

Emery Place

OCTOBER 2026 NEWS LETTER

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October Activity Highlights

Mon.: Balloon Hockey/Football at 10:30am / Library Run at 11:15am
Pretzels & Pints Board Games at 1:00pm / Bingo at 2:30pm
Tues.: Fox Therapy Fitness at 10:30am / EP Chorus Practice at 1:00pm
Farkle at 2:30pm / Trivia Happy Hour at 3:30pm
Wed.: Arts & Crafts at 9:30am / Cardio Drumming at 10:30am
Thurs.: Fox Therapy Fitness at 10:30am / Farkle at 2:00pm
Fri.: Balloon Volleys at 10:30am / Bible Study at 1pm / Bingo at 2:30pm
Sat.: Bingo at 10:00am / Movie in Family Room at 1:00pm
Sun.: Catholic Communion in Library at 10:00am / Movie at 1:00pm

Oct. 1: Massage Therapy at 1:00-3:30pm
Oct. 5: Roundtable Mtg. (*Activity Calendar Planning*) at 10:00am
Oct. 6: Sweet Rolls w/Suncrest Hospice at 9:30am
Oct. 7: Mike & Bonnie Concert at 1:15pm
Oct. 12: Flu Shots starting at 9:30am
Community Kitchen Mtg. (*Menu Planning*) at 10:00am
Oct. 14: Lunch Outing: Sally's on Broadway at 10:00am
Oct. 15: Chorus Sing Along at 3:30pm
Oct. 16: Flipside Concert at 3:00pm
Oct. 20: Donuts w/Moments at 9:30am
Barefoot Becky Concert/Oktobefest Party at 2:00pm
Oct. 21: Neighborhood Meeting at 2:00pm
Oct. 23: Larry Jensen Piano Happy Hour at 2:00pm
Oct. 25: Housewarming Party w/Sara & Sarah at 2:00pm
Oct. 26: Lena Adams Concert at 3:00pm
Fanny & Angela Dog Therapy at 5:00pm
Oct. 27: Hocus Pocus Party & Movie at 2:00pm
Oct. 28: Lunch Outing: Scott's Family Restaurant at 11:00am
Dave Wirtz Concert at 3:00pm
Oct. 30: Halloween Through the Years w/ED Sara Etter at 2:00pm
Trunk or Treating for family/friends at 4:30pm



Florence "Bug" H. - Oct. 7
Janet M. - Oct. 8
Jeanette H. - Oct. 9
Carol B. - Oct. 19
Eldon K. - Oct. 21
Kathy Ar. - Oct. 30

EP Staff Member:

Nick C. - Oct. 3



Karen F., Millie C.,
Karen S., Christy W.
and Dorothy P.



Loretta M. - Oct. 6, 2025
Carol B. - Oct. 10, 2023
Jessie M. - Oct. 12, 2022
Roger W. - Oct. 12, 2022
Bob B. - Oct. 31, 2025

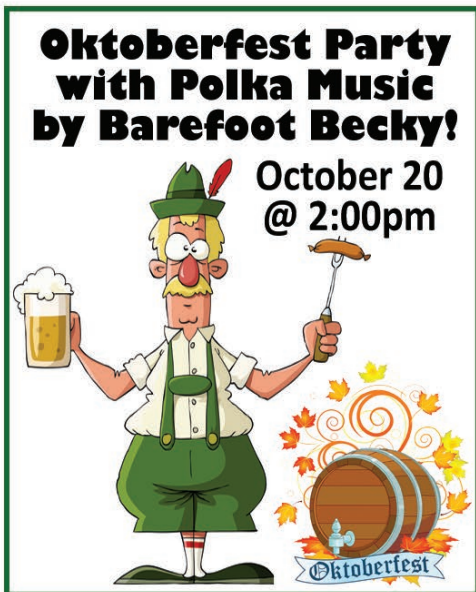


TRUNK OR TREAT
Oct. 30 @ 4:30pm
Grandkids Welcome!

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Executive Director, Sara Etter, and Joyce S. posing after Joyce cut Sara's bangs! Silly girls!



Health & Wellness Director, Ashlee Wyant, RN, and sweet baby Brycen at almost 2-months-old.

Executive Director

Sara Etter

🍂 Fall Is Officially Underway! 🍂

Fall has officially arrived at Emery Place, and I couldn't be more excited! Our decorations look amazing, the weather feels wonderful, and the company is even better with all of you wonderful residents. We are also so happy to have our favorite nurse, Ashlee, back with us!

We have some exciting things happening around Emery Place this month. Our new movie theater chairs will be delivered soon, and we'll begin transforming our basement into a marvelous movie theater! I can already picture plenty of popcorn, cozy movie nights, and good memories being made down there. 🍿🎬

Michael and I also have some wonderful news to share! We have been chosen as scholarship recipients to become Board Certified Dementia Educators. As part of this opportunity, we will undergo a comprehensive educator development program that includes personalized coaching and mentorship with Dr. Joshua J. Freitas. We believe this opportunity will allow us to bring even more dementia education, understanding, and quality of care to our staff, residents, families, and the entire Better Living community. We are incredibly excited to bring what we learn back home to Emery Place!

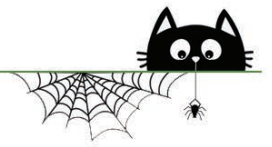
And, of course, we have to have a little fun! On Friday, October 30, I will be hosting an Executive Director and Resident Event: Halloween Through the Years! 🎃👻 Come dressed in your favorite Halloween costume and bring pictures of yourself, your children, and your grandchildren dressed up for Halloween throughout the years. I'll bring all the candy we can possibly taste-test, and together we will take a sweet little trip down memory lane!

As the Executive Director, I am often in and out of the community for meetings, trainings, and other responsibilities, we encourage residents and families who would like to speak directly with me to schedule an in-person meeting or phone call. This helps ensure dedicated time is available to give you our full attention.

Our Administrative Assistant is also a wonderful resource and is happy to assist with questions, concerns, scheduling, or relaying messages to the Director. We are always here to help and want to make communication as easy as possible!

One little side note: I will be away on a trip from October 17-25, but don't worry, I'll be back before you know it and just in time for our Halloween fun!

Until then, enjoy the crisp fall air, keep an eye out for things that go bump in the night, and save plenty of room for candy! Here's to a spooktacular October filled with tricks, treats, laughter, and memories that are simply boo-tiful! 🎃👻🍬



Time with Emery Place friends make fun memories!



RA Lizz, Karen F., RA Nikki, Jim B., Gary S. and RA Amy had a great time making Halloween shirts together.



Joyce S. enjoyed sweets brought by Taylor with Suncrest Hospice.



Mary B., Joyce S. and Lorraine D. made a cute butterfly craft.



Carol B. smiled for the newsletter picture.



Kathy W. sets one of our Monarch butterflies free from the patio.



Gayle S. seemed really happy to have gotten her hair done.



During the housewarming party, Phyllis C. (center right) celebrated five years at EP with her son and family.



Bob B. helped to pick some of the vegetables before it gets too cold.



Shirley R. is always happy to see her great-granddaughter.



Gary S. liked the fun lemonade favors during happy hour.

Emery Place Activities...



Ray's MOVIE HOUR

Hello everyone! If we haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, my name is Ray, and my wife and I live in Apartment #503. Please feel free to stop by and say hello anytime!

As an avid movie lover, I am excited to serve as the president of Ray's Movie Hour, happening every Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 1:00pm.



Here are the movies we'll be enjoying this month:

- Oct. 3: **Don Juan** (Starring Johnny Depp)
- Oct. 4: **The Phantom of the Opera** (Starring Gerard Butler)
- Oct. 10: **Star Trek Nemesis** (Starring Patrick Stewart)
- Oct. 11: **Fool's Gold** (Starring Matthew McConaughey)
- Oct. 17: **The Last Castle** (Starring Robert Redford)
- Oct. 18: **The Mask, From Zero to Hero** (Starring Jim Carrey)
- Oct. 24: **2012** (Starring John Cosack)
- Oct. 31: **Spartacus** (Starring Kirk Douglas)

See you all in the family room!

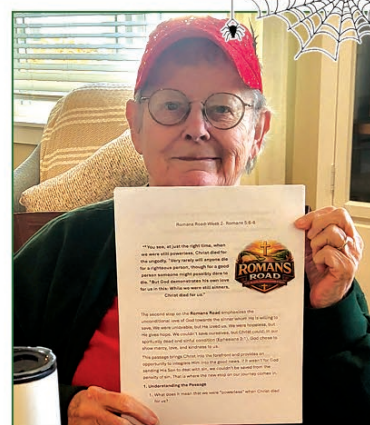
Susen's BIBLE STUDY

Greetings and blessings to all! I have been happily married to the movie lover himself, Ray.

I am honored to lead our weekly Bible Study every Friday at 1:00pm. All are welcome — we would love to have you join us!

This month, we're diving into a series through The Psalms. Each week, we will explore a different rich and powerful message throughout the bible. All are welcome, come on down and join us as we learn more from The Psalms.

We can't wait for you to see you - meet us in the library!



YOU'RE INVITED TO A

Housewarming party

OCTOBER

SUNDAY **25** 2PM - 3:30PM

Join us for fellowship and refreshments as we welcome our new neighbors who moved into the Emery Place community this past September:
Millie Corbett, Karen Freerksen, Dorothy Peterson, Karen Stewart and Christy Wasson.

We are also celebrating residents with anniversaries:
Carol Blanchard, Bob Brandt, Denise Kapler, Jessie McCasin, Joyce Oldorf,
Janice Peterson, Jessie McCasin and Roger Welzin.

We're excited to make this a monthly gathering so we can all connect,
build friendships, and get to know each other better.
We hope to see you there!

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If your name is on this list, please let Sales & Marketing Director,
Sarah Zimmerman, know who you would like her to invite for you!

Hosted by Your Neighbors!



The EMERY PLACE CHORUS

Hello! My name is Barb and along with my friend, Bug, who is our wonderful pianist, we share our love of music together with everyone at Emery Place!

We practice every Tuesday at 1:00pm in the family room. Join us at our Sing-Along on October 15th at 3:30pm.

We would love to see you there!



Mary B. looked like she enjoyed the breakfast pizza and coffee.

Blanchard's BAKING CLUB

Hello everyone! My name is Carol Blanchard, and it is an honor to have been nominated as the official president of the Blanchard's Baking Club!

Each Tuesday, we gather to bake delicious treats and enjoy time together. I am excited for all the recipes we'll be trying this month.



Here's what we'll be baking this month:

- Pumpkin Pie
- Blueberry Vanilla Cookies
- Orange Poke Cake
- Scotcheroos

Fire Department Snacks:

- Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookies



We can't wait to bake, laugh, and make sweet memories!

TRICK OR TREAT...

One Halloween night, Harold was handing out candy when the doorbell rang. He opened the door to find three little ghosts yelling, "Trick or treat!"

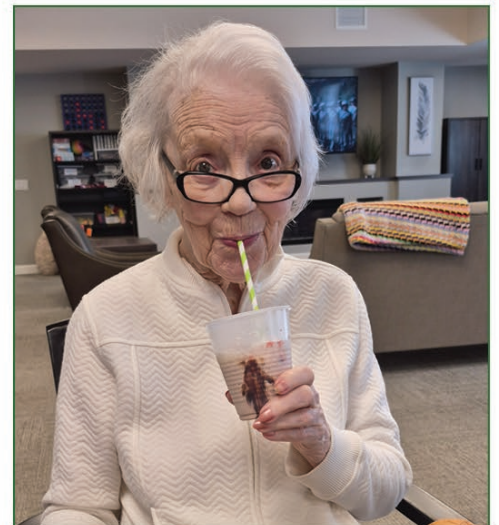
Harold grabbed a handful from the bowl and dropped something into each bag. One child looked down and said, "Sir... you just gave me a cough drop."

Harold checked the bowl. Sure enough, he had grabbed the dish from the coffee table instead of the candy bowl. "Sorry about that!" Harold said. "Come back in 50 years... you'll appreciate those a lot more!"

The kids laughed, Harold found the real candy, and from then on, he kept the cough drops FAR away from the Snickers.



Kimbra W. and RA Nikki picked lots of cherry tomatoes for us.



Gayle S. sipped on a chocolate ice cream shake with her lunch.

Emery Place neighbors make the best of friends!



Jim B. enjoyed a fruit smoothie and the sunshine.



Kimbra W., RAs Sadie and Leslie enjoy looking at Carol B.'s photo album and sharing stories together.



Mary B. helps set one of the Monarch butterflies free.



Julie H. was mixing up goodies for baking club.



Mary S. shows her grandchildren's pictures on Grandparents Day.



During the housewarming party, Arlis F. and family/friends enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.



Activity Assistant Barb and RA Nikki looked great for 50s day!

Sales & Marketing Director

Sarah Zimmerman

Wow! Here comes fall... then the white stuff! I won't say it, as it may come sooner rather than later! I am looking forward to the beautiful colors the trees will soon be displaying! Be sure to get out and enjoy the cooler days before gets too cold!

I am excited to host a "Hocus Pocus" Party (with friends) on October 27 at 2:00pm! We'll enjoy some tasty and fun Halloween refreshments while watching the 1993 movie Hocus Pocus. This fantasy comedy follows three 17th-century witches who are accidentally resurrected in modern-day Salem, Massachusetts, on Halloween night. The cast includes Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, and Kathy Najimy. Invite your family and friends to join us for some Halloween fun! This is also a wonderful opportunity to invite friends who may be considering senior living to come experience the fun, friendship, and sense of community we enjoy every day at Emery Place.

Join our Executive Director, Sara, and me as we recognize our newest residents who moved into Emery Place in September, along with residents celebrating their Emery Place anniversaries. Our Housewarming Party will be held in the dining room on October 25 from 2:00–3:30pm. Be sure to check out the invitation flyer included in this newsletter. *(All residents are invited!)*

Life Enrichment Director

Michael Guinane

Happy Fall, Y'all! Fall is officially here, and I couldn't be more excited! The cooler weather, changing leaves, and cozy activities are always something to look forward to—although, if I'm being honest, I'm mostly waiting for the pumpkin pie!

Our annual Emery Place Trunk-or-Treat will be held on Friday, October 30, from 4:30–6:30 p.m. in the Emery Place parking lot. Come on out, enjoy the costumes, and help us hand out candy to our visiting trick-or-treaters! You are more than welcome to bring your own candy, but we will also have plenty available to hand out.

October also marks the official launch of the Emery Place Better Bucks Activity Store! Each time you attend an activity, you'll earn a Better Buck. Every Friday during lunch, you can redeem your bucks for different items from our new convenience store. (This will be in place of our monthly auctions)

We would love to hear your ideas about what we should add to the store, so please share your suggestions! It has been so much fun seeing residents collect their activity bucks, and it has been especially enjoyable to see such wonderful crowds gathering for our activities.

Let's keep the ball rolling and make this another fun-filled season at Emery Place. Happy fall!



Sales & Marketing Director, Sarah Zimmerman, and Kathy A. were feeling groovy for "Hippie Day" celebrating National Assisted Living week at Emery Place..

Hocus Pocus Party & Movie

October 27 @ 2:00pm



Life Enrichment Director, Michael Guinane, and Lorraine D. taste-test the yummy pastries!

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Our Mission

To love generously, serve passionately, and elevate every moment for our residents, families, and team members.

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Maintenance Director

Josh White

Happy October, Emery Place! Here's another fun fact for you: Did you know German Chocolate Cake was actually invented in Texas? And the "German" in the name comes from Samuel German, who created a special chocolate bar formula while working for Baker's Chocolate Company in the 1850s.

My wife, Amanda, is always telling me I'm "full of it," and I've decided to assume she means I'm full of fascinating—but mostly useless—facts!

Thank you all for your patience while we installed the new light fixtures throughout the building last month. They've definitely brought some extra brightness to hallways that were in serious need of a little shine. Although, I may have accidentally turned the kitchen into a tanning booth...

Fall has finally arrived, bringing cool evenings and crisp mornings—the perfect weather for enjoying a cup of coffee and good conversation with friends on the front patio. A winning combination to start, or end a wonderful day!



Maintenance Director, Josh White, was serving up desserts today at lunch with a smile to Betsey M.

AN OLD FARMER'S HARVEST...

An old farmer was asked how his harvest was going. "Pretty good," he said. "The corn is tall, the pumpkins are big, and the tomatoes are plentiful."

"That sounds like a great year!"

The farmer shook his head. "Would've been better if I'd remembered to plant potatoes."

"Then what have you been digging up all morning?"

"My wife's flower bulbs," the farmer said.



Our Deepest Sympathies go out to the families in the passing of their dear loved ones and our Emery Place friends, Carole Johnson, Loretta Moody, and Denise Osborn.

