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# The Falls Home Newsletter

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"Autumn carries more  
gold in its pocket than  
all the other seasons."

JIM BISHOP



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## Administrator Note

Happy Fall, everyone!!

Every year seems to move faster and faster through the seasons. I am so thankful to be part of our community here at The Falls Home, and I am thankful for each one of you.

We kicked off fall by replacing all our hallway floors on the 1st floor and are looking forward to replacing the 2nd floor hallways in early October. I appreciate your patience with us as we continue to work on improving our home. Our goal is to always keep our building looking as lovely as possible and continue to make upgrades so that each of you have pride in being part of this family!

We look forward to the upcoming holidays with you all! We welcome all our new staff and are thankful to them for joining our team! We also appreciate every member of our staff, and all that each one contributes to our community. You are all valued greatly! My hope and prayer are that we all continue to be thankful for the many blessings that we have been given, and that we find ways to appreciate one another daily and offer kindness to each other throughout the coming months.

Let's continue to make The Falls Home a peaceful place that provides a caring and loving home for everyone.

- *Julie, Administrator*

## Nursing Note

Please join me in welcoming the fall season! As we move away from the heat and humidity of summer, I find myself slowing down the pace and taking the time to appreciate the natural beauty that surrounds us; I encourage you all to do the same!

With the fall season comes a focus on preventative measures that we can take to help to avoid seasonal illnesses that can be so dangerous for us all – Flu and RSV being in the forefront. I am working with Schuyler Hospital to facilitate a vaccination clinic here, hopefully in mid October, and will keep everyone updated with dates and details. In addition to Flu and RSV vaccines the Covid Booster is available at Quinlan's Pharmacy. If you are interested in receiving the latest Covid Booster please see Margaret or myself and we will make arrangements with Quinlan's to get that for you.

And how about the new floors on the first floor?! What a wonderful change, don't you think? You will see a gentleman painting on the first floor so please be mindful of any items that may be in the hallways as that project moves forward. And watch the wet paint as well 😊. On October 8<sup>th</sup> the second floor is getting its facelift with the new flooring installation slated to begin. I wish you all a safe and healthy fall season!

- *DeAnn, Director of Nursing*

## Transportation



We are continuing to have issues with residents making their own medical appointments and expecting The Falls Home to transport.

We recognize the value in handling that aspect of your care as a means of independence, but it really creates conflict with the transportation schedule. Getting you to your medical appointments is a priority, please allow us to assist you with scheduling appointments.

## Appointment Etiquette

Appointment cards are handed out the day prior to scheduled appointments. With the intention of preserving residents' dignity and improving positive community image, we are asking that you help us in this effort. We expect that you will be ready for your appointment in clean clothing and freshly groomed.

*(Aides are available to assist as needed)*

## Staff Highlights

It is our goal to provide our community with a professional, caring, and dedicated staff. A huge SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU to those staff members named employee of the month in 2024 thus far!

Linda (Front Desk)	Gary (Housekeeping)
Rebecca (Nursing)	Brian (Front Desk)
Candace (Front Desk)	Amanda (Nursing)
Joy (Nursing)	

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD  
WORK AND DEDICATION!**



## Summer Fun



*Apple Picking*



*Summer outings  
are the best!*



*Seneca Lake Trip  
Lunch time cruise*



## Activity Note

It has been a busy summer! We were blessed to have a NYS grant that allowed us to go many places this past spring/summer. From bowling to Captain Bill's Lunch Cruise, we were able to make a lot of fun memories during our travels, topping it off with our Summer Picnic at The Salvation Army, Long Point Camp.

Robin and I look forward to continuing to have outings this fall and winter. As always, all outings are self-pay unless otherwise noted. If there is anywhere you would like to go, please let one of us know and we will do our best to get you there.

We will continue to welcome our regular entertainers, George Mann, Wayne Bedoe, Michael Burrell and the Mennonite Choir, and we look forward to the Harvest Festival here on Main St. in Montour as well as the Village Christmas in Watkins Glen. Please make sure you are checking your calendars daily to see what activities are happening. Have a great fall everyone!

- *Donna & Robin*

## Case Manager Note

Fall time means Medicare Open Enrollment. Things will get busy with Medicare Open Enrollment! You will start to see an overload of commercials and mailings and you can disregard them unless you are having issues with your medical care being covered by your existing insurance. Most of you have Medicare and Medicaid and should be fine. If you have any questions don't hesitate to stop by my office.

- *Jammy, Case Manager*

## A line from Liz, Dining Director

Hello Fall!



We want to welcome the new fall menu and hopefully have some new items on the menus that everyone will like. Please come to the food committee meetings if you have any questions and concerns or just want to be heard. As always, we are here if there is a problem or concern, just stop by the office. Have a happy fall y'all!!

- *Liz, Dietary Director*



*Summer Fun!*



*Aloha,  
Summer Picnic!*

## Bookkeeping Note

New Hours!!



**Monday thru Friday**  
**8:00am-12:30pm**  
**9:30am-10:00am (Closed)**

## Administrative Team

Should you have any questions or concerns, meet the Administrative Team:

**Administrator, Julie Everhart**



Activity Director, Donna Vary

Bookkeeper/HR, Lori Bell

Case Manager, Tammy Dunn

Dietary Director, Liz Vanzile

Director of Nursing, DeAnn Bianco

Housekeeping Director, Laura Williams

Maintenance Director, Bob Sharp

## Looking Ahead

We will announce holiday plans in the coming weeks and look forward to celebrating the holiday season with you all! Let's bring the holiday spirit to our home daily.



## Meetings Reminder

Resident Council & Food Committee

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm