



June 2022 - We hope you will enjoy this monthly update bringing you the scoop on all that's happening among our Beechwood community.

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Summer at the Beech is Near!



Mark your calendars for these **FREE** community events throughout the summer at the Beechwood Campus (corner of Millersport Highway and North Forest).



Beechwood Farmers Market

Starting June 16 and running every Thursday from 3pm-7pm



Wheels on Wednesday Car Cruise

Wednesday, June 29, 6pm-8pm

Includes entertainment, children's activities, basket raffle and food and beverages.



Boppin at the Beech Concerts

(with food trucks and beer and wine garden)

Friday, July 15, 6pm-8pm with *The Informers*

Friday, August 19, 6pm-8pm with *The Boys of Summer*

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The Grace Flanagan Memorial Fund



Asbury Pointe Retirement Community recently received a generous donation from the Flanagan Family & Friends in memory of the wife/mother/grandmother Grace Flanagan. Grace was a resident at Asbury Pointe from 2017 - 2022. The donation was developed as the "Grace Flanagan Memorial Fund" to help supply new books for the resident library and to bring in speakers.

While a resident at Asbury Pointe, Grace Flanagan took over the position as head librarian; a volunteer position, to keep order in the two in-house libraries. She had such a passion for reading. Grace always tried to find new ways to get the residents to read and be involved within the libraries.

Before coming to Asbury, Grace was married to Tom Flanagan (still an Asbury Pointe resident) for 67 years. They have five children, fourteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Grace worked as a Reading Specialist at Mill Middle School for 25 years. She was a wonderful teacher and friend to all and will be greatly missed; however, she will always be remembered with every book that is read.

Open Houses at Asbury and North Church



Asbury Pointe Retirement Community **June 11 & 18, 1-4pm**

Be sure to call Marilyn at 716-810-7500 to register for one of these open houses.

Luxury apartments in Amherst
Countless amenities
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Heated underground parking
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Presbyterian Village at North Church **July 21, 11-4pm** **August 4, 11-4pm**

Be sure to call Lisa at 716-810-7475 to register.

A hidden gem surrounded by a wildlife sanctuary and lush campus yet walkable to the Village of Williamsville and all of its conveniences.

Meet our Super Social Workers at Ken-Ton Presbyterian Village



Meet Bonnie, one of our dedicated Social Workers at Ken-Ton Presbyterian Village. Bonnie always knew that she wanted to work with the elderly, and her favorite part of the job is getting to know each resident and hearing their unique stories. She finds it very rewarding when she can help our residents with various tasks. Bonnie often works with our Enriched Housing residents and is thrilled that we have such a great program to offer the residents. This program offers a daily hot meal, housekeeping and laundry services and can bridge the gap between independent living and skilled nursing care.

Bonnie and her friend Lynne have a business called Bonnie-Lynne Creations where they take their love of Buffalo and make themed coaster sets that are being sold in two local Buffalo Stores: Totally Buffalo & Rustic Buffalo.

In her "spare" time Bonnie loves being with her granddaughter.



Meet Sharon, one of our Social Workers at Ken-Ton Presbyterian Village who has been with us for almost four years. Sharon brings a wealth of experience in helping others, working as an advocate for crime victims; as a case manager for sex trafficking victims; and now as a social worker here at Ken-Ton. Here she ensures our residents are receiving the services that they need and are available to them. Sharon is committed to representing and advocating for those in her care.

Sharon likes to spend her free time with her family, her husband of 26 years and her two daughters. Her youngest daughter keeps her busy as she shuttles her between track and dance. Sharon also finds time to cultivate her love of singing at venues around the Buffalo area. If you frequent Kleinhans Music Hall or the Tralf Music Hall, you might 'catch her in the act'!

Reflecting on Military Appreciation Month



This is Norman, a Beechwood Homes resident, who served in the United States Air Force from 1951-1954. He chose to go into the service after he graduated from Riverdale High School so that he could also attend college while serving. Three years of his



This is Gerald, a resident at Asbury Retirement Community who had a long career in the military, retiring as a Sargent Major with 24 years of service. Gerald started his service at Alameda Island, California in the United States Coast Guard in



Meet Richard, our Director of Maintenance at Presbyterian Village at North Church, who served with the United States Marine Corp for five years. He enlisted at the age of 22 and spent the next 5 years serving our country and achieved the rank of Corporal. His overseas placements were in the Mediterranean, and in Afghanistan. His unit was the first one sent in to Afghanistan after 9/11.

We appreciate Richard, and all our staff and residents who have served – Thank you!

service were spent stationed in England. He worked as a vehicle mechanic while he studied to become a mechanical engineer. He finished his degree with the service at the University of Maryland.

While stationed in England, Norman kept in contact with his high school girlfriend whom he wrote to regularly. In one letter, he invited her to come to England to be his wife and 'travel the world' together. She accepted and they married in England, honeymooning in London. After he completed his service, he and his wife Elaine raised two children and had 71 years together.

1949 where he served for a little over a year. He enlisted in the United States Air Force at the beginning of the Korean War in 1950 and served four years of active duty in Amarillo, Texas, then at the Niagara Falls Air Force Base as a technical instructor in air craft instruments. During this time, he married his wife of 69 years and had two children.

Gerald then attended the University at Buffalo, then Indiana Institute of Technology where he received his Bachelors in Electronic Engineering. He served in the Air Force and Army Reserves while completing his Masters in Electronic Engineering and working as a teacher at Corning Community College. For the last 35 years, he has been a member of the American Legion, which focuses on service to veterans.

Resident Life at Beechwood



Asbury Pointe Retirement Community residents enjoyed a day at the Aquarium of Niagara. Field trips are not just for kids!



Residents at Presbyterian Village at North Church having afternoon tea at Asa Ransom House.



Throughout the month of May we celebrated our nursing staff and speech language pathologists for the compassionate care they give to our residents everyday. It shows on the smiles we see on our residents.

Ken-Ton Presbyterian Village residents made crafts that were hung in the lobby. Our residents enjoy creating decorations and displaying them throughout the year.

Did You Know...



Did you know you can send a greeting card to your loved one here at Beechwood? You can even include a photo! [Click here](#), type in your message, upload your photo and we will make sure your loved one receives the message.

Beechwood Employment Opportunities

Is it time for a change in your career? Are you looking for an opportunity to advance your profession? Are you interested in being part of a team, a family, where you are appreciated, encouraged and rewarded?

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