



Fun Times in Assisted Living

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COVID STATUS

I'm happy to report another week with good news. We have no COVID+ cases in our ALF. All of our residents and staff remain healthy and well!

Please check our website for the most up-to-date information:

www.oddfellows.com/covid-19



LABOR DAY 😊

We are at the precipice of another holiday. The pandemic has literally forced us to rethink how we do everything. Even celebrations. Labor Day growing up in my family always meant camping at Wallowa Lake. I was well into my teens before I realized it wasn't just a long weekend so we could all go camping. Labor Day is a celebration of the Labor Movement. It is a celebration of the American worker. With that in mind I remembered this week's quote from Thomas Edison.

My son graduated from high school this past June and in his memory book you will also find this quote. I wanted him to remember that with success comes many hours of hard work and not all of it "pretty" work. Someone must unclog the toilets, someone must dig the ditches, someone must clean out the gutters, I could go on. I'm typing this looking at a 2nd floor window of a brick building. It is here because someone built it, someone poured every ounce of concrete and laid every brick by hand. I get to sit where I am because of someone's labor. That is worth celebrating!

While I'm all for a good camping trip or an amazing BBQ, make this weekend about more than that. Take a moment to honor the people who work to make the world go round. And guess what, that's ALL OF US!! Let me be the first to thank you for all you've done, the things I may never even know about, that make my world a better place to be!

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"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

Thomas Edison





Dee Haun-anything for a smile

SPEAKING ABOUT LABOR

While we are recognizing everyone’s hard work, I’d like to give a shout out to this amazing human!! This is Dee Haun, she is the Activities Assistant for the Assisted Living. Without her, this newsletter would never happen. She is the source of all the amazing pictures that you see each week. She’s also the source of all the super fun and creative activities you see happening in them. When we introduce her to new employees, she tells each one of the “I play all day!” Thank you Dee for all that you do for each of us!! And for being one patient bocce referree!! 😊



BINGO AND BOCCE 😊

Odd Fellows two favorite pastimes of recent are BINGO and Bocce. It matters less what one does and more if one has fun doing it! While Bocce and Bingo have always been HUGE hit activities here on campus, I think at this point in our lives what matters most is that we are staying connected, even with a little distance between us. We are laughing, cheering, booing (but only at critical moments), and calling out the appropriate BINGO!



VISITS TO SEE THE ONE’S YOU LOVE

I shared with everyone that we now have outdoor visits available. But this week I thought it might be a nice idea to show you what each type of visit we offer looks like. We are able to do virtual visits via our iPad. These are the most private visit that we are able to offer. It is just you and the one you love talking over video chat. Our next option is window visits. These happen via a window in our lobby that has a sound amplifier. It’s similar to a drive thru window at the bank. You are able to see and hear each other in real time. Then finally we have the outdoor visits. These are wonderful because you are in person, no glass between. BUT it is hard to hear because of the background noise and the distance required between everyone. I thought it might be helpful if you could actually see what each is like. So here you go . . .



OUTDOOR VISITS TAKE 2

As with everything surrounding this pandemic, there are guidelines we have to follow. We are only able to offer outdoor visits Monday – Friday at this time. The visits are scheduled on the hour and are available from 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm. Below you'll find the regulations we are required to follow during these visits. Please know we are accountable to both our state and federal licensors for our compliance to these regulations. Someone used the term “covid weary” this week and I think we can all agree that “Yes, we are covid weary!” We are not used to all the restrictions and barriers. Please trust me when I say that we will have you in to visit in person, touching and face to face just as soon as we can. It just isn't now. For now, I beg your patience and compliance as we struggle through this together.

There are a few rules for these visits Outdoor Visits:

- Outdoor visits can be accommodated, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until noon and 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm **by appointment only**. Outdoor visits are limited to thirty minutes and are subject to weather conditions.
- Visitors will be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to the visit.
- All visits will be supervised by a staff member.
- Masking, Social Distancing, and hand hygiene are mandatory.
- Because masking is mandatory, food and drink are not permitted during outdoor visits.
- The number of visitors is limited to two.
- Residents are limited to two visits per day.
- All visits will take place outdoors in a designated Visiting Area.
- There is no presumption of privacy for an outdoor visit.
- Due to risk of exposure, holding hands, hugging, kissing, or other physical contact is not allowed during visits.
- Residents in quarantine are ineligible for outdoor visits.
- **Violation of social distancing and masking, and hygiene requirements will result in the family being banned from Outdoor Visits. In addition, violations of social distancing and masking will result in a 14-day quarantine period for the resident.**

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

One last final picture, just to make you smile . . . Happy Labor Day!!



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