



OAKMONT *Livonia* News

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We hosted our second annual “Night at the Museum,” on March 20th. Everyone seemed to enjoy looking at artwork from local schools alongside pieces made by our very own talented residents and staff members. We also enjoyed the musical talents of George the violinist while creating and eating cupcakes and other desserts. It was a fantastic evening celebrating creativity in our community. Above, is a picture of Nancy E. who had several art pieces in the museum.



Wednesday, April 8th
3:00 pm

Tiffani will be here to talk about
Advance Directives.

Bring your children or caregivers.



From the Activity Corner

April is shaping up to be a month full of activity, laughter, and connection. After a long winter, we are excited to welcome spring with a full calendar of activities for everyone to enjoy.

We will kick off the month by celebrating Detroit Tigers Opening Day with a fun party on Friday, April 3rd at 1:00 PM. Join us as we cheer on the Tigers and celebrate the start of baseball season together. Be sure to wear your Detroit Tigers shirt, or orange and blue if you don't have one. It's a great way to show your team spirit and enjoy an afternoon of baseball, snacks, and good company. Also, if you haven't already signed up, we will be going to Comerica Park for a Tiger game on June 11th. Tickets are only \$27. Wheelchairs are available for people who will need them.

One of our favorite seasonal traditions is returning – the Walking Club will start up again this month! Join us on Wednesdays and Saturdays as we take advantage of the fresh air, sunshine, and friendship along the way. Whether you walk the whole route or just part of it, everyone is encouraged to participate at their own pace. It's a wonderful way to stay active, socialize, and enjoy the beauty of spring.

A very special guest will be hopping in early this year! The Easter Bunny will visit on Saturday, April 4th at 3:00 PM. Residents will have the opportunity to take photos and enjoy a festive afternoon, so be sure to invite your grandchildren and great-grandchildren to join the fun. The Easter Bunny will also be passing out some goodies, making this a sweet celebration for all ages.

Join us on April 8th at 3:00 PM for an informative session with Morgan from Hospice of Michigan. Morgan will be discussing advance directives, helping you understand how to make important healthcare decisions and ensure your wishes are clearly documented. We encourage you to invite your children or caregivers to attend with you, as this is a valuable opportunity for everyone involved in your care to learn and ask questions together.

We are also excited to introduce a new group this month – the Foodie Club! Residents will help choose different restaurants for us to visit, and after each outing, we'll rate our experience together. It will be a fun way to try new places, share great meals, and discover some hidden gems in the area. Sign-up at the front desk if you are interested in participating.

On April 1st, we will be attending another wonderful free concert at Schoolcraft College to hear trombonist Kenneth Gill perform. This promises to be a delightful musical experience and a lovely way to spend time together enjoying live entertainment. *(Continued on the next page.)*

We are also excited to offer a special “Tour of Detroit” on April 8th. This will be a comfortable driving tour – no walking required – as we explore the city and learn about the fascinating history behind many of its iconic buildings and landmarks. Afterwards, we will head out together for lunch, making it both an educational and enjoyable day out.

Join us for a special visit from Tiffani with The Hearing Depot on April 16th at 3:00 pm. Tiffani will be sharing helpful information about hearing loss and overall hearing health. Learn about common signs of hearing changes, available solutions, and ways to improve your quality of life. We are also hoping to offer future opportunities for hearing aid cleanings and hearing tests, so this is a great chance to learn more and ask questions!

There’s been a murder at Oakmont and we need your help figuring out “who dunnit.” Join us for a **Murder Mystery Night** at Oakmont is Friday, April 24th at 6:30 pm! We need family and residents to participate, for both playing the characters and solving the mystery. Without volunteers to play the parts, we won’t be able to do this event. We’ll provide costumes, food, and lots of fun, making it an unforgettable evening for everyone involved.



1:00 pm



Wear your Detroit Tigers gear.
Enjoy ballpark style snacks
Great company and Tiger Spirit!



The Easter Bunny is Coming!

Saturday, April 4th 3:00 pm

Get Your Picture Taken with the Easter Bunny
Bring the Family – Everyone is Welcome!



Birthday Party

Tuesday April 21st 2:00 pm

Entertainment by
Tom Birchler



Road Trip!

Mondays

April 6 Portillos Restaurant
April 13 Deadwood Bar & Grill
April 20 Antonio's Restaurant
April 27 Laurel Park Used Book Sale
Olga's Restaurant

Wednesdays

April 1 Schoolcraft College Concert
and Lunch TBD
April 8 Tour of Detroit
April 15 Museum of Natural History
April 22 Kroger
April 29 West Oaks Mall

Sign up at the front desk.

We can only accommodate one wheelchair on every trip.

Resident Spotlight

For the past three years, Essie has been a cherished member of the Oakmont Livonia community, bringing warmth, wisdom, and genuine love to everyone she meets. She enjoys life here at Oakmont, especially the connections she's made along the way. Whether she's chatting with fellow residents, joining outings, or attending special events—like the recent Alzheimer's discussion, Essie embraces each opportunity to stay engaged and connected.

Essie's story begins in Orrville, Alabama, where she was born and later graduated from Prentice High School. She was raised by her mother, who remarried a Methodist preacher after Essie's biological father made a lifelong commitment to the Army. She grew up in a large family with three sisters and one brother.

After graduation, Essie's life took a pivotal turn when her cousins invited her to Detroit for a month-long visit. She met the love of her life, Robert (Bob) through one of her cousins. That visit turned into a lifelong love story. Essie married Bob, and the two shared an incredible 64 years of marriage before his passing four years ago. She reflects on their relationship with deep love, saying there was no one like him—he was a wonderful husband, and they built a truly great life together.

Essie and Bob raised four children—Deborah, Kenneth, Corliss, and Eric—and their family has since grown to include three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Family has always been at the heart of Essie's life.

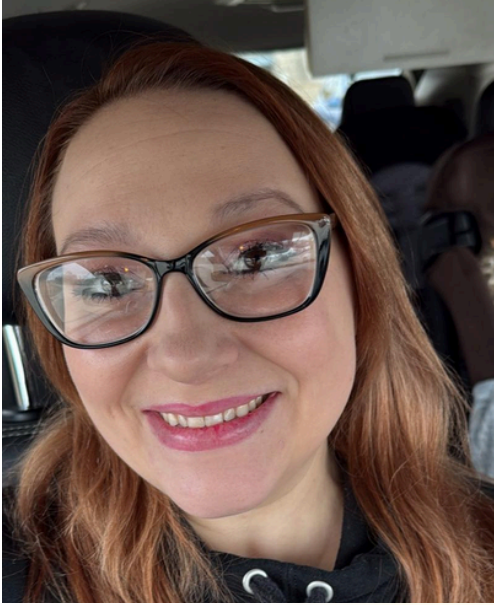
For 23 years, Essie worked for Mr. and Mrs. Olson, caring for their children. She fondly remembers the experience, especially learning about their Jewish culture. Her love for children shines through as she shares, "Kids are my joy." She made sure they stayed active and engaged—there were no long hours spent watching television or playing video games. Instead, she kept them busy with crafts, games, and plenty of time playing outside, creating a home full of creativity, activity, and togetherness.

Essie has a creative and nurturing spirit. She loves cooking and once enjoyed collecting recipes—though she admits she misses being able to cook. She is also a talented seamstress, having made clothing not only for herself but for her children as well.

When asked about life lessons, Essie offers heartfelt wisdom: "Be patient. Think things through before you act. Take life day by day and be thankful for what you have—because someone always has more. Every day is a blessed day."

Essie's outlook on life, her kindness, and her appreciation for each day make her a special part of the Oakmont community.

Employee Spotlight



Kathryn “Kat” is a familiar and friendly face at Oakmont, bringing warmth, compassion, and a genuine sense of care to everyone she sees. Born in Livonia and now a resident of Garden City, Kat’s roots in the community run deep. She attended Churchill High School and later earned her GED—an accomplishment that reflects her determination and resilience.

Kat’s story is also one of lasting love. She met her husband, Tony, when they were both students at Frost Middle School, and their journey together has grown into a beautiful family of six. They are proud parents to Gabriella (9), Gianna (5), Anthony (3), and Alessia (6 months) who keep life busy and full of joy.

Kat began her journey at Oakmont two years ago in housekeeping, encouraged by her grandmother, Sue. Sue is a resident here and spoke so highly of the community that Kat decided to join the team—and she’s been making a difference ever since. Working two days a week, Kat says what she loves most is the people. She treasures listening to residents’ stories and building meaningful connections, always striving to treat each person as if they were her own grandparents so they feel truly at home.

Outside of work, Kat enjoys painting and hosts a podcast focused on addiction awareness—something deeply personal to her. She proudly shares that she is six years sober, a milestone that speaks to her strength and commitment to growth.

On tougher days, Kat finds balance by taking a walk outside or talking things through with her husband. Her outlook is simple but powerful: no matter what kind of day you’re having, you pull it together and keep moving forward with positivity.

When asked to describe Oakmont, Kat calls it “helpful,” “homey,” clean, and filled with great staff—a reflection of the environment she helps create every day.

Kat’s kindness, resilience, and heart for others make her an incredible part of the Oakmont family.



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Senior Communities

Happy Birthday!

- Barbara K. 4/1
- Deborah F. 4/4
- Harold J. 4/5
- Gene H. 4/8
- Ellen C. 4/10
- Essie H. 4/16
- Bob I. 4/26
- Toni L. 4/26
- Mary Jo L. 4/27
- Kathy R. 4/28
- Karl W. 4/30



Dr. Kaplan
Podiatrist
248-986-5705

will be here
April 18th

Call if you need to
schedule an appointment.



Hearing Depot

April 16 at 3:00 pm

Learn about common signs of hearing changes, available solutions, and ways to improve your quality of life.



Need to see a Nurse?
Andrea, Dr. Tobin's N.P.
is here on

Thursdays or Fridays.

Her appointment book is upstairs by the
Homestead Office.



Need Transportation?

Oakmont driver, Davarus, "D" provides transportation to appointments, stores, restaurants, etc... within 10 miles of Oakmont.

He is available:

Mondays and Wednesdays 2:00 - 4:00pm

Thursdays 12:00 - 4:00pm

Call to schedule an appointment.

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JOIN US FOR INTERACTIVE

**MURDER
MYSTERY**

JAZZ, GIN, MONEY—AND MURDER

**WE NEED RESIDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS
TO PLAY THE CHARACTERS AS WE WORK
TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF WHO DUNNIT**

FRIDAY, APRIL  24 6:30PM

It's 1923, and the party seems endless at Jay Glittersby's New York mansion—until a shot rings out, and an unwelcome guest is found dead. Was the motive revenge, jealousy, or greed? Is the murderer a flapping dancer, a jazzy musician or a slyly deferential server? Maybe it will be—YOU!

**SIGN UP AT THE FRONT DESK
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE
FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**