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SENIOR LIVING & HOME HELPERS

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NEWSLETTER



Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

Over the past month, we've planted beautiful flowers, welcomed new friends, enjoyed exciting games, and celebrated our very first Family Fun Day. We've refreshed our spaces, indulged in hair and nail days, and shared countless joyful moments together.

Looking ahead to next month, we're thrilled to launch our Garden Club! Our members will care for all the indoor and outdoor plants and help keep our bird feeders full, nurturing both our gardens and our community spirit.

It has been a month full of friendship, creativity, and memorable experiences, and we can't wait to see what the next month brings!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Janice Hunt is a compassionate and dedicated licensed Administrator in the senior care industry, and as a Level II National Administrator known for her unwavering commitment to enhancing the quality of life for those she serves. With a strong foundation in caregiving and a heart for service, Janice brings both professionalism and genuine empathy to her work, ensuring that every individual in her care is treated with dignity, respect, and kindness.

Throughout her career, Janice has demonstrated a natural ability to connect with seniors and their families, creating a warm and supportive environment that fosters trust and comfort. Her attention to detail, strong communication skills, and servant-leadership approach have made her a valued presence among colleagues and the communities she serves. She is deeply passionate about advocating for the needs of seniors and continuously strives to improve care standards and outcomes.

Beyond her professional work, Janice's life reflects her deep commitment to family, faith, and community. She is a devoted wife and proud mother of three sons, and she cherishes her role as a mother-in-law to three amazing daughters-in-law. Janice is also a loving grandmother to five grandchildren and a great-grandmother to two, embracing every opportunity to support and celebrate her growing family.

Her dedication to service extends into her community, where she was volunteer director of the local Crisis Pregnancy Center and has also volunteered at her local hospital, offering comfort and care to cancer patients and staff. In addition, Janice has faithfully served in ministry for many years as a piano teacher and musician and choral director in her church, using her gifts to inspire others and strengthen her community through faith and music.

Janice Hunt's life and career is guided by compassion, integrity, and a genuine desire to make a difference. Her blend of professional excellence and heartfelt service makes her a trusted and respected figure in the senior care field and beyond.

-Janice
Executive Director

DID YOU KNOW?



Event/ You should know info

August 26th is Women's Equality Day. To celebrate, we will have our first public speakers., Linda Jenson and Missi Losasso! Please join us at 2pm in the activity room.

IMPORTANT DATES

8/11-Sitercise w/ Tiera
8/12-Birthday Party w/ Tracie
8/28-Resident Council

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>>> HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



Staff Birthdays

Jolene- August 31st



MARJORIE LEACH
AUGUST 8TH



ROBERT SIMPSON
AUGUST 14TH



WALLY THOMPSON
AUGUST 14TH

>>> NEW FRIENDLY FACES



ELIZABETH MAKLEY

We are pleased to welcome Elizabeth Makley, a Navy veteran, Army spouse, and Ohio native who has lived in 48 states and served at the Naval Photography Center in Washington, D.C. Elizabeth enjoys board games, cards, being outdoors, and has a fondness for 3 Musketeers bars and Butterfinger cookies. She is hoping to meet others interested in playing canasta and yubert. Please join us in making her feel at home

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ACTIVITIES



Hello Friends,

I have been working to create activities that bring joy, connection, and a sense of community to everyone we serve. Whether it's a lively group event, a quiet creative workshop, or a new adventure we've never tried before, my goal is to make sure there's something for everyone to enjoy. I'm continually inspired by the enthusiasm and participation you bring to each gathering. Your smiles, laughter, and willingness to try new things are what make our programs so special. As we look ahead, I encourage you to share your ideas—this is your community, and your voice helps shape what we do.

Thank you for being part of our journey. Let's make the coming weeks full of memorable moments together!

With appreciation,
Nikki



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

08 AUGUST 2026						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 10:30AM- Georgia on my Mind 11AM- Bingo w/ Daniel from Tapestry 2PM- Watermelon Social	4 10AM- Devotional w/ Davis from Tapestry 1PM- Ring Toss 2PM- Fishing for Compliments	5 10AM- Fill The Cups 11AM- Crafting Corner 2PM- Activity w/ Erika from Willowbrook	6 10AM- Balloon Bounce 11AM- RootBeer Floats w/ Amber from Piedmont 2PM- Activity with Amity	7 11:30AM- Bingo 1:30PM- Sea Serpent Shooting 2PM- Creative Corner	8
9	10 10AM- Bingo w/ Lotus Blossom 11AM- Elvis Finish the lyrics 2PM- Crafting Corner	11 10AM- Devotional w/ Davis from Tapestry 12PM- Elvis Trivia 2PM- Sitercize w/ Tiera from Affinity	12 11AM- Elvis Crossword w/ Munson and Art Atrium 2PM- Birthday Party w/ Tracie from Willowbrook	13 10AM- Elvis in the Movies 1:30PM- Activity w/ Stacey	14 11:30AM- Bingo 1:30- Popsicles with Fruit 2:30PM- Elvis Sandwich Social	15
16	17 10AM- Coffee and Chat 12PM- Sticky Hands 2PM- Table Tetherball	18 10AM- Devotional w/ Davis from Tapestry 2PM- Music w/ Wesley Chapel	19 10AM- Crafting Corner 2PM- The Sweet Lab 4PM- Library	20 10AM- Kerplunk 11AM- Nail Day 2:30PM- Ice Cream w/ Lotus Blossom	21 10:30AM- Audiobook 11:30AM- Bingo 2PM- Tic, Tac, Toe	22
23	24 10AM- Bingo w/ Lotus Blossom 2PM- Snowcones w/ Piedmont	25 10AM- Devotional w/ Davis from Tapestry 11:30AM- Price is Right 2PM- Sweet Lab w/ Affinity	26 10AM- Build a Face Challenge 11AM- Claw Machine 2PM- Public Speaker	27 10AM- Crafting Corner 11:30AM- Balloon Bounce 2:30PM- Bartow History Museum	28 12:30PM- Birthday Party w/ Daniel 1:30- Popsicles with Fruit 2:30- Resident Council	29
30	31 10AM- Coffee and Chat 11AM- Table Pong 2PM- Lemonade on the Patio					

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>>> HOT SHOTS



ROCKSTAR RESIDENT

Merriday "Bubba" Winningham

This month, we're proud to spotlight Bubba, a standout resident whose kindness and steady spirit make him a joy to know. Originally from Jacksonville, Florida, Bubba is a devoted father to three daughters and spent much of his career working hard in a warehouse. He's a man of faith who loves attending church, a curious mind who enjoys reading about science, and a sports fan who never misses a good football or basketball game. His favorite holiday is Easter, when he gets to dress up and celebrate with joy. Bubba's positivity, dedication, and genuine heart make him a true rockstar in our community.



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Tracey Hannah

Highlands is honored to recognize Tracey as our Employee of the Month! Tracey is the kind of person who makes a difference every single day. Whether she's caring for our residents as a med tech and caregiver or stepping in to help a coworker, she does it all with kindness, compassion, and a genuine smile. Her willingness to help others, positive attitude, and caring heart make her an invaluable part of the Highlands family. And if you've ever heard Tracey sing, you know her beautiful voice has a way of bringing joy and lifting the spirits of everyone around her. Tracey, thank you for your unwavering dedication, your selfless heart, and the warmth you bring to our residents, their families, and your coworkers each day. We are so grateful to have you on our team, and we couldn't think of anyone more deserving of this recognition.

Congratulations, Tracey, on being our Employee of the Month!

MEET THE TEAM!



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Ed McDaniel
Maintenance

At the heart of our community is a dedicated management team committed to making this place feel like home. From daily operations to special events and personalized care, our team works behind the scenes (and often front and center!) to ensure every resident feels safe, heard, and valued.