



COVID-19 UPDATE
Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Cumulative Active COVID-19 Cases at The Pines (3/24/2021)
None

A Message from Vernon M. Baker, CEO and Executive Director

I am honored and delighted to join you here at The Pines as the new CEO and Executive Director. Since I arrived a few days ago, residents have been so welcoming, a reflection of what makes The Pines such a special community. And what a remarkable time to arrive at The Pines - Monday evening, I enjoyed meeting and greeting residents as they made their way to our newly opened *Heritage* waited seated dining room. I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you in the weeks to come.



In fact, I may run into you on campus at unexpected times - I have moved into an apartment in the main building where I will live for a short time until my wife, Lisa, can join me. This is a unique opportunity for me to get to know you and life at The Pines “after-hours.” As a newcomer, I already appreciate my neighbors’ generous hospitality and humor.

Today, we bid a fond farewell to Heather McKee, who led The Pines so ably during the last three and a half months. Many of you joined me this morning to thank Heather for guiding this community with her special talents and skills. As the Residents’ Association so eloquently noted in its Resolution of Appreciation, “Heather brought both professional skill and personable style to the challenges of leading our community in myriad ways to reinforce, enhance, and celebrate the valued quality of life at The Pines.” Click here to read the entire document: [Resolution of Appreciation](#). Though Heather’s time at Interim CEO at The Pines was brief, her imprint will be long lasting.

I enjoyed joining Heather in this week's Monday Minutes video, which you can view by clicking here: [Monday Minutes](#). I am so grateful and appreciative for her warm welcome and the comprehensive introduction she and other members of the staff are providing me to the operations of The Pines. It is a particularly exciting time with the opening of new dining, fitness and activity settings and the modified return to services that this community enjoyed before the pandemic. All this coincides superbly with the start of Spring, a season of renewal and fresh beginnings. It's a wonderful time to be at The Pines, and I'm looking forward to our working together to shape its great future.

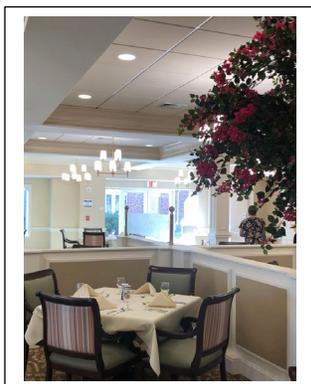
Revised Health Center Visitation Policy

Please click on the following link to read The Pines' Revised (as of 3/23/21) Health Center Visitation Policy: [HC Visitations](#). The Pines will permit in-room visits beginning Monday, March 29th from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Reservations will be required. A copy of this revised policy will be available at the front desk for those who do not have internet access.

Heritage Waited Service Dining Opens

The Pines is now offering waited service dining to Independent Living residents in its new *Heritage* dining room. Reservations are required and seating is still available for this week. Residents should refer to a recent memo from Dining Services that provides instructions for making a reservation online or by phone.

Residents who dined this week in the *Heritage* dining room had an opportunity to see the other dining venues and gathering spaces (pictured below) that will open later this spring. (Top row from left: *Heritage* dining room, *Marketplace* hallway, *Pub*; Bottom row from left: *Davis Café*, *Davidson Room*)



Closing Image

Many thanks to Carol Barber for sharing this watercolor, which she describes as “dreaming of springtime and fields of daises.” She also notes, “You can see it on the Resident Art Gallery Wall next month.” What a wonderful sight!

