

Weekly Buzz

May 29,
2026



Mary Ellen's Corner -

Hello Friends –

It's time for our **Annual Car Wash on Thursday, June 4 from 12-4 p.m.** The event will take place in the Pergola area at the North Apartments on the parking lot side of the Veale Wellness & Aquatic Center. Any donation is accepted, and all proceeds will go to the Veterans Memorial Fund. This money is being raised to improve the Veterans Memorial on our main campus located near the entrance of the Nason parking lot. A few of the enhancements include accessible seating areas, memorial pavers and a flag to represent each of the branches of service. Come and get your car washed to support a wonderful cause. Have a super week.

Joyfully,

Mary Ellen Layman, Director of Activities

Veale Wellness & Aquatic Center -

Just a reminder that June 2026 is offering two NEW opportunities for your physical health.

Starting June 2nd

Mondays 1p.m. Interval Walking and Exercise – Meet Chris on the Track by the podium.

MWF available. **IN HOME Fitness**

Training with Ray. Please call Kimberly English at 440.942.8031 for more information and to make an appointment.

Tuesday Evening Programs -

Please call the signup line if you need transportation by the Monday before the program. Bus pickup starts at 6:15 p.m. for GW and 6:30 p.m. for main campus. All Programs start at 7 p.m.

6/02 **Aaron Dussing - Polka**
6/09 **Western Reserve Chorale**
6/16 **3 & Easy - Yacht Rock**
6/23 **NO TEP**
6/30 **Hillcrest Concert Band**

36851 Ridge Rd. | Willoughby, OH 44094

Jim & Ceale Myers Summer Concert

Series at Grace Woods Presents -

Masterpiece

Thursday, June 11

Bus Pickup 6:30 p.m.

Event 7 p.m.

Grace Woods Pavilion

Cost: No Charge

MASTERPIECE is a professional, established, highly engaging dance band delivering the music people actually want to hear including Motown, disco, funk, pop, and feel-good, sing-along classics that keep people on their feet. Join us for our first outdoor concert of the year down at Grace Woods Pavilion. Due to the limited parking, please use the transportation provided.

Reservations recommended, transportation available by calling the signup line from now until Wednesday, June 10 at 5 p.m.

Funkology

Thursday, June 25

Bus Pickup 6:30 p.m.

Event 7 p.m.

Grace Woods Pavilion

Cost: No Charge

Comprised of Cleveland area music teachers and other professionals, Funkology was reformed in 2007 with one goal in mind - to make great music and make it fun! Whether we are entertaining crowds at festivals, bars, weddings, or private events, we do just that! Don't let the name fool you - they cover a wide variety of music and have something for everyone. From Motown to Country, Disco to Classic Rock, the 1950's to Today... including a heavy dose of the 80's... every set of every show takes you on a musical journey!

Reservations recommended, transportation available by calling the signup line from now until Wednesday, June 24 at 5 p.m.

Sign-up Line 440.953.1375

Resident Association

Officer Elections

Breckenridge Village Resident Association elections will take place at resident division meetings in June. This year all Resident Association officer positions are open – President, Vice President, and Secretary. There is one candidate for each office. No other candidates were identified during the nominating process. The candidates and their backgrounds are:

Judy Smith President, 2-year Term

Judy is a 17-year resident of the Brownstone. She has served both OLBV and her church in many capacities. As President of the Resident Association, she hopes to improve communication among residents and staff and to encourage residents to be fully engaged in life and governance here.

Bill Kenneweg Vice Pres., 1-year Term

I have been a resident of Grace Woods for 14 years. I am a native Clevelander, a Marine Corps veteran, and a retired attorney. I have two children who live in Twinsburg and 3 grandchildren, all of whom are currently in college. I look forward to serving as Vice President of the Resident Association as asked to do so.

Joyce Dearborn Secretary, 2-year Term

I am a native Clevelander. Received my BS in Education from Kent State University. Taught elementary school but migrated to the health care world. Worked as an Administrator at University Hospitals/CWRU for 38 years. I own a horse, work as a construction volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, am a member of P.E.O. Chapter BW, and manage the office of a small business. This community is now my home and I believe I should take my turn serving.

Resident Association Bylaw Changes

There are three proposed Bylaws changes which the residents need to vote on at their next Resident Meeting. Attached is a copy of the Resident Assoc. Bylaws with proposed amendments highlighted in yellow.

Resident Assoc. Bylaw Changes

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The first amendment is on page 7 of the Bylaws: currently the President and Secretary are elected in the even years and the Vice President in the odd year. Timing of Elections. **The President and Vice President will be elected in the even years and the Secretary in the odd years.** Rationale: Makes it possible for succession of the Vice President to President possible without having a one-year delay for that to happen.

The second amendment is on pages 4 and 5, Qualifications of Division Officers. **The wording that would be added is: a residency of two years at OLBV, including one year in the division, when the term of office begins.** The rationale for this is: currently there is no length of residency requirement for division representatives.

The third amendment is on page 5, Division Committees. **This is simply adding mention of culinary to the suggested committee structure.** Rationale: we normally think of 3 primary, every-day services – maintenance, culinary, and activities. The Bylaws are intentionally not detailed in how the independent living divisions operate. Each division is unique and has the flexibility to develop its own structure and processes. Discussion of division committees was added to the Bylaws in the last revision to clarify that routine concerns should be handled at the division level rather than being brought directly to the Forum meeting. This amendment is not essential, but may be a helpful addition. The process for amending the Bylaws is on page 9.

We need votes from each division meeting for each of the 3 proposed amendments:

Vote #1 – Approve the wording of the Timing of Elections.

Vote #2 – Approve the intent and wording of the Qualifications of Division Officers changes.

Vote #3 – Approve the intent and wording of the Division Committees change.

The Forum has voted on these changes and now the proposed changes need to be posted for 30 days before the divisions vote on them at their meetings after the 30-day period.

Since, two of the divisions meet before the 30-day notice, the Divisions will need to vote on these at their August meetings and a final vote taken at the September Forum meeting.

NEW Classes, Programs & Events -

Geauga Gems

Tuesday, June 2
 Bus Pickup 12:30 p.m.
 Class 1 p.m.
 Smith Performing Art Center

Cost: No Charge

Enjoy a photographic tour of Geauga County Metroparks. Grace Woods resident, Art Fabian, will take you through all 26 parks, including several that you've probably never seen. You'll travel in all directions, in all seasons, touring scenic parks from east to west borders and north to south. From rocky cliffs to meadow flowers, from fishing lakes to tiny waterfalls, you'll get to explore beautiful places that are practically right next door to us. This program runs about an hour and a quarter. **Reservations recommended and transportation available by calling the signup line.**

Annual Car Wash Benefitting the Veterans Memorial

Thursday, June 4
 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
 The Pergola at North

Cost: Donations

Any donation is accepted, and all proceeds will go to the Veterans Memorial Fund. This money is being raised to improve the Veterans Memorial on our main campus located near the entrance of the Nason parking lot.

Chautauqua Talk Presents -

Amna Nawaz

Tuesday, June 16
 Bus Pickup 12:30 p.m.
 Presentation 1:00 p.m.
 Smith Performing Arts Center

Cost: No Charge

Amna Nawaz, a co-anchor of the PBS News Hour, addresses the topic "The Power of One" from her experiences as a journalist. In the talk she highlights three stories she reported on that have stayed with her as narratives of hope, strength, and resiliency. These are stories of people trying to do their part to make the world they find themselves in better. **Reservations recommended, transportation available by calling the signup line.**

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Chautauqua Talk Presents - The Return of a Russian Hostage

Friday, June 19
 Bus Pickup 1:00 p.m.
 Presentation 1:30 p.m.
 Smith Performing Arts Center

Cost: No Charge

This is an insiders' view of the anatomy of a hostage affair. The process of negotiating the freeing of hostages Evan Gershkovich and Alsu Kumasheva from detention in Putin's Russia. Almar Latour of the Wall Street Journal guides a discussion of the process with the State Department leader and hostage, Alsu Kumasheva. **Reservations recommended, transportation available by calling the signup line.**

**** Please note that both of the Chautauqua talks take place the same week but at different starting times.**

The Resident Academy Course in Partnership with the Willoughby Police Department

Starting June 30 and running through November 24 on the last Friday of the month.
 Bus Pickup 12:30 p.m.
 Class 1-2:30 p.m.
 Smith Performing Arts Center

Cost: \$30

Join the ranks of the Residents Academy. This once-a-month class will be held in the Smith Performing Arts Center within the Osborne Community Plaza by Ptl. Ross Shirey, Community Involvement Officer, from the Willoughby Police Department.

The following topics will be covered:

- Consensual Encounters
- Investigative Stops
- Arrests
- Fourth & Fifth Amendment
- Traffic Stops
- Scenarios
- Q&A
- Reasonable Suspicion
- Probable Cause
- Totality of the Circumstances

At the end of the course, you will be pinned Resident Academy Graduates.

Reservations REQUIRED, transportation available calling the signup line.

Sign-up Line 440.953.1375

Veteran’s Program and Luncheon

Monday, July 6th
 Bus Pickup 10:30a.m.
 Event 11:00 a.m.
 Smith Performing Arts Center

Cost: \$20

Calling all veterans to return to active duty to attend a veterans’ program and lunch to honor your service to our country We extend the invitation also to the spouses of veterans, whether living or deceased. “Abraham Lincoln” will be our speaker to discuss his life, the Civil War and The Gettysburg Address. A delicious lunch will be served following his presentation. Please call the sign-up line to register and to let us know if you need transportation.

Trips -

Penitentiary Glen with Sassy the Fox

Thursday, June 18
 Bus Pickup 11:15 a.m.
 Trip 12 p.m. – 2p.m.
 Lake Metro Parks, Penitentiary Glen

Level 3

Cost: \$18 – includes lunch

Join us for an outing to Lake Metro Parks, Penitentiary Glen where we will see many of our Animal Ambassadors that have visited us and other animals that are being rehabilitated in their homes. You will have a chance to explore the park, gift shop and museum, and enjoy a picnic box lunch provided by Jersey Mikes. At 1pm, we will have an in-person class with Sassy the fox. Space is limited, reservations required by calling the sign up line. **Reservations are now open.** Please indicate if you would like a ham, turkey, Italian or veggie sub and a water, diet cola, or regular cola when you call.

TRIP LEVELS

In an effort to clarify questions about trips we are now providing a guideline to the amount of walking and standing during a trip.

The guidelines are:

- Level 1-Riding and/or very little walking
- Level 2-Minimal walking
- Level 3-Extensive walking and/or stairs
- Level 4-Strenuous-long periods of walking.

Campus Movies -

North

Saturday, May 30

6:30 p.m. - NCMR

Remarkable Bright Creatures

A widow (Sally Field) who works at a local aquarium finds joy again when she forms an unlikely bond with a giant Pacific octopus and a wayward young man (Lewis Pullman) who comes to town in search of family. Together, they uncover a mystery that will lead them to a life-changing discovery and restore their sense of wonder.

Grace Woods

Saturday, May 30

7 p.m. – Reserve Community Room

The Lost King

is a 2022 British historical drama of the search for Richard III by Philippa Langley (played by Sally Hawkins), the woman who initiated the search to find King Richard III’s remains that were eventually found under a car park in Leicester. She identified with the controversial Richard whom she felt was unfairly maligned. The movie follows Langley as she convinces others to excavate a car park, leading to the discovery of Richard’s remains. The true story comes from the same team behind our last movie, “PHILOMENA”.

Osborne Community Plaza

Monday, June 1

4:30 p.m. – MCAT

Happy Gilmore

A want – to – be hockey player needs quick cash to be able to purchase his grandmother’s home, leading him to figure out he may have a future as a golfer. Starring - Adam Sandler, Julie Bowen, Carl Weathers, and Christopher McDonald.

Upcoming Trip Pickups -

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| 6/18 | Penitentiary Glen | 11:15 a.m. |
| 7/30 | <i>The Lion King</i> | 10:45 a.m. |

Campus Happenings -

Music with Catherine

The 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month
June 11, 25

2:30 p.m.

Shafer-Schweitzer House Dining Room

Cost: No Charge

Join us for this new music group led by Catherine Hadley, MT-BC, where we sing your favorite songs, play some new instruments and share some stories. This group is for you if you enjoy music, want to connect with others and have some fun. This program is made possible by a generous donation to the Ohio Living Fund. **Everyone is welcome, no reservation required.** Transportation **not** available.

Music and Meditation with Catherine

The 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month
June 4, June 18

3 p.m.

1st Thursday at GW Woodland Ridge
Community Room

3rd Thursday at BVN Community Room

Cost: No Charge

This late afternoon program will combine live music and meditation practices provided by Catherine Otto-Hadley, MT-BC. **Everyone is welcome, no reservation required.** Transportation **not** provided.

Mindfulness with Jen

Wednesday Evenings

2nd and 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the BVN
Community Room

3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the GW Reserve
Community Room

This is a perfect way to end your day with mindfulness practices provided by Jen Bradac, OT. Everyone is welcome – no reservation required – Transportation not provided.

CMA Long Distance Learning

Presents - Manet & Morisot

Wednesday, June 3

Bus Pickup 10:30 a.m.

Class 11 a.m.

Smith Performing Arts Center

Cost: \$5

Join Arielle Levine from the Cleveland Museum of Art as we explore in depth, the first ever major exhibition dedicated to the artistic exchange between Édouard Manet, often referred to as the father of modern painting, and Berthe Morisot, the only woman among the founding members of the Impressionist movement. Unfolding over a period of roughly 15 years, theirs was perhaps the closest relationship between any two members of the Impressionist circle. As friends and colleagues—by turns collaborative and competitive—they collected one another's work. Thirty-six paintings and six drawings and prints borrowed from museums and private collections in the United States and Europe reveal the evolution of a singular friendship between two groundbreaking artists. **Reservations REQUIRED, transportation available by calling the signup line.**

Science Friday with Joe Presents - Quirks & Oddities of the Natural World Part 2

Friday, June 5

Bus Pickup 10:30 a.m.

Class 11 a.m.

Smith Performing Arts Center

Cost: No Charge

If you enjoy the weird, the unexpected, the ironic in nature, join us for an amazing look at things that shouldn't work (but do), things that don't make sense (but work anyway.); from backward eyeballs, to ear muscles, to strange parasites. We'll explore many examples of how evolution produces function, not perfection, using the principle of BISLAGIATT ("But It Seemed Like A Good Idea At The Time"). **Reservations recommended. Transportation is available by calling the signup line.**

Women in History Presents -

An Unlikely Friendship

Wednesday, June 10

Bus Pickup 12:30 p.m.

Event 1p.m.

Smith Performing Arts Center

Cost: No Charge

The program is paid for by a generous grant through the Pathways to Diversity Task Force.

First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and the First Lady of the Struggle, Mary McLeod Bethune reminisce about their 40-year bond as close friends working for Civil Rights.

Transportation available. Reservations recommended by calling the signup line.

LGBTQ+ Allies of Lake County

Presents - Going Once, Going Twice,

Dead! Murder Mystery Dinner

Saturday, June 13

Bus Pickup 6 p.m.

Event- Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

Smith Performing Arts Center

Cost: \$55 per ticket or a table of 6 for \$300 (must be purchased in 1 transaction)

Join us for a fun night of drinks, dinner by Chef Ryan and MURDER as we collaborate with the LGBTQ+ Allies of Lake County for a fundraiser benefiting their organization. *Going Once, Going Twice, Dead!* takes place at a gorgeous banquet hall where the world-famous Magnificent Millicent diamond is on display as part of a fundraising event for Tits for Tats. Tits for Tats is a charity created by the newly married Tiffani Upton-Downs for women who regret getting their lower back tattoos also known as tramp stamps. Tiffani, a former stripper, and her wealthy new husband, Percival Upton-Downs, have agreed to auction off this exquisite diamond to help all these poor women get their lives back. The crowd is focused on the Magnificent Millicent diamond when suddenly the auction is cut short by a shocking turn of events. **Transportation available and reservations REQUIRED by June 4th. Please call the signup line to register.**

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Friday Music with Bob & Bob from the Chardon Polka Band

Friday, June 19

Bus Pickup 10:30 a.m.

Event 11 a.m.

Smith Performing Arts Center

Cost: No Charge

Join us as members of the Chardon Polka Band, Bob on the accordion and Bob on the drums for a morning music program. What a great way to start your Friday with some upbeat high energy POLKA music with some of the most entertaining guys we know.

Transportation available, reservations recommended by calling the signup line.

Aging Well Series 2026 Presents -

Benefits of Massage Therapy

Monday, June 29

Bus Pickup 1:30 p.m.

Class 2 p.m.

Smith Performing Art Center

Cost: No Charge

Edmund Green, LMT As a Licensed Massage Therapist, Edmund Green, owner of Smyle's Touch, specializes in whole body alignment. Physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness are all connected. Learn how massage can help keep you feeling your best. Edmund Green is a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Medical Massage and has over 13 years of experience in the Massage Therapy field, serving clients from Northeast Ohio to Western New York, and beyond. Over the last 10 years, he has collaborated with organizations such as The Ronald McDonald House, DFAS, Baldwin Wallace University, and American Greetings, to name a few. He has studied Acupressure, Trigger Point Therapy, Reiki, and many other techniques. In 2024, he became an Ordained Minister, which added a spiritual nature to his practice. His main focus is whole body alignment: physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual. Through his nonprofit, the Majestic Destiny Project, he also serves as an inspirational speaker, leads monthly meditation hikes, and host transformational healing events. His mission is to create peace wherever/ whenever possible.

Sign-up Line 440.953.1375

Reminders -

Schell's Bistro -

Hours are Tuesday through Friday starting at 11a.m. and closing at 6p.m. Reservations can be made during regular business hours by calling 440.497.5160. Please note that the Bistro is closed daily from 3-3:30p.m. for the server's lunch.

Vision Loss Support Group -

If you are experiencing vision loss and want to connect with others for emotional support and to share ideas, please come to our vision loss support group. The group takes place on the third Wednesday of each month in the North Community Room at the North Apartments, 1-2p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Kilkenney, LISW-S at 440.954.8341 or rkilkenney@ohioliving.org.

Hearing Loss Support Group -

Do you feel isolated due to hearing loss? Do you wish you could connect with others who understand what you're going through? If so, you are welcome to join our Hearing Loss Support Group, which takes place on the second Wednesday of each month, 1-2 p.m. in the BV North Conference Room. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Kilkenney, LISW-S, 440.954.8341 or rkilkenney@ohioliving.org.

Severance 2026-2027 Season

Tickets for the Severance Hall Friday Morning Orchestra 26-27 Season are coming up soon. There are only 2 concerts for the Friday morning concerts this season.

Nov 20 - Rouvali conducts Strauss

April 23 - Adams and Tao

If you would like to purchase tickets for both of these shows, **please contact Georgette Lawson 440.497.5186.**

Price depends on the location of your tickets. Transportation on a coach bus included. This year a \$20 bus fee for each trip will be calculated into your ticket price.

The Lion King Musical

Thursday, July 30, Bus Pickup 10:45 a.m.
Event 12 p.m. at the Connor Playhouse
Trip Level 2 & the cost is \$84
This trip is full. Please call the signup line to be put on the waitlist.

Questions about the Resident

Portal/Icon?

Contact Pam Bruck, Executive Assistant at 440.942.4342 ext. 1502

OCP Parking

Please refrain from parking in the two "future new resident" parking spots in front of the OCP. We want to make sure we are providing a warm welcome to the increased prospect site tours. **This includes after hours and weekends due to tours.**
Thank you!

The Diversity Task Force Corner -

PRIDE MONTH

June is recognized as Pride Month and is dedicated to the celebration of the LGBTQ pride and recognizes this culture and community. The date coincides with the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall riots which took place in New York City. The riots started in a Greenwich Village Inn on June 28, 1969, as a protest against police raids on establishments which served mostly Gay men.

President Bill Clinton in 1999 said June would be "Gay and Lesbian Pride Month". In 2011, President Barack Obama expanded the recognition to include the whole LGBT community. President Biden continued this recognition. The Pride Month observation has grown to a global celebration of LGBTQ culture and identity.

Cleveland Pride Day is June 6th. Geauga County's Pride Celebration is June 20th at Chardon Square and Lake County will celebrate on August 15th at the Lake County Historical Center in Painesville.

Spiritual Life -

Weekly Scripture Verse and Devotional from Chaplain Bev...

Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—this is God, whose dwelling is holy. (Psalms 68:5)

The word “father” can evoke a wide range of emotions in each of us. Maybe you smile when you hear the word because it brings back wonderful memories. Or perhaps your heart feels torn—because you're missing your father or grieving the loss of a relationship that you never had. Whether you had an engaged, caring and dependable father or a distant, neglectful or mean one, you have a Heavenly Father who cares deeply for you. He loves us, and his love isn't something we earn—it's a gift that he longs for us to accept. Our Heavenly Father sufficiently sets the bar for any earthly father to strive for. He cares for us in a tender, fatherly way. We may not know what lies ahead, but we can trust him fully. Lean back and rest in your Heavenly Father's loving arms. He is always faithful.

Semiannual Remembrance Service

Friday, May 29 at 2:30 in the Lyons Chapel
 Since families often elect to have private services, this Semiannual Remembrance Service will focus on giving our OLBV community the opportunity to remember and honor our friends who have passed on.

Weekly Traditional Worship Schedule

Held every Friday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Lyons Chapel. Open to all campus residents, family and friends. Come and worship with great music and an engaging message. A Breckenridge bus comes each week from North Apartments. Others can call for transportation.

May 29 – Semiannual Remembrance Service

- June 5 – Rev. Bev Wrobel w/Communion
- June 12 – Pastor Candy Jankowski
- June 19 – Pastor Wayne DeMarco
- June 26 – Rev. Cassie Wolfe

Chapel Choir Singers -

The choir is growing! Please join us if you enjoy singing! Chapel Choir Singers practice on Fridays at 1:30 in the Lyons Chapel and sing each week in the worship service at 2:30 p.m. Contact Marcine Petrea at 216.261.6117 or mrcine@aol.com for more information.

Monthly Spiritual Life and Visitation Team Meeting -

Meetings alternate on the second Wednesdays of the month from 1-2 p.m. in the Lyons Chapel. The Spiritual Care Team meets on odd months, and the Visitation Team meets on even months. Please attend if you are interested in learning more about these impactful ministries. For more information contact Chaplain Bev Wrobel at 440.954.8373 or bwrobel@ohioliving.org

Prayer Chain -

If you have a prayer request or would like to join the Prayer Team to pray for others, please call Cheryl Manos at 440-954-8361 to be added to the prayer chain. The Prayer Team is here to pray for you.

Prayer Shawl Ministry -

Meets on the third Monday of every month from 1-2 p.m. in the Nason Center upper-level lobby outside the Lyons Chapel balcony. This is a social time to knit or crochet together. Prayer shawls are available in the Spiritual Care Office and can be given to residents, family and friends who need support and encouragement.

Monthly Catholic Mass -

June 22, the fourth Monday of each month from 1:30-2:00 p.m. in the Lyons Chapel. Provided by Immaculate Conception Church

Monthly Sunday Worship -

For ALL Independent Living Residents
 May 31, the last Sunday of each month from 10-11 a.m. in the Lyons Chapel. Please join us if you do not have a church home.

Lectio Divina -

Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Community Room at The Landing at Grace Woods. Weekly Scripture Meditation meets on Wednesdays. Led by Chaplain Bev. Come as you can. No prior reading or preparation is required.

Please call transportation directly at 440.954.8343 for a ride to any Spiritual Life program 24 hours before the event.