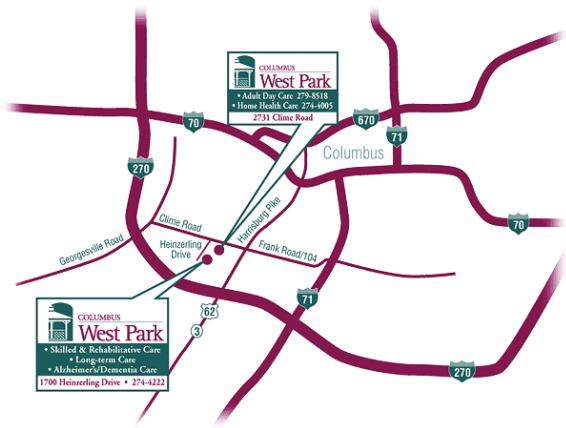


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STNA Irene Shepard in Iraq

Columbus West Park State Tested Nursing Assistant Irene Shepard is back in Iraq on her second tour of duty. She sends warm thanks to the staff, residents and their families for all the well wishes at Christmas. Columbus West Park organized three boxes of food and snacks, toiletries, books, magazines and other gifts to be sent over in early December.



Columbus West Park receives Patriotic Employer award

Columbus West Park received a certificate of recognition from The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for being a Patriotic Employer for contributing to national security and protecting liberty and freedom by supporting employee participation in America's National Guard and Reserve Force. Administrator Sarah Mitchell was particularly recognized for her efforts to support Irene Shepard during her military leave.



Pictured are Sarah Mitchell and Irene Shepard home on leave.



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Franklin County Caregiver Support Program

Funded by the Older American's Act Reauthorization of 2000, the National Family Caregiver Support Program is designed to support caregivers of older adults in their role of providing necessary and vital care. In Franklin County, the Franklin County Office on Aging (FCOA) is responsible for coordinating this program.

One of the most important highlights of this program is the focus on the caregiver. Traditionally, the older adult is viewed as the "client" and therefore the focus of the care-planning process. In this program, however, it is the caregiver who drives the plan. This program supports caregivers of low-income older adults age 60 and older on a short term basis. Assistance is limited to a three month time period per calendar year, and at a maximum cost cap of \$1000. The Caregiver Support program can be used in conjunction with other programs, such as Franklin County Senior Options.

The Caregiver Support Program can assist with a variety of services including adult day care, medications, and institutional respite care in a licensed facility. Columbus West Park is an approved provider for the Franklin County Caregiver Support Program. We have had Caregiver Support residents for short term stays so that the primary caregiver can go on vacation or in some cases, take care of their own health issues. If you are interested in learning more about this program, or seeking a respite stay at Columbus West Park under this program, you should call the Franklin County Office on Aging Senior Options program at (614) 462-6200.

Smoke Free Ohio Act Effective December 7, 2006

The Smoke Free Ohio Act took effect on December 7, 2006. Many healthcare providers chose to move in the direction of becoming completely smoke free facilities. Columbus West Park continues to allow residents of our facility to smoke in our indoor ventilated smoking lounge. In the past, residents guests were able to smoke with them. Under the new Ohio law, only our residents may smoke inside the approved lounge, because this is their home. Our guests may smoke in the central courtyard away from the building.

Some of our residents require supervised smoking. We cannot require staff to accompany them into the smoking lounge under this new law. Our smoking lounge has windows into our activity room, so we are able to supervise safe smoking habits and remain in compliance with the law.



New Admissions Nurse Added to Marketing Team



Gerri Harris, RN (center) joins Community Relations Coordinator Leo Welsh (left) and President/Owner, Tom Stewart (right) on the Marketing Team at Columbus West Park. Gerri joined Columbus West Park in January 2005 as one of our Care Plan nurses. She continues in that role, but has also taken on the additional responsibility as our Admissions Nurse. Gerri will accompany Tom and Leo on their visits to potential admissions in the hospital and community. Gerri has 14 years experience in nursing, not only in geriatrics, but in hospitals as well.