

NEWSLETTER

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Forest Pod 400's

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Did you know that in Finland February is called "the month of the pearl?" The first signs of winter subsiding often cause the frost on tree branches to melt, re-freeze and then take on the appearance of pearls of ice sitting along the tree limbs. We

can see the first signs of season change in the corners of our Brendan House courtyard where the Iris are peeking above a few inches of snow. These are the signs we all wait for to let us know we are immersing from the winter slumber and new life is about to spring forth! We took a vote... here at Brendan House we're all ready for those signs of spring! Bring it on!

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WHILE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SPRING.....

If you have any interest in volunteering for our annual Brendan House garden project, please contact Cheryl Lowe, or anyone in the Activity

Department, at 751-6517.

We have many ways throughout the gardening process that you can volunteer to assist residents, or we can find you relaxing individual tasks to do on your own. When reasonably certain frost is no longer a problem, we have big 1-2 day planting party the end of May or beginning of June. Our gardens are medicine! Please join us for a bit of fun!

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN PLACING A LOVED ONE IN OUR CARE...

It is an adjustment to move from a home into communal and a room with limited space. The goal would be to make it comfortable and have the feel of home.

- Pick one comfortable chair
- One familiar piece of furniture, space appropriate
- A TV, preferably with headphone capability. Headphones are a requirement if hearing impairments require louder volumes.
- Chose a few personal items and pictures, personal quilts, etc.
- A clock, a telephone, laptop/tablet

Due to safety regulations for our industry, we do not allow the use of multi-plugs or extension cords. Heating pads, electrical blankets, cooking appliances and portable heaters are also not allowable by code. We ask that you limit, or restrict, glass shelving, cases or other breakable furniture.

We will be happy to consult with you regarding furniture, electrical needs, etc. We ask that our staff assist with all picture hanging, TV installation, etc. We are happy to help.



EMMA AND ABBEY ARE ON DUTY MOST DAYS....



We are a very pet friendly facility. Emma and Abbey are the both here Monday through Friday and sometimes on the weekend. Emma is a standard Goldendoodle and Abbey is a Mini-Goldendoodle. They are still young and full of life. They love to visit, get petted and play for everyone to watch in the courtyard when it's open. They never get tired of romping and chasing those balls!

PLEASE REMEMBER FLU, COLDS AND NORO VIRUS ARE PREVALENT IN OUR COMMUNITY



If you, or a member of your family is experiencing fever, nausea, vomiting, runny nose, sore throat or any other cold symptoms....

Please choose to visit another time!

Our population is very vulnerable and can be hit hard by these infections.

We currently have restrictions on visitors under the age of 13 years old. Please ask at the front desk for current information.

Rose Award February 2017



Chelsea Ronan, Therapy Services

The Rose Award is given to an outstanding employee at Brendan House each quarter. The recipient is nominated by their peers based on how they live out the KRH Core Values: Uphold **INTEGRITY** in words and actions; Show **COMPASSION** to every person, every time; Provide **SERVICE** to patients, co-workers and community; Demonstrate **EXCELLENCE** every day, in every way; Take **OWNERSHIP** for all they do; and **ABOVE ALL...DO THE RIGHT THING!** Chelsea is a role model for the KRH Core Values as well as fulfilling the Brendan House mission of "providing resident centered care". **THANK YOU, CHELSEA! CONGRATULATIONS!**



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