



The Neighbors
of Dunn County

NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORS

MAY - JUNE, 2018

National Nursing Home Week 2018—May 13-19th

Every year, we plan special activities to celebrate National Nursing Home Week. Throughout the week, we will honor our staff, volunteers and residents with fun activities. Again this year, we will be holding a fundraiser to give our residents an opportunity to give back to the community that so generously supports us. Proceeds from our fundraiser will go to Let's Go Fishing-Menomonic Area, a new organization providing older adults, veterans and disabled adults pontoon rides and fishing outings. A complete schedule of activities can be found on page 3 of this newsletter and on our website (neighborsdc.org).

Upcoming Holidays:

If you are planning to come have lunch at The Neighbors on Mothers Day or Father's Day, please remember sign up in advance at the nurses' station. Holiday meals are \$7.00.

If you have a large group and would like to reserve a room, please contact the Life Enhancement staff. Thank you!

Mother's Day 2018



Sunday, May 13th

2-4 p.m. all houses serving desserts
and coffee

Also featuring live music:

2:00 in East (Morning Song)

2:00 in Central (Deerview)

3:00 in West (Eventide)

Father's Day 2018



FATHER'S DAY SOCIAL

Sunday, June 17th

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

all houses serving

“Build your own Sundaes”

National Nursing Home Week 2018

“Celebrating Life’s Stories”

May 13-19, 2018

Sunday, May 13th: **Mother’s Day**

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Desserts and coffee in all houses

2:00 – Music by Al Julson (Morning Song)

2:00 – Music by Vern Moss (Deerview)

3:00 – Music by Al Julson (Eventide)

Monday, May 14th: **Sharing our stories with the Community**

10:00 - Kindergarten classes from Oaklawn
Elementary visit in all Neighborhoods

3:15 – Crafts with the Menomonie Middle School
Student Council Members

Tuesday, May 15th: **Neighborhood Competitions**

10:30 – Family Feud in CENTRAL Neighborhood

2:00 – Bunco in WEST Neighborhood

Wednesday, May 16th: **Community Fundraiser for Let’s Go Fishing**

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Picnic Lunch in Central Community Room

Thursday, May 17th: **Volunteer Appreciation**

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Brickenridge Community Room

Friday, May 18th: **Staff Appreciation - (Casual day and treats)**

7:30 – Men’s Breakfast (East)

11:00 – Lunch outing to Mom’s Restaurant (West)

2:00 – Happy Hour (East)

3:30 – Happy Hour (Central)



From the Dunn County Manager...

Change is the only guarantee in life, and life here at The Neighbors is no different. A few weeks ago, Tony Manzella, the Community Mentor/Administrator for our facility, announced his resignation. His last day was April 13. Tony had been with the County for 12 years. He will be missed, and we all wish him well as he begins the next chapter of his life.

Tony's departure means that we have our own change to adjust to, that is, finding a new Administrator for The Neighbors. That process has already begun. The County has been in contact with professional associations related to skilled-nursing facilities, and has published the job listing to encourage qualified candidates to apply. It is hoped that we can appoint a new Administrator not later than the end of June 2018.

In the meantime, life goes on. Paula McClelland, our Director of Nursing, has been appointed as the interim Administrator. She will be handling many of the duties that Tony formerly performed. Assisting her are the other members of the administrative staff here at The Neighbors, as well as the County Manager and County Administrative Department. Regular meetings, active communication, and shared workloads will help us get through this transition as smoothly as possible.

As with any change, there are uncertainties and concerns. It is important that everybody in The Neighbors family, both staff and residents, understand that Dunn County has remained committed to our facility and the people it serves. There has been no discussion of selling The Neighbors, or leasing it to a private company, or bringing in a management company to run it. The County has a long tradition of providing skilled nursing services and resources to its residents, and maintaining the high-quality care for which we are known has been a priority for the County Board.

Change may be scary, but it is also exciting. It is an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to The Neighbors and the services we provide. The turn-over at the leadership level should encourage each member of staff to recommit themselves to providing the cleanest, most attractive facilities, the best food, and the highest quality health care available anywhere in the region. Residents should be encouraged by the thought that with new leadership come new ideas and new energy.

Change is inevitable and transitions are cause for anxiety, but we have many reasons to think that this change will end up being a good thing.

- Paul Miller, Dunn County Manager

We would like to take a moment to recognize all the wonderful nurses and nursing assistants working at The Neighbors.

Our residents depend on you every day, and we thank you for your dedication to providing quality care to the individuals we serve!



We will be celebrating
National Nurse's DAY on May 9th
National Certified Nursing Asst. Day on June 14th



News from Dietary:

We would love to share some very exciting news. The Neighbors of Dunn County has partnered with the ADRC Senior Meal Program. We began operating in February of this year, and it has been an incredible experience so far. We have a great culinary team that put their heart and soul into our food. Here at The Neighbors of Dunn County we pride ourselves on scratch cooking and freshness.

It is very rewarding to be a part of the Senior Meal Program. We offer meals at four locations: Colfax, Eau Galle, Hosford-Rich and Tantara. If you know of someone who is needing meals in their home or travel to these locations, please share this news. New participants are always welcome. For more information on the Senior Meal Program visit www.co.dunn.wi.us. You may also get more information on this program by calling the ADRC at 715-232-4006 or contact Bobbette Tunnyhill @ 715-231-6421.

Eating a well balanced diet is very important to staying healthy and active as you age. Important nutrients are lean protein (lean meats, seafood, eggs, beans), fruits and vegetables (think orange, red, green and purple), whole grains, and low – fat dairy. Remember to choose foods that are high in fiber and low in salt. Make sure to drink fluids on a regular basis to maintain adequate hydration.

REMINDER: Our Red Cedar Bistro is open to the public Monday – Friday 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The Bistro features a light, affordable lunch with a different menu daily, ala carte items, assorted deli sandwiches, homemade soups, a salad bar, chips, homemade cookies, ice-cream and misc. desserts. The Bistro is not open on holidays or weekends.



Marcia Below, CDM & Carrie McKnight RD



**Join us for lunch as we raise money for
Let's Go Fishing—Menomonie Area**

**Wednesday, May 16th
10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**
The Neighbors of Dunn County
Central Community Room

\$6.00 donation for a picnic lunch:

**grilled hamburgers, baked beans,
potato chips, dessert and a bottle of water**

Spring and Summer Outings



Now that Spring has officially arrived, the staff and residents are eager to add some more outings to our activity schedule. In addition to our weekly trips to the Senior Center, our monthly shopping trip, and mystery trips; we are planning fishing trips, a trip to Turtle Lake Casino, picnics, trips to the Fair, band concerts and some simple joyrides through the country side. Any family members who may want to come along should contact the Life Enhancement staff for more information. All outings are listed on the monthly calendars. You can pick up a copy of the monthly activity calendar in the entrance to every house. Calendars are also posted on our website: www.neighborsdc.org .

Reminder from Nursing:

Residents and Families: Please let us know if you or your loved one is going out to an appointment so we can plan ahead of time to send paperwork and documentation that is needed for that appointment. Remember to stop at the nurses' station before you leave for the appointment to pick up your paperwork. Also, if you would like The Neighbors staff to assist in setting up transportation to/from an appointment, we need to know well ahead of time. We do not have a transportation company ourselves and need to look for assistance elsewhere. There is generally a charge, so please ask ahead of time. When we do send a consult with you to the appointment, we also need to get it back so we know if there were order changes or not. Please give this to the nurse upon your return to the facility. This will help us in continuity of care and giving better care to your loved one/you. Thank you for your cooperation.



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