THE PINES

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COVID-19 UPDATE

For Residents, Family Members, and Staff
Thursday, July 2, 2020

Two days ago, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services announced it is partnering with CVS Health to provide one (1) round of COVID-19 diagnostic testing to residents and staff of all nursing homes in North Carolina as an additional way of slowing the spread of the virus and protecting one of our most vulnerable populations. Since that announcement, we have received a number of questions from Pines residents seeking more information about the new NCDHHS program. Here's what we know at this time:

- Testing will be available in July and August to all of the state's 400 nursing homes which comprise approximately 36,000 residents and more than 30,000 staff.
- This testing gives all nursing homes the ability to conduct a baseline test of residents and staff, which is especially important for those facilities that have not conducted comprehensive testing to date.
- NCDHHS will bill individuals' health insurance for the cost of this comprehensive testing effort, and any costs not covered by insurance will be covered by state funds.
- Testing results could help facility staff identify cases of COVID-19 earlier, so that additional infection prevention and control actions can be taken to contain the potential spread of the virus.
- The state's new testing effort does **not** extend to independent living residents of senior living communities.

As more information about this new testing effort becomes available, we will share it with you.

No New COVID-19 Cases
Active COVID-19 Cases at The Pines as of 7/2/20
Health Center Residents: 0 cases
Health Center Staff: 0 cases
Non-Health Center Staff: 1 case

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

As we near the end of the week and look forward to a July 4th weekend, please keep all of the COVID-19 safety precautions top of mind. There are numerous ways to enjoy the out-of-doors while remaining safe. Should you feel under the weather for any reason, your Pines staff is here for you. Please call the Wellness Center at x1467.

Soothing Nocturnes
In addition to taking lovely photos of our campus, Eileen Mason enjoys listening to music. She kindly shared two links related to beautiful nocturnes by Irish composer John Field (1782-1837). Click here to listen: Pianist Lisa Yui (concert piece) and Pianist Elizabeth Joy Roe (a wonderful compilation of pieces and information about Field)

Wikipedia shares the following interesting information about John Field. Did you know:
- He invented the nocturne, a musical composition that is inspired by, or evocative of, the night.
- He is mentioned in passing in *War and Peace* when Countess Rostova calls on the Rostov household musician to play her favorite nocturne.[2]

What music do *you* enjoy listening to in the evening? Please send us a link so that we can all discover and enjoy great music during these summer weeks ahead.

Bursts of Color
Thank you, Future Resident Rick Dynesius, for these lovely images, reminding us to look and notice nature's sometimes tiny, yet powerful beauty.
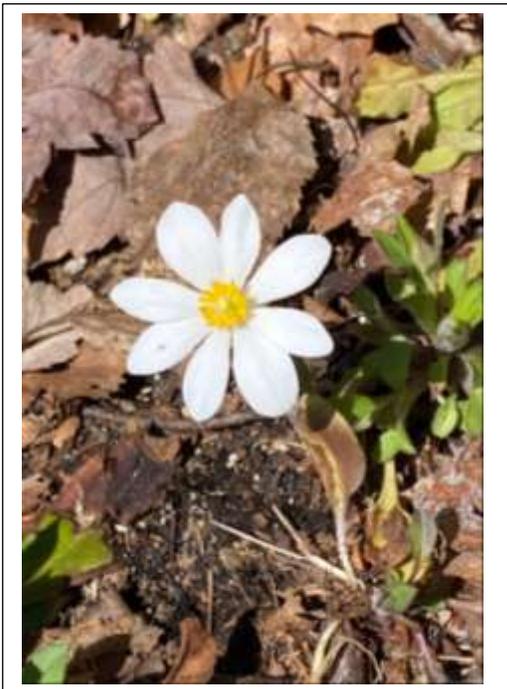
Calling all Yankee Doodle Dandies…

The Activities Department has planned a couple special patriotic events to celebrate the Fourth of July weekend. Enjoy "Watermelon and Music" at one of three concerts on Saturday. Mark your calendars now for music with *The Shawn Ervin Trio* and vocalist *Brenda Wallace*. Concerts will be held at 11:00, 11:45 and 1:00 at locations across the campus.

Closing Images

Thank you, Ken Pedersen, for the creepy-crawly images below. The one on the left, *Bugged*, with its beady "eyes" is a fabulous display of nature's defense mechanisms. It may be familiar to some, but was a new one to Ken, Adrienne, and Ann Mackey who "spied" it right here on a Pines' sidewalk. Thanks to Mr. Google, we're pretty sure what he's called….care to research yourself? And for a different kind of demonstration by Mother Nature, if you look closely, you should understand why he named the one on the right *Buggy Porn.* 🤭