

July Birthdays



Notable Quotable

“We should all do what, in the long run, gives us joy, even if it is only picking grapes or sorting the laundry.”

~ E.B. White, writer

NAME	LOCATION	DATE
RAINEY, LINDA	McK	7-03
STAUDER, MIKE	PV	7-03
WADE, ROGER	PV	7-03
HOLDER, REKA	WT	7-04
KURTH, RON	WT	7-04
HENKHAUS, CAROLE	WT	7-10
McCOY, DONNA	WT	7-11
DREW, PAM	McK	7-13
MASTERSON, MARY LYNN	WP	7-13
WEBER, SHIRLEY	McK	7-14
HERZOG, CAROL	McK	7-15
HEWITT, JEFF	McK	7-17
MELTON, RICHARD	McK	7-17
SALMON, MARLENE	WT	7-18
SCIFRES, GERALD	WT	7-18
ROBINSON, RAY	WP	7-19
PEIMANN, LARRY	PV	7-19
HOWE, DOLORES	WT	7-23
BUMBACHER, LIZ	WP	7-23
ARMSTRONG, JEANNIE	WT	7-24
McCORD, RUTHIE	WP	7-25
CROSSLAND, JAMES	McK	7-27
PARK, JOE	WP	7-28
SUHRE, PHYLLIS	WT	7-28
BLAND, SALLY	PV	7-29
SPRINGER, CAROLE	PV	7-29
WESTBROOK, JANET	PV	7-29
BOWMAN, ILENE	McK	7-30
HUBER, SARAH	WT	7-31
RUSHING, LINDA	PV	7-31
VOYLES, LOIS	McK	7-31

Village Voice

July 2026

Celebrating July

Family Golf Month

Canada Day

July 1

World UFO Day

July 2

Independence Day (U.S.)

July 4

Blueberry Day

July 8

Tattoo Day

July 17

Nelson Mandela International Day

July 18

Tell an Old Joke Day

July 24

Paperback Book Day

July 30

WP Front Desk: 618-466-8662
Weston Front Desk: 618-467-0191
Emergency Number: 618-791-8752



Welcome New Residents!



Stephen Cousley
WP 229

Notary Update

The Notary is still waiting for her new stamp to be delivered. Until then if you need help finding notary services, please contact Linzi Tripp.

Thank you!

Anita's Corner

As we welcome the month of July, there is certainly a feeling of summer all around the Village! From sunshine-filled mornings to evenings spent visiting with neighbors and friends, this season reminds us to slow down, enjoy the moment, and appreciate the wonderful community we share together at Asbury Village.

July brings a calendar full of opportunities to stay active, connected, and engaged. Our Community Life team has planned a variety of activities, outings, entertainment, games, educational programs, and social gatherings for everyone to enjoy. Whether you prefer a relaxing afternoon event, lively music, fitness opportunities, or simply sharing laughter with friends over a meal, there is truly something for everyone this month.

As we celebrate Independence Day, we also take time to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy and the many individuals who have served our country with courage and dedication. We extend our sincere gratitude to all of our veterans and military families within our community. We hope everyone enjoys a safe and festive holiday filled with celebration, family, and summertime traditions. We've also scheduled transportation for several area fireworks shows, so be sure to check the calendars and enjoy the festivities!

We are excited that the Wiseman-Pollock front entrance renovation and patio expansion project has officially begun! As you know, we are subject to contractor scheduling and timelines, and we appreciate your continued patience and flexibility throughout the process. Thank you as well for your understanding regarding the temporary use of the side entrance near the Coffee Room. We have worked through a few adjustments with the locking mechanism on that door. We'd like to extend an extra special thanks to Dean Blackburn for his weekend contribution to helping us fix the door. Dean, thanks for sharing your bright idea...it worked! We appreciate your patience as we navigated those details.

You may also notice a bench that has been added near the Wiseman-Pollock entrance area. We placed it there to provide a comfortable place to sit while waiting for rides or transportation, especially on days when transportation schedules may occasionally run behind. While the space may naturally invite conversation, the primary purpose of the bench is to provide a waiting area for resident convenience and comfort.

If you are missing one of your favorite outdoor gathering spots during construction, please remember that the patio areas outside the dining room, McKendree entrance, and Weston entrances remain available for residents to enjoy throughout the summer season. Again, thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we move through this exciting improvement project. Soon, the Wiseman-Pollock entrance will become a beautiful new patio area for all to enjoy!

July is also our month for "Ask Anita" gatherings throughout the Village. During this round of meetings, gatherings will be held according to your living area. Please refer to your monthly calendars for meeting dates and times. I will be joined by members of our Department Director team as we provide updates, answer questions, and continue our

Your Council Members – Nancy Dorris (President), Marilyn Meyer (Vice President), Charla Canale, Barb Creasy, Janet Francis, Grace Green, Vern Henley, Pat Klasner, JoAnn Phelps, Elaine Wardein, Bonnie Wopp, Alice Wright, Rita Wyatt

If you have questions or concerns, please contact one of the council members above and it will be discussed at our next meeting.

Asbury Village Board Members – Donna Bernis, Andy Bowen, James Herndon, Matt Hoefert, Jack Hoelscher, Zeke Jabusch, Paul J. Jun, John Keller, Jeff Lauritzen, Mike McCormick, Rev. William Pyatt, Mary Reilly, Stephen Schwartz, Rev. Kim Stuby, Karen Wilson

Activity Committee – Linda Rainey, Cheri Bond, Charlie Bond, Bob Gulovsen, Bonnie Fox, and Ray Robinson.

Suggestions for outings or activities are welcome. Feel free to contact one of these members with your ideas to be discussed at the next meeting.

Dining Room Committee – Sharon Hogan (Chairman), Mary Henley, Rose Roggow,

Mary Ann Forcade, Pat Lacey, Nancy Dorris, Cookie Neuhaus

If you have questions, concerns, suggestions or compliments regarding the dining room, please contact one of these members and it can be discussed at the next meeting.

Library Committee – Maggi Behrens, Liz Bumbacher, David Callis, Grace Green, Irene Gulovsen, Jan Luken, Linda Nevlín, Valerie Pelot, Bernie Wickenhauser, Mary Beth Wuellner

Your Village Ambassadors – **Wiseman Pollock:** Nancy Dorris, Jerry & Etta Jane Leonard, JoAnn Phelps

McKendree: Linda Rainey, Martha Darr, Lorene Flowers

Villas: Shirley Bachman, Elaine Wardein, Rose Roggow, Ann Huebner

Homes: Ruth Scanlon & Larry Peiman

Back Up Ambassador: Darlene Gulovsen

Resident Spotlight: Rita Wyatt



This month, we are excited to recognize a resident who truly embodies the spirit of our community. As an active member of Resident Council, they play an important role in helping make Asbury Village a welcoming and engaging place for everyone. Whether it's attending events, participating in activities, or joining in on the latest fun around the Village, Rita is always ready to get involved. She is also an avid exerciser, demonstrating a commitment to health and wellness that inspires those around her. Known for her positive attitude, friendly nature, and willingness to connect with others, she is a wonderful presence in our community. We are grateful for the enthusiasm, kindness, and energy they bring to Asbury Village each day.



ongoing commitment to communication and resident engagement. We truly value these opportunities to connect with each of you.

You may also begin noticing sections of the Village scheduled for exterior building power washing over the upcoming months as part of our continuous improvement efforts. While this work should not interrupt your daily routines in any significant way, there may occasionally be some additional noise during scheduled cleaning times. Thank you for your understanding as we continue working to keep our community looking its very best.

At Asbury Village, our commitment to our Hospitality Promises remains a priority in everything we do. We appreciate those of you who have attended recent opportunities shared by our leadership team regarding our dedication to serving each of you with compassion, respect, responsiveness, and excellence. Your feedback regarding our performance is truly a gift, and we sincerely value your thoughts and suggestions. We are always striving to enhance your experiences with us because we do not want to be ordinary...we want to be extraordinary!

Thank you as well for attending our planned department feedback gatherings in the months ahead. Please continue referring to your calendars for those upcoming sessions, opportunities for conversation, and a little fun along the way.

As always, thank you for being such an important part of the Asbury Village family. We hope you enjoy all the wonderful moments July has to offer and continue making memories with friends, neighbors, and loved ones throughout the summer season.

Wishing you a happy, safe, and sunshine-filled July!

Anita Martinez



Activity Connection

July is shaping up to be a month full of fun, entertainment, and opportunities to connect with friends!

Kick off the celebrations at our **4th of July Party on July 2 at 1:30 PM**, featuring live music by **Michael Marciano**. We'll also be attending **two fireworks shows** this month, so be sure to reserve your spot at the Front Desk if you'd like to join us. We are excited to welcome the **Ignite Youth Choir** back to Asbury Village on **July 8**. They will be offering two performances, one at **10:30 AM** and another at **1:00 PM**, giving everyone the opportunity to attend the show that best fits their schedule. Do you have a winning pie recipe? Show off your baking skills at our **Pie Bake-Off on July 15 at 2:30 PM in the BGA**. Participants can enter for a chance to win a fun prize. Sign up at the Front Desk if you'd like to compete! On **July 17 at 1:30 PM**, join the Marketing and Activities Departments for **Sip, Sand, and Suggestions**, a beach-themed survey hour where you can share your ideas and feedback while enjoying a fun tropical atmosphere. These are just a few of the exciting events planned for July. Be sure to check the monthly calendar for even more activities, outings, and opportunities to have fun. We are grateful to have you as part of our community and look forward to spending another wonderful month together!

Best,
Linzi Tripp
Community Life Director



The Rhythm of Early America

In 2026, the United States marks the 250th anniversary of 1776—a milestone that invites reflection, not just on historic events but on the texture of everyday life in colonial times. Long before modern conveniences, daily routines were shaped by necessity, skill, and community. Food, for example, was seasonal and local by default. Families relied on what they could grow, hunt or trade. Cornmeal, beans, and salted meats were staples, while gardens supplied herbs and vegetables. Preserving food—through drying, smoking, or pickling—was essential for surviving the winter. Meals were simple but sustaining, and little went to waste. Craftsmanship was equally central to daily life. Many households produced what they needed, from clothing to tools. Spinning wool, weaving fabric, and sewing garments were common skills, as were woodworking and blacksmithing. Objects were made to last, repaired when broken, and valued for their function as much as their form. Community ties helped hold everything together. Neighbors shared labor during harvests, barn raisings, and other large tasks. Churches, markets, and town gatherings provided structure and connection. In a world without instant communication, relationships were built face-to-face and maintained through mutual reliance. The rhythms of life 250 years ago highlight a resilience that feels both distant and familiar. Colonists adapted constantly—to weather, to shortages, to uncertainty. This anniversary offers a chance to consider what endures. While the tools and technologies of daily life have evolved, the underlying values resourcefulness, cooperation, and persistence—remain recognizable.

HAPPY
Father's Day





Rolling the Stone Away: Independence Day, Every Day

“Roll the Stone Away, It’s Independence Day. Every Day!” This phrase captures the spirit of resilience and hope, drawing inspiration from both faith and culture.

Martina McBride Meets the Gospel of Mark

In the Gospel of Mark, chapter 16, we read about women journeying to Jesus’ tomb, burdened by grief and uncertainty. They asked, “Who will roll the stone away?” believing they were approaching the end. Their sorrow was heavy, their future as sealed as the tomb. Yet, upon arrival, they discovered the stone had already been moved. What seemed like a final ending became a profound new beginning—“He Is Risen.”

Martina McBride’s song “Independence Day” echoes a similar turning point, though from a different kind of tomb. It tells the story of a life trapped in fear and silence, reaching a moment when change becomes essential. The aftermath—painful and costly—signals that bondage and oppression will not win. Liberation comes, even through fire, making a declaration that the struggle does not have the final say.

Both the Gospel story and the song remind us that the stones in our lives—those representing suffering, fear, or injustice—are not permanent. There comes a moment when everything shifts, and what once seemed immovable is swept aside.

Yet, Mark 16 goes even further. The stone is not moved by desperation alone, but by the power of God. On the other side is not merely escape, but resurrection itself—a whole new life and hope rising from what seemed lost.

As our nation celebrates its 250th anniversary of independence, let us remember that Independence Day is more than a single day of festivities. It is a lifelong event, a journey of continually rolling away the stones that hold us back.

So roll the stone away—it’s Independence Day!

Have a safe and happy 4th.

Pastor Alan
Chaplain.



The Nurse's Notes

Every year we have a few cases of COVID around the 4th of July. Please be mindful and considerate of others. If you have any cold symptoms or feel unwell, do not leave your apartment until you can be assessed by a member of the nursing team.

Nurses will be performing blood pressure checks on July 1st and 15th at 10:30am in the Wiseman-Pollock Coffee Area.

The Dementia Support Group will meet Thursday July 16th at 5pm in the Benjamin Godfrey Auditorium.

Join Nicole on July 22nd at 2:30pm to learn about Preventative Care.



DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Discussion topic will be the Different forms of Dementia

PLEASE JOIN US
THURSDAY, JULY 16TH
5PM - 6PM
ASBURY VILLAGE - BENJAMIN-GODFREY
AUDITORIUM



Call or Email to RSVP

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What are Extraordinary Impressions?

At Asbury Village, Extraordinary Impressions is our commitment to you. It is a promise from our staff to provide exceptional service, meaningful connections, and thoughtful care in every interaction. We strive to create a welcoming community where residents feel valued, respected, and supported each day. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your lives—we are honored to serve you and continually work to make your experience at Asbury Village extraordinary.

JULY EXTRAORDINARY EMPLOYEES!

EACH MONTHLY ANNIVERSARY RECIPIENT WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY THEIR DIRECTORS WITH WHAT EXTRAORDINARY IMPRESSIONS - HOSPITALITY PROMISE THEY BEST EXEMPLIFY OR DEMONSTRATE.



DIANE FUNK
7/18/2011-RECEPTIONIST
#5 We hold ourselves and one another accountable.



CATHY WIEGAND
7/8/2008-DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
#1 We greet you warmly, by name and with a smile.



DEB TAYLOR
7/5/2002-CNA
#10 We pay attention to details.



CAROLYN CRISPI
7/21/2022-RECEPTIONIST
#4 We listen and respond enthusiastically in a timely manner.



MARY WEST
7/5/2024-CNA
#1 We greet you warmly, by name and with a smile.



JAMES BALLARD
7/15/2025-COOK
#2 We treat everyone with courteous respect.



MORGAN BUSH
7/23/2025-HOUSEKEEPING
#10 We pay attention to details.



CALVIN BUSS
7/7/2025-SERVER
#3 We anticipate your needs and act accordingly.



JACK FOHNER
7/25/2025-SECURITY
#10 We pay attention to details.

JULY- PREVENTATIVE CARE PROACTIVE & PROTECT APPROACH

PHYSICAL

5 REASONS TO SCHEDULE YOUR ANNUAL WELLNESS VISIT

- 1 PREVENT HEALTH ISSUES BEFORE THEY START
- 2 GET PERSONALIZED HEALTH ADVICE
- 3 UPDATE YOUR RECORDS & IMMUNIZATIONS
- 4 REVIEW MEDICATIONS SAFELY
- 5 STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR PROVIDER

HEALTH SERVICES

UNDERSTANDING YOUR PREVENTIVE CARE BENEFITS DOESN'T HAVE TO BE CONFUSING. ANNUAL WELLNESS VISITS, CANCER SCREENINGS, AND FLU SHOTS—ARE COVERED BY YOUR MEDICARE PLAN.

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH!
JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY JULY 22ND AT 2:30PM.
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED