

Marian Messenger

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Marian Manor

600 Merritt Ave. Oshkosh, WI 54901

Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 3rd. Turn your clock back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday night November 2nd.



Housing Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Now is the time of the year that you may want to consider turning your thermostat from the cool or auto setting to heat. If you need help adjusting your thermostat contact the Marian Manor office.



Father Carr's Thanksgiving Meal

Father Carr's Place 2B will provide a free Noon meal on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28th.

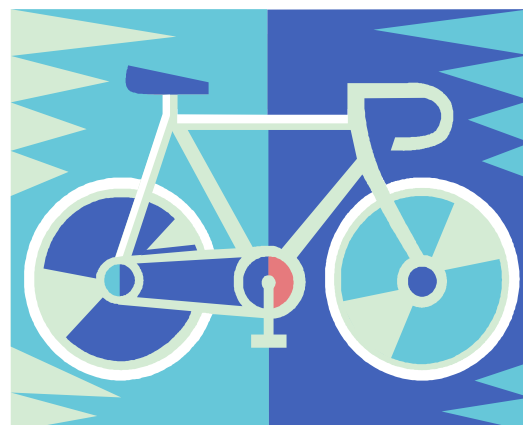
If you would like a meal delivered to your apartment please sign up before 8:00 am on Friday, November 22nd.

Sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board.



Bike Storage

If you would like us to store your bike for the winter stop by the office. Have your bike labeled with your name and apartment number. Also all bikes must be in working order before being stored.



If you have information you would like to submit for the Marian Messenger contact Mary Jo at 920-424-1470 Ext. 136 or email at maryjos@ohawcha.org. Please submit any material by the 20th of the month if you would like your information posted in next month's newsletter.



Medicare Open Enrollment

The Medicare annual election period this year will be from Tuesday, October 15th through Saturday, December 7th. This is the time of the year to compare plans to make sure you have the right health and prescription drug coverage. Plan costs and covered benefits can change from year to year.

During the open enrollment period you can do any of the following:

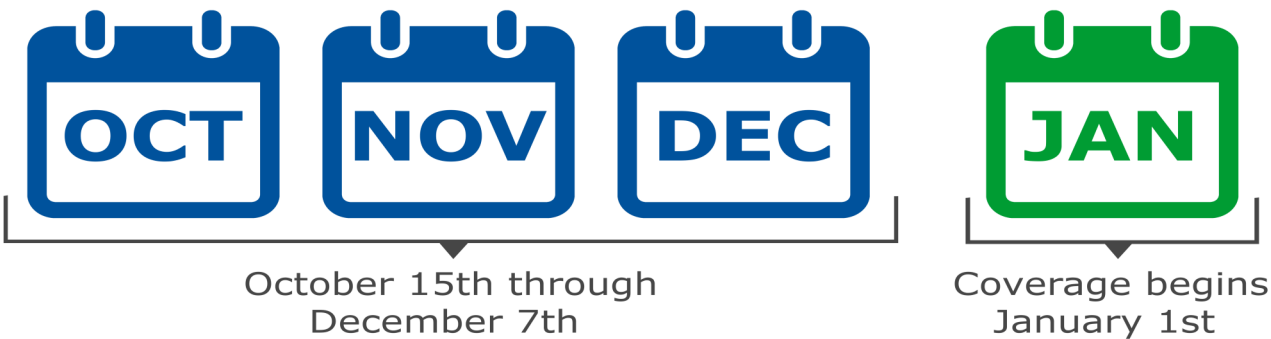
- Switch from Medicare Part A & B to an Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C)
- Switch from a Medicare Advantage Plan (Plan C) to Medicare Part A & B
- Switch from one Medicare Advantage Plan to another Medicare Advantage Plan
- Make changes in your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D)

Effective date for these changes will be Wednesday January 1, 2020

This can be a very confusing time of the year for many. Luckily there are a number of resources willing to help.

- You can go online to Medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800- 633-4227) 24 hours a day seven days a week.
- Contact Joan Jaworski, Winnebago County Benefit Specialist at 236-4685.
- Set up an appointment to see Mary Jo, Social Services Coordinator at 424-1470 Ext. 136.

This is also a good time to check and see if you qualify for the Extra Help Subsidy. Even if you did not qualify in the past, program guidelines change each year or your own situation may have changed. I strongly encourage you to look at your options before the end of November.



Marian Manor Snowplowing Policy

Before the snow starts to fly let’s review the snowplowing policy at Marian Manor. The parking lot will be plowed when three inches or more of snow has finished falling. Clearing of the parking lot will not be done during the snowfall, unless the snowfall is expected to be several inches or last over a couple of days. Signs will be posted at both main entrances. **When in doubt check for the signs.** You will be able to view the signs on your television, tune into channels 955 & 956 and look for the “happy plower” (as shown below) Cars will need to be removed from the lot by 11:00 am, so plowing can begin promptly at 11:30 am. If you fail to move your car a warning will be issued for the first offense. If you fail to move your car a second time you will get a \$30 fine and your car will be towed. A third offense will get another \$30 fine, your car towed and you will lose your parking privileges. When moving your car do not move it to one of the front circle parking spots as this area will be plowed as well. Do not return your car to the lot until the **entire** lot has been plowed and salted. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, if everyone follows these guidelines the snowplowing of the parking lot goes smoothly for all.



Revision to Pet Policy

Changes to the Requirement to Declaw Cats and the Distemper Vaccination Requirement

WHEREAS, the agency has required cats to be declawed in order to reduce damage to the property, and

WHEREAS, Veterinary and Animal Support Organizations have stated that declawing a cat can cause unnecessary pain and irreversible trauma that leads to behavioral issues, and

WHEREAS, the cost to declaw a cat is a burden to many of our residents, and

WHEREAS, the burden for pet damage is on the tenant, whether cats are declawed or not, and

WHEREAS, our pet policy states that all pets and service animals are required to be licensed, and

WHEREAS, since some local municipalities have stopped requiring pets to have a Distemper Vaccination in order to receive a license, it is felt that we do not need to be any more stringent than the local ordinance, and

WHEREAS, it is a requirement for dogs and cats to have a license, if the local government requires a Distemper Vaccine for a pet to be licensed, the tenant must get the vaccine to follow local ordinance requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Oshkosh, Wisconsin ("Authority") hereby removes the requirement to have cats declawed, but with a requirement to have a cat scratching product post, board or the like, to minimize property damage; and to remove the Distemper vaccination requirement if not a requirement for licensing.

I, Susan van Houwelingen, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Oshkosh, WI, do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Housing Authority of the City of Oshkosh, WI at a regular meeting held on September 23, 2019.

Avoid this Scam



Have you heard about the latest scam? Scammers are offering “free” genetic tests and claiming Medicare will cover it — so they can get your Medicare Number and use it to commit fraud and identity theft. They’re targeting people through telemarketing calls, health fairs, and even knocking on doors.

Only a doctor you know and trust should order and approve any requests for genetic testing. If Medicare is billed for a test or screening that wasn’t medically necessary and/or wasn’t ordered by your doctor, the claim could be denied. That means you could be responsible for the entire cost of the test, which could be thousands of dollars

Here’s how to protect yourself:

- **Don’t share your Medicare Number, Social Security Number, or other personal information** with anyone who offers to give you a "free" in-person genetic screening or cheek swab, or a DNA testing kit in the mail.
- If you get a genetic testing kit in the mail, **refuse the delivery or return to sender** unless your doctor ordered it.

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Marian Manor Staff

Stacy, Senior Property Manager
424-1470 Ext. 126
Monday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday 8:00 am—4:30 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday 8:00 am- 4:30 pm
Friday By Appointment Only

Mary Jo, Social Services Coordinator
424-1470 Ext. 136
Monday-Thursday \ 8:30 am—4:30 pm
Friday 8:00 am– Noon

Bob, Maintenance
Monday -Thursday 7:00 am-4:30 pm
Friday 7:00 am- 11:00 am

Roger, Custodial
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Friday am—Noon

After Hours Maintenance
920-966-4235

Nurses- 4th Floor Office
424-1470 Ext 124
Lori, Monday, Tuesday, & alternate Fridays
Teresa, Wednesday, Thursday & alternate Fridays

Su van Houwelingen, Executive Director
424-1450 Ext. 112

Office Closed for Lunch
Noon—1:00 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1	2
						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		6-8 pm	2:00 pm	Library		
		Game Night	Fire Alarm Test	Books Delivered		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Bug Day				
	2- 3 pm	Apt. #'s 211 –220				
	Nurse Open Hour					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	3:30 pm			Thanks-givng	Housing Offices Closed	
	OHA Board Meeting					

