

# December Newsletter 2025

As we enter the month of December, we step into a season filled with hope, reflection, and togetherness. For many, this is a sacred time that celebrates the birth of Christ and brings forth a season of light, gratitude, and connection. Throughout the month, our residents will enjoy meaningful moments through festive activities, peaceful times of reflection, holiday music, seasonal treats, and opportunities to gather with loved ones. We are truly thankful for those who call our community home, their families, and the dedicated staff who serve with compassion each day. We look forward to sharing a joyful Advent and Christmas Season.

## **Caregiver Award Nominations:**

Do you want to thank a healthcare worker who changed your life, or the life of someone you love? North Dakota Long-Term Care association provides residents/family members an opportunity to honor and recognize special people at Maryhill who care for you or your loved one. Attached is an application to nominate a caregiver who goes above and beyond to substantially enhance the quality of life for the residents. Applications accepted by the North Dakota Long-Term Care Association until February 6th, 2026.

## **Exciting Events Coming Up:**

**Tree Of Lights:** As we approach the Christmas season, we are excited to announce our annual "Tree of Lights" fundraiser. This event has been a major source of funds for Maryhill projects, helping us enhance the lives of our residents through various activities and improvements. This year, we plan to upgrade some of our rooms within the facility (flooring, recliner/furniture). All the money that is raised by our fundraisers is used strictly for the added comfort and enjoyment of our residents!

**Christmas Open House:** Mark your calendars and bring the whole family to enjoy time with your loved one at our open house. We'll have a special visit from Santa, live entertainment, a tour of one of our completely remodeled rooms, and plenty of delicious food and treats! Afterward, be sure to check out Frost Fest taking place in the community with local businesses that evening.

- **WHEN:** DEC 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- **TIME:** 4:00pm to 6:00pm
- **LOCATION:** Maryhill Manor

## **Haircare Price Change Reminder:**

Starting 1-1-2026 Haircare prices will be increasing. If there are any questions please feel free to come in and ask. Effective January 1<sup>st</sup> Haircare prices will be:

- **Cuts:** \$25.00
- **Color:** \$65.00
- **Perm:** \$85.00

## **Christmas Decorating:**

Staff and residents are preparing for holiday meals, activities, as well as putting up festive decorations around Maryhill. We wanted to provide a couple of good safety measures when it comes to holiday decorations if you bring in some decorations to make your loved one's room festive.

Use only UL-listed holiday lights and wiring. Avoid visually blocking egresses, exit signage, or any fire safety equipment (pull stations, fire extinguishers, and sprinkler heads). Avoid hanging decorations from sprinkler heads. Inspect holiday lighting for frayed or exposed wires.

Thank you for helping us keep the holiday season merry and bright!

## **Winter Safety Reminders:**

We carefully watch the forecast and road conditions to ensure it is safe before we hit the road. Please know that appointments throughout the winter might be postponed. We will continue to keep you updated via Cliniconex on any changes.

Do not let anyone out the front door unless it is confirmed to be safe. The goal is to facilitate an 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.

***In Our Loving Memory...*** We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of this special person who became part of our Maryhill family and has passed away in the past month. We treasure our memories with them and pray that God will be with their loved one at this time of loss. We will remember....

*Stephen Ripplinger, 1943 – 2025*

Stay healthy and God bless,

***Kellen Schauer, Interim CEO/Administrator***