

THE ORCHARD SCOOP



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



April 2025



Happy Anniversary!!

March /April

- Jefton Johnson-1 Year
- Jocelyn Johnson-1 year
- Ben Nikel-1year
- Ted Benes-2 years
- Dejah Milligan-2 years
- Cara Golembiewski-9 years!
- Sheyna Mathews-10 years!
- Bill Ross-11 years!
- Linda Edminster-21 years!

Thank you for your dedication and service!

A Letter from Tami Jo

Dear Residents, Family and Friends,

Happy Spring 2025! We are so excited for the warm weather and to welcome you to our Easter Brunch taking place on April 10th! Each of our residents is welcome to invite two guests for a delicious meal and quality time with loved ones! Maria, our Culinary Director has an amazing menu planned and we can't wait to host you and your loved ones! Be sure to reach out to our reception desk to reserve your spot for this popular annual event by April 1st.

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I announce a special project our team has been planning to honor our veterans! What we all currently know as the "Art Studio" is receiving a patriotic makeover and will be transformed into the "Freedom Lounge!" Wait until you see what we have in store to recognize the brave men and women who served in the military! We will have a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 20th to unveil the new and improved space and can't wait to see everyone's reaction! Lee Watson, our Recreation Director, Tony Brunn, Maintenance Director, and Ella Robinson, Admissions Assistant have been meeting regularly with new design ideas and plans for this exciting project! Stay tuned for updates!

I can't wait to see you all at Easter Brunch!
Happy Spring!

Kindly,

Tami Jo Smith,



ORCHARD HEIGHTS PRESENTS

Easter BRUNCH

THURSDAY
APRIL 10TH
11:30AM - 1:30PM

5200 Chestnut Ridge Road
Orchard Park, New York 14127

RSVP-716-662-0651 BY APRIL 1ST
LIMIT 2 GUESTS PER RESIDENT

There will be two seatings:
11:30 am and 12:45 pm

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This month's movies

50 First Dates— April 5-50 It is a romantic comedy film directed by Peter Segal and starring Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore, with Rob Schneider, Sean Astin, Lusia Strus, Blake Clark, and Dan Aykroyd in supporting roles. It follows the story of Henry , a veterinarian who falls for an art teacher named Lucy . When he discovers she has amnesia, and forgets him when she falls asleep, he resolves to win her over again each new day.

Annie-April 12-A spunky young orphan is taken in by a rich eccentric, much to the chagrin of the cantankerous woman who runs the orphanage.

Pride and Prejudice-April 19– based on romantic novel by Jane Austen, published anonymously in three volumes in 1813. It centers on the burgeoning relationship between Elizabeth Bennet, the daughter of a country gentleman, and Fitzwilliam Darcy, a rich aristocratic landowner.

Hoosiers-April 14-is a film about a small-town Indiana high school basketball team and its coach, inspired by the 1954 Milan High School team. Starring Gene Hackman.

Little Siberia-April 26-A comedy drama thriller about a pastor who guards a valuable meteorite in his village, while facing a personal crisis.

Best wishes for an Awesome April Birthday!

Residents

Betty Staebell	April 7
Signe Ulrich	April 12
William Howell	April 13
James Meredith	April 15
Mary Anne Woolley	April 15
Ruth O'Connell	April 23
Helen Barrett	April 25

Employees

Nicholas Boswell	April 1
Jonathan Krajewski	April 5
Hailes Mahoney	April 11
Jennifer Galley	April 11
Susan Buranich	April 13
Irene Ayers	April 17
Ella Robinson	April 19
Ashley Middleton Perry	April 21
Ashley Dwyer	April 23
Marilou Owczarczak	April 24
Ted Benes	April 27



April Excursions

Buffalo Science Museum\$\$~ Lunch at JP Fitzgeralds\$\$– Home of the Worlds best Reuben– Shop at the Dollar Tree by Request– Stroll through the Botanical Gardens Beautiful Spring Flower Show\$\$- Mass at Saint Bernadettes Church in Orchard Park. We would love to have you join us! If you think you might like to go, please sign up in Recreation!

Did you know that “April” comes from the verb “aperire,” which means “to open.” It’s commonly believed that the word refers to the season of trees and flowers begin to “open” or bloom.

Black Women's History Month

Did you know....

Jane Bolin

Jane Bolin was the nation's first Black woman judge in 1939. She was also the first Black woman to graduate from Yale Law School, and served on New York's Family Court for four decades.

Wangari Maathai

Wangari Maathai was the first Black woman to win the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize for her environmental work in Kenya.

Claudette Colvin

Almost a year before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white passenger on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama, then 15-year-old Claudette Colvin did the same.

Gwendolyn Brooks

She is the most highly regarded, influential, and widely read poets of 20th-century American poetry.

Dr. Rebecca Lee Crumpler

Dr. Crumpler was the first African-American woman physician in the United States. She earned her degree in 1864 and served primarily the poor and disadvantaged.

Maggie Lena Walker

She was the first black woman to charter a bank which was St.Lukes Penny Savings bank in 1903.

April Puns

- My friend said he doesn't like April showers. I told him to "rain" it in.
- The garden was so happy with April's rain, you could say it was "re-leafed".
- What do you get when you cross April with a cat? Purrfect pranks every time!



Resident of the Month Gerald Brooks

Gerald has spent time in Rochester and Boston and is the father of 5. He served our country in Korea in the Marine corp. His favorite past time is playing golf. Other interests include playing cards, table games, gardening, parties and reading. Gerald is easy to get along with and spend time with. Congratulations and thanks for all you do!



Resident of the Month Jack McCaan

We have been enjoying Jack's company for just over three months. In that short time, he has made a lot of friends with residents and staff alike. He has great stories to tell and is positive and uplifting to talk to. Jack is originally from Lackawanna and is the father of two. He served our country in South Korea in the US Army. Jack was employed by Bethlehem Steel and married for 57 years. Stop by and say hi sometime. You will be glad you did. Thanks Jack for brightening the world every day and congratulations!



Co-Worker of the Month Brianna Hein

Brianna has been providing excellent, quality care to the residents of Orchard Heights for the past 5 years. There is virtually nothing she won't do for her residents including climb through a window. She started as a Personal Care Aide and quickly moved up to Med Tech. Residents love her and appreciate her kindness and thoroughness. Thank you Bri for all you do!

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This Months Entertainment and Special Events

Glamour Gals visit

Mari McNeil– vocalist

Peter Van Scozza– violinist

Dyngus Day with Lyle Stang-One man band

Bob White –keyboard

Easter Social with Joe Brancato-Piano

Robin Grandin –NEW

Robin Grandin-Robin is a Buffalo Music Hall of Fame inductee class of 2021! You won't want to miss her!

March Photos



The Mardi Gras Parade members!



Our rockin Hello Spring Party on Harmony lane!

Bejeweled pen creations!



Our guided tour of the exquisite Sheas



A wee bit of Irish cheer!