

South Haven Library Circulation

We are now offering a circulation service with the South Haven Public Library. The Library has been visiting us on site to register residents with a library card. This will enable them to order books online that can be delivered to our community. A designated section of the library upstairs will be set aside for rese. rved library books. On the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month Ron Schuster will return books to the public library that are on the return shelf. See Ron for more details or assistance.

Birthdays in November

Happy Birthday:to Residents:

Alice C 15th
Steve N 23rd
Jane W 30th

"You don't stop laughing when you grow old, you grow old when you stop laughing." ~George Bernard Shaw



Employee of the Month AaLeeah Gales

We are excited to recognize Aaleeah Gales as our Employee of the Month! Aaleeah has shown incredible dedication, hard work, and positivity that make her a valuable member of our care team. She consistently goes above and beyond by picking up extra shifts and working across all three shifts whenever needed, showing her commitment to our residents and coworkers.

One of Aaleeah's best qualities is her positive attitude and friendly personality. She is one of the friendliest people you will meet, and her warm presence helps make our community a better place. We are also excited to celebrate her acceptance into nursing school starting in January! This is a wonderful accomplishment, and we are proud to see her taking this next step in her healthcare career.

Congratulations, Aaleeah! Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and the care you bring to our community. We are grateful to have you on our team and wish you the very best in this exciting new chapter!

River Ridge Senior Communities

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November Highlights

Deer Watch and Desserts - Nov. 5

We are inviting the Residents from Assisted Living and Memory Care to come over on Thursday the 5th for a Deer Watch party. We have this fabulous view and wish to share it with some avid nature lovers and deer hunters in Assisted Living. So we are looking forward to sharing our view with them. Join in and enjoy the desserts as well.

Veteran's Day Celebration - Nov. 10

Join us on November 10th at 1:30 PM in the Assisted Living Living Room as we honor our residents with a special Veterans Day Ceremony.

Afterward, at 2:30 PM, keep the celebration going with a patriotic sing-along featuring patriotic karaoke! Please come out and help us honor our brave veterans.

Book Club

Our Book Club on Tuesday's at 3:00 pm will be bi-weekly this month due to a Veteran's Day program and a Thankgiving program that will be happening on the opposite Tuesdays. We will continue with the "Zookeeper's Wife"

Christmas Carols November 23 & 30

With December around the corner we are celebrating with an hour or favorite Christmas Jingles at 2:30 pm. We welcome all of you to join us as we participate in our favorite Christmas Sing-along songs. A group of us will also be preparing for a Christmas Choir in December.

From our Executive Director

As we transition into November, our community naturally shifts toward reflection and gratitude. When we asked our residents what they are thankful for, the answers were profound: Family, Children, Staff, God, Community, Belonging, and—naturally—a few smiles over ice cream, coffee, and good company.

At StoryPoint, providing a "1440 experience" means recognizing that every single minute is an opportunity to make a positive impact and celebrate life together. Twenty-four hours give us 1,440 minutes daily to live fully, and November is a true testament to that philosophy.

This month, we lean into our core values of warmth and community. Whether gathering for seasonal celebrations, sharing stories over coffee, or recognizing team members like Employee of the Month Aaleeah Gales, every moment nurtures a true sense of home.

Thank you to our residents, families, and staff for making River Ridge so vibrant. Let's make every minute count this November! — Audrey Henriquez





Sharing in the Thanksgiving

We have plenty of wonderful gatherings to look forward to this holiday season!

- Tuesday, November 23 at 5:00 PM – Join us for our Independent Living Community Potluck! The main ham will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be available for residents to contribute their favorite side dishes and desserts.
- Wednesday, November 24 – Celebrate all that we have to be thankful for at our special "Friendsgiving" Social in the Assisted Living Living Room. We'll be serving a delicious variety of pies and desserts to honor our residents, friends, and families.
- Thursday, November 25 (Thanksgiving Day) – Our chef is preparing a traditional Thanksgiving meal for everyone to enjoy. If you would like to invite guests to join us, guest meals are $16.00. Please RSVP to Chef Dre by calling 616-422-2167 or emailing andrew.mendoza@riverridgeretirementvillage.com at least seven days prior to Thanksgiving.

The Zookeeper's Wife

There's something magical about getting lost in a great story—especially when you share the journey with good friends. For our Readers Club, and we have chosen an unforgettable first adventure!

Right now, we are gathering together to listen to the extraordinary, true-to-life bestseller, The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman. Set against the backdrop of World War II, this powerful and deeply moving story follows the keepers of the Warsaw Zoo who used their sanctuary to hide and save hundreds of human lives and animals alike. It's a tale of remarkable courage, profound compassion, and the resilience of the human spirit.

Whether you are an avid reader, love a good piece of history, or simply enjoy sitting back with a cup of coffee and great company while someone else does the reading, this club is for you. Listening to an audiobook together brings the characters and the drama to life in a whole new way, leaving plenty of room for lively discussions and shared reactions.

Come join us, lend an ear, and be part of the conversation. Check your calendar for our upcoming meeting times—we can't wait to share this remarkable story with you!



The 1440 Experience

There are 1,440 minutes in every single day. Every minute is a gift and an opportunity. How we choose to spend those 1,440 minutes—through connection, laughter, shared activities, and moments of joy—is what makes our community so special. A 1440 mindset ensures that every resident's day is filled with purpose and happiness. We place a deep emphasis on three foundational values that shape our culture and everyday interactions:

- Authenticity: Showing up genuinely, building real trust, and treating every resident, family member, and teammate with honesty and a personal touch.
- Devotion: Bringing heart and unwavering dedication to the work we do, ensuring that residents' best interests always come first and that they feel truly at home.
- Excellence: Striving to elevate the standard of senior living through exceptional care, creative programming, and a continuous desire to make every moment count.

We treat every one of the 1,440 minutes in a day as an opportunity for connection and purpose—these values guide our mission to create a vibrant, joyful community where both residents and team members thrive!

Poetry By Rick Staley

All I want to dream love.
All I want to know love.
All I want to flow love.
All I want to show love.
All I want to grow love.
All I want to see you love.
All I want to be love.
All I want to be loved.
What we focus on is always
What we Attract
Exactly and Intactly,
That is always the truest of all love.
True-love is all we need love.
True-love in Thought, Words, and Deed love.
Today I want to share my love.
Like shining-stars above love.
Fill my heart with glee-love.

Love brings happy endings, love.
So let us all take that hallelujah-highway love.
So we all may embrace love.
So we all may endure love
with hearts so pure love.
That for sure will assure love
Always For-ever Amen-Love!

(In fond Memory of Rick Staley and the love he gave to all who knew him.)



Growing Together

“Community” comes from the Latin noun communitas (meaning fellowship, community, or shared relation), which itself is derived from the Latin adjective communis, meaning "common," "public," or "shared by all." It describes a group of people who are united by things they share — physical space, a set of values, a mutual purpose, shared experiences or the shared duties of caring for one another.

“Life is a journey best traveled in good company”. This is River Ridge. We are a community brought together by shared laughter, deep faith fellowship, and mutual support as we share life in close proximity to eachother. We know life brings both joyful moments and unexpected hurdles. Recently, when a few of our community members faced health challenges, it was heartwarming to watch everyone rally around each other with unwavering care. Our resilience and sense of adventure shine through the bumps in the road, too—like our recent color tour, where a sudden change of plans led us to an unexpected restaurant gem and an afternoon of great food and shared laughs.

Whether we are diving into stories together at our new book club or gathering for fellowship, these moments deepen our bonds. As Helen Keller once wrote, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Thank you for making River Ridge a true home.



Bountiful Baskets

Our residents are compiling Thanksgiving Baskets and welcome your contribution with a bin locate in the libary for the following items:

