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News from Under the Elms

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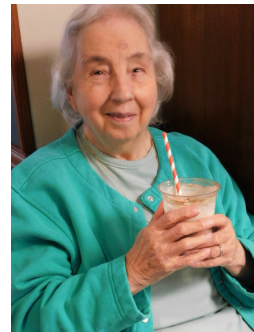
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## Old-Fashioned Summer Carnival Is an End-of-Summer Good Time



The Elmhurst “midway” was full of games and prizes and yummy ice cream floats—the perfect way to say so long to summer. We had a ball!





Dear Friends,

The year seems to be advancing quickly towards its end. I surely hope the new year brings us relief and healing from the current health crisis. Elmhurst continues to maintain the highest safety standards to safeguard our residents. We have been blessed to remain Covid-free.

Our Virtual 5K Walk/Run for Wheels fundraiser is nearing completion. Participants are sending in their results. We had a total of 45 persons sign up. Thank you!

As we enjoy the Autumn season, we will find hearty soups and stews featured on the menu to keep us toasty warm. Pumpkin and apple flavors are on tap, too. Next month our Annual Thanksgiving Appeal will appear in your mailbox. I hope you will consider a gift to Elmhurst. Please contact me if you wish to discuss planned giving, bequests, gift annuities, and endowments. Your support is much appreciated.

*Jamie*

*Jamie's  
Corner*

**Jamie Crow**  
Executive  
Director



Due to the Corona Virus, Elmhurst is forced to cancel the Annual Eggnog Party and the Victorian Christmas Tour. We hope to see you next year.

### -THANK YOU -

Donations for the Virtual 2020 5K Walk/Run have been received from Richard Jackson, Andy Thalman Family, and Dr. George Naum.

Sincere thanks to Barbara Fisher for masks she made for residents during National Assisted Living Week.

Many thanks to Charlene Goodwin for the new book shelves and books for the library and for the live plants for our gardens, as well as the new gazing ball.

We also wish to thank Patty Hensel for the assortment of pretty teacups and saucers and to Jessie Coleman for the antique stemware.

### Our Puzzle Pieces Reflect Personalities

During National Assisted Living Week, we created a giant puzzle by putting our individual creative spin on each piece. It was a fun way to time together, too. The result was a huge, beautiful puzzle.



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**



# September Scrapbook...Carnival, Kick-Ball, Crafting...

## A Few Thoughts on the Election & Halloween Treats

A random early morning breakfast poll asking about our favorite Trick-or-Treat candies and the current political scene generated some interesting replies.

Candy Corn was a popular sweet treat found in residents' Halloween bags, but anything chocolate won the day. Milky Ways, Hershey Kisses, Reece's Peanut Butter Cups, Kit Kat Bars and Candy Apples were favorites, too.

Naomi Durrence, a native of England who married an American after the war, said she wondered why the children were outside her front door that October evening. Halloween was not celebrated in Jolly Old England! Rachael Davis lived in a rural community where they didn't trick or treat...they tricked. She recalls one such night when she and her friends were "soaping" windows. As she began one such attempt the window blinds went up and the face of the resident appeared. She and her friends took off running, the trick foiled!



The election query found residents looking for "peace," a change in the "idiots we've elected," and dismay at "unfit" candidates. Several residents are concerned about the Covid virus, another is not happy with abortion, while two residents hope that the election results will be "final" on election day, with no more fighting in the streets. One residents wants the current president re-elected, while another wants to make sure she "signs" her ballot. One person was not a President Trump fan but is "leary" about Mr. Biden. The issue of black equality is uppermost in the mind of another resident while another resident feels as though the politicians fail to take care of the people. All-in-all, this unscientific poll provided an insight into the views of a small sample of the electorate. Finally, one resident simply quipped "I hope the best man wins."



A little crafting is a popular pastime at our house. We put our personal spin on tiny box trays, embellishing them with color and decorative touches. Our artists, from left to right, are Joan Boutaugh, Jeanne Hicks, Maureen Comiskey, and Rachael Davis. Not sure who the little lady is on the end!



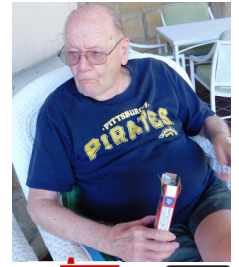
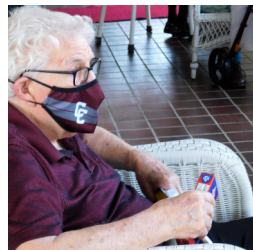
## Take Me Out to the Ballgame

# St. Mike's Eighth Grade Treats Us to Some Kick-Ball!

It was a Cracker Jack kind of afternoon when the St. Mike's eighth grade stopped by to play a game of kick-ball on the front lawn. The fans cheered from the porch gallery, munching on peanuts, cotton candy, & Cracker Jacks. What a great day!



**PLAY  
BALL!**



## **-We Remember First Responders -**



**911**

Residents wrote thank you notes and packaged an assortment of goodies for area fire, police, and emts to be delivered this month. Thanks for all you do!



## **Welcome Home, New Residents**



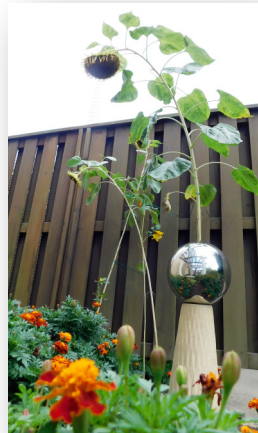
Charlene  
Goodwin



Penelope  
Goodwin



Marguerite  
Purpura



## October Birthdays

### Residents

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Barbara Myers | 1  |
| Naomi Hupp    | 11 |
| Jeanne Hicks  | 17 |
| Joan Mudge    | 23 |

### Staff

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| Marilyn Mull | 1  |
| Faith Newell | 26 |