

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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Linda's Letter

Enjoy Spring!

I can hardly believe that May is here! We moved the Spring Fling to Saturday, May 5 due to the first Saturday in April being Easter weekend this year. Since we have so many new residents that may not know the history behind our Spring Fling and our Fall Festival I thought it would be a good idea to give a history of the Westminster Village Festivals:

SPRING FLING

The Spring Fling, sponsored by the Westminster Village Resident Council, was originally called the Wing Ding which was created in 1998 to raise funds for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, held every June. The ACS Relay for Life is a county and nationwide event that raises money for cancer research. In past years, Westminster Village has been a contributor along with Nucor Steel and other larger corporations in Mississippi County.

The Spring Fling also funds the "Resident Fund" to be used to purchase items or pay for events for the Village as a whole to use. The first purchases were more tables and chairs for the Ramey Center. Later, a ramp at the Café/Chapel was paid for by these funds. The Activities Department helps to subsidize some of these purchases.

The Spring Fling was typically held the first weekend in May. The Spring Fling has been in the months of April, May and June. It now seems to be better to do the Spring Fling in April before the Springtime on the Mall (now called Mayfest) which is usually the first week in May. The dates of the Spring Fling are changed as needed to the most beneficial time. This year Mayfest is the second Saturday in May so we decided to have the Spring Fling on Saturday, May 5.

FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival, sponsored by the Westminster Village Resident Council, was originally created in 1998 to raise funds for the Employee Holiday Fund, a fund that provides all hourly employees (excluding directors) with a Christmas gift each year.

There is a split of these funds where half the funds go to the Employee Holiday Fund and the other half to the "Resident Fund" to be used to purchase items or pay for events for the Village as a whole to use. These funds are combined with the Spring Fling funds to create the "Resident Fund". The Fall Festival is typically held the first weekend in November. The Resident Advisory Committee meets with management and approves any purchases from the Resident Fund.

COMPONENTS of the Festival:

The Spring Fling and Fall Festival are comprised of several events: *Resident Flea Market Sale / White Elephant Sale / Bake Sale / Goody Basket Raffle / Sale of Breakfast Foods / Sale of Lunch items / Library Book Sale / Luminary Sales (Spring Fling only)* From time to time, other events have been added such as raffles, womanless beauty pageants, etc. These additional events are at the discretion and organization of the Resident Advisory Committee and the Activity Department. All of the above mentioned events require a chairperson.

Resident Flea Market Sale: This sale gives residents the option to make money for themselves as well as contribute to the cause. Spaces are sold for a designated amount (usually \$15 each), which goes toward event proceeds. All money made from sale of flea market items in the individual booths goes to each individual merchant. This is an opportunity for residents to have their yard sale.

White Elephant Sale: This sale represents a village wide yard sale, with all items donated and all proceeds go toward the event. Donated items can include ANYTHING given to the White Elephant. This is an extremely big task to take on; it takes an enormous amount of enthusiasm when it comes to planning this event. This process needs to start months in advance. All involved in the White Elephant are owed deep gratitude for their volunteerism.
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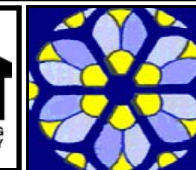
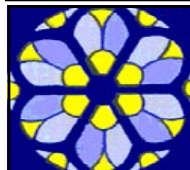
Annette Crawford receives Employee of the Quarter

Annette Crawford has been employed at Westminster Village since March 19, 2007 as our Marketing Assistant. Annette is a joy to work with and her job performance is outstanding. Annette goes the extra mile to make sure our new residents are satisfied and she always does her job with a smile.

CONGRAULATIONS ANNETTE AND THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

Our Mission Statement

Westminster Village is committed to providing an environment that encourages and enables our residents to enjoy life to the maximum of their capabilities in a relaxed atmosphere of security, comfort and dignity.



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Bake Sale: Baked goods are prepared by Village residents and staff and are donated. Area residents are asked to bake items or donate to the bake sale. All proceeds from this event go to the cause.

Goody Basket: Items are donated from residents and staff and a goody basket is prepared. Tickets are presold and sold at the festival. All proceeds from this event go to the cause.

Sale of Breakfast Foods: In past years, this has been a major contribution by the WMV staff and resident volunteers. This part requires preordering all items needed from the café, or purchasing items from grocery stores, preparation of the food early that morning and selling the items at the event. The Café is closed and the Café staff works at the Festival. All proceeds after cost of food goes to the cause.

Sale of Lunch Foods: This is a large task to take on. There have been several different approaches to this event. In the first few years, it was once again, a staff task. Large grills were brought in and items were grilled. Another avenue was to have Harry Myers barbecue contracted to prepare foods. In recent years resident volunteers and staff prepare and sell the items at this event. All proceeds after cost of food goes to the cause.

Library Book Sales: In recent years the library staff has set up a table in the bake sale room and sold extra copies of hard back books and paper back books. The proceeds from this event go to the cause.

Luminary Sales: Luminaries are created by the American Cancer Society Relay for Life committee, but are pre-sold by all teams participating in the County Wide Event. Sales usually begin a month or so before the Spring Fling and last until the Relay for Life in June. All proceeds from the luminary sales go directly to the Relay For Life contribution. This is the only contribution that is not shared with our festival. Luminary sales are not part of the Fall Festival.

I hope this History of the Festivals has encouraged each of you to volunteer your time, rent a table at the festival or to come support the Spring Fling festival on Saturday, May 5. The funds you raise support Monday Night Outs, Craft Hut, Woodworking Shop, Library, Sunshine fund, Pottery Class, Wii fund, Red Hatters and any other purchases that are for the good of the entire Village. This is also the time we come together to support the American Cancer Society. I look forward to seeing many of you on Saturday.

My Mom, Beatrice Rowland, and I would like to thank each of you for your many prayers during her illness. She will be having surgery on May 1 and we are looking forward to her having a speedy recovery so that she can come home to Westminster Village.

Have a wonderful May. Be sure to dine at the Café on Mother's Day and enjoy a delightful meal and great fellowship.

Sincerely,



Linda O'Guin
Executive Director



Thunder Bayou Golf Course
is ranked # 4 in the state of Arkansas and is offering a 25% discount on all memberships to Westminster Village residents. Call Scott, Tony or Ron for more information. 532-2621.

Healthy Partners
East Arkansas Family Health Center
4102 Memorial Drive
532-6001



Dr. Valencia Andrews- Pirtle is the physician on staff at Healthy Partners. Our office hours are 8-5 Monday - Friday.

The Advisory Committee : Jerry Bennett, Dave and Brenda Boynton, Loretta Heard, Chuck Skelton, Jerry Johnson, Beverly Storey, Jerry Corbin

Volunteer Chaplain, Loa Fair

Westminster Village Directors

Linda O'Guin	Executive Director
Cindy Williamson	Administrative Director
Leslie Acred	Marketing Director
Kendall Berry	Resident Services Director
Theresa Swann	Accounting Director
Peggy Kenner	Wellness Nurse
Sharon Randolph	Dining Director
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Relay For Life

The Relay For Life walk is June the 8th and 9th at the end of Memorial Drive. We have a good team signed up to represent Westminster Village. Come join us in June for the Relay For Life.

Doug Forrester, Loretta Heard and Leona Tate are selling Luminaries for the American Cancer Society. Donate to the American Cancer Society for that special someone in memory or in honor of.. So far we have sold over \$800 in luminaries. Help us sell more... Buy a luminary for in honor or in memory of someone you love.

BBQ Run Night

Tuesday, May 22nd lets go to Strawberry's BBQ in Holcomb Missouri. Trip charge \$3 Dutch treat dinner. We will meet at the Ramey Center at 5 p.m. Sign up with the front desk.



Water Aerobics

Water aerobics will begin in June. Amanda Adams from the Senior Center will lead the exercises.

The Senior Center will be using our pool on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 to 3 PM. The Westminster Village Residents will have water aerobics Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 3 PM.

Going to Memphis Tuesday, May 29th to see the Memphis Redbirds !

Ticket and transportation is only \$19.00 per person. We will leave around 10:30 AM. We will eat at the world famous Gus's Fried Chicken Dutch lunch. Good things happen when we go the ball game!! Sign up with the front desk.



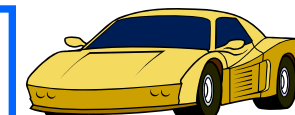
Don't forget about the 11/12 program earn more interest than you can get from the bank! Call the accounting office for more information about this program.



Celebrating Our 15th Anniversary Sunday, June 3rd 2 to 4 p.m. in the Ramey Center.

Resident Art Show at the Spring Fling Saturday, May 5th Let's make this a great Spring Fling!

Contact Kendall or Dave Boynton if you have some art you would like to display at the Spring Fling. Paintings, pottery, quilts and other creative craft work of WMV residents. Please bring your art to the Ramey Center Friday afternoon starting at 2 p.m. May 4th.



Sports Car Club of America will start racing June 8th for four days. Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday. So be thinking about volunteering to be a Gate Watch Helper. Sign up with the front desk.



Westminster Village Chapel Services on Sundays at 3 p.m.

Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Lead by Volunteer Chaplain, Loa Fair



5215 Southside Drive
Blytheville, AR 72315
(870) 532-4100



Library News



Do you like to read, watch a DVD or VCR movie? If you do, we have many choices for you. The library is accessible 24/7 with your Ramey Center key. On most week day afternoons there is a volunteer in the library to assist you if you would like any help. The library volunteers will have a table in the bake sale room during the Spring Fling to sell books that are not needed in the library. Come check out our table for gently read books at a very reasonable price with the proceeds to go toward Spring Fling.

Happy Reading from Doris Marks, Betty and Mason Day, Sally Hargrove and Charlene Johnson.

In the Craft Hut

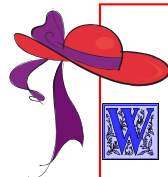


Scrapbooking Monday the 2nd and 16th 1:30 PM in the Craft Hut.

Pottery with Dave...
Will return in September.



Quilt Club will return in September.



Red Hatters

Will not meet in May. Plans are being made for a June meeting.

Let's go to the Round Up Saturday May 26th at 4:30 PM

We will meet at the Ramey Center. The Round Up is a country music variety show that features local talent of Northeast Arkansas.



Trip charge is \$5

The show cost \$6 at the door.

We will stop for food in Jonesboro before the show.



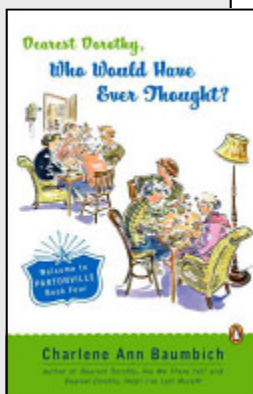
If you would like to volunteer to help in the library on Wednesday or Thursday from 1 to 3 PM please call Doris 532-6699



Book Club



The Westminster Village Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 9th in the Ramey Center car room. The book to be read is "Dearest Dorothy, Who Would Have Ever Thought?" by Charlene Ann Baumbich who uses her wonderful gift of storytelling to tell the story of the residents of a small town.



This story celebrates the simple pleasure of life in fictional Partonville, a circle-the-square town in the northern part of southern Illinois, where oldsters are young, trees have names and the obvious sometimes isn't.

The discussion will be led by Charlene Johnson and all are welcome come.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

- 3rd Frances Jones
- 6th Sharon Clark
- 6th Virginia Melvin
- 7th Steve Ingram
- 7th Patricia Reed
- 7th Ricarda Snellback
- 10th Wanda Wattle
- 12th Wanda Bell
- 12th Juanita Hannon
- 13th Eileen Thurman
- 16th Hedy Conley
- 16th Cleo Knight
- 16th Myrtle Marshall
- 17th Jerry Brown
- 17th Mary Nelson
- 22nd Lois Coates
- 22nd Virginia Maple
- 23rd Brenda Boynton
- 23rd Bess Matlock
- 26th Tom Majors
- 26th LaVelle Mann



Employees

- 7th Joe Ivey
- 8th Charlotte Talmage
- 17th Larry Green
- 27th Nelson Morris

Happy Birthday to You



BINGO
Birthday & Move-In Anniversary Celebration
Thursday, May 24th 3:00 PM
Ramey Center



15th Anniversary Celebration

Excitement is in the air at Westminster Village as we fill up the calendar with so many opportunities to invite friends and family to the village first the Spring Fling on May 5th and then on Sunday, May 13th a special time for families to get together for Mother's Day at our Village Café.

We are also hard at work planning a special Westminster Village 15th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, June 3rd from 2-4 p.m. at the Ramey Center. The celebration will include entertaining music, special speakers, refreshments, door prizes including gift certificates and even a chance to win a 50" flat screen TV. Mark your calendars and remember our Refer & Reap program that makes it possible for you to get some extra money each time you refer a friend or family when they move to Westminster Village. This will be a great time to not only celebrate the Westminster Village family of residents – but also a great time to invite family and friends that may be interested in becoming neighbors. Call me and let me know if you have someone to add to our invitation list and we can save them a place on the Westminster bus for a tour that day!

Marketing Director, Leslie Acred

Move In Anniversaries

Ruth Craig 5/01/1997

Doug & Sue Forrester 5/02/2000

Donna Mosley 5/24/2001

Audran & Agnes Cavanaugh 5/31/2002

Joyce Hay 5/31/2002

Tom & Edna Majors 5/01/2002

Betty McCrosky 5/25/2007

Patricia Schroader 5/01/2007

Kenneth Kraft 5/20/2009

Clarence & Deborah Lyons 5/22/2009

Emma Fitzgerald 5/10/2010

Senior Expo & Benihana's Art & Scandal: The McCall Purchase at the Brooks Museum

Wednesday, May 9th
Memphis, Tennessee

Senior Expo at the Agri Center & the Brooks Museum. We will leave at 8 a.m. from the pool parking area. Sign up with the front desk.

Trip charge \$8

Museum \$6

Dutch treat lunch

A Free "Resident Funds" Dinner

Monday Night Out

May 14th at the Village Café serving from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

You must sign up with the front desk.

First 100 residents only.

Menu: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs all the fixings, plus coleslaw, baked beans potato salad, salad and desserts

Deadline to sign up May 10th

Variety Show will be after we eat.

Sign up with the front desk if you would like to be in the show.

Grilled chicken breast upon request.

Sock Hop

Friday May 18th at 5 p.m. in the Ramey Center.

Wear your poodle skirt and twist up entertainment of Charlie De. Resident Service will provide Subway sandwiches. Bring a dessert to share.

Faith In Action

Faith in Action offers the following services:

Light Housekeeping - Respite Care - Local Transportation - Letter Writing - Telephone Reassurance.

If you need a ride you must have an application on file and give 24-hour notice. Please call 532-1501 for more information.

Village Café
11:30 AM - 3 PM

Sun

Village Café
11 AM - 2 PM

Mon

Village Café
11 AM - 2 PM

Tue

Village Café
11 AM - 2 PM

Wed

Village Café
11 AM - 2 PM

Thu

Village Café
11 AM - 2 PM

Fri

Village Café
8 - 11 AM

Sat

Shop at **Hays**

Thank you Hay's Grocery Store for your food donations and supporting of our 2012 Spring Fling .

1 10 AM Bible Study with Loa Fair in the Chapel
1 PM Bridge RC
4PM - Men's Billiards - RC
Neighborhood Watch - Orange Block 6 PM Craft Hut Travis 532-6670

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3 9 AM Exercise Class RC
10 AM Coffee Cancelled
10AM Ramey Center Closed for Spring Fling Setup
National Day of Prayer Blytheville Courthouse 12 noon

4 Ramey Center Closed Spring Fling Setup
Volunteers Setup Bake Sale, Art Show And Help With Table Registrations 3PM to 7 PM

5 Spring Fling Big Breakfast & Lunch 7 AM-1 PM in the Ramey Center
Café Closed
Ramey Center Closed after the Spring Fling

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Ramey Center Closed
3 PM Chapel Service Loa Fair in the Chapel

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Ramey Center Gym Closed until noon.
9 AM Exercise will meet in coffee room
Wellness Clinic 10AM - 1:30PM

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10 AM Bible Study with Loa Fair in the Chapel
1 PM Bridge RC
4PM - Men's Billiards - RC

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Memphis Senior Expo and Brooks Museum 8 AM pg 3
2 PM Book Club RC pg 6

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9 AM Exercise Class RC
10 AM Coffee RC Blytheville School Superintendent, Richard Atwill
Wellness Clinic 10 AM - 1:30PM
4 PM - Billiards For All - RC

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1 PM Bridge RC
5:30 PM Line Dancing RC

12 Mayfest

Downtown Blytheville
Café Breakfast 8 - 11 AM
Dirty Bingo 2 PM - RC

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3 PM Chapel Service Loa Fair in the Chapel

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Monday Night Out 5 PM pg 6
9 AM Exercise Class RC
Wellness Clinic 10AM - 1:30PM
1:30 PM Alzheimer's Support Group RC

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10 AM Bible Study with Loa Fair in the Chapel
1 PM Bridge RC
4PM - Men's Billiards - RC

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Ramey Center Closed
Life Line Screening All Day Ramey Center

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9 AM Exercise Class RC
10 AM Coffee RC Blytheville Police Chief, Ross Thompson
Wellness Clinic 10 AM - 1:30PM
4 PM - Billiards For All - RC

18

1 PM Bridge RC
5 PM Happy Hour RC pg 6
5:30 PM Line Dancing RC

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Armed Forces Day
2 PM Memorial Service for Nancy Oliver in the Chapel



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3 PM Chapel Service Loa Fair in the Chapel

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9 AM Exercise Class RC
Wellness Clinic 10AM - 1:30PM

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10 AM Bible Study with Loa Fair in the Chapel
BBQ Run Night 5 PM pg 7
1 PM Bridge RC
4PM - Men's Billiards - RC

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3 PM Linda's Corner Ramey Center

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9 AM Exercise Class RC
10 AM Coffee RC Randy Scott, BSBB
Wellness Clinic 10 AM - 1:30PM
12 PM Healthy Partners Lunch Learn Café sign up with office
Birthday & Move-in Bingo Party 3 PM RC - pg 3

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Swimming Pool Opens for Memorial weekend
1 PM Bridge RC
5:30 PM Line Dancing RC



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Dirty Bingo 2 PM - RC
Lets go to the Round Up 4:30 PM pg 6



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3 PM Chapel Service Loa Fair in the Chapel



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WMV Offices and Café Closed for Memorial Day
9 AM Exercise Class RC
Neighborhood Watch - Purple Block 6 PM Craft Hut Sally 532- 5471

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10 AM Bible Study with Loa Fair in the Chapel
Redbird Ball Day Game 10:30 AM pg 7
1 PM Bridge RC
4PM - Men's Billiards - RC

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9 AM Exercise Class RC
10 AM Coffee RC
Friday, June 1st The Blend will be performing 7 p.m. at the Ritz. Tickets are \$10. Sign up with the front desk. We will meet at the Ramey Center at 6:15 p.m.

