



StoryPoint Hickory Hill

September 2026 Newsletter

Independent Living | Assisted Living

Upcoming Events!

Voters Assistance

Do you need help filling out an absentee ballot, registering to vote, or have questions about the upcoming election? Join the League of Women Voters for voter assistance: Friday, September 10:30 AM–12:30 PM in the Bisto.

Annual Oktoberfest Celebrat

Join us for our annual Oktoberfest celebration Wednesday September 30th! Head out to our dining patio and enjoy a refreshing drink, delicious German goodies, and live polka music by Barefoot Becky! Come celebrate Oktoberfest with great food, good drinks, and plenty of festivefun. Prost!

Resident Bithdays

Helen David September 7th
Eunice Wesh September 8th
Dorothy McKasson September 18th

Performance by Mission Bluegrass

Come enjoy some great musicby Mission Bluegrass, bring a donation if you're able, and help support our communin. Friday, September 18 at 3:00 PM in The Bistro! Starting September 1, we'll be collecting food and non-perishable donations to support this special cause.

Cheers to Our Grandparents

Celebrate Grandparents Day with a delightful morning in the Bistro! Enjoy a refreshing mimosa, delicious pastries, and beautiful live piano music by Mary Miller from 10:30–11:30 AM. Bring your kids and grandkids and make wonderful memories together!

Staff Birthdays

Chef Jordan September 11th
Aisha Dargool September 13th
Aubrey Meyer September 15th
Grace September 17th
Claire Brynt September 21st



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Don't Miss These Monthly Outings!

Walmart Shopping Outing

Please sign up at front desk

Time: 10:30AM
Date: Friday September 4th
Location: Meet in lobby

Lunch Outing to Cedar Ridge Distillery

Please sign up at front desk

Time: 11:30AM
Date: Friday September 18th
Location: Meet in lobby

Ice Cream Outing to Main Street Sweets

Please sign up at front desk

Time: 3:15PM
Date: Wednesday September 16th
Location: Meet in lobby

Herbert Hoover Museum

Please sign up at front desk

Time: 1:30PM
Date: Friday September
Location: Meet in lobby

A Message from Executive Director Tracy Sherzer;

Dear Residents and Families,

Hello September! As we head into fall, please take a moment to review these two important reminders:

Renters Insurance — Due September 15

All residents are required to maintain active renters insurance. Please provide Carrie with a copy of your current policy by September 15. Our community's insurance covers the building, but not your personal belongings.

Front Parking Reminder

Please keep the spaces directly in front of the building available for residents who need close access, visitors, medical professionals, and emergency vehicles. If you have a vehicle parked out front that you rarely use, please move it to one of the secondary parking areas.

Thank you for helping us keep our community safe, accessible, and comfortable for everyone!

Tracy Sherzer



Staff Spotlight

This month, we're shining our light on Rebeka, whose bright smile and warm presence are often the first and last faces you see when arriving or leaving our community!

Born in Mozambique, Rebeka moved to Iowa at just 5 years old. Growing up with 8 siblings—4 brothers and 4 sisters—family has always been incredibly important to her. Rebeka is a proud City High graduate and is currently working toward her business degree at Kirkwood Community College, with hopes of transferring to the University of Iowa next year!

When she's not working or studying, Rebeka enjoys relaxing at home, spending time with friends, and trying new foods and discovering new favorite dishes! 🍴 Her favorite restaurant? LongHorn Steakhouse!

We're so lucky to have Rebeka at our front desk, where she enjoys working alongside her friends and helping our residents each day. Thank you, Rebeka, for being such a welcoming and wonderful part of our community!

Resident Spotlight

This month, we're shining our Resident Spotlight on a wonderful couple, Barb and John Shie!

Their love story began 61 years ago on the church steps of Holy Family Catholic Church in Davenport, Iowa. Both Barb and John had been praying to meet that special someone—and that day, their prayers were answered! Just nine months later, they were married at the very same church altar where their story began.

Barb and John quickly settled into family life, raising their three sons. John spent his career as a physical education teacher, and once their boys were off to school, Barb began her own career in education.

Even with busy careers and raising a family, Barb and John always made time for adventure. Camping in a tent, hitting the road in their RV, and taking family trips became yearly traditions. Their love of travel continued well into retirement, when they enjoyed exploring new places, taking group bus trips, and even setting sail on cruises. Family has always been at the heart of Barb and John's lives. Today, their family has grown to include seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and they chose to make their home here at StoryPoint so they could stay close to the people they love most. Barb and John say they love StoryPoint for its beautiful surroundings, especially their walks along the trails of Hickory Hill Park. But what they cherish most are the friendships they've made and the wonderful staff who have helped make StoryPoint feel like home.

Transportation Annoucment

We are so happy to welcome Kaci, our new Transportation Driver, to our team and community! Please join us in giving Kaci a warm welcome to our community! Kaci grew up in Carthage, Illinois, and moved to Iowa City in 2009. She is a proud mom of four children—two boys and two girls. In her free time, Kaci enjoys baking, gardening, camping, traveling, and putting together jigsaw puzzles. Kaci brings a broad career background to our community. She began her career in healthcare, later moved into office work, and then went on to manage a restaurant. She is looking forward to getting to know everyone and hearing your stories during her drives with you!

Kaci will be assisting residents with transportation to and from appointments Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, she will be assisting with activity outings.

Transportation Reminder: Please submit all transportation requests at least 48 hours in advance.



Amazing Color Race!

We kicked off our week of adventure with a COLOR RUN—and boy, did we make a splash! Residents and staff walked, rolled, and ran their way through a rainbow of colorful fun. From head to toe, everyone got in on the action! We cooled off afterward with snow cones and live music on the patio. It was a colorful day full of laughs, smiles, and memories!



Community Path Project

Our residents and staff got creative with a fun stone-painting project! Each colorful stone was painted with love and personality to help create a cheerful pathway from the staff parking lot to the main entrance. What started as a pile of plain stones has turned into a beautiful reminder of the creativity and community spirit that makes our community so special!



Let's Tackle Hunger!

Our food drive benefiting the North Liberty Food Pantry begins September 1st! A donation table will be set up in the front lobby starting September 1st. Please bring your unopened, non-perishable food items and place your donations on the table.

September 18th: Join us for a special performance by Mission Bluegrass as they play in support of our food drive! Let's show them how much we appreciate them sharing their time and talent for such a wonderful cause. Every donation helps make a difference. Let's come together as a community, tackle hunger, and show our support!

September Hawkeye Football Viewing Schedule

- Sat, Sept 5th: vs. Northern Illinois | 3:15 PM | BTN Chanel 32
- Sat, Sept 12th: vs. Iowa State | 6:30 PM | NBC Chanel 6
- Sat, Sept 19th: vs. Northern Iowa | 3:00 PM | FSI Chanel 20
- Sat, Sept 26th: at Michigan | 12:00 PM | TBD



Biannual Week Recap

Our Biannual Week was a wonderful journey around the world! We traveled to Japan and enjoyed a beautiful tea ceremony, experienced the vibrant dances and flavors of Mexico, twisted, tasted, and laughed our way through Germany, took in beautiful sounds and relaxed in paradise, and finished our adventure with an unforgettable journey through Egypt. What an incredible week of culture, music, food, and fun!



What an awesome turnout for Biannual Week!

We loved seeing so many residents join in on the fun and get their passports stamped! Our community definitely enjoys a little friendly competition. For Amazing Race Week, residents earned points for attendance, and 2nd Floor came out on top with an amazing 220 points!

As a special thank-you, 2nd Floor residents will be receiving a catered lunch! 🍴🍽️ Way to go, 2nd Floor, and thank you to everyone who participated!



Severe Weather Information

During severe weather warnings, staff will encourage and assist residents with drawing the shades in their apartments to help provide additional protection.

In the event of a tornado warning, residents will be encouraged to safely make their way to the first-floor hallways whenever possible. If a resident prefers to remain in their apartment, they may safely shelter in their bathroom or another interior room away from windows.

Staff will be available to provide assistance and support as needed during severe weather events. Residents are encouraged to follow all safety recommendations and remain alert to weather updates.