

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES & RESIDENTS

## ***A Message from Your Executive Director***

Dear Residents and Families,

I hope you all enjoyed the holiday weekend celebrating the 4th of July. Celebrations this year were likely different from past ones, so here at The Village we focused on supporting each other and seeing the good in all citizens of the ‘great American experiment.’



Our community is coming together again and we are joyful with the return of meals in the Windsor Dining Room. Residents and family members have been wonderfully caring of each other through supportive conversation and personal notes. We are encouraging all residents to take part of events and activities that we are now able to bring back to our lives at The Village. Take note of posted information for upcoming activities, and as always we are here to help you participate.

Last week’s survey focused on activities and its clear we can do a better job serving our residents’ interests. Sam, our Director of Life Enrichment, is grateful for the feedback from residents about likes and dislikes. The more she knows about your interests, the better able she is to organize activities you will enjoy the most. Many of the recent activities have been a direct response to feedback from residents, so keep your suggestions coming!

This week’s Talk Time Zoom on Friday at 2pm will focus on activities so join us and let’s discuss improvements we can make.

We really appreciate the feedback we receive from each survey and as a team, work hard to integrate what we are learning from you. The feedback you gave us on dining options led to us include the week’s menu as a part of our newsletter. Hopefully you’ve had a chance to see the excellent variety Chef Adam creates for our meals. We will continue to include the menu each week and look forward to hearing more from you.

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The **Ladybug Program** is off and running! Thank you to those families who participated over the weekend. You'll find this week's Ladybug below.



In the past week, we have not received any new COVID updates or guidance from the Governor's office, and we remain COVID free. Based on this, outdoor patio visits will continue, as will dining room meal service. As we receive new information we will update you.

As always please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. The Directors and I are available for Zoom meetings as well if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Warmly,

Jodi Egger  
Executive Director



## Ladybug Program

A big thanks to those who jumped into this fun new weekly program and delivered farm fresh berries to their loved ones! Sure was a fun treat! For this week's Ladybug, we are asking families to send (or drop off if it's easier) a postcard! Popular since the mid-1800's, post cards are a great way to send a quick thought along-side a beautiful image. Pop by your general store, dig through your desk at home or make your own! We plan to distribute the postcards this coming Saturday, July 11th.

We had such fun with our farm fresh berries!



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It has been a delight to see families getting together in Greenough Garden for visits. Last week we had some rain and moved the location to the covered area near the front door. So, rain or shine, sign up for a time to visit. And of course you can sign up for a video call, too. Reach out to Sam to schedule or for questions – [\*\*traceysamantha@thevillageatwrj.com\*\*](mailto:traceysamantha@thevillageatwrj.com).



## WEEKLY TALK TIME

**Topic: Activities**  
**Friday, July 10 at 2pm**

We're excited to continue our weekly TALK TIME – an open forum with Executive Director, Jodi Egger and additional guest department heads for a round-table discussion with family members on a selected topic each Friday at 2pm.

This week we'll be talking about activities. Bring your ideas, suggestions and creativity! Join the conversation with Jodi and Life Enrichment Director Sam via Zoom at the link below.

Please email Jodi at [eggerjodi@lcsnet.com](mailto:eggerjodi@lcsnet.com) if you have topics you want to suggest for the weekly TALK TIME zoom.

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85761220670>**



## WEEKLY SURVEY

As a staff, we have been talking about the steps and challenges each family goes through in the transition to move into The Village. To help us gain a better understanding of how we can best support families, our survey this week is focused on the move-in process.

**Complete the survey:**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T63KGY7>**



## ***New Team Member Spotlight:***

Get to know Angie and Kate. Angie is a licensed Quality of Life Specialist focused on our Assisted Living residents. Her high energy and cheery demeanor bring lots of fun to our community. On occasion, she has even filled in at the concierge desk!

This spring we welcomed Katie to our housekeeping team and she immediately became a huge asset at The Village. The care that Katie takes with her job as well as with our residents is evident each and every day. We are excited and proud to have her as a part of our team.

Please say hi next time you see them in the Community.

*PLEASE NOTE – Just for the photos we asked them to remove their masks so you could see their smiling faces!*





## ***Community Connection:***

Last week the residents had a busy and fun-filled time celebrating Independence Day. We put on patriotic hats and began preparing for the 4th of July with a floral activity called Red, White and Blooms. Residents created their own ‘fireworks’ in a jar by adding food coloring to the water supply which turned white flowers red and blue.

On Friday night we watched the hit Broadway musical Hamilton on Disney+ which was a real treat.

We finished up the week with an afternoon social hour including watching a virtual firework display and residents continued to enjoy in person visit with family and friends on the patio.

This coming week we look forward to a cooking demonstration with Chef Joelle, a Spa Day at Lillian’s Salon and celebrating National Piña Colada Day with an island themed party. As the restrictions ease up and we are able to gather residents together for activities, please know that all protocols are followed, such as appropriate social distancing.





## ***Old Movie Stars Dance to Uptown Funk***

This is a delight! Watch Hollywood Golden Age screen icons Gene Kelly, Fred Astaire, Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland, Mickey Rooney, Debbie Reynolds, Ann Miller, Ginger Rogers and more in clips of the most famous movie dance sequences remixed to Bruno Mars' Uptown Funk. Thanks go to Michael Binder, film preservationist for this 'best-of-the-best' treat! None of the original dance sequences were sped up and none of them were made after 1953. What a treat!



**Watch on YouTube:**

**<https://youtu.be/M1F0lBnsnkE>**

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## ***Virtual Tour of Monet's Garden in France***

*"My garden is my most beautiful work of art."*  
- Claude Monet

Hop across the pond for a virtual tour and guide of Monet's spectacular garden at Giverny in Normandy, France. Royal Academy curator Ann Dumas and head gardener James Priest provide commentary alongside a video tour of the famous garden, including the wonderful lily pond.

Famous impressionist artist Claude Monet's garden in Giverny has been one of the must-see sights for every art lover visiting France. It is a flowering domain where the artist spent the last forty-or-so years of his life, digging, planting, weeding and painting.

**Watch on YouTube:**

**<https://youtu.be/rjWx2WNXFF4>**



*"Waterlily Pond The Bridge" – photo and Monet's painting*



We are committed to keeping you informed of how COVID-19 has impacted The Village at White River Junction. Our community continues to be COVID – free and we remain steadfast in our commitment to follow the guidance from both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local health authorities by:

- Requiring employees to wear face masks and adhere to additional screening processes
- Increasing the frequency and rigor of cleaning and sanitizing common community areas
- Restricting visitors inside the community
- Reviewing our emergency preparedness and response program
- Asking residents and employees to communicate any travel plans
- Coordinating best practices across our large partner network
- Making the CDC’s COVID-19 prevention resources and recommendations available to all residents

## NATIONAL UPDATES

### ADVOCATING FOR SENIOR LIVING

Your voice is important for the support of senior living communities. Under the leadership of Argentum, the leading national trade association serving companies that own, operate, and support professionally managed senior living communities, we are calling on Congress to take swift action to ensure the safety and wellbeing of residents and staff of the communities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please consider writing your legislators to voice your support of our most vulnerable and precious seniors by prioritizing senior living communities for personal protective equipment, testing and federal financial support. The following links can assist you.

#### **Take action:**

**Residents** - <https://www.votervoice.net/Argentum/campaigns/73634/respond>

**Family Members** - <https://www.votervoice.net/Argentum/campaigns/73633/respond>

**Community Staff** - <https://www.votervoice.net/Argentum/campaigns/73635/respond>

**General Advocates** - <https://www.votervoice.net/Argentum/campaigns/74049/respond>



# HELPFUL LINKS & STAFF CONTACTS

## Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html)
- [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/index.html)

## LCS COVID-19 website

- [www.lcsnet.com/covid-19-update/](http://www.lcsnet.com/covid-19-update/)

## Local health department website

- <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local/white-river-junction>

## From the Governor

- <https://governor.vermont.gov/covid19response>

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