



COVID-19 UPDATE

For Residents, Family Members, and Staff

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Instead of the quick recovery from the novel coronavirus pandemic we all hoped for back in March and April, it's apparent we have a long road to travel before COVID is a thing of the past. And now, as Dr. Deborah Birx, White House Coronavirus Task Group leader reported yesterday, it is more widespread than ever. It's in our urban centers, our suburbs, and it's even now widespread in our rural communities. No area of the country at this moment is being spared.

According to Dr. Birx, the number of daily reported new cases throughout the U.S. needs to decrease *significantly* before we have a chance of getting the virus under control. She cited a goal of less than 10,000 daily cases as compared to the nearly 50,000 daily cases we are seeing this week and even higher case counts last week.

We all know what it will take to hit that goal. It starts with our own personal behavior, supported by sound policy that is based on good science. And thankfully the scientific community is working at breakneck speed not only to understand the virus and how it behaves, but to researching and developing the critically important vaccines and drug therapies that can lessen the virus' severe effects.

And here's a spot of unexpected good news: Pharma giant Eli Lilly, in partnership with NIH/NIAID, announced yesterday it is moving into Phase 3 of an antibody therapy that will be tested on older adults in long-term care and nursing homes settings beginning this week. In its statement, Lilly cited the paramount need to address the dangerous effects of COVID-19 on older adults so that we have a chance of lessening their vulnerability. Let's just say in unison, "***it's about time!***"

Cumulative Active COVID-19 Cases at The Pines as of: 8/4/20

No cases.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Medical Appointment Pick-up Procedure

With prior approval, residents can be picked up at the Main Entrance by a family member or friend who is driving them to a medical appointment.

Occasionally, residents in the main apartment building may be physically unable to safely walk to the Main Entrance (because they are undergoing treatments, for example, or do not have private duty support). Following the Director of Resident Services' approval, a resident in such a situation can be picked up at the Green Awning entrance in Magnolia Court. Please call Stephanie Clontz, Director of Resident Services, at ext. 1454 (or 704-896-1454) if you need to make such a request.

Drivers approved to come to the Green Awning will be issued a special card in order to enter the campus, but are not permitted to enter the apartment building. If a resident needs help to get to the Green Awning, staff assistance can be arranged through the Director of Resident Services. Villa and Cottage residents can also contact the Director of Resident Services to discuss the need to be picked up from their homes by family members driving them to medical appointments. We continue to make modifications to meet the needs of our residents, while also making sure that our campus remains safe during this public health crisis.

A Gardener's Diary

Thank you, John Van Order, for sharing the following information and link:

Freda Donaldson's daughter-in-law, Julie, has put together a delightful website that I find inspirational and others may enjoy. Among other things, Julie is an exceptional photographer. The banner, across the top, provides avenues to many inspirations. Julie up-dates her site frequently and I enjoy returning often.

To access it, click here: [JuliaDonaldson](#).



Construction Corner

Rodgers Builders recently provided an update (with photos) on the progress of the renovation and expansion project, which can be read here: [Rodgers](#). Here are some highlights.

Healthcare: second floor casework, wall and floor tiles continues.

Villa 1: brick installation is almost complete; framing of finished ceilings on level 4 begins.

Villa 2: brick installation, siding, pre-hung and exterior doors to continue.

Community Center Phase 2: brick veneer, window frame and glass installation continues.

Additional: grading and formwork for exterior site stairs at Healthcare as well as grading for upcoming curb work North of Villas begins.

Clockwise from left: July aerial; new nursing wing shower; Villa #2 interior; roof top terrace.



Sturgeon Moon

Thank you, future resident Rick Dynesius, for sending this photo of a full moon which he received from a friend in Monroe, LA. The Old Farmer's Almanac has the following to share about the naming of this beautiful sight: *August's full Moon was traditionally called the **Sturgeon Moon** because the giant sturgeon of the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain were most readily caught during this part of summer. Other names for this Full Moon include 'Full **Green Corn Moon**,' signaling that the corn was nearly ready for harvest, '**Wheat Cut Moon**,' '**Moon When All Things Ripen**,' and '**Blueberry Moon**.'* Do you have a distinctive memory of marveling at a rising full moon?



Closing Image

Jackie Rushing shared the following photo of a Bush Lily (a species of a Natal Lily) blooming in our front entrance lobby. No doubt its flower will continue to delight all who pass it by!

