



COVID-19 UPDATE

AND OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

For Residents, Family Members, and Staff
Wednesday, December 30, 2020

Cumulative Active COVID-19 Cases at The Pines (12/30/2020)

Health Center Staff: 2 Cases

Non-Health Center Staff: 1 Case

Independent Living Resident: 1 Case

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

This Friday, we ring in the New Year and never has a fresh start to a year been more welcomed by everyone. Our Culinary department is preparing an extra special meal for all in our community to enjoy on this day and other staff is also getting ready for the many new developments at The Pines that 2021 will bring. These include welcoming new residents to our Villas at Poplar Hill, some of whom have begun to arrive (see below), and the opening soon of the new dining and gathering spaces in our Jetton Community Center, which will certainly bring delight to everyone.



We also look forward to Vernon Baker's arrival to The Pines in mid-March. He will lead this community as the next President/CEO and Executive Director during a new era of its history, one shaped by its recent challenges and accomplishments. And the prospect of the COVID-19 vaccine distribution on the near horizon brings a special sense of anticipation. Reflecting on the past year, we are especially grateful for the expertise and determination of the scientists who created these vaccines in such an astonishing short span of time. We appreciate your patience as the State of North Carolina Department of Health and pharmacy partners do the very difficult work of distributing and administering vaccine doses as efficiently and equitably as possible.

And we also thank the health care community, which continues to meet bravely the needs of the many individuals still battling this threatening virus. We can look forward to a brighter 2021 while remaining both vigilantly careful in the short term and proud of how much we have achieved together thus far – including a renewed faith in our adaptability, creativity, and caring spirit for each other.

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND INFORMATION

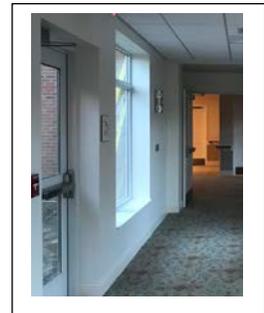
Schramm Health Center Window Visits

As required by the NC Department of Health and Human Services guidelines, The Pines has needed to curtail routine indoor Health Center (HC) visits due to the recent HC COVID-19 cases. Non-routine indoor visits are permitted for HC residents if there is a special care need, such as loss of appetite due to isolation or a near-term end of life situation, documented by a doctor's order.

We know that family and friends are eager to see loved ones residing in Nursing, Memory Care, and Assisted Living. During this time of curtailed routine indoor visitations, The Pines will be making available routine window visits for Health Center residents and their family/friends with a start date early next week. Appointments for such visits will be required to accommodate staffing and parking needs. Doors and windows will need to remain closed during the window visits to reduce COVID-19 exposure risk.

These Health Center routine window visits will take place in two locations:

- Nursing and Purcell wing residents and their family/friends could arrange, by appointment, a routine window visit at the new breezeway corridor that connects the original Nursing Wing with the new Nursing Wing. The resident would be inside with a staff member available to assist, while the family/friend would be outside this windowed corridor. Staff will make accommodations to enable individuals to hear conversations through the glass, such as two-way intercoms.
- Similarly, Assisted Living (AL) residents can arrange, by appointment, to meet with family/friends by the glass door at the end of the AL wing near the ramp adjacent to Mulberry Court. Here too, staff will make accommodations to enable individuals to hear conversations through the glass, such as two-way intercoms.



Please contact the HC Activities staff at ext. 1499 to arrange for a Health Center window visit. If there are no additional COVID-19 cases in our Health Center, routine indoor visitations can resume on January 7th. IL residents can continue outdoor visitation in designated areas by the front entrance.

Parade Photo Montage

We are so grateful to Rick Dynesius, a future resident of the Villas at Poplar Hill, for arranging this lovely musical montage, using photos taken by Jane Campbell and shared in [NewsofDavidson](#), a neighborhood news site. The melody Rick used, Carol of the Bells, is based on a Ukrainian song that celebrates the New Year - so most appropriate for this video.



We know that residents and staff look forward to many more days of joyful celebration together in the year ahead. Please press this link to watch (be sure to click on the little white arrow on the top left corner of the first photo to begin the video): [Parade Photo Set to Music](#)

Poplar Hill Residents Begin To Arrive

You may have seen some moving trucks arriving to Poplar Hill Villa #2, where several residents have begun to move in. Dick and Betsy Brigden (pictured below, left) were the first to arrive last Sunday. Howard and Willa Godfrey (center photo below) moved in on Monday, and George Lear (photo below on right) arrived on Tuesday. Carol Martin as well as Tom and Susan Ross will be moving in this week as well. A warm welcome to all!



Beautiful Reunions

George Gable, president of the Pines' Nature Organization, shares this lovely video of a man who rescues a stork, and a larger story unfolds. Please click here to watch: [Stork](#)

Closing Image

Adrienne Pedersen shares this image of a watercolor she just finished, entitled, 'Tokyo in the Rain.' She recalls, "What drew me to the painting was my own experience as a quite tall person in Tokyo in the rain. The umbrellas hit one in the nose! Drippy and uncomfortable." Thank you, Adrienne, for this delightful vicarious travel through a busy Japanese street!

