



**COVID-19 UPDATE**  
**AND OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION**

***For Residents, Family Members, and Staff***  
**Tuesday, December 8, 2020**

We learned today that a non-Health Center staff member tested positive for COVID-19. This individual last worked at The Pines on 11/28. After experiencing mild symptoms (losing a sense of smell/taste), this staff member was tested on 11/30 at a non-Pines site and received the test results yesterday.

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

**New COVID-19 Case at The Pines (12/8/2020)**

Non-Health Center Staff: 1 Case

**Cumulative Active COVID-19 Cases at The Pines (12/8/2020)**

Health Center Staff: 1 Case

Non-Health Center Staff: 2 Cases

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

I hope you enjoyed watching the “Monday Minutes with Heather” video, the first in a series of weekly messages from me on The Pines’ YouTube channel. To see it, please click here: [Monday Minutes with Heather](#). If you do not use the internet and have not received a paper transcript of my video message, please call our reception desk at ext. 1100 to receive a copy.



As I shared in this video, I am encouraged and inspired by the moments of friendship and laughter that I have seen recently in this community. Theologian Henry Nouwen wrote, “The friend who cares makes it clear that whatever happens in the external world, being present to each other is what really matters.” Our current circumstances, though challenging, provide us with special opportunities for reaching out to one another and in the process, enjoy the discovery of a new friend or shared interest. I would like to learn more about creative ways you have been a friend or how we can be supportive of *every* member of this community during this unusual year.

I would also like to update you on the webinar meeting that Pines’ leadership had yesterday with Omnicare/CVS, which outlined the process of the delivery of vaccines to our health care staff and residents. While we do not yet have a definitive date, Emergency Use Authorization of both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines by the FDA is likely to occur within the next two to three weeks. When that happens, the Pines is poised to partner with our Long Term Care Pharmacy provider, Omnicare CVS, to administer vaccines to health center residents and direct care staff. I will keep you posted on this developing good news.

Today, I will attend (virtually) the quarterly meeting of The Pines’ Board of Directors, a remarkable group of regional volunteers dedicating their professional expertise and time to our organization’s wellbeing. And this Thursday, I will speak at your Residents’ Association Zoom meeting at 10:00am. Please join us for this meeting – there are exciting developments for The Pines on the near horizon.

Thank you for the many ways in which you contribute to this community – either by engaging in Association committee or being that ‘new’ friend to a neighbor who just moved to The Pines. I look forward to hearing your stories about friendship and community at The Pines.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **COVID-19 Important Guidance**

In recent weeks, there has been both hopeful and cautionary news related to the COVID-19. While the distribution of vaccines is expected in the near term, we are experiencing rising positivity rates in our region. We have included several links with information that you may find helpful:

- C.D.C.: [Frequently Asked Questions About COVID-19 Vaccinations](#)
- *Charlotte Observer*: [Coronavirus Live Updates](#)
- *Washington Post*: [COVID-19 Symptoms to Look Out For \(including strong headaches\)](#)

### **Construction Corner**

Construction is moving briskly, and a number of projects are increasingly coming closer to completion. The bullets below are highlights of Rodgers’ Builders weekly report, which can be read in full here: [Rodgers](#).

- **Villa 1:** Balcony work; appliance and carpet installation
- **Villa 2:** Corridor carpet and common area wall tile installation
- **Phase 4/5 Dining:** Painting and flooring installation continues.
- **Davidson Room:** Millwork and painting continues.
- **Fitness Center:** Working in existing corridor; paint and device trim out.
- **Sitework:** HC topsoil placement and landscaping.
- **Photos:** Villa balcony, entrance to waited service dining; new Davidson Room.



### **Text Amendment Removed from Town Board Agenda**

As I shared in my email to you yesterday, The Pines asked the Town of Davidson to remove from its Tuesday agenda a text amendment to allow crossing arms on the Pines campus. There is no plan to install crossing arms or other mechanized security barriers at this time. Thank you for sharing with us your concerns regarding this proposed security measure.

### **Trees Removal**

Due to the safety concerns of an arborist, four trees behind Poplar Villa #1 needed to be removed last week due to the repositioning of gas lines in that area earlier this year. These trees had been located behind the entrance garden gazebo. This area, now without these trees, is pictured right. As was shared in earlier messages, The Pines is adding 60 more trees than have been removed. We hope you are enjoying seeing the addition of plantings throughout the campus, signally the closer completion of many expansion projects.



### **Giving Trees on the Davidson Village Green**

A reminder from the Outreach Committee: Those of you who have experienced Christmas in Davidson in the past may remember the Giving Trees displayed on the village green. Non-

profit organizations decorate a tree to “win” both the honor of having the best tree and receive the funds generated by those voting.

This year, the trees are again on display and those who wish to see them can view them on a website. Additionally, those who wish to vote, can do so. Each vote is \$5, and all “donations” are awarded to the organization that wins. Many of the organizations are ones we currently support—Children’s Hope Alliance, Ada Jenkins Center, and Davidson Housing Coalition, among others.

Use this link to connect and support these fine organizations: [GivingTreeVillage](#) (Click on the Catalog button to access the trees.)



### Closing Image

Carol Barber recently completed a lovely watercolor, entitled “Black Forest Winter,” which will be on her 2020 Christmas cards. She writes, *“Although the setting is different, the four-level house in the painting is almost identical to the one in which my father was born. He was the ninth of eleven children in his family to survive infancy. I have been interested in trying to paint it for some time, so I decided to try it in a winter scene and make it my Christmas card for this year.”*

