



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, May 20, 2024

Please Note: This Update is posted on the Passaic County website and distributed through the Constant Contact email group for families who have elected to provide their email address and is distributed to all staff. Our Social Workers, Therapeutic Recreation staff and Unit Clerks distribute the Update to residents who wish to receive it.

As we approach Memorial Day, we thank our residents and staff who are Veterans for their service to preserve our freedoms. Our residents and staff have served in all branches of the military in World War II, the Korean War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam, Iraq, and the National Guard. We hope you will join us to honor our Veteran residents and staff as is our tradition during our annual **Memorial Day Parade on May 22, 2024 at 11:00 am**, weather permitting (rain date, May 23). Visitors who wish to park in the main parking lot should arrive by 10:00 am.

We are honored that Bishop Kevin J. Sweeny, Diocese of Paterson will celebrate Catholic Mass with Fr. James Moss and our residents on May 23, 2024 at 2:00 pm. A reception will follow mass.

Thank you to:

- Our staff who worked on Mother's Day to care for our residents!
- Our residents, staff and visitor who participated in our Talent Show! We thoroughly enjoyed the performances.
- Our residents, staff and visitor who participated in our Fashion Show! It was a joy-filled event. Special thanks to resident Cynthia C. for planning the event.
- The students from Zooming through Music for their musical presentation on May 18, 2024.
- Our residents who are nurses who shared their career experiences with us during National Nurses Week!

Congratulations to:

- Nathan Lewis on the celebration of his 102nd birthday.
- Patrick Kuiken, RN, BSN, LTC-CIP on the achievement of his BSN degree.
- Mark Delos Santos, for earning the designation of Resident Assessment Coordinator, RAC-CT.

Work is continuing on the renovation of our elevators. We anticipate returning elevator #5 (rotunda) to service this week. Renovation work will then begin on elevator #4 (rotunda). Thank you for your continued patience!

The following events/services are scheduled for 2:00 pm in our main dining room:

- Friday at the Movies, "The Boys in the Boat", May 24, 2024
- Bible Study with Eddy, May 29, 2024
- Celebrating Caribbean American Heritage Month with Steel Drum Music, June 7, 2024
- Jazz Band Concert, June 8, 2024
- Birthday party with Exodus Supreme, June 12, 2024
- Father's Day Barbeque, Rotunda Patio (weather-permitting), June 14, 2024, **12 noon**

- Flag Day Patriotic Music Show, June 14, 2024
- Wayne Library Visit, June 17, 2024

Please note: There will not be Catholic Mass on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 and Thursday, June 6, 2024.

During the week of May 20, 2024, the hair salon will be closed. It will reopen on May 28, 2024.

The New Jersey Department of Health has released the final report of the New Jersey Task Force on Long Term Care Quality & Safety: <https://www.nj.gov/health/ltc/documents/nj-task-force-ltc-quality-and-safety-report.pdf>. The Report includes prioritizing investment in home- and community-based services (HCBS) to help more individuals age with dignity in their own homes, adoption of policies to incentivize development of nursing homes that are smaller and more home-like and supporting ways to empower and retain staff and reverse the trend of a shrinking long-term care workforce.

We are accepting applications for adult volunteers. If interested, please speak with Suzanne McEvoy, Director of Volunteers, 973-585-2161.

Job opportunities are available for Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Food Service Supervisor, Food Service Workers and Recreation Therapist. Feel free to provide my contact information to healthcare workers looking for a very rewarding career as a member of our team.

If you have an urgent call or complaint, please call Preakness Healthcare Center Security staff at 973-317-7023 and your call will be directed to the appropriate person. In addition, Geoffrey Mugalu, Ph.D., LNHA, Assistant Executive Director, 973-585-2113; Daniel Nasulme, RN, BSN, LTC-CIP, Director of Nursing, 973-585-1409; Aleyamma John, RN, BSN, Assistant Director of Nursing, 862-345-5911 are available to address any concerns. *A nursing supervisor is available for emergent issues by calling the nursing supervisor cell phone, 973-617-7496.*

Preakness Strong Heroes Will Always Continue to Work Here!

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA
Executive Director