

Village Voice

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In our Village, we... *think green*

One of the struggles with recycling we currently have is there are fewer items we can toss in with comingled recycling. EHL has invested in training two of our staff to become Community Collectors through Lane County. Community Collectors can collect and return plastics that are not allowed in comingled. These plastics must be clean, dry, and sorted according to the number on the bottom of the item and their shape. After we collect at least two cubic yards, we can make an appointment with Lane County Public Waste to have it quality checked before they will accept it. Our EHL Community Collectors are Annie Foshay and Ryan Perry. See below for their answers to some of our recycling questions.



Annie is our Communications Specialist and has been with EHL since 2016. When she is not working on our recycling protocols, she works hard to keep the phones, website, computers, and internet working. Annie believes very strongly in sustainability and practices it in her own life, as well as at work. "I like to give everything a second life by buying used. Even when I'm shopping for something new, I like to make sure it is made of sturdy materials and has the potential to be used as something else if it can no longer be used for its original purpose." When asked if she had some

words of wisdom about recycling, she shared, "The best time to start reducing/reusing/recycling would have been 50 years ago. The second best time is today!". A fun little tidbit about Annie is that she and her daughter are raising milk goats and they have baby goats due this month! Annie says, "Baby goats are so fun to watch and cuddle!".



Ryan works within our Environmental Services and Maintenance Department. He started with EHL in September of 2020. He is seen in this photo in front of a recycling organization station he set up. When he is not collecting and sorting our recyclables, he is making sure things are in working order and running smoothly for our residents and staff in the Village. While away from work, Ryan's hobbies include metal detecting and spending time out in nature searching for history. He also enjoys spending time with his "better half for 16 years," Callie, and their four-legged kiddos. His favorite quote about recycling is, "One man's trash is another man's treasure."

Every staff member at EHL commits to our sustainability protocols and they do an amazing job! Our sustainability commitment goes beyond recycling. We compost all of our food waste, recycle all electronics and appliances through NextStep Recycling, take our gently used clothes to St. Vincent DePaul, reuse building materials, and buy locally whenever possible.



the Birch Home!



We have recently come up with a challenge to reenergize our commitment to sustainability. This challenge was met with much more enthusiasm than we anticipated. Our friendly competition turned into a cut-throat battle to procure the most recyclable items possible. Each month you will see a highlighted section showing the home that won the monthly award. The winner for March was our Birch Home, who received the award for collecting the most recyclable items.

Residents are encouraged to help with our sustainability commitment as well. They help peel labels from plastic tubs and assist in helping to take the compost bucket out to be dumped after each meal.



Sustainability is also important in our other departments, such as the main office. We purchase recycled products and utilize local vendors as much as possible. One thing we do in the office is something everyone could do at home as well. Before we toss a piece of paper in the recycle bin, we see if we can use it as scrap paper for notes or other purposes. For example, if a piece of paper only has printing on one side of it, we use the other blank side to write our "to-do" list or for a phone message.



***Office staff
Marianne and
Annie celebrate
being green with
Pearl the pug!***



MAKE EVERY DAY
EARTH DAY



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Brittany Williams, our new Recreation Coordinator!!



**Congratulations
on your promotion,
Brittany!**

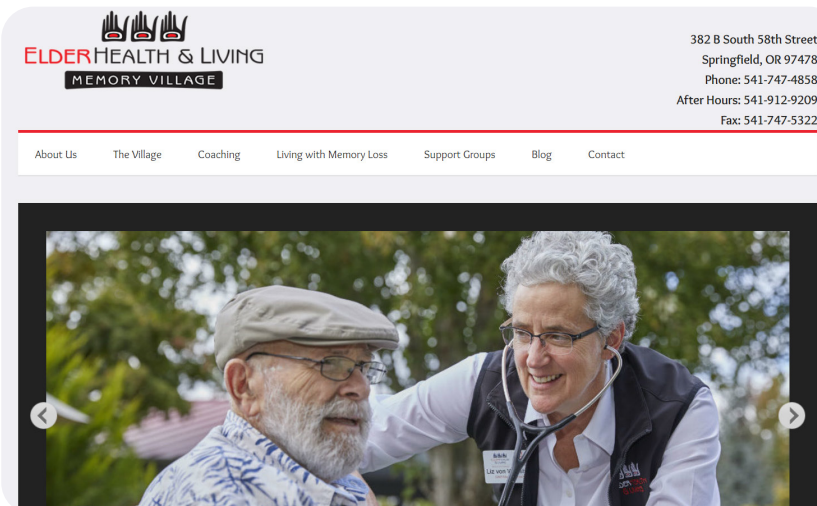
We are excited to announce that Brittany Williams is our new Recreation Coordinator. Brittany started with EHL in January of 2020 as Direct Care Staff in our Cascade Home. She will now be leading our Recreation Department as we move towards opening more recreation activities. We asked Brittany to share with us a little bit about herself.

Brittany was born in Beaufort, South Carolina and grew up in Alabama before moving to Oregon at the age of 16. She is very excited to share that she is getting married in June. When she is not working, she likes to spend time with her gigantic family or planning her wedding. She is looking forward to becoming the Recreation Coordinator because she will be able to spend more time with all of the residents, watching them have fun and helping them engage in activities. When asked why she likes working at EHL, Brittany shared with us that, "I love working at EHL because everyone always has the residents best interests in mind. Everyone at EHL is one big team, from the families, the residents, and all the staff. I'm very excited to grow with EHL!"



The third and final round of COVID-19 vaccinations was a success on March 9th. Going forward, we are offering assistance in helping staff obtain the vaccine and asking that new residents receive the vaccine before they are admitted.

***We want to give a special thanks (again) to
Walgreens for coming out for this!***



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Have you visited our website? If not, you are missing out! Not only can you learn more about our Memory Village, but you can also view previous issues of the newsletter, find support group information, and many other things. We also post important COVID-19 updates on the site. Look for this link on our home page to stay informed.

Click here for Important COVID-19 Updates



In Remembrance

Phyllis Richardson

Phyllis came to EHL in June of 2019. Heather, Resident Coordinator of our Cedar Home, shared that, "Phyllis, who we called Granny, was beautiful inside and out. She loved having her hair done and dressing nicely. She always knew how to bring a smile to our faces with her tender heart and fun sense of humor. We all loved to just sit and talk with her. She loved talking about her girls and how proud of them she was. Granny had a warm heart and caring nature. She will be deeply missed by all of us." Phyllis passed away at the age of 92.



Audrey McCabe

Audrey came to EHL in January of 2021. Chelsea, Resident Coordinator of our Aspen Home, shared with us, "Audrey was only with us a short time but we will truly miss her company. She was a very strong woman who was very successful in her life. She loved all nine of her kids dearly. She was very kind and gentle but also had a great sense of humor." Audrey passed away at the age of 86.



Joyce Thompson

Joyce came to EHL in January of 2021. Isabel, Resident Coordinator of our Birch Home, told us that, "Joyce was a very sweet lady with a great smile and was an avid storyteller." Although she was not with us very long, we were truly blessed to have her with us. She will be truly missed. Joyce passed away at the age of 91.



Hello! My name is Marianne Carothers and along with being the HR Coordinator at EHL, I am also responsible for this newsletter. I have so much fun combining our content with a colorful design, and I certainly hope you are enjoying it. I am always looking for fresh content. If you have a suggestion for an article, or even if there is just something in the Village you are interested in learning more about, I welcome you to contact me! You can call the main office at **(541) 747-4858** or send me an email at mcarothers@elderhealthandliving.com.

I have decided to end each newsletter with a positive note. You will see this in each future edition of our newsletter under the heading "Marianne's Memo". It may be just a motivational quote or a fun photo, or perhaps I will share a story about something that happened in the Village. The content will vary, but the intent will always be the same... to share a little joy and happiness with all of you. We could all use some of that in our lives, no more so than over the last year. Enjoy!

*Marianne's
Memo*

Life is hard. And sometimes all it takes is a smile or a kind word to brighten someone's day. What is my advice?

Be kind to everyone!



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