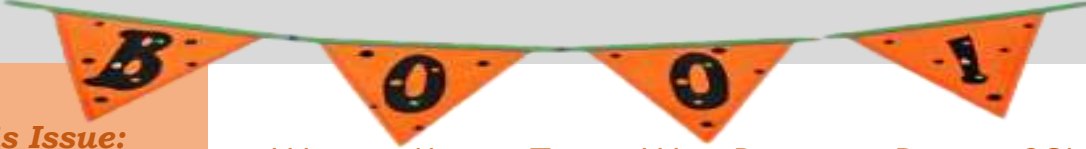


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WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH RESIDENTS DURING COVID-19

We continue to receive letters, photos, and words of hope to our resident email account: ourislandhome@yahoo.com. You can visit our Facebook page (**Oih Nantucket MA**) for daily OIH COVID updates, and resident family members and loved ones receive a more comprehensive update weekly via email. In continued efforts to best preserve our residents' health while abiding by State and Federal guidelines, we are scheduling virtual and window visits between residents and their loved ones daily, and are currently working on our plan to continue visitation in the colder months. **Please email Activities Director, Ally Rowell, at arowell@nantucket-ma.gov to discuss and schedule a window visit or a video chat with your loved one via Zoom, FaceTime, or FaceBook Messenger, and expect to receive an email in the coming weeks with information about our changes in visitation protocol.** Please remember all visits should be scheduled in advance!

SEPTEMBER DONATIONS

We would like to thank the following donors from the month of September:
Mary Jean Dwyer, Judy Phelan and Karen & Franklin Rothwell.
Your generosity contributes directly to our resident's daily life, activities, and well-being. We are so incredibly grateful!

NEW STAFF

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new employees:
Bob Eisenstein, Interim Administrator
Gennifer Costanzo, Temporary Activities Assistant
Katy Tejada, Per Diem CNA
Paulett Brown, Per Diem CNA
AnnMarie Baptiste, Per Diem CNA (Welcome back AnnMarie!)
Joe Cooper, LPN

We are SO happy to have you all here. Welcome to our team!!!

FALL AT OIH



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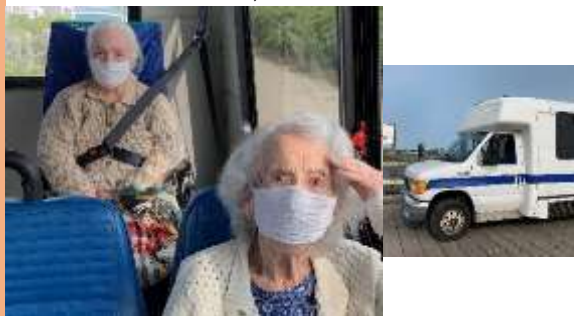
MODIFIED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We continue to make modifications to our activities calendar in efforts to follow best-care practices as recommended state and federal agencies that reflect evolving standards and regulations surrounding COVID-19.

Daily, we continue to offer the following activities options: Coloring pages; Puzzles; Word search and trivia worksheets; Video chatting and phone calls with family and other loved ones; Window visits (scheduled in advance) Exploring old Nantucket picture books; Independent crafting such as knitting, crocheting, and other art forms; Reading letters sent to us from our Nantucket community members; Independent or distance bible study; Spending one-on-one time with staff members for support and comfort; and listening to music on headphones.

FAMILY COUNCIL:

The next Family Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th at 10 AM, via Zoom.



RESOURCES & INFORMATION

If you have questions or concerns regarding evolving COVID-19 regulations and standards, please be aware of the Nursing Home Family Resource Line established by the Baker-Polito Administration. This is a dedicated telephone line that will connect family members of nursing home residents with information and resources they need.

The line is staffed from 9am – 5pm, Monday through Friday, and the number is:

1 (617) 660-5399.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

For September, our residents elected **Dietitian Debbie Bechtold** as our employee of the month, because of her willingness to go above and beyond, her readiness to support others, and her kind and caring spirit. Thank you for all that you do, Debbie!

HOLIDAY DECORATING COMMITTEE

For any OIH staff interested in helping with holiday decorating at Our Island Home, please contact OIH Nurse Donna King. Thank you!

THE FUTURE OF OUR ISLAND HOME

While OIH continues efforts to keep our residents safe during the concerns of COVID, discussions continue on the status of the renovation or construction of a potential new Our Island Home facility. Through facilitated discussions, several staff of the Town of Nantucket have spent time over the last month brainstorming what they think are the Core Values of Nantucket leading this project, some Facts and Assumptions of OIH, COVID impacts and potential new requirements on physical plant and operations COVID will bring, as well as what are the possible project options along with their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of each. This information was gathered and presented as a framework for the Nantucket Community to contribute to and evaluate how we proceed with a new OIH from here. Throughout September, meetings were held with key stakeholders and the general public to determine the best direction that the Town should proceed in for the future of a nursing home facility on the island.