance if needed or I'd be happy to help you as well. Chaplain Jackie is also championing the month of October with support. Again, thank you!

<u>Best of the Best Nominations</u> - You voted and guess what? We were nominated for the best Senior Living and Best Assisted Living. With your nominations, we will soon be on the ballot to vote for the Best of the Best Actual Award! Stay turned for updated information for the upcoming voting. It has been such an honor for Asbury Village to be an award recipient for the past several years.

<u>Food Service Week</u> - Congratulations to the entire Food Service Department! Special thanks to Dominic Gramaglia, Director, for your outstanding leadership and TLC. Also, a special thanks to the team; Dennis Dey, Kitchen Manager, Kyle Minner, Café Culinarian; Tina Bailey, Deb Hester and Mariesella Gowen, our amazing cooks; Susie Pruetzel, Lead Hostess; Michael Collman, host and server; Lani McFarlane, hostess and server and to all of our awesome servers and utility team members, Juana Ramirez, Yenjit Bonnell, Anna Brady, Sophie Bunch, Summer Collman, Sophia Hanneken, Alex Harvey, Julian Hines, Arianna Howerton, Sophia King, Kalie McAfee, Bailey Rardin and Chad Schum!

We honor and recognize our entire Food Service Staff during

National Food Service Week

October 1st through 7th

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Being awesome is your secret ingredient

Finally, I want to share our commitment to our Hospitality Promises... Our entire team is genuinely committed to providing each of you with exceptional and extraordinary impressions. We hope that you are always greeted in a warm and friendly manner. We strive every day to anticipate your needs. We are committed to asking you if we can do anything for you. Each and every day, we are grateful and blessed to serve you.

Don't forget to check the activity calendars. October will be filled with many fun opportunities to enjoy a vibrant life.

Caringly,

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"Tidbits" from Gail Stucker, Director of Community Life Services

Dear Village Residents:

October and the Fall Season is here and with it comes many opportunities for seasonal activities in the community and at our Village. Be sure to look over the calendar carefully. We don't want you to miss a thing.

Besides all the outings planned, we have several things planned on campus also. On the 18th, we will celebrate an Oktoberfest complete with a German dinner and Biergarten.

On October 26, we will welcome children from the community to Trick or Treat us! The Weston residents can meet them from their own doorway. Independent residents are encouraged to come to the WP Lobby in costume or just the colors of the season and greet the visitors with treats a good time.

Halloween is October 31, and be ready for a fun day. Weston will be having a Halloween Party with a special guest and Independent residents will be having a Hallowed Haunted Happy Hour. Plan to come in costume for a contest. Prizes will be given for the Scariest, the Funniest, the Most Original, the Best Looking and the All-Around Favorite Costume.

Happy October, Gail, Director of Community Life Services



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