

From the Activities Center

Fall is finally approaching, and we have so many exciting activities planned to celebrate! Be sure to check the activities calendar daily to see what's in store. There are many special activities to look forward to this month.

Even though it's September, Oktoberfest officially kicks off this month. To celebrate we will be hosting a social with pretzels, brats, brews, and much more. We hope to see everyone there for the celebration.

We will also be hosting a "Taste of Autumn Social" where we will be serving all of your favorite fall

treats. Apple pie, pumpkin pie, snickerdoodle cookies, and apple cider are just a few of the tasty treats you can expect to see during this activity. Don't miss out!

Another activity we are extremely excited about is our wine tasting hosted by our very own Nurse Practitioner Karen Brown! She has written special orders for those who will be able to drink the wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be available to those who cannot have wine due to medications.

Charcuterie boards and other delicious treats will be available for all to enjoy! We hope to see you there!

Katie & Ibette

A FAMILY BUSINESS

BY NORMAN THOMPSON

In the 1950's and 60's, modern nursing homes were just forming. Individual men and women usually started small. They typically involved the whole family. Husbands, wives, and children participated. My mother got her Activities Director Certification. My Sister helped in the office.

My father did most of the work. I was a teenager. I mopped floors, painted walls, and completed other odd jobs. My favorite job was to tear out the old cracked plaster on the wall. I had a sledge hammer and a crowbar. It was a lot of fun for a teenager. Then we would texture and paint. The room would be ready for a new patient. Soon the corporations came in and started buying the family ran homes. Now there were very few families still involved.

Bellevue will stay a family. We will continue to have more babies to grow up to operate as a family.

HAPPY REMINDERS

Please try your best to refrain from giving Happy any people food. One bite is okay, but keep in mind she visits everyone in the facility. That's a lot of food for a little tummy! We know it's hard to resist those adorable eyes, but we don't want her getting sick.

We have started to provide bags of treats to all residents that request it. These treat baggies can be found in the Activity Center at the end of Hall 2. Just ask Katie, one of the Activity Directors, for some treats for Happy and she'll get them to you right away!



FISH CROW

BY BRIAN STUFFLEBEAM

Not everyone realizes it, but there are two kinds of crows across much of the eastern United States. Looking almost identical to the ubiquitous American Crow, Fish Crows are tough to identify until you learn their nasal calls. Look for them around bodies of water, usually in flocks and sometimes with American Crows. They are supreme generalists, eating just about anything they can find. Fish Crows have expanded their range inland and northward along major river systems in recent decades. When Fish Crows find a good source of food, they may cache the surplus for later. These hiding places can be in grass, in clumps of Spanish moss, or in crevices in tree bark. Nesting adults may use these caches when feeding their young. Fish Crows are inveterate nest-robbers, raiding the nests of many kinds of waterbirds and songbirds, as well as finding and digging up the eggs of turtles. They also harass and steal food from crows, gulls, ibis, and Ospreys. Members of a mated pair frequently preen the back of each other's head. One nesting pair of Fish Crows adopted a fledgling Blue Jay that appeared in their nest. The crows fed the jay for two weeks before it disappeared. Fish Crows build a new nest for each breeding attempt. The nests are well-made, and one small area may have existing nests from up to four different years. The oldest known Fish Crow was 14 years, 6 months old.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9/4 Bill Bass
9/6 Karl Miller
9/7 Ed Gfeller
9/8 Donna Howard
9/9 Deann Jones
9/9 Preston Barber



9/12 Barbara Wilson
9/18 Joetta Savage
9/18 Larry Fuxa
9/22 David Baird
9/22 Marian Cross
9/25 Leslie Ivers
9/28 Ruby Minnis

