

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES & RESIDENTS

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

Dear Residents and Families,

I always enjoy my weekends as Manager on Duty at The Village. This past weekend was no different as I spent time acclimating a new resident into the community. The opportunity to have this one on one time is very special to each new member of our Village family. Additionally, I spent time in the memory care neighborhood. We had a lot of laughs while bowling and Fred was named “The Champion of the World”. We also shared an ice cream party which was enjoyed by all.



We continue to monitor updates from the Governor’s office in terms of returning to some level of normalcy. I expect to have a more detailed update this week on the timing of entering our next phase. The return of salon services is a hot topic and based on what I am hearing we should be able to bring this service back to the community very soon.

Thank you all for your feedback on the recent health care survey. Based on the comments, with the support of Danielle and her team, we will be implementing care updates specifically for our memory care neighborhood families. We feel this proactive approach will bring you the level of communication you are seeking.

Warmly,

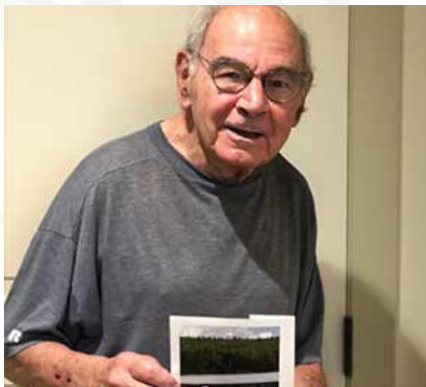
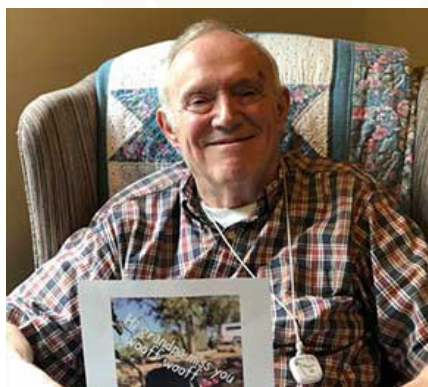
Jodi Egger  
Executive Director



## Ladybug Program

For this week's Ladybug, we are asking families to drop off a sweet treat for your loved one! Make their favorite cookie or have fun decorating a cake or cupcake! And if it's more convenient, pick up a premade treat from any of the fabulous baked goods available in local stores. Drop off your treat Thursday or Friday and we'll have a celebration on Saturday.

Our residents had great fun with the photo messages sent in last week! Way to go families!



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Our Greenough Garden patio visits are going very well, but we have heard some feedback that it's hard to find an available time in the online sign up calendar. If you are having a difficult time organizing a time that fits your schedule, please email Sam directly and she will help get a convenient time sorted out. – **[traceysamantha@thevillageatwrj.com](mailto:traceysamantha@thevillageatwrj.com)**.

Here is the link to the online calendar:

**<https://teamup.com/kszegtj8g4jco615xw>**



## ***Community Connection:***

*Please note – as we are able to enjoy more social life at The Village, we are keeping up with wearing masks and maintaining appropriate social distancing.*

Our National Mac & Cheese Day contest was a great success! Cook Tony Pellegrino was awarded “Best” with his Maple Bacon Mac & Cheese, and Seth Florentine was awarded “Most Unique” with his Vegetable Mac & Cheese. Thank you to all of those who participated in the contest.

This week Executive Director Jodi Egger will host Happy Hour in Teddy’s Pub on Thursday at 4:00 PM. Residents are encouraged to stop by for a cold beverage, pub snacks, and entertainment. We have a virtual tour of the Mayan Ruins scheduled for this Tuesday morning and an open art studio session in Abbott Studio on Friday.







## WEEKLY TALK TIME

***Topic: Plant Operations  
Friday, July 24 at 2pm***

Talk Time continues this week with Jodi and Geoff, our Director of Plant Operations. 2pm on Friday is the time to share your thoughts with us. Bring your questions, suggestions and ideas and be a part of the process to help us deliver the quality and care our residents deserve.

Join this week's conversation about housekeeping, gardens and maintenance and transportation at the Zoom link.

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

Cleanliness, upkeep and transportation contribute to The Village lifestyle. We'd like to hear how we're doing in this area.

**Complete the survey:**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/53GSJ6X>**



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

Meet Heather White!

Heather joined our QLS team this spring and brought with her a wealth of knowledge and experience. In addition to that, she is a good friend. We often find her painting someone's fingernails, making a resident laugh, or simply walking down a hallway with a resident. We appreciate her caring and kind nature. Heather lives in Hartland with her husband and children.

Please say hello next time you see her in the Community.

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





## ***Behold Vermont, From Above***

In case you missed this in the New York Times last week, these aerial images, stunning in their abstraction, evoke a powerful sense of transcendence and tranquility. These inspiring photos were shot by Caleb Kenna from Middlebury, VT.



### **Check it Out:**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/13/travel/vermont-drone-photographs.html>

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## ***Bathtub Swan Lake***

As stunning as this is humorous, take 3 minutes and watch elite ballet dancers from across the globe create a quarantine inspired modern-day Swan lake from their own bathtubs! Sound crazy? Take a look!



### **Watch Online:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p08k25yw>

# COVID-19 IN OUR COMMUNITY



The Village continues to remain COVID-free. We are committed to keeping you informed of how COVID-19 is impacting The Village at White River Junction. We continue our robust commitment to following the guidelines 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

#### ***Standing with Seniors Campaign:***

From a little closer to home comes Tens of thousands of senior living advocates have already participated in the campaign, helping to advance our priorities in the House-passed HEROES Act. And while we continue to make progress educating lawmakers on the needs of senior living communities, we know that as a final compromise bill is crafted, lawmakers will be looking to hear from constituents who can help share with them the on-the-ground needs locally in their communities.

Taking part in these campaigns only takes a few minutes. Participants only need to enter their contact information to match with their lawmakers and click “send message.” These campaigns are mobile-friendly, so you may consider asking your community members to take action from tablets, cell phones, or other devices. Even if you have participated previously, you can still take part in this campaign by sending this new revised letter to Congress.

**Take action:** <https://standingwithseniors.com/help/>





# 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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