

# Helpful Note



Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge

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*In the Good Old Summertime*



This Memorial Day weekend brings us into the unofficial start of summer. As we join together with family and friends and enjoy the outdoors, we can't forget the reason of Memorial Day. We remember those who sacrificed their lives for our country and freedom. Hopefully, you are all able to take a moment this weekend to remember those that gave their lives.

During the month of June, both the Meteorological and Astronomical start to summer occur. Summer is always a busy time, and you will notice as you read this newsletter the hustle and bustle occurring throughout the Prairie Ridge campus during this start of summer.

Last but not least, we also wish all those fathers or father figures a Happy Father's Day. Hopefully fathers, you take sometime for yourself this month.

Whether you plan to attend a program, or you are looking for someone to go with consider being a transport volunteer. The Life Enrichment Department is always looking for volunteers to assist transporting residents to church services, concerts, and campus wide events.

If interested in transporting contact, Emily Lueloff.

## VicNet:

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Smart Device  
Home Screen*

### ANDROID

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## **CAMPUS ACTION-** Volunteers invited to participate/attend

### *Women's Group*

The Oakwood Women's Group will be doing some charitable work by collecting women's feminine hygiene product or funds to purchase them. These items will be distributed to local food pantries or other places that distribute items.

*See June Oaktree for more information*

### *Make Music Madison*

**TUESDAY JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> Prairie Ridge Campus**

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row the Prairie Ridge campus will be a host site for Make Music Madison. Make Music Madison is a free, citywide, day of music held annually on the summer solstice.

*See Prairie Ridge Life Enrichment calendar for musicians and times*

## **When a Loved One with Alzheimer's Doesn't Recognize You**

By Ava Stinnett

In early-stage dementia or Alzheimer's disease, intermittent symptoms of mild cognitive decline—such as word searching, forgetfulness, and trouble concentrating and problem-solving—are visible. As the disease advances, lapses in people's memories become even more apparent. Such lapses can cause an inability to remember—or recognize—family members. As a result, some family relationships diminish, leaving the person with Alzheimer's isolated and lonely. It's normal to feel sad, hurt, or abandoned, but it's not personal. These are simply effects of the disease. What can you do?

First, remember that even when memory is gone, emotions remain. Your loved one might still be able to pick up on vibes and read body language. Proceed with the conversation even if the person appears unresponsive. To encourage engagement, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America recommends using the 4S's for communicating: *simple, slow, show, and smile*. "Simple sentences are much appreciated by someone with Alzheimer's. Say it slow to allow enough time to capture words or questions. Show what you're saying, using facial expressions, body language, and gesturing. And smile—it goes a long way."

Next, avoid peppering your loved one with the question "Do you know who I am?" Instead, introduce yourself by name and relationship, such as "I'm Josephine, your daughter" and "Here's my husband, Mike." Instead of figuring out what the person remembers, be reassuring by maintaining eye contact, addressing them by name, smiling, and holding their hand as you remind them who you are. You might have to introduce yourself several times. Try to resist the urge to speak louder to make it easier for the person to understand. Slow down and provide time for understanding and processing what you've said.

It might seem pointless to stay in contact with a loved one who cannot recognize the faces of family and friends. However, numerous benefits come from visiting with people who have advanced dementia. Social wellness—making and keeping genuine, nurturing connections with others—is critical to physical and psychological health and might help delay cognitive impairment.

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# OPPORTUNITIES

## Independent Living: Non-Fiction Library Organizer

Organizing and shelving books  
at 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Pioneer Prairie  
Library

## Assisted Living: Weekly Wednesday Morning Newspaper Delivery

## Assisted Living: ONLY July Morning Newspaper Delivery

## Assisted Living: Evening Walking Companion Knoll

## Assisted Living: Haven's Petting Farm Event



Transport/Monitor  
Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup>  
1:15PM – 3:30PM  
Parkway Courtyard

## Assisted Living: Dairy Treat

Prep/Serving  
Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup>  
1:30PM – 3:00PM

## Assisted Living: Father's Day Event



Food/Beverage Server  
Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>  
1:15PM – 2:45PM  
Chapel

## Assisted Living: Fondue Social

Assist gathering/serving residents  
Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup>  
1:45PM – 3:30PM  
Rise

## Assisted Living: PREP WORK ONLY Ice Cream Scooper

Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
10:30AM – 11:30AM

## Independent Living: Sassy Cow Ice Cream Social



Ice Cream Scooper  
Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6:15 PM – 7:45PM  
Parkway Courtyard

## Assisted Living: Lambda Quintet



Transport Residents  
Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>  
10:00AM – 11:30AM  
Chapel

Pet Visitors    Mercantile    Event/Worship Transporters    Walking Companions

1:1 Visitors    Village Mercantile

*The Prairie Ridge campus is always looking to fill these volunteer opportunities*

# MEMO

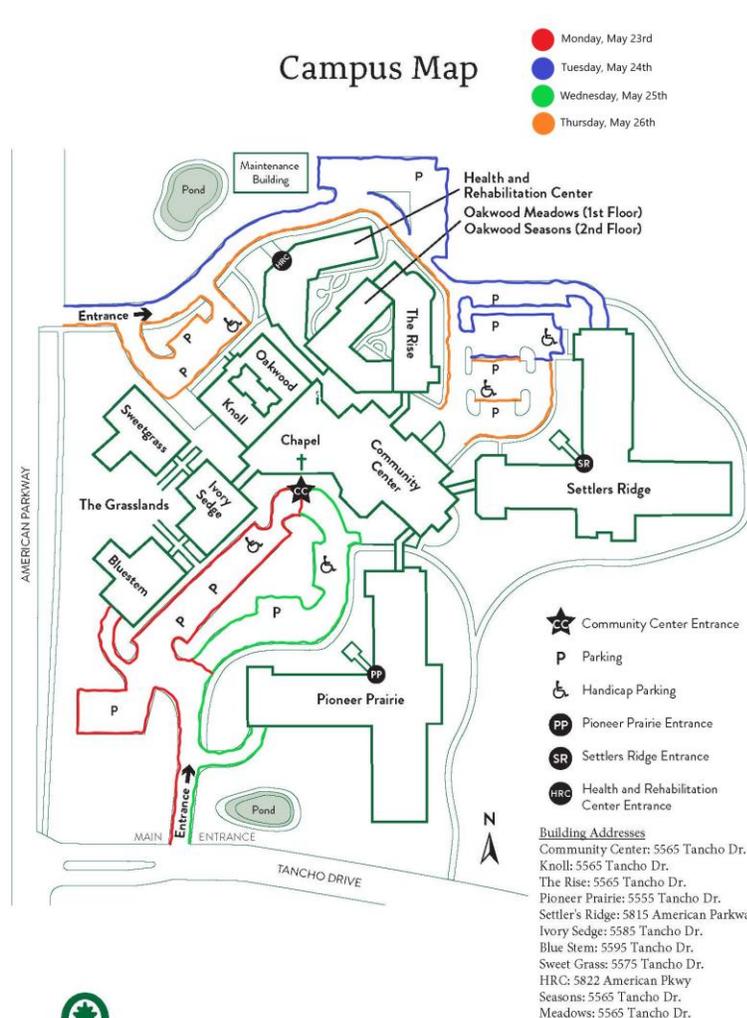


To: Prairie Ridge Staff/Volunteers  
From: Tyler Dovenbarger, Facility Services Coordinator  
Re: Asphalt Sealcoating

Please be advised that Fahrner Asphalt will be on campus the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup> to do crack sealing, seal coating and re-striping of all campus roadways and outdoor surface parking areas on campus. This work will result in reduced parking for all staff and residents during the week.

A map of this scheduled work is included in this memo. Please see the color-coded key and the associated days of road/parking closures. As you can see, we've split the work into 4 sections as to provide some flexibility for parking and traffic. Be aware that both entrances (Tancho and American Parkway) will be limited to one way traffic, both ways while work is being done. Emergency services will not be affected by this work.

Parking will be limited to a few spots in parking lot and street parking. American Family is allowing Oakwood staff to park on their surface lot off American Parkway.



Campus Map

