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A Newsletter for residents, families, staff, and friends of the Mary Culver Home

THE
Mary Culver Home
FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED WOMEN



It was Janet Sobkoviak's turn to wear the birthday hat and sash on July 24. In addition to celebrating on their birthdays, we also host a monthly party for all residents whose birthdays fall in that month. Photos from the July birthday party appear on page 3.

Birthdays!

Happy birthday to our residents and staff celebrating in July and August.

Residents:

Ann Tucek, July 8

Janet Sobkoviak, July 24

Donna Kuban, August 5

Bobbi Hauptfleisch, August 7

Jane Murray, August 14

Diana Baldwin, August 27

Staff:

July: Matthew Yaw, 2nd; Japann White, 6th; Kevin Lavin, 24th

August: Ashley Coleman, 29th

As the days begin to shorten and the signs of fall start to appear, our community is preparing for an exciting season filled with opportunities to gather, celebrate and create new memories together. The transition from summer to fall always brings a sense of anticipation, and we are looking forward to several special events in the months ahead.

While summer may be coming to an end, we still have plenty to look forward to. We have lots of great events scheduled for this fall, and we hope that you can attend! On October 3, we will celebrate **The Mary Culver Home's 160th anniversary!** Reaching this remarkable milestone is a testament to



In October, we will celebrate the 160th anniversary of The Mary Culver Home, as well as the 60th anniversary of our move to Kirkwood. Pictured is the property at the time it was purchased. Visit maryculverhome.org to read about The Home's history and to see some early photos.

favorite and provides an opportunity for residents, families and MCH employees to enjoy an afternoon of delicious food, shopping and of course, carrot cake.

As we say goodbye to summer and welcome a new season, we are grateful for the memories we've made and excited for what lies ahead. We hope you'll join us at these special events!



Amy's
Updates

the generations of residents, families, staff members, volunteers and supporters who have helped shape our history. We look forward to honoring our past while looking forward to our future.

Later in the month, we will continue our fall traditions with our annual **Chili Cook-off**, date to be determined, and our annual **Fall Tea and Boutique** on Saturday, October 24, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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Share your thoughts on The Mary Culver Home

At The Mary Culver Home, we are continually striving to provide the highest quality of comfort, compassion and care to our residents, so we would truly appreciate a brief testimonial about your experience with our community. Your feedback helps other families

make informed decisions and allows us to recognize the dedication of our staff.

If you feel comfortable doing so, please email your testimonial to info@maryculverhome.org. It may appear on our website, maryculverhome.org.



Perfect afternoon treat

The Mary Culver Home celebrated National Ice Cream Month with a visit by the ice cream truck in July. Above from left, Calvin, Terrence and Christian place their orders. Below from left, Tina, Ashley and Kywana are waiting their turn.



Mary's selection is an ice cream sandwich.



Above, Latrina is next in line. Right, Niyah shows Millie some love.



Above, Viola and Sandra visit the ice cream truck. Pictured at left from left are Angela, Annette and Carol.



Drink up

Jane volunteers to water fragrant plants set out by the Oakcrest Garden Club. Jane, a resident, noticed our maintenance man, Terrence, watering the plants and said that was always one of her favorite things to do at home, so he offered to let her help. Every spring, the Oakcrest Garden Club plants a container garden on the patio.



Woodworker shares gift

Gary Railing of Kirkwood donated 10 handmade sofa tables for residents to use in activities. Oliver, our resident cat, is the first to show his appreciation.



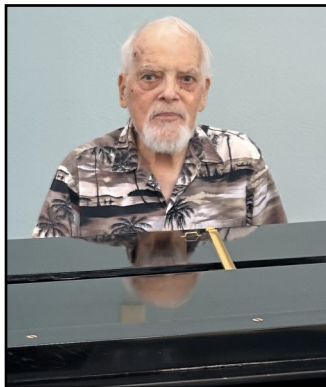


Monthly birthday party for July

Residents gather in July for the monthly birthday party, which includes entertainment, cake and ice cream.



Donna and Lorraine, at left, join Diana, Rose Marie and Jane, above, at the party.



Above, Bobby Schuessler entertains the ladies. Right, Bobbi, left, and Jenny enjoy their cake.



Janet poses for a photo with the cake, which was baked by the dining services department.

Floral designer

Jackie and the other residents take part in a monthly flower-arranging program with volunteers from the Missouri Botanical Garden.



Wish-List Items

- ◆ Birdseed
- ◆ Assorted miniature chocolate candy for the bingo cart
- ◆ Fun-size candy bars, M&M's and individual bags of potato chips for the snack cart
- ◆ Penny auction items: body wash, tooth-paste, scented hand lotion and body spray
- ◆ Happy hour beverages: Riesling and Pinot Grigio
- ◆ A donor to fund a one-year, \$100 Audible subscription, so the ladies can continue to listen to their favorite audio books during book club meetings

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The mission of The Mary Culver Home is to provide visually impaired women with dignified, compassionate, holistic nursing care in a warm family atmosphere, as well as to promote security, confidence, and an excellent quality of life.

Mary Culver community continues to grow

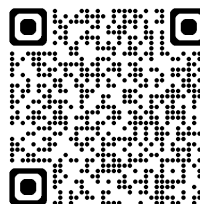


The Mary Culver Home has welcomed six new residents this summer: from left, Colleen, Honey, Viola, Ann, Sheri and Jackie, who is not pictured. The ladies are settling in and getting to know each other, the staff and their fellow residents. Welcome, ladies!

Scan to donate

To make a donation to The Mary Culver Home, scan the QR code using your phone's camera app.

We are a 501(c)3 organization, so your donation may be eligible for a tax deduction.



Staff star



The quarterly Compassion in Action Award winner is CNA Carrie. Residents praise her compassion, attention to detail and responsiveness, and recognize her desire to be helpful.

Every quarter, we'll take the opportunity to honor a "Staff star" — an employee identified as outstanding by residents and Mary Culver Home management.