

Dear Family and Friends,

This May is a special one for all of us at Maryhill! Maryhill began serving our community on May 1st, 1964, so we are celebrating our 60th anniversary this year. As I think about this landmark, I think of all the people that have come through our doors over the past 60 years, residents, families, friends of residents, staff members, vendors, and service people. We have been greatly blessed and privileged to care for and build countless relationships over the years. We look forward to continuing to carry out our mission for years to come.

Also, May 12th through May 18th is Nursing Home Week. What makes this a special week is we celebrate the essential role that skilled nursing facilities play in creating and nurturing connections for our residents. The work of long-term care is a calling. It is about service to others. We work with the most vulnerable, and our true reward is the touch of a hand, a smile, and a thank you. The theme for 2024 is Radiant Memories a Tribute to Golden Age of Radio. We would love for any family/friends to join us on May 15th at 6pm during nursing home week to have a fun family night. Entertainment will be Dakota Wildflower while you can enjoy a delicious treat by building your own banana splits. Please be on the lookout for pictures on our Facebook page of the different fun events.



Happy Mother's Day to ALL the MOTHERS Past, Present, or Soon To Be Moms. May your day be filled with love, joy, and laughter.

Maryhill prohibits the possession of tobacco and THC products within the building and bans its use on facility premises. These products include but are not limited to: cigarettes, pipes, cigars, e-cigarettes, vapes, chewing tobacco, marijuana, THC edibles and gummies. This applies to all residents and visitors. SMP Health - Maryhill is a "Tobacco/Smoke Free Facility." "No Smoking" signs and signs that identify this facility as a "Smoke Free Facility" will be prominently displayed at entrances. Smoking materials (lighters), tobacco products (including cigarettes, pipes, cigars, e-cigarettes, or smokeless/chewing tobacco), and products containing THC are discouraged from being inside the building but would be locked up if someone has them in their possession. These products are not allowed in resident rooms. Just a friendly reminder that staff members are not permitted to purchase or provide personal tobacco products to residents. Visitors are not allowed to purchase tobacco products for other residents within the facility and if you are buying for your loved ones these need to be locked up in the nurse's station as they are not allowed in rooms. Staff members are not permitted to take residents outside to smoke at any time and if you allow your loved one to smoke while out on an outing off facilities grounds that is entirely up to you. Thank you for your corporation and understanding to keep Maryhill a smoke-free facility.

On the SMP Health – Maryhill Website, under the About Us tab is a section dedicated to the family newsletters for 2024. If you ever misplace the hard copy or want to refer to a prior month's information, please feel free to navigate to the website to review the documents.

Enhanced Barrier Precautions / Infection Control Update:

Enhanced Barrier Precautions were implemented in April to follow regulations and best practices from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to help protect our residents from infections. You will notice additional signage throughout the facility and additional infection control carts for gown and gloves storage to be available and used during high-contact care activities. You can help stop the spread of germs by cleaning your hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizers which are available on the outside of all resident rooms along with inside the room near the bathroom or soap and water.

Maryhill continues in routine status (COVID Free) from an infection control perspective. Just for informational background CDC and CMS issued new COVID-19 infection control recommendations for the general public but that does not apply to long-term care/skilled nursing facilities. So, each time we go into outbreak status which means having one positive case, we need to mask for a minimum of 14 days from the last positive case. We appreciate the support and corporation to be flexible and understanding of the regulations built around routine and outbreak status. Our infection control and disinfectant process is extremely important that we focus on daily to try to keep everyone as healthy as possible. Masking is optional currently but please wear a mask if you are symptomatic with any respiratory illness such as runny nose, coughing or sneezing. Masks will continue to be provided at all entrances. Please continue to check in to obtain a visitor badge prior to entry on the screening machine at the front entrance. Just a friendly reminder that you only need to screen in once a day.



In Our Memories

We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of this special person who had become part of our Maryhill family and has died in the past month. We treasure our memories with them and pray that God will be with their loved ones at this time of loss. We will remember....

Dorothy Langer, 1935 – 2024

Stay healthy and God bless,
Bailyn Walz, CEO/Administrator

