



COVID-19 UPDATE

For Residents, Family Members, and Staff

Tuesday, July 28th, 2020

Personal note from Steve Jewell, CEO, The Pines

The opportunity to spend a few days last week with my new grandson Isaac was wonderful, and it afforded me an interesting chance to reflect on the nearly five months our lives have been turned upside down. And sideways.

Five months...

When it started, who would have ever thought this milestone would be upon us with no end in sight to the vicious, insidious coronavirus? Its physical attack on family members, friends, neighbors, those in underserved communities and yes, older adults, continues to be ruthless. This is certainly the sobering side of the pandemic. The numbers continue to surge. Significant hot spots across the country cycle up, down and all around, and the situation seems to be boomeranging in some locations.

For me, however, last week's opportunity for reflection was particularly cathartic. Instead of letting myself remain in the constant swirl and drumbeat of COVID-19 "developments", I turned my energy to **faith** and **hope**: Faith - that the application of science will beat back the coronavirus worldwide and hope - that we will unite to do the right things so that when this moment in time passes, we are even more unified as a community, relaxing and enjoying one another's companionship, close together, again.

I believe in science. What we have learned in a few months' time about the coronavirus and how it behaves is nothing short of remarkable, and new research and scientific revelation offer us more insights daily. I'm comforted in knowing that many, many lives have been saved by discoveries of vaccines over the years, and that the coronavirus challenge should be no different. **I have faith** that vaccines to thwart this virus and more therapies to effectively treat it are coming, and *relatively* soon. Our scientific community is in overdrive to make this happen, though sadly, many additional people will suffer before we get there.

And I have hope – my foundation for self-preservation. I hope for the days when a neighborhood picnic is not out of reach, when our dining rooms buzz again with the cheerful sounds of meals shared together, when residents fill a bus going to a Davidson College basketball game, when people splash in the pool, when we once again can hug one another.

COVID-19 will become “just a memory”, and those moments of togetherness will return. I know this because I, and many others, choose faith and hope as companions on life’s journey.

We also want to update you on the Health Care (Assisted Living) resident who had tested positive for coronavirus. This individual was recently retested, and the result showed “non-detect” for coronavirus, rather than “positive.” We are pleased that this resident has now returned to the Assisted Living wing.

Cumulative Active COVID-19 Cases at The Pines as of: 7/28/20	
Independent Living Resident:	1 case
Non-Health Center Staff:	1 case

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Construction Update

Rodgers Builders recently provided this information regarding construction progress:

Community Center Dining Phases 4 and 5

- Temporary walls are being put in place. *These last phases*, which will create the marketplace dining, pub and new traditional dining room, *have begun!*

Davidson Room

- The installation of the new window frames is 75% complete.
- Soffit framing has begun and brick veneer install along the north side continues.

Fitness Center

- Demolition of the existing exterior wall continues.
- Concrete will be poured for the rooftop terrace water feature basin; window installation to begin.

Healthcare

- Exterior soffit work continues; trim and siding to begin at roof well.
- Roof work at connector to existing wing continues; Elevator install is nearly complete.
- 1st floor casework, wall and floor tile is ongoing.
- 2nd floor completing first coat of finish paint, casework is ongoing and hard tile floor is being prepared.

Assisted Living Dining

- Demolition has been completed and overhead rough-in of MEP utilities has begun.

Villa 2

- The basement spray foam insulation has been completed; drywall finishing ongoing on Levels 2 and 3; prime painting on Level 1 has begun; brick installation continues along the north and west sides; trim and siding is going on the south and east sides; and permanent power for elevators will be in place soon.

Villa 1

- Level 4 hanging of drywall walls, Levels 1 and 2 ceiling hanging and Level 3 overhead MEP rough-in at finish ceilings are all ongoing; brick work along the north side continues and should be finished soon.

(From left: Villa #2; Expanded Fitness Center (wall demolition); New Davidson Room)



Closing Image: Pines Wildlife on the Third Floor

Ron Zerkle shares the following note and photo: *“Yesterday evening while my wife and I were sipping our after-dinner coffee on our porch, Sandy noticed two tiny eyes peering at us from the rim of a flowerpot sitting on the railing. On closer inspection they belonged to a tiny toad about the size of the last inch of my thumb. The frog is still perched in place today. Sandy has named it ‘Cutie.’”*

