

# THE ORCHARD SCOOP

Orchard Heights 5200 Chestnut Ridge Road Orchard Park, New York 14127



### November 2024





















## In this issue

- Picture Page
- A letter from Tami Jo
- November Birthdays
- Residents of the month
- Co-Worker of the month
- Church Services
- Entertainment line-up
- November
- Outings

# A Note from Tami Jo



Fall truly is the season of change! Just like the leaves transforming, so is the leadership team at Orchard Heights. This past week we celebrated and congratulated our RN Case Manager of 14 years on her retirement! Laura Weston has been a dedicated and hard-working member of the team for almost a decade and a half and has finally hung her hat! Once again, we thank Laura for her dedication to our community! We will miss you!

We also congratulate Kate McEvoy for her recent promotion to Director of Nursing! Kate's commitment to the residents, staff and families of Orchard Heights is commendable! Kate has been an LPN for many years and has been a member of the Orchard Heights team both as a charge nurse for several years, then as a home care agency nurse providing individual services through Amedisys, and most recently as our Assistant Director of Nursing since 2023. Congratulations Kate, and we are excited for the continued contributions she will make to resident care and promoting excellence within the nursing team!

Welcome also to Jennifer Reedy, our new Case Manager! Jennifer is a Licensed Master of Social Work and joins us with experience in senior living, an enthusiasm for learning all about Orchard Heights, and a passion for helping others! Jennifer will play an important role in collaborating with the nursing team and other department staff to help our residents stay healthy, happy, and active!

All of us are looking forward to the wonderful festivities of the holiday season! Lee and the Recreation team have been planning and preparing special events as the holidays get closer. Our next big event that we welcome families for is our upcoming Thanksgiving buffet and vendor show! Maria and our culinary team are preparing another delicious meal to share with you! Please RSVP by calling or stopping by the front desk for more information and reserve up to 2 spots by November 12 for family or friends to join us on November 19th! Bring a little spending money local vendors will be selling creative handmade gifts just in time for holiday shopping! We can't wait to see you there!

Kindly,

Tami Jo Smith

# Best wishes for a Super November Birthday!

#### RESIDENTS

Rachel La Lomia Suzanne Johnson Jeanne Moore Dolores Wisniewski Mary Yochum Viola LiBerto Pat Norman Joan Schelble Barbara Beck Joan Osborne November 3 November 9 November 15 November 21 November 22 November 22 November 27 November 28 November 30 Tracy Baun Sharon Casey Maria Hahmann Jamila Jemes Valerie Meldrim JoJo Johnson Lawrence McBride Taren Wenz

#### **STAFF**

November 2 November 5 November 11 November 14 November 15 November 18 November 19 November 20



# Resident of the Month Viola Liberto

We have been enjoying Viola's company for the past three years. She is the mother of two. She is originally from West Seneca and enjoys baking, word games, Bingo, exercise, vegetable gardening and table games. She attends most every recreational activity offered and is warm and congenial with everyone she meets. Congratulations Viola and thanks for all you do!



## Resident of the Month Betty Lippitt

Betty is from Buffalo New York and is the mother of three. Her favorite things to do are dancing, word searches and crossword puzzles. She is also a talented pianist and loves anything musical. Betty also taught piano. Other interests include crafts, movies, Bingo, exercise, table games. We all enjoy Betty's company and musical talents. Thanks for all you do for us Betty!



# Co-Worker of the Month

\*\*\*\*\*\*

**★**★★

## **Mary Kowal**

Mary Kowal has been taking excellent care of the residents for the past 37years as an PCA and for this reason was selected Co-Worker of the month. She received rave reviews from residents and staff alike for her kindness and terrific work ethic. Mary has been taking care of people for more than 20 years She loves spending time with her family, going to the . movies and dining out. Congratulations!

# Thank you Laural



Best wishes to you on your retirement. Thank you for fourteen plus years of exemplary care of the residents, staff and families of Orchard Heights! You will be missed!

\*\*\*\*

# We are the Land of the Free because of the Brave!

In Appreciation of our

## Veterans

# **Courage in Uniform**

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

In the uniform of courage, they stand so bold, Stories untold, yet in their eyes, it's all foretold. Veterans, our guardians, in memories unfold, With every step they've taken, every story they've told.

### **Veterans Day Events**

VFW Post 1419 Color guard visits Veterans-10:15

Mayor Litwin-Clinton Thanks Veterans-2:15pm

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*



### Your Management Team!!



Administrator Tami Jo Smith Tjsmith@orchardheights.com

Marketing & Sales Tracy McGloin tmcgloin@orchardheights.com

Business Office Manager Nicole Brunn nbrunn@orchardheights.com

Director of Nursing Kate McEvoy kmcevoy@orchardheights.com

Case Manager Jen Reidy JReedy@orchardheights.com

Culinary Services Director Maria Hahmann mhahmann@orchardheights.com

Recreation Director Lee Watson Iwatson@orchardheights.com

Housekeeping/Laundry Erica Worley eworley@orchardheights.com

Maintenance Director Tony Brunn tbrunn@orchardheights.com

