

May 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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## SAVE THE DATE (S)...



We are very excited to announce that we will be hosting various outdoor events throughout the summer - FREE FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY. The series of events fall under what we are calling Summer at the Beech. The events will all take place on the Beechwood campus and include:

**Boppin at the Beech** - a music series taking place on **Friday, July 15, 6-8pm with The Informers; and Friday, August 19, 6-8pm with The Boys of Summer.**

Each event will have food trucks and beer and wine for purchase. So put on your dancing shoes and get ready to boogie or bring your chair and tap your toes.

**Wheels on Wednesday** - We're bringing back our annual car show event, a resident favorite, and inviting the community on Wednesday, June 29, 6-8pm. This is a free event for everyone with food, live music and a children's area.

**Beechwood Farmers Market** - Stop by our weekly farmers market featuring local farmers with fresh produce. Every Thursday, June 16-August 18, 3-7pm.

## Open Houses at Asbury and North Church



### Asbury Pointe Retirement Community May 7 & 21, 1-4pm

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

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### Presbyterian Village at North Church May 24, 11am-6pm

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## Beechwood Resident Turns 110!



Celestine Siemankowski Bowman Szemenciak, Sally, a resident here at Beechwood Continuing Care in Getzville, New York, celebrated a significant milestone on April 5, 2022 when she turned 110 years old!

This supercentenarian was born on Good Friday in 1912, baptized that Easter Sunday at St. Stanislaus Church, resided in Sloan, New York and is the oldest as well as the longest-standing member of St. Andrew Church. Sally attended Sloan Union Free School No. 9, a one room schoolhouse, Sloan Vocational School and graduated from St. Ann's Business School. She was employed as a stenographer in the Welfare and Tax Departments in Erie County, a senior accounts clerk in the Tax Office of Cheektowaga, courts stenographer for the Village of Sloan, and owned and operated the Cedar Inn in Sloan with her second husband, Peter Szemenciak.

Throughout her life, Sally has been known to be a very sharp dresser, a great cook and baker, with her specialty being Placek, a Polish sweet bread. Sally loved to travel, with adventures that included many visits to Mexico, Hawaii, the Caribbean and a bus excursion through the Canadian Rockies.

Sally has five children, eight grandchildren (including a grandson SHE DELIVERED in her home in 1953), seventeen great grandchildren and twelve great-great grandchildren.

In 2019, she moved to Beechwood Homes in Getzville where she enjoys playing bingo and rummy with her friends, visiting with family from Sloan and listening to music.

## Congratulations to our Beechwood Employees



Congratulations to Melinda Crawford who was recently promoted to Director of Human Resources for Beechwood Continuing Care. Melinda has been a part of the team for over three years. Melinda loves the positive work environment and is actively involved on a number of committees. Melinda runs the diaper program, which offers diapers to staff members at a discounted price. She also helps to lead the Beech Buddies, a wellness program that encourages staff to live a healthier lifestyle through fun activities and incentives. Another



Congratulations to Dan Jelonek who has been promoted to Executive Director of Asbury Pointe Retirement Community. Prior to the promotion, Jelonek worked as Asbury's Dining Services Manager for 20 years.

Jelonek is a Buffalo native with a degree in Hospitality Administration from Buffalo State College. He spent a number of years in Florida working in the nursing home industry but eventually returned to his hometown - Buffalo.

The residents at Asbury are thrilled to have Dan Jelonek as their new Executive Director,



Congratulations to Denise Rine, who was promoted to Administrator of Ken-Ton Presbyterian Village. Denise served as Office Manager for the last seven years and with her dedication to the residents here, she has made a seamless transition to the role of Administrator. She loves everything about her new job. As a people-oriented person, she loves getting to know the residents and hearing about their stories before they became a resident. It is her goal to make their transition to senior apartment living as easy as



perk Melinda is excited to be working on for our staff is My Better Benefits, which offers savings on travel and entertainment.

Melinda is truly helping to make Beechwood an AWESOME place to work!

feeling that they are very safe in the hands of someone who loves the community as much as they do.

In his free time, Dan loves to spend time with his family or on his boat that is docked here in Buffalo.

possible, keeping in mind that many of them are coming from their family home and are downsizing.

Denise grew up in the Buffalo area and raised her son in Kenmore. In her free time, she works out regularly, goes to the movies, and spends every other Friday shopping with her best friend.

## Resident Life at Beechwood



Our residents at Asbury Pointe Retirement Community made dolls to send to the Ukraine children.



At the Presbyterian Village at North Church, we will drive you to the grocery store, we will even carry the bags inside for you!



Sunshine & Smiles! ☺ It's what our Occupational Therapy department provides our residents on a daily basis. Throughout the month of April we celebrated their hard work and dedication to enhancing the quality of life our residents have here at Beechwood.



Last month at Ken-Ton Presbyterian Village, we celebrated our resident volunteers with a delicious brunch. Our volunteers deliver newsletters and packages to fellow residents; run the 'Mart Cart' where residents can do a little shopping; conduct the exercise program; participate in the Sunshine Club where they distribute birthday cards; and many other helpful services for our community. We appreciate all that you do!

## 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.

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