



COVID-19 UPDATE

For Residents, Family Members, and Staff
Friday, May 1, 2020

May Is Here!

May the new month bring sunshine and new blossoms.

May the month be full of promise.

May the month bring happiness and contentment.

May the month bring good news.

May tomorrow be bright.

May you be well.

May you be safe.

May you feel the joy of community in the days to come.

HELPFUL INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Housekeeping

The Pines recently began limited housekeeping services (bath, kitchen, bed) for select residents who have been identified by staff. Starting Monday, May 4th, we will begin scheduled cleaning once every two weeks throughout The Pines for all residents. Please feel free to decline these housekeeping services if you prefer.

In order for this first phase of our housekeeping re-start to be efficient in delivery (quickly giving this basic service to all residents), we ask that residents please accept the time assigned to them by housekeeping. (To get things started next week, residents will be notified the day before). We ask that residents leave their home before the time assigned, leave a patio or balcony door ajar and turn on bathroom exhaust fans before they leave. Residents should wait at least 20 minutes after their scheduled completion time before they return. The patio or balcony door or some windows will be left open by housekeeping.

The service will include cleaning of bathrooms (shower/tub, commode, sink, countertops, floors) kitchens (sink, counters, floor) and vacuuming or quick mop of high traffic areas. We

have allotted approximately 30 minutes per home for these tasks. So that staff can quickly serve all residents, *we are unable to accommodate special requests at this time*. Cleaning materials being brought into each residence will have freshly sanitized containers, and each staff member will wear a facemask and will wash hands and change gloves between each cleaning, and as needed in between tasks.

We appreciate your patience as we integrate this limited housekeeping service during this time. Please understand, it is possible that we might need to again curtail such services, if circumstances change. If you have questions, please call Greg Hines, Housekeeping Supervisor, at ext. 1716.

Morning Light



Happily, it continues to be the season of irises! These two photos capture a yellow iris basking in the morning light. Thank you to all who share with us wonderful glimpses of Nature's beauty, especially this spring.

Please Wear Masks

The Pines requests that all residents wear a mask whenever they are outside of their home, and in shared indoor areas such as elevators, corridors, stairwells, villa lobbies, elevators and the community center. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends *"the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others."*

Due to wonderful donations of cloth and safety masks and due to an improved supply of procedural masks from manufacturers, The Pines now has an adequate number of masks for its nursing and other staff. **A limited supply of lovely, hand sewn, cloth masks is available for**

residents. Please contact our Reception Desk at ext. 1100 if you would like a hand sewn mask and The Pines will deliver one to you.

Some have asked if they could offer something in return for receiving a donated, hand sewn mask. At the suggestion of a volunteer mask maker (*and only if you wish to do so*), a contribution (\$3-5) can be made to The Pines for its Health Care Fund, which supports the purchase of “wish list” items for our nursing staff.

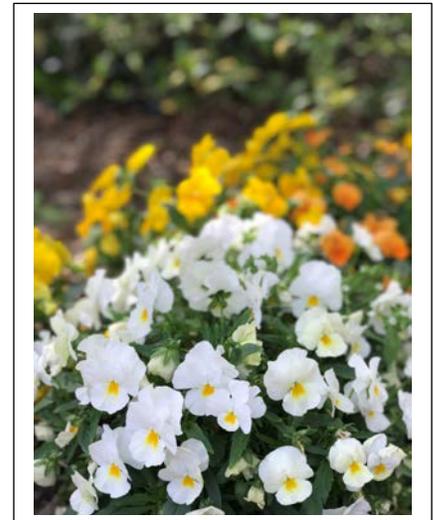
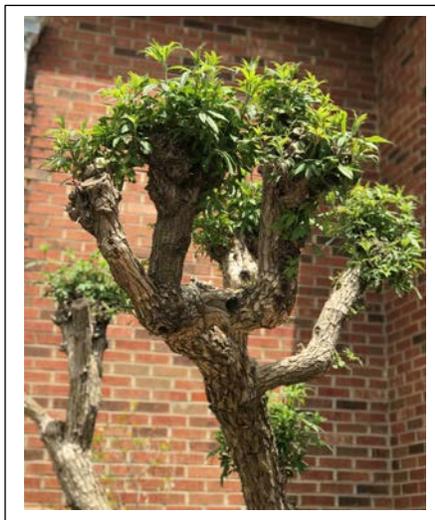
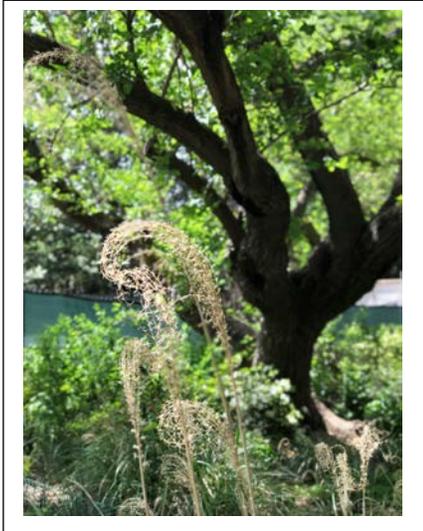
Thank you for helping to keep our community safe by wearing masks whenever you are out and about on our campus. **As long as a generous social distance is always honored, it is not necessary to wear a mask while outdoors, unless you have respiratory symptoms.**

Community Center Front Door

Residents wanting to enter the Community Center’s lobby after 4:00 pm will need to use their fob to open the interior doors. The fob reader box is on the right wall near the phone, as one is facing the lobby.

While Walking on Campus...

Below are photos shared by a staff member (starting from left) from Mulberry Court as well as a tree and pansies near the Schramm Health Center.



Bridge Marathon Update

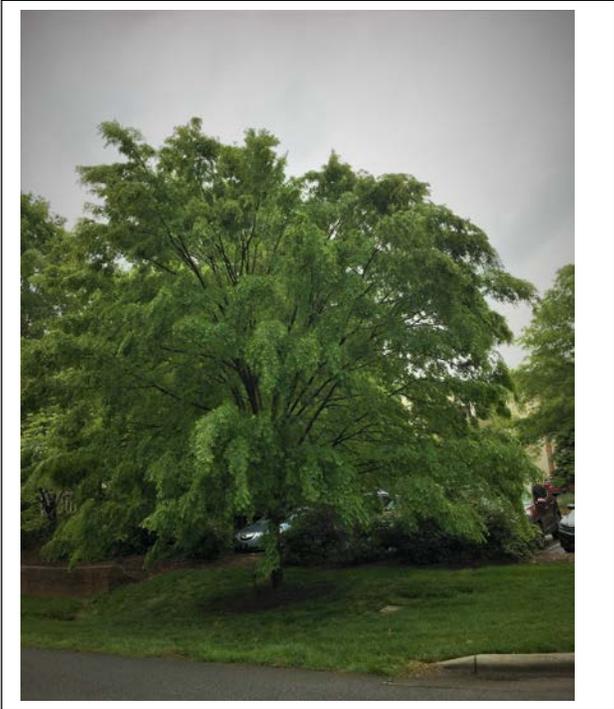
Residents Sarah and E.B. Dyer share the following “Alert” (a bridge term) regarding the 2019/2020 Bridge Marathon:

“Inquiries are coming in from team members participating in this year’s bridge marathon. Unfortunately, we cannot complete our games because of COVID-19. Therefore, we will return all registration fees that were scheduled to be used for prizes. We’ll do this as soon as we can get into our safety deposit box in Fifth Third Bank. Thanks to all who competed.”

Closing Images: *The Weight and Delicacy of Raindrops*

Recent showers were not only a welcome watering of our Pines' grounds but also brought out a certain beauty of 'heft and gentleness' in the trees that surround us.

Thank you, Eileen Mason, for the photo (on left) of the *Allee Elm* by Oak Court, planted in memory of Ann Maloney. Can anyone help identify (perhaps with a plant app) the lovely grove of trees at the edge of the Villas of Laurel Ridge (photo right) with their chandelier like flowers?



These photos bring to mind a quote that resident Sarah Dyer shared recently:

"A tree is known for its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love."

- St. Basil the Great

Best wishes to all during this first day of May!