

HELPFUL NOTE

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RESIDENT VOLUNTEER FAIR

The Prairie Ridge Volunteer Services Department will be hosting a volunteer fair welcoming **ALL** Prairie Ridge residents to walk through, and see the array of volunteer opportunities on campus. Residents are encouraged to get their weekly popcorn from the Crossings and come out to the volunteer fair. Volunteer committees, groups, and opportunities will be available for you to learn more and converse with current volunteers. In addition, Emily Lueloff, Prairie Ridge Volunteer Coordinator, will be available to register volunteers, too. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering at Prairie Ridge, make sure to come and peruse through the volunteer fair.

The flyer features a central illustration of a diverse group of people of various ages and ethnicities, many holding heart-shaped signs. Above them is the Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge logo, which consists of a green tree icon inside a circle, followed by the text 'OAKWOOD VILLAGE PRAIRIE RIDGE'. The background of the flyer has abstract, organic shapes in shades of green and brown.

**OAKWOOD VILLAGE
PRAIRIE RIDGE**

Resident Volunteer Fair

Ready to Start Giving
the Gift of Your Time?

A variety of Volunteer
Committees, Groups, and Opportunities
will be available for you to explore more.
Find your interest and fit close to home.

**Thursday March 14th
2pm - 4pm in Chapel**

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

KNOLL: STROLL TO THE BOOK NOOK

Weekly Monday at 11AM or Friday at 9:30AM

Volunteer would independently take a few memory care residents to the community center to look at books.

Understanding dementia helpful but not required.



KNOLL: BUS OUTING ASSISTANT

Monday March 11th & 18th

Assist bringing residents to main entrance to load bus, accompany along on bus, assist Life Enrichment staff as needed on bus outing, assist unloading bus, and walking residents back to household.

Understanding dementia helpful but not required.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HEALTH & REHAB CENTER/ASSISTED LIVING:

PROGRAM: PICKING UP THE LEAVES

Weekly

This innovative **NEW** program aims to help Health & Rehab and Assisted Living residents transition into Oakwood, which can be an unsettling time.

Volunteers will be providing one on one visits once or a few times a week for 30 - 45 minutes, and complete a post survey.

Michael Schumacher, Administrative Intern with Kim Gochanour, will be implementing this as a leadership program on both Oakwood Village campuses.

Michael will be reporting data and putting it in McKnights Long Term Care Magazine.



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VICNET: ONLINE VOLUNTEER HOURS

If you are having trouble entering your volunteer hours on VICNET please contact, Emily Lueloff. Since the first of the year, an update occurred, and has cause issues with a few volunteers. A temporary password can be sent to you from Emily to help.



GREEN COMMITTEE: SOLAR PANEL DEDICATION



In 2022, the Green Committee was started by resident volunteers on the Prairie Ridge campus. The volunteers were made aware of Renew Wisconsin and their Annual Climate Summit. At the Summit, volunteers were introduced to Legacy Solar Co-op, which is a not-for-profit dedicated to helping nonprofits finance solar panel installations. The volunteers determination to this project has now concluded with 222 panels on the south-facing roof of Settlers Ridge.

A solar panel dedication occurred on the afternoon of Tuesday February 6th, 2024. Speakers included Green Committee Chair, Oakwood Village Foundation, Prairie Ridge Executive Director, Facilities Services Director, Legacy Solar Co-op, Olson Solar, and State Senator Melissa Agard. Congratulations on the determination of the Green Committee bringing this to fruition and to Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge for the benefits they will see.

HANDY RESIDENT'S CLUB: OPEN HOUSE

The Handy Resident's Club had an open house on Wednesday February 21st showcasing their **NEWLY** added Annex. The group has converted the Pioneer Prairie car wash into a larger workshop area. They built a wall, an entry door, and painted the walls and floor.

The Handy Resident's Club provide services to residents and staff on the Prairie Ridge campus. The clubs services include assembling and refinishing furniture, troubleshooting electronics, small repairs, and so much more.

Further information can be found on kiosks. In addition, they are currently refinishing end tables from our assisted living.

Thank you Handy Resident's for all you provide on our campus.