



Activities Newsletter September 2024

Dear Friends & Families of Garden Path Elder Living,

As we get ready to welcome Fall I would like to share with you all some of the things that have been going on the past few months as well as some of the things we are looking forward to. Bradley House recently began work on implementing electronic health records (ERH) for our residents. By switching from paper to digital records, we will be able to improve the quality of care for our residents. Documentation for resident care & medication administration will be standardized & performed at the point of care, thus improving workflows, saving time, & reducing errors. EHR will also provide automated cloud-based backup for all our records, while making it easier & more efficient to exchange health care data with healthcare providers, facilities, & payors.

While Bradley House has also had to purchase & install information technology hardware in order to support this project, this equipment in addition to the EHR platform will be largely paid for with a grant from the State of Vermont's Medicaid Data Access & Aggregation Program. Much of the next two months will be spent entering data into the EHR system & training staff on how to use the system. Our target date for going live is November 1, 2024.

We are in the middle of New England Center for Circus Arts' (NECCA) residency here with us at Bradley House. Marissa, who leads the classes, is amazing. The residents find something fun & challenging in each week's class, & they always leave smiling. Students from Horizon Preschool planted, tended to, & now have harvested all that was in the raised bed they adopted. We all enjoyed watching them visit a couple times a week. I'm sure we will see them again soon on Halloween for trick-or-treating. We are lucky to have a relationship with Horizon. We have been having a lot of fun in our baking groups. Everyone gets to help out in the preparation & the best part, the tasting! Lately we have made rice krispie treats, a pineapple upside down cake & peanut butter blossoms. If anyone out there has an idea & wants to lead one of the baking groups please reach out to the activities department. We would love to have you! We recently have replaced the old rug flooring that covered the living room & hallway that leads to the living room. And soon we will be getting new living room furniture. Be sure to take a peek or have a seat next time you visit. I would like to close with a friendly reminder that now is a good time to swap out your family member's

summer clothes for warmer weather clothing. I hope you all have a great fall & I look forward to seeing you around.

Below are some pictures from the past few months I'd like to share with you.































































We have a lot of fun things planned. Please check out each month's <u>activities</u> calendar.

Feel free to visit our website.

While you're there, click the link or pick up an <u>Application for Garden Path Elder</u> <u>Living</u> for someone you may know who'd like to move into residential care.

Bulletin: Our Annual yard sale will be on October 12th from 9-2 on Holton Home's front lawn.

On October 26th we will have our 5K Halloween Hustle fundraiser at Retreat Farm. Costumes are encouraged. Save the date. More details coming soon!

Recent Passings: Ivan Marks, Ida Chamberlin, Alex Ogle, Paulie Kissle, Ellie Tortolani, & Hope Butterworth. Our condolences go out to their families. They are greatly missed.

Open Call: Do you have an interest, talent or idea to share? The Activities department welcomes your input and seeks to recruit volunteers from among our family circles. If you have an arts and crafts idea, (such as) a baking idea or would like to lead a talk sharing your travel photos, please contact me at mike@gardenpathelderliving.org and we can add it to the schedule. Our aim in activities is to continually enrich, share and enjoy our lives here. I really appreciate all the time and resources that have already been shared! New ideas are always welcome!

Best wishes,

The Activities Team

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