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By Carol Volpe, *Activities Director*

## LeaAnn Blanchard begins executive director role

**L**eaAnn Blanchard has been a friendly, familiar face at The Orchards at Southington since she was hired as the new resident service coordinator in December 2016. Quickly she became a treasured member of The Orchards family with her bright smile, energetic personality and caring approach.



As resident service coordinator, LeaAnn worked closely with residents and families, connecting them to services such as veterans benefits, state programs and mental health services, to name a few. She was the staff social worker and facilitator of the Sunshine Club and Blankets for Babies. And she introduced the Joy through Laughter Club, which brings a smile and



*Photo by Rusty Kimball*  
Resident Evelyn R. and LeaAnn Blanchard chat on a recent morning.

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## Welcome, Antoinette Ouellette, new retirement counselor

This month, The Orchards of Southington is also announcing the new retirement counselor, Antoinette Ouellette, who has been a member of the Hartford HealthCare Senior Services family since June 2012. She previously held several positions including director of Business Services at Southington Care Center, co-facilitator of H3W Leadership Behaviors Training and for the past three years, marketing assistant.



A native of New Britain where she attended school, grew up and met her husband, Leo, Antoinette lives in Plantsville. They have four children and four grandchildren. Antoinette was a very active volunteer in the Southington School System when her children were growing up, including with the Southington Gridiron Club for which she served as president from 2004-06.

In her position as retirement counselor effective Sept. 17, Antoinette is in charge of marketing The Orchards, renting out open apartments when they become available and representing The Orchards at health fairs and other

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**Sunday(s)**

10:00am CATHOLIC MASS  
(Channel 11 TV) and  
Communion  
- Community Room  
3:00pm SETBACK - Card Corner  
3:15pm COFFEE & Conversation  
- Country Kitchen  
6:30pm CARDS -  
- Country Kitchen

**Monday(s)**

10:30am "GET FIT" w/Christine -  
Community Room  
1:00pm CHORALEERS Practice-  
Community Room  
1:30pm BRIDGE -  
Veranda Dining Room  
2:30pm BINGO -  
Community Room  
3:15pm COFFEE & Conversation  
- Country Kitchen  
6:00pm CARDS - Card Corner

**Tuesday(s)**

9:30am NON-DENOM  
SERVICE with Pastor Vicky  
- South Living Room  
12:15pm BOWLING @  
Apple Valley Lanes  
1:30pm WELLNESS CLINIC -  
Third Floor  
3:00pm HAPPY HOUR - Pub  
6:30pm CARDS -  
Country Kitchen  
6:30pm BINGO -  
Community Room or  
Macintosh Dining Room

**Wednesday**

9:30am ROSARY -  
South Living Room  
9:30am BIBLE STUDY  
Rev. Brown  
Private Dining Room  
10:30am "GET FIT"  
Community Room  
6:30pm SETBACK  
North Living Room

# NOVEMBER 2018

Events listed on the top of calendar are regularly scheduled weekly functions at The Orchards. Residents will be notified of any change in schedule or location. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend OUT TRIPS. Trips are weather permitting.

Sign up for out trips  
with our reception

4 2:00pm  
Ice Cream Social  
Country Kitchen



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**VOTE TODAY**




7 10:30am  
Out Trip - Christ  
Shop & Lunch

3:00pm  
Resident/Staff  
Community

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12 10:30am  
Out Trip - Walmart



13 2:00pm  
November Birthday Party  
With music by  
Pierce Campbell  
Community Room



14 12:00pm  
Men's Group Lunch  
The Pub




7:00pm OUT TRIP  
Southington High  
Veterans Program

18 2:00pm  
Ice Cream Social  
Country Kitchen




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20 2:00pm  
Music w/Brian Gillie  
Community Room



21 2:00pm  
Food Talk w/Clara  
Community




2:30pm  
Noodle/Balloon V  
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27 2:00pm  
Orchards Cooks  
Country Kitchen  
6:30pm  
Genealogy Group  
Community Room  
\*\* Bingo in MAC Dining  
Room



28 1:30pm  
Sunshine C  
2:00pm  
Blankets for  
6:30pm  
Arts & Crafts  
Community

|  | <b>Thursday(s)</b><br>1:15pm "GET FIT" w/Christine<br>- South Living Room<br>3:00pm HAPPY HOUR - Pub<br>6:30pm CARDS -<br>Country Kitchen<br>6:30pm BINGO -<br>Community Room | <b>Friday(s)</b><br>9:45am OUT TRIP to Stop &<br>Shop<br>1:45pm BINGO -<br>Community Room<br>3:15pm COFFEE & Conversation<br>- Country Kitchen<br>6:30pm CARDS -<br>Country Kitchen<br>6:30pm CORDIALS &<br>Conversation with Trivia<br>- North Living Room<br>6:30pm POKER -<br>North Living Room | <b>Saturday(s)</b><br>10:00am "GET FIT" w/video<br>- Community Room<br>11:00am ROSARY<br>- Private Dining Room<br>1:15pm MOVIE MATINEE<br>- Community Room<br>3:00pm HAPPY HOUR - Pub<br>3:15pm COFFEE & Conversation<br>- Country Kitchen<br>6:30pm CARDS -<br>Country Kitchen<br>6:30pm BINGO -<br>Community Room |
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| <p>ps<br/>ist</p>  | <p>1            2:00pm<br/>Pumpkin/Silk Flower Craft<br/>Community Room</p>   | <p>2            10:15am<br/>Laughter W/ LeaAnn<br/>Community Room</p>   | <p>3            10:00am<br/>"GET FIT" with video<br/>Community Room</p>  <p>1:15pm<br/>Movie Matinee<br/>Community Room</p>   |
| <p>m<br/>mas Tree<br/>Christmas<br/>Tree Shops<br/>n<br/>Meeting<br/>Room</p>  | <p>8            2:00pm<br/>Roger Hart Photography<br/>Community Room</p>    | <p>9            11:00am<br/>Veterans Day Program<br/>w/Tom Cullinan<br/>Community Room</p>    | <p>10           10:00am<br/>"GET FIT" w/video<br/>Community Room</p>  <p>1:15pm<br/>Movie Matinee<br/>Community Room</p>    |
| <p>m<br/>cheon<br/>RIP<br/>School<br/>n</p>    | <p>15           2:00pm<br/>"Fraud/Scam"<br/>Presentation<br/>With Officer Butler and<br/>Officer Lepard<br/>Community Room</p>  | <p>16           2:00pm<br/>Scrabble w/Carol<br/>South Living Room</p>   | <p>17           10:00am<br/>"GET FIT" w/video<br/>Community Room</p>  <p>1:15pm<br/>Movie Matinee<br/>Community Room</p>  |
| <p>m<br/>ribel<br/>Room<br/>n<br/>Volleyball -<br/>Community Room</p>  | <p>22</p>  <p>Wish you a very happy<br/>and blessed Thanksgiving!</p>   | <p>23</p>   | <p>24           10:00am<br/>"GET FIT" w/video<br/>Community Room</p>  <p>1:15pm<br/>Movie Matinee<br/>Community Room</p>  |
| <p>m<br/>Club<br/>n<br/>Babies<br/>n<br/>Council<br/>Room</p>   | <p>29           2:00pm<br/>Craft w/Carol<br/>Making Christmas<br/>Note Cards<br/>Community Room</p>  | <p>30           12:00pm<br/>Book Club Luncheon<br/>The Pub<br/>2:00pm<br/>Scrabble<br/>South Living Room</p>   |    |

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lighthearted attitude to everyone.

Effective Oct. 1, LeaAnn has taken on the highest role as executive director of The Orchards at Southington upon the retirement of long-time director Audrey Vinci. She continues to be open to suggestions, questions and concerns or needs that residents or families have.

LeaAnn keeps life positive and upbeat by embracing her mantra and encourages others to do the same: "Life is better when you're laughing," she said.

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outside events.

"I've very excited about working with the residents on the Sunshine Committee and getting to know all the wonderful people who call The Orchards home," she said.

## Write a Google review!

Now is your chance to let the world know about your personal experience with The Orchards at Southington and write a review.

It's easy. Visit [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and enter "The Orchards at Southington." On the right-hand side, you will see a box labeled "The Orchards" and a blue link to where you can write your review.

We'd love to hear from you! Your opinion means a lot to us and we thank you for sharing it.

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