

Notable Quotable

"When people laugh at Mickey Mouse, it's because he's so human; and that is the secret of his popularity."

~ Walt Disney, creator of Mickey Mouse

November Birthdays

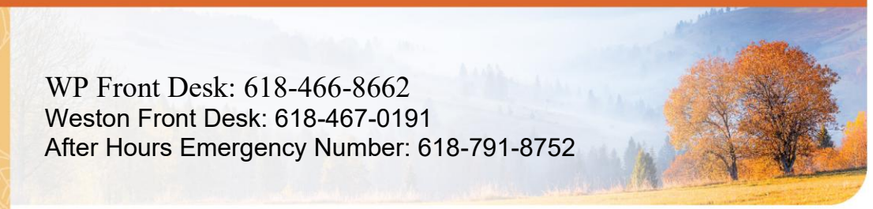
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FITZGERALD, KAREN	PV	11-03
STULL, DARLENE	MCK	11-03
LORTS, GLORIA	PV	11-07
SEVIER, PAM	SFH	11-07
DREW, DAN	McK	11-09
ARNOLD, PAULA	WP	11-10
GRAHAM, PHYLLIS	PV	11-11
RISTER, DARLENE	PV	11-11
HEIMER, MARY	PV	11-16
KUHN, LIZ	WP	11-19
WALTERS, MILLY	WP	11-19
VOWELS, JEANETTE	WT	11-21
SCANLAN, RUTH	SFH	11-22
BOERNER, CAROL	SFH	11-24
SAAF, ARNIE	WP	11-25
BEHRENS, MAGGI	WP	11-26
WARDEIN, ELAINE	PV	11-27

Name	Date	Job Name
Alm, Audrey	11-01	Certified Nurses Aide
Johnes, Sarah	11-20	Receptionist
Powell, Peggy	11-20	Receptionist
Howard, Scottie	11-28	Certified Nurses Aide
Baldwin, Johnetta	11-29	Certified Nurses Aide
Hope, Lucy	11-30	Server



Village Voice

November 2026



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

Celebrating November

Memoir Writing Month

Inspirational Role Models Month

Use Your Common Sense Day
November 4

Dear Santa Letter Week
November 8–14

Go to an Art Museum Day
November 9

Apple Cider Day
November 18

Gingerbread Cookie Day
November 21

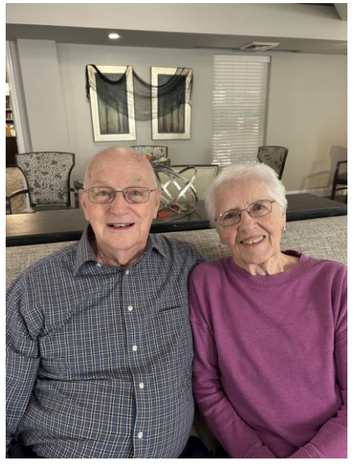
Thanksgiving Day (U.S.)
November 26

Small Business Saturday
November 28

Welcome New Residents



Jean Bogert
204 Wiseman-Pollock



Herman & Carol Brennecke
5204 Aldersgate

Not Pictured:
Joan Hensley 232 WP
Jack Baer 303 WP
Charlene Hart 115 McK

Medicare Specialist: Cathy Williams

Join us for a Lunch & Learn on 11/5 at 11:30 to learn more about your Medicare options and get answers to your questions! Our guest speaker will discuss insurance options and help residents better understand their coverage. She will also be available to meet with residents individually after the presentation to help explore insurance options based on their personal needs, preferred physicians, and location. **Lunch will be provided by Jimmy John's!** Come enjoy lunch, learn something new, and gain confidence in navigating your healthcare coverage. We hope to see you there!

Anita's Corner

November is a time to reflect on our blessings, cherish our memories, and celebrate the people who make Asbury Village such a special place to call home. This month, we look forward to meaningful moments of remembrance, honoring our veterans, sharing community updates, and gathering in friendship and gratitude.

All Saints Memorial Service — November 1 at 6:00 p.m. We begin the month with a special **All Saints Memorial Service** to remember loved ones who have touched our lives and remain forever in our hearts. As we gather in faith, we honor their lives, celebrate the love they shared, and find comfort in the promise of hope. May this sacred time bring peace and remind us that the memories we hold and the love we share will always remain a part of us.

Get a Head Start on Holiday Shopping! — November 6 from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. The holiday season is just around the corner! Join us for a special shopping opportunity and enjoy getting a head start on your holiday list. Whether searching for the perfect gift or simply enjoying a little holiday browsing, we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity for some festive fun!

Ask Anita — November 19 at 2:30 p.m. Please join me and the Directors for our next *Ask Anita*. We will share community updates, reflect on our accomplishments throughout 2026, and discuss what lies ahead for Asbury Village in 2027. I look forward to sharing our progress, offering a glimpse into the year ahead, and answering your questions. Your ideas and involvement help shape our future, and I appreciate these opportunities to connect with you.

Honoring Our Heroes — Veterans Day Service, November 11 at 10:00 a.m. We invite our **entire Asbury Family—residents, families, and associates—to join us** as we honor the brave men and women who have served our country. Their courage, sacrifice, and dedication have helped protect the freedoms we cherish, and we are deeply grateful for their service.

We look forward to a special performance by our **Asbury Village Choir!** I have had the pleasure of hearing them sing, and I can tell you that we have an amazing choir. Their beautiful voices will make this celebration even more meaningful. A very special highlight will be the performance of an original veteran's song written by our very own resident, **Mary Kay Mosby**. What a wonderful gift to our community! Through her words and music, Mary Kay has created a heartfelt tribute to those who have served—a beautiful reminder that honoring our veterans is not only about remembering their service, but also about expressing our gratitude in ways that touch the heart.

To our Asbury veterans, thank you for your service, the sacrifices you and your families have made, and the example you continue to set. Let us come together to celebrate you and remind you that your service is remembered, your sacrifices are appreciated, and you will always hold a special place in our hearts.

We are honored to celebrate you!

Your Voice Matters — Resident Engagement Survey Thank you to everyone who participated in our Resident Engagement Survey! Your thoughts, experiences, and suggestions are essential to helping Asbury Village continue to grow and improve.

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 Shwartz, Rev. Kim Stuby, Karen Wilson

Activity Committee –Linda Rainey, Bob Gulovsen, Bonnie Fox, Linda Mortland, Dana Schindler 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, Charla Canale, Grace Green, Irene Gulovsen, Jan Luken, Linda Nevlin, Bernie Wickenhauser, Alice Wright, Mary Beth Wuellner

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

McKendree: Linda Rainy, Ellen Ledesma, Lorene Flowers

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

Homes: Ruth Scanlon & Larry Peiman

Back Up Ambassador: Darlene Gulovsen

Resident Spotlight: Anna Rice



For the month of November, we would like to shine our spotlight on Weston resident Anna Rice. Anna has been a part of the Asbury family for many years. First moving into Wiseman-Pollack during Covid and in July of 2022 moved to Weston Terrace. Anna grew up in Alton, IL and graduated from Alton High School. After getting married she and her husband Bill moved to Bunker Hill and raised their 3 children. Anna's family also includes 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. She loves playing games and says the staff at Asbury are all so nice. We asked her what is one thing you might tell your younger self now? Her answer "Treat everyone as you would like to be treated"!



We anticipate receiving the results within the next month and will share the findings with you once they arrive. Most importantly, we will use your feedback to guide our next steps and develop plans to respond to the opportunities and suggestions you have identified. **Your voice matters, and we are listening!** Together, we will continue building an even stronger Asbury Village where every resident feels valued, heard, and at home. Thank you for helping us chart the course for our future!

Friendsgiving at Asbury — November 20 at 12:30 p.m. Get ready for one of our favorite traditions—a fun-filled and delicious Friendsgiving! Kyle and his crew will provide the turkey, mashed potatoes, and gravy, and our Village family is invited to bring favorite side dishes to share. Last year, we enjoyed so many amazing sides and delicious family recipes! We cannot wait to see what everyone brings this year. Dust off those treasured recipes, come ready to enjoy wonderful food and fellowship, and **bring your appetite—come hungry and leave room for seconds!** Friendsgiving is about more than a meal; it is a celebration of the friendships and connections that make Asbury Village feel like family.

A Season of Gratitude As we move through November, may we remember that gratitude lives in everyday kindness, shared laughter, helping hands, and the friendships that enrich our lives. Thank you for making Asbury Village a place where people are valued, memories are cherished, and faith and compassion bring us together.

Wishing our entire Asbury Family a blessed Thanksgiving season filled with peace, joy, and many reasons to give thanks!

Anita Martinez







Activity Connection

November is here, bringing cooler weather, festive gatherings, and plenty of opportunities to spend time together! We have a wonderful month planned, filled with delicious food, music, meaningful moments, and fun with friends. Take a look at what's coming up!

Election Day – November 3
Election Day is here! Stop by the WP Coffee Room to cast your vote. Afterward, head over to the BGA to enjoy some French toast casserole and a cup of coffee. It's a great way to start the day!

Meet the Alton High School Biometric Students – November 4 | 1–2 PM
We're excited to welcome students from Alton High School! Stop by for light refreshments and friendly conversation as we get to know these students. We look forward to spending the afternoon together!

Medicare Lunch & Learn – November 5 | 11:30 AM
Medicare Specialist Cathy Williams will be joining us for a special Lunch & Learn. Enjoy Jimmy John's while learning more about your Medicare options and getting help navigating the choices available to you. Come hungry and bring your questions!

Holiday Bazaar – November 6 | 9 AM–2 PM
Get a head start on your holiday shopping! Stop by our Holiday Bazaar to browse a variety of items and discover something special for yourself or someone on your gift list. We hope to see you there!

Veterans Day Celebration – November 11 | 10 AM
Join us as we celebrate and honor the brave men and women who have served our country. We will enjoy a choir performance and take time for reflection as we recognize the sacrifices and service of our veterans. Cupcakes and punch will be served in the Coffee Room following the program. We hope you'll join us for this special tribute!

Pie & Music – November 13 | 2 PM
What could be better than a little pie and some good music? Join us for a relaxing afternoon filled with sweet treats, great tunes, and wonderful company. Save room for a slice!

Friendsgiving – November 20 | 12:30 PM | Dining Room
Let's gather around the table and celebrate friendship, good food, and all we have to be thankful for! We will provide the turkey, gravy, stuffing, and mashed potatoes, and we invite you to bring a favorite dish to share.

Please sign up if you plan to bring a special dish. While bringing something is not required, it is encouraged! Most importantly, bring yourself and enjoy a delicious meal with friends.
As we head into the season of gratitude, we are thankful for the wonderful people who make Asbury such a special place to call home. We look forward to sharing laughter, making memories, and enjoying all the little things that make this time of year so special.

Wishing everyone a happy November filled with friendship, gratitude, and a little extra pie!

Linzi Tripp





















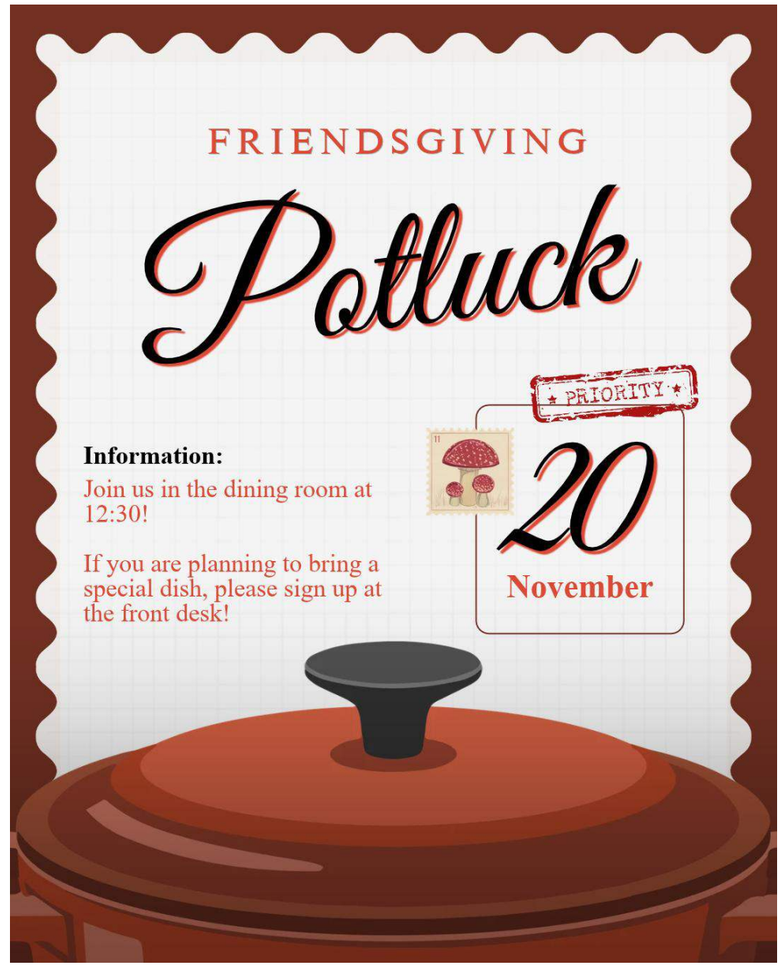


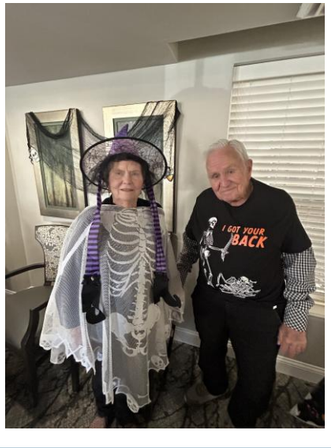









FRIENDSGIVING
Potluck
Information:
Join us in the dining room at 12:30!
If you are planning to bring a special dish, please sign up at the front desk!
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November







The Season of Thanksgiving: The Gift of Giving Thanks

As the season of Thanksgiving approaches, we are invited to pause, reflect, and appreciate the people, experiences, and everyday blessings that enrich our lives. In a world that often moves quickly, giving thanks creates space for meaningful reflection and reminds us of what matters most. Thanksgiving is more than a holiday meal or a day marked on the calendar. It is an opportunity to recognize the support, kindness, and encouragement we receive throughout the year. Family members, friends, neighbors, coworkers, teachers, volunteers, and community leaders all contribute in ways that may be visible or quietly felt.

Gratitude helps us focus our attention on the positive aspects of our lives, even during challenging seasons. It does not mean ignoring difficulties. Instead, it encourages us to recognize moments of hope, resilience, and connection alongside the obstacles we face.

And yet, I encounter many people who are reluctant to give and receive gratitude. Perhaps saying thanks seems like an admission that another's assistance was needed. This acknowledgment reminds us of our interdependence when we would rather take pride in our independence. The Apostle Paul had no trouble giving thanks. He thanked God for Jesus (Rom. 7), and he thanked God for memories of the Philippians (Phil. 1:3). The record is not as clear as to how Paul received thanks, but if he received it as well as he gave it, he would be an excellent role model for us. A high point in Paul's expression of gratitude came in the opening verses of 1 Thessalonians. Following his usual greeting, Paul enthusiastically wrote, "We always give thanks to God for all of you" (v. 2). The word picture is one of deep and joyful thanks.

Thanksgiving also reminds us that gratitude is often expressed through generosity. Giving back does not have to involve a grand gesture. Every act of kindness can make a difference, whether it is donating to a local organization, preparing a meal for someone in need, offering your time, or checking in on a neighbor who may be feeling isolated.

When we give our time, attention, or resources, we help create a culture of care. Generosity benefits both the recipient and the giver by building stronger relationships and reminding us that everyone has something meaningful to contribute.

For many people, Thanksgiving is centered around gathering with loved ones. A meaningful celebration does not need to be elaborate. What matters most is creating an atmosphere where people feel welcome, heard, and appreciated.

The spirit of Thanksgiving does not have to end when the holiday is over. Gratitude can become part of our everyday lives through the choices we make and the way we treat others. A kind word, a patient response, or a willingness to help can carry the season’s message into our homes, workplaces, and communities.

This season, let us take time to notice the good around us, express appreciation openly, and share what we can with others. By giving thanks and giving back, we help create a more compassionate community—one thoughtful action at a time.

May this season be filled with gratitude, generosity, meaningful connections, and the warmth of shared moments.

Grace and Peace
Pastor Alan













