



COVID-19 UPDATE
AND OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

For Residents, Family Members, and Staff
Thursday, December 17, 2020

A Health Center staff member who had previously tested positive for COVID-19 has now recovered and returned to work, having met the return-to-work requirements.

Cumulative Active COVID-19 Cases at The Pines (12/17/2020)

Health Center Staff: 2 Cases

Non-Health Center Staff: 3 Cases

Independent Living Resident: 1 Case

A Note from Heather McKee, Interim President/CEO and Executive Director

With the arrival of December's wintry weather, we enjoy the warmth of our holiday sweaters and the festive colors of decorated doors. And recently, every day has a new surprise at The Pines: our culinary department is delighting residents with its daily delivery of presents during these eight days of Hannukah and twelve days of Christmas. Now, all can feast on Italian cake for breakfast, lunch and dinner!



Last weekend's luminary night and Santa firetruck visit helped launch the beautiful and cheerful elements of this season. Jane Campbell has kindly produced another video, which showcases additional decorated luminaries (including one with a masked Wildcat) and captures Santa's visit (including the requisite stop at Screening Station #1). Please click here to watch it: [Holidays](#)

[2020 at The Pines](#). Moments such as these both rekindle fond memories and inspire our imaginations. And as importantly, we feel a deeper appreciation for the many gifts we have in our lives, especially the gift of community.

I continue to enjoy meeting with many of you during our Zoom meetings or during my walks throughout campus, including visits with residents in our Schramm Health Center. Thank you for sharing your perspectives and hopes for our community. Your wisdom, candor, and supportive engagement is deeply valuable as we plan together for The Pines' future.

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND INFORMATION

'Though Patience Waits...'

Our thanks to Howard Fowler for sharing his poem:

Who Set The Sail

Though patience waits
upon the rock
The box may lean
upon the dock

And embers fade
into the night
The darkness cease
with dawning light

A warmth returns,
a new fire burns
And rushing waves
anew shore paves

The morning wind
my craft will send
A destined shore
awaits us more

How we must manage and react
though wayward currents drift, in fact.
A purpose-driven life can be
so clearly like a craft at sea

Though storms will pass
and waves subside
Who made the craft,
placed us inside

Strength and knowledge
as He gave
Grace and power
for each wave

- *November 3, 2020*

A Sampling of Resident Holiday Door Decorations



Christmas Vespers from Davidson College

Our local classic public radio station, WDAV, has provided links to recordings of recent Davidson College Christmas Vespers. These services of readings and carols, which take place at Davidson College Presbyterian Church, feature music performed by the Davidson College Chorale and readings by campus leaders. Members of our community who have attended these performances will enjoy hearing again these beautiful musical arrangements and familiar voices. To listen, please click here: [Vespers](#)



Closing Image

Many thanks to Charles Fox for sharing this image of his recent painting, entitled “Corona Virus 2020 at The Pines.” The painting includes many familiar (even if masked) members of our community, who are often seen walking our campus: (from left to right) Charles Fox, Ginger Hall, Charlotte Theirjung, Bob Millikin, Karalee Millikin, Ron Lentz, and Carol Cook.

