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In Memory of Marvin Thompson

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“Quality Care with a Small-Town Touch”

June, July, August 2021

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STANDING TOGETHER

The title of our newsletter articles has been "From the Desk of Social Services" for **MANY** years. I decided it was time for a change. During these challenging times, it is important that we stand together whether or not we agree on all of the issues.

With the hope that things will gradually become more “normal” and open, Prairie Manor is looking for volunteers to be on the Family Council. Please read on to see what Family Council is all about. Much of the following was taken from a publication by the Office of Ombudsman for Long term care and the MN Board on Aging.

What is Family Council? A Family Council is a group which operates by and for families of persons who live in nursing homes and boarding care homes. Family Council participants advocate for the well-being of their relatives by partnering with them in promoting and enhancing quality of daily life. Residents who consider close friends or associates “family” may also participate in the family council. You can participate if you have a close relationship with a resident at Prairie Manor. In Minnesota, Resident and Family Councils emerged in the 1970s. In 1985, Minnesota created the Resident and Family Advisory Council Education (RFACE) program that offers education resources for Resident and Family Councils.

Family Councils can have educational programs about a variety of topics. Residents can benefit from an increased involvement from family members. Families can get to know staff better. Families can receive support and encouragement from each other. There are a variety of things that Family Council can do. We will help you with ideas if you're interested.

We sent surveys to some family members regarding interest in participating in a Family Council group. If you would like to complete a survey and didn't receive one, feel free to pick one up when you are visiting or request that one be mailed to you. We would appreciate it if you would complete it and return it to Social Services here at Prairie Manor. **If enough people would like meetings in the future, we would abide by all appropriate Covid 19 guidelines.** If you have any questions, feel free to talk with Social Services.

Dawn Sheward, LSW
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Prairie Manor

June Birthdays

- Charles Herdina on June 16th

July Birthdays

- Bill Noble on July 15th

- Doug Kiser on July 16th

August Birthdays

- Luella Hatteberg on August 14th

- Lorraine Cornelius on August 23rd



Heather Haus

June Birthdays

- Evelyn Johnson on June 19th

- Alice Bergeron on June 26th

July Birthdays

- Adenine Frey on July 7th

- Peggy Stensvold on July 13th

August Birthdays

- None

Welcome New Guests

Orrin Minzel



Discharged Guests

Orene Dennis



Sympathy to the Families of

Daryl Reed
Bob Swearingen

Prairie Manor Inc. Visitor Policy Amid Covid-19

It is the policy of Prairie Manor Inc. to allow visitors, under guidance from the department of health, into the building during the time of Covid-19. This is a key step in reopening and vital to the mental well-being of our residents. Starting 10/17/2020 all visitors will be allowed in both buildings. This policy has since been revised on 03/17/2021 due to new CMS guidelines. Policy specifics are as follows...

1. The only things that limit the entrance of visitors are: A resident being on 14 day quarantine (usually due to being a new admit or having exposure), a resident who is positive for covid, the county prevalence being above 10%, less than 70% of the residents being vaccinated, or not having at least one round of negative tests since the last facility positive. If none of these apply any and all visitors are welcome.
2. When one or more of the above does apply, visitors are restricted to compassionate caregivers or essential caregivers.
3. Compassionate care is generally for rare circumstances such as a status change, resident actively passing, or other pertinent reason that calls for people seeing the resident ASAP.
4. Essential caregivers must be approved by the resident and placed on a list, while compassionate caregivers need no authorization.
5. Only 1 general visitor or essential caregiver may visit at a time (a child less than 18 years under supervision does not count). In a compassionate care circumstance, 2 people can visit at a time unless the resident is actively passing in which case there is no limit.
6. A gown, in addition to a surgical mask and goggles/face shield will be required for seeing a quarantined or positive resident.
7. Each resident may have any number of essential caregivers or compassionate caregivers.
8. Visits are restricted to 2 hours per visit for regular visitors, essential caregivers, and compassionate caregivers. Once again unless the resident is actively passing.
9. A visitor of any kind may visit 1 time a day, at any time of day or week with no appointment necessary.
10. Visitors eating or commencing in other activities that require masks to be taken off are not allowed.
11. Staff will routinely check on the residents to provide cares. When this happens, the visitor of any kind may be asked to step outside the door into the hall where they should wait.
12. Visitors of any kind and the resident they are visiting must have surgical masks on. Eye protection must also be worn by the visitor. Residents do have the right to refuse this.
13. Prairie Manor will store non-soiled masks and goggles/face shield after the visit and ask that the visitor reuse the mask upon the next visit in an effort to conserve PPE. The mask will be labeled as theirs. We urge the visitor to bring their own surgical PPE.

14. Upon entry at the front door, the visitor must: hand sanitize, give us their contact information, note time of arrival, put on a surgical mask & eyewear, answer whether they are or have recently been ill, been in contact with the ill, and get their temperature checked. Anyone who has had contact with someone who is COVID positive in the last 14 days will not be allowed entry.
15. Upon exit the visitor will hand sanitize, return the mask, and note the time of leaving.
16. The visitor and resident can only meet in an area where they can both maintain 6 feet social distancing from other people. For instance, if there is a roommate situation and the roommate would like to stay in the room, this would force the visitor and the resident to go to another location such as the activity room, or family room. They are to be allowed as much privacy as possible.
17. Prairie Manor Care Center will allow no more than 20 outsiders in the building at one time. Heather Haus will not allow more than 10. Exceptions will only be made for compassionate care.
18. If the facility is in a conventional or contingency staffing capacity this policy will remain in effect. If the facility is in staffing crisis, visitation may be limited.
19. Families will be notified of positive results via the Prairie Manor Website. Updates have been done and may be done through Facebook, email, or phone call.
20. Fully vaccinated (defined as anyone who is 2 weeks past the final dose of the COVID19 vaccine) residents can leave the facility for non-essential appointments and won't have to quarantine upon return, but symptoms will be monitored for 14 days. If not fully vaccinated residents may be quarantined based on MDH guidelines.

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh-revised.pdf>

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/ltceoguide.html>

COVID-19 Updates from Prairie Manor

Prairie Manor has created a COVID-19 tab on our website. This is the place to go to find the most up-to-date COVID-19 information for the facility.



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