

May Newsletter 2025

This year, we are excited to celebrate **National Skilled Nursing Care Week** from May 11th through May 17th, with the inspiring theme: “**Tapestry of Life.**” This theme honors the rich, diverse stories that weave together to form the beautiful fabric of our community. Each resident, staff member, and family bring their own unique thread to the tapestry, and together we create a meaningful and connected life at Maryhill.

We welcome families/friends to join us on **Wednesday May 14th** starting at 2pm for our Car Show followed by an Outdoor Picnic (Weather Permitting) with music by Joe DeMasi. Our greatest rewards often come from the simplest moments: a smile, a conversation, or a shared memory. Watch for photos of our weeklong celebrations on our Facebook page as we highlight the joy and connection that make Maryhill a home.

🌸 Happy Mother’s Day! 🌸

Wishing a heartfelt Happy Mother’s Day to all the mothers—past, present, and soon-to-be. May your day be filled with love, joy, and laughter, and may you feel celebrated for the many ways you nurture, guide, and love.

Building Update - Resident Room Refresh Project – Creating Spaces That Feel Like Home

We’re excited to share that our Resident Room Refresh Project is officially underway at Maryhill! As part of our continued commitment to enhancing the comfort and quality of life for our residents, we’re updating rooms to create spaces that are more welcoming, functional, and home-like.

What’s included in the refresh?

Each resident room will receive:

- Fresh paint in calming, modern tones
- Updated light fixtures to improve ambiance and visibility
- New window blinds for increased natural light and privacy
- Thoughtful design touches (comforters) to enhance the warmth and feel of home



This project has generous support from the Enderlin Endowment Fund, and we are incredibly grateful for their commitment to helping us improve resident living spaces. These updates are being done with minimal disruption to residents, and great care is being taken to ensure each room remains safe and personalized throughout the process.

Operational Leadership Team Update:

Katie Oehlke is taking on a new adventure and will no longer be in her coordinator position come May 16th, 2025. We are actively interviewing for her replacement to ensure a smooth transition. Stay turn on who our new Activity/Mission Coordinator will be.

We are excited to have Breana Briss, admissions/social worker, back from her Maternity leave on May 15th, 2025!

- Aubrey Mark is currently in Breana’s office through May 16th helping to offer support Monday – Friday 9am to 4pm. Please don’t hesitate to let any office staff know if there is anything we can do during this time.

In May we will be hiring for an Environmental Services Coordinator! Thank you, Julie Dick, for all the amazing Years of Service you will be missed.

- Shannon Mark is covering in the interim so if there is anything related to plant, housekeeping or laundry, feel free to reach out to Shannon at this time. Email: Shannon.mark@smphs.org or 701-437-3544 ext. 127

Infection Control: We remain in routine status and normal operations. Masks are at the main entry if you wish to wear one, but they are not required and please avoid visitation if you are symptomatic with any respiratory illness such as runny nose, coughing or sneezing.

Safety / Security: Continue to Screen In and Obtain a Visitor Badge upon entry. Always wear the visitor badge inside the building. Do not let anyone out the front door unless it is confirmed to be safe. The goal is to facilitate easy exit for visitors while keeping residents safe. If someone wants to follow you out or requests the door to be opened, seek a staff member to verify safety before proceeding.

Resident Outings with Family Members:

Please remember to inform a staff member before taking your loved one out of the building and sign them in and out on the clipboard at the main nurse’s station. This is also a great time to check if any medications are needed for the outing. Thank you!

In Our Loving Memory... We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of those who were part of our Maryhill family and have passed away this past month. We treasure the memories shared with them and pray for comfort and peace for their loved ones during this time of loss. They will always be remembered with love and care.

Timothy Adair – Nancy Liedahl – Douglas Richman – Dorothy Zdeb – Alan Goodnight

Stay healthy and God bless,

Bailyn Hilstad, CEO/Administrator