

Prairie Home Newsletter

Bethany St. Joseph Corporation

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Summer 2020 Newsletter

Greetings!

We hope this newsletter finds you well. We appreciate your patience and understanding during these difficult and unprecedented times.

As always, our goal is to provide quality services to our tenants while ensuring their physical and emotional well-being.

We are continually finding new and creative ways to keep our tenants engaged, socializing, and entertained! Feel free to send any ideas our way! If you have ideas or suggestions, we would love to hear them!

We were able to purchase an iPad due to a generous donation. Please contact me to set up a private Skype, Google Duo, or FaceTime visit.

We have also had some medical providers using virtual visits for medical appointments. Please call or email if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

La Crosse County has a great resource that highlights the current stats, recommendations for long-term care facilities, travel, etc.

www.lacrossecounty.org/covid19

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Have a suggestion?

Talk to us!

We love to hear your ideas!

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**We'd love to hear about your experience with Prairie Home!**

**Please take a moment to write a review on Google!**

**Three easy steps:**

- 1. Google "Prairie Home Holmen"**
- 2. Click Review**
- 3. Add ★★★★★ and write a review**

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Health Status Changes

Please inform the Prairie Home Director or Nurse of any:

- medication changes
- new/changing diagnosis or allergies
- upcoming appointments and procedures
- activation of POAHC or Legal Guardianship

Emergency Contact Updates

Please report any changes for Emergency Contact Information:

- phone numbers
- home address
- email address

We are in the process of updating our email contact list. Please send an email to sstrittmater@bsjcorp.com to ensure you are included in our electronic mailings.

Renter's Insurance

Although Renter's Insurance is not required, it is strongly encouraged and advised. Please consider speaking to an insurance agent today!

Additional Services

If you or your family member feel additional services would be beneficial, or have any questions or concerns about current services, please call or email to discuss options.

POSTs, Living Wills & Advance Directives

We request that tenants complete a POST form to place on file in the event of an emergency. Although our facility does not perform CPR, if paramedics are called, emergency personnel will perform CPR unless a signed POST form indicates DNR status.

In addition, Advance Directives and Living Wills are tools to ensure an individual's wishes are documented and respected. Please take a moment to review the following definitions and discuss with your family member and their provider:

Advance Directive: An Advance Directive describes, in writing, an individual's choices about the treatments he or she wants or does not want and about how health care decisions should be made for him or her if he or she becomes incapacitated and cannot express his or her wishes.

Living Will: A Living Will informs your physician of your preferences or wishes about life-sustaining measures to be used when you are near death or in a persistent vegetative state.

Power or Attorney for Health Care (POAHC) means the designation, by an individual, of another as his or her health care agent for the purpose of making health care decisions on his or her behalf if the individual cannot, due to incapacity. The POAHC is activated only when two physicians determine incapacity and both sign the document. Once activated, the identified health care agent assumes responsibility to make health care decisions for the individual.

Incapacity means the inability to receive and evaluate information effectively or to communicate decisions to such an extent that the individual lacks the capacity to manage his or her health care decisions.

Do-Not-Resuscitate Order (POST) is a written order that directs emergency medical technicians, first responders, and emergency health care facility personnel not to attempt CPR on a person for whom the order is issued if that person suffers cardiac or respiratory arrest.