

November Newsletter 2026

As November invites us into a season of gratitude, we are reminded of the many blessings that enrich our lives each day. We give thanks for cherished family and friends, meaningful work, moments of rest, laughter that lifts our spirits, and the faith that sustains us through every season. May we continue to find beauty in life's simple gifts, wisdom in our journeys, and comfort in knowing that God walks with us, understands our prayers, and cares for us deeply. From all of us at Maryhill, we wish you and your loved ones a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving season.

Maryhill Earns National CMS Recognition: SMP Health - Maryhill has been recognized by CMS as a Risk-Based Survey (RBS) qualifying facility and awarded the gold trophy designation on Nursing Home Care Compare. This designation recognizes nursing homes that demonstrate excellence in quality, staffing, survey performance, and compliance. We are incredibly proud of our team and grateful for the trust our residents and families place in us every day.

Election & Voting: We provide the opportunity for all interested residents to participate in elections, making it easy for them to have their voices heard and engage in the democratic process.

Month of Remembrance: November marks the liturgical season of praying for those who have passed. To honor this season we will be placing a "Book of Remembrance" in our chapel for anyone to add the names of loved ones who have passed throughout the year to be prayed for. Please feel free to take a look at the book and add your loved one's names and any stories about their lives.

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 on continuing our room renovations within the facility. We are close to halfway through the renovation project, with 15 of 32 rooms completed. More than \$22,000 has already been invested in updated flooring, furniture, and paint, helping create brighter and more comfortable living spaces. Seventeen rooms remain, and your support can help us finish the journey. 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 seeing your loved one during our open house. We will have a special visit from Santa, live entertainment, and some delicious food/treats! And after our open house, don't miss **Frost Fest** happening in the community with local businesses that evening!

WHEN: DEC 18th, 2026

TIME: 4pm to 6pm



Staffing Update: We are excited to welcome **Shantel Froelich** as our new Social Worker, starting on November 23rd. She will be located in the west hallway by Room 29 & exit door 8 and will be working to build relationships with residents and families while serving as our primary social services contact moving forward. We are excited to have her join the Maryhill team!



Garden Project Coming Spring 2027: We are thrilled to share that Maryhill has been awarded a Community

Garden Grant through the Rural Health Transformation Fund. This exciting opportunity will allow us to enhance our courtyard with new maintenance-free raised garden beds. Installation is planned over the coming months, with the garden ready for use next spring. Residents will have the opportunity to plant flowers, vegetables, herbs, and other favorites while enjoying the many benefits of gardening, including physical activity, social connection, and time spent outdoors.

Holiday Gifts Reminders: Many families enjoy purchasing special gifts for their loved ones. If you bring clothing, blankets, decorations, electronics, or other personal items to Maryhill, please let us know so we can properly label them. We have a special clothing marker and identification tags available to help ensure personal belongings are clearly marked and returned to the correct resident. Taking a few moments to label new items can help prevent loss or confusion and keep treasured gifts where they belong.

Resident Appointments:

As we move into the winter months, the safety of our residents remains our top priority. Our team closely monitors weather forecasts and road conditions before transporting residents to appointments. During periods of severe winter weather, appointments may need to be rescheduled or postponed to ensure safe travel. Please know that Aubrey Mark, our Appointment Coordinator, works closely with providers and families to minimize disruptions and will communicate any scheduling changes as quickly as possible. We will continue to keep residents and families informed through Cliniconex whenever appointments are affected by weather conditions. ❄️

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.

Linda Lawson – Bonnie Daub

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

Nursing home

Smp Health - Maryhill

Overall rating:

