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THE Community MONITOR



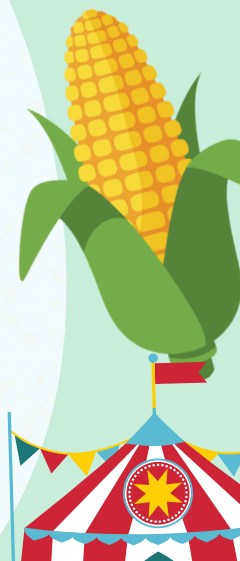
What's Happening?

State Fair Week!

August 24th - 28th

Join the St. Monica's Life Engagement Team for State Fair Week! Get ready for a fun-filled week as we bring the excitement and spirit of the State Fair right here to St. Monica's! From August 24th through August 28th, you'll have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of activities designed to bring smiles, laughter, and great memories.

Throughout the week, residents can look forward to live music, delicious fair-inspired treats, exciting games, prizes, and plenty of opportunities to socialize with friends and neighbors. Each day will feature something different, so there's always something fun to experience.



New Kitchen Steam Table Installed!

We are excited to share that the new steam table, funded through the generosity of our community members, families, staff, and supporters, was successfully installed on **July 16th** and is already in use in our main kitchen. This important equipment helps keep meals at the proper temperature from kitchen to table, ensuring food is served warmer, fresher, and more enjoyable for everyone. We are grateful to everyone who supported this fundraising effort.



Core Value Award



Jennifer Zielinski
(Assisted Living Lead Caregiver)

Competence: Growing and demonstrating our professional skills, knowledge, and understanding.

How long have you worked for St. Monica's?

"I've worked here for 6 years."

What do you like to do in your spare time?

"I enjoy taking road trips, cruises as well as spending time with my grandchildren & great grandchildren."

What do you like most about working at St. Monica's?

"I have built a lot of relationships with community members. I enjoy helping them with whatever they may need and making them feel like they are at home."

What are some things on your bucket list?

"I really enjoy history! I would love to visit Rome, Greece, and Boston."

Community Member of the Month

This month, we are proud to recognize Joan K. as our Community Member of the Month! Joan was born and raised in Racine, Wisconsin, where she attended St. Catherine's High School. She and her husband, Steve, shared nearly 70 wonderful years of marriage and built a loving family together with their three children—two daughters and one son.

Throughout her career, Joan worked as a bank officer at M&I Bank for 27 years. Before settling into banking, she had a unique opportunity to work for the FBI in Washington, D.C., where she was trained to analyze and match fingerprints with case files to assist law enforcement. Joan considers this one of the most memorable experiences of her life.

In her free time, Joan loved knitting. She made warm coats for her daughters and scarves for family and friends, sharing her talent and care through every stitch. Family has always been at the center of her life. She and her family spent many happy summers at her parents' cottage up north, enjoying swimming, boating, and making lasting memories together. -

- They also always had a beloved family dog as part of the household.

Joan and Steve devoted much of their lives to raising their children and supporting them as they grew and pursued their own careers. Her story is one of dedication to family, meaningful work, and a lifetime of treasured memories.

Congratulations, Joan, thank you for sharing your wonderful story with our community!



Joan Kelemen

Community Meeting Updates

Join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am in the Game Room to share your opinions.

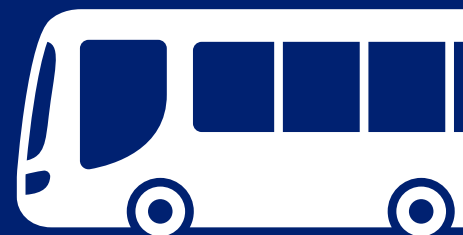
- Golf Outing fundraiser will be September 21, 2026 for Memory Care Enhancement.
- CM/Family Picnic will be August 1, 2026 at noon. RSVP at the Welcome Desk.
- Asked to take a trip to a Kenosha Kingfish baseball game.
- Would like to have iced tea served more often at meals.
- Requested more fresh fruit options as they are in season.
- Dry cleaning services offered through Express Cleaners, if you're interested, please call 262-554-6690 & ask for Richard.
- Requested that fellow community members and staff are quiet during meal time announcements so everyone can hear the announcements.
- Requested a guest speaker about "Racine Industry Today: Updates in the Area."

You Asked, We Did!

- **Asked for Guest Speakers**
 - Held *"Hiking the Ice Age National Scenic Trail"* - Guest Speaker, LuAnn Lonergan
 - *We are looking for a guest speaker to talk about current Racine Industry updates.*
- **Asked for Dry Cleaning Service**
 - Call Richard at Express Cleaners : (262) 554-6690
- **Asked for New Outings**
 - *Attended S.C. Johnson Wingspread Tour.*
 - *We will be taking a trip to a Kenosha Kingfish baseball game, ask Shannon for details.*
 - *Charcoal Grill lunch outing will be scheduled.*
- **Asked to Host the Art Fair Again This Year**
 - *The "Gala of Achievements" will be taking place in November. Start thinking about what you'd like to share with our community! Whether you're an artist, you knit, crochet, quilt, do wood working, make jewelry, etc. please consider sharing your talents. Also, if you have a collection that you'd like to share, we'd love to see it.*
- **Asked to Hear Meal Time Announcements Better**
 - Staff have been made aware to remain quiet during meal time announcements so Community Members can hear all of the announcements.

Special outings this month (sign up only)

- Target Outing:
Wednesday, August 5th
at 9:30 am
- Dollar Tree Outing:
Friday, August 14th
at 9:30 am
- Douglas Diner Lunch:
Friday, August 21st
at 11:00 am
- Hobby Lobby Outing:
Wednesday, August 26th
at 9:00 am



OAK LANE

NEWSLETTER



Late Summer Memories



August Morning

By Albert Garcia

"It's ripe, the melon
by our sink. Yellow,
bee-bitten, soft, it perfumes
the house too sweetly.
At five I wake, the air
mournful in its quiet.
My wife's eyes swim calmly
under their lids, her mouth and
jaw relaxed, different.
What is happening in the silence
of this house? Curtains
hang heavily from their rods.
Ficus leaves tremble
at my footsteps. Yet
the colors outside are perfect—
orange geranium, blue lobelia.
I wander from room to room
like a man in a museum:
wife, children, books, flowers,
melon. Such still air. Soon
the mid-morning breeze will
float in like tepid water, then hot.
How do I start this day,
I who am unsure
of how my life has happened
or how to proceed
amid this warm and steady
sweetness?"

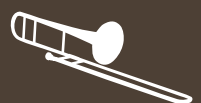


"I love to sit in
the sun."
- Marilyn

"I enjoyed having
the kids over for
cook-outs."
- Fran



"My favorite
was when I
played
trombone in a
marching
band."
- Richard



Know Your Rights

Right to confidentiality of health and personal information and records, and the right to approve or refuse release of that information to any individual outside the CBRF, except when the resident is transferred to another facility or as required by law or third-party payment contracts and except as provided in s. 146.82 (2), and (3), Stats. The CBRF shall make the record available to the resident or the resident's legal representative for review. Copies of the record shall be made available within 30 days, if requested in writing, at a cost no greater than the cost of reproduction.

August Birthdays

Maggie Rooney 2nd (CM)
 Christopher Diaz 3rd (S)
 Onetha Ousley 3rd (S)
 Ronald Edwards 6th (S)
 Nevaeh Russo 6th (S)
 Nidya Diaz 7th (S)
 Isabella Perez 7th (S)
 Nadia Bergman 8th (S)
 Leah Kosciński 8th (S)
 Ma De Los Renteria Oviedo 9th (S)
 Anne Bodeau 13th (S)
 Martha Piery 14th (CM)
 Jose Barreto 14th (S)
 Lauren Ebersole 17th (S)
 Nancy Wolff 18th (CM)
 Pamela Hargrove 18th (S)
 Lea Hansen 19th (CM)
 George Fox 20th (CM)
 Kelly Bardosy 21st (S)
 Kurstyn Gordon 22nd (S)
 Jayda Williams 23rd (S)
 Frances Hastings 24th (S)
 Mary Kay Blair 25th (CM)
 Thomas Reeves 25th (CM)
 Malea Pina 25th (S)
 Marilyn Murrack 28th (CM)
 Jacqueline Williamson 31st (CM)
 Community Member (CM) Staff (S)

Staff Anniversaries

Nicole Overstreet 14 years	Miranda Timler 3 years
Elizabeth Manns 7 years	Justin Chino-Ramirez 2 years
Sydney Brewer 7 years	Aaron Tremelling 2 years
Rondaija Perry 7 years	Vanessa Medrano 1 year
Keanu Dodson 4 years	Kylie Kellogg 1 year
Alex Turnipseed 3 years	Austyn McCarthy 1 year
Eryn Orille 3 years	Bianca Davis 1 year



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Summer

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TRAVEL	SUN	CAMPING	HOT
POOL	PICNIC	SANDALS	SUNGLASSES
HAT	BALL	PARK	ICE CREAM
BEACH	VACATION	CAMPFIRE	SHELL



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