# The Update



#### JUNE, 2020

# SUNSET COMMUNITIES' COVID-19 UPDATE

As of now, all Sunset Communities' employees and staff have submitted to a nasal swab COVID-19 test and results have been reported. Any employee who received a positive result has been self-quarantining at home for 14 days. Upon completion of the 14 day quarantine period, the employee will be re-tested before they may return to work. Residents of all communities were also offered testing and their results have been communicated to the resident or a responsibility party for the resident.

Any Sunset Communities' employee or resident who has shown symptoms related to COVID-19 must be reported to the local and state health department. This information will appear on the health department report, even if it is suspected and then tested as negative.

We will continue to provide to you, critical news and information as it becomes available and encourage you to contact any of our buildings directly should you have a question or concern.

Governor Mike DeWine recently announced that Assisted Living facilities can arrange for OUTDOOR VISITS only, beginning June 8th. As we learn additional information, we will provide guidelines on how Sunset will accommodate the outdoor visits for each building. In the meantime, please continue to call, send mail and cards or email to your family member. FaceTime, Skype or Zoom visits can also be arranged as requested. Don't forget about a visit from outside a window- they're great, too!

Our website, *www.sunset-communities.org*, Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram accounts will have any updates on Sunset's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We deeply appreciate the tremendous support you and our residents have provided—you inspire us. Thank you.

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#### SUMMER CONCERT SERIES INFORMATION

The June, 2020 concert has been **cancelled**. While we continue to practice physical distancing, and prohibit groups of 10 or more from gathering, we're looking at alternative ways to bring the thrill of live entertainment to our campuses. A tentative schedule for the rest of the summer concerts follows:

July 16th—Ragtime Rick and the Chefs of Dixieland August 20th—Bridge County Bluegrass Band

### SUNSET HOUSE/WOODLANDS PARADE

Thank you to all the families who joined us for the Sunset Family parade in early May. We had two parades- one for The Woodlands residents and families, the other for Sunset

House residents and families. Over 50 cars participated!

It's something that Sunset

residents will talk about for a long time to come Thanks also to the Ottawa Hills police for providing traffic control and to St. Ursula

control and to St. Ursula Academy for allowing us to use its parking lot to organize. *We're doing it again! Another Family Parade on June 20th!* 

#### **STRATEGIC AFFILIATION UPDATE**

Due diligence for the Strategic Affiliation continues.

The Question and Answer phone number is <u>419-270-1078</u>. Please use this dedicated line, which is monitored daily, to have any questions or concerns you may have answered.

# SUNSET HOUSETHE WOODLANDSASHANTI HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARESUNSET VILLAGEFIELDSTONE VILLAS at Sunset Village

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### **RESIDENT LUAU**

Freeman residents hosted a Luau. With

FAMILY PARADE SCHEDULED

Did you miss the first Sunset Family Parade? Never fear, we have scheduled another Family Parade to celebrate and honor Dad's on *Saturday, June 20th*. Families are asked to line up at St. Ursula's parking lot at 1:30 pm, and the parade will begin promptly at 1:45 pm. We'll circle through the Indian Road campus spreading joy and merriment to residents and staff! We hope to see you there!



### **KEEPING BUSY DURING COVID-19**

One of Sunset's Woodland's resident found a way to keep busy during quarantine by crocheting squares. She donated them to the Jewish Federation which helped to turn them into blankets that were later gifted to patients receiving end-of-life care.



#### JOIN US FOR A FAMILY PARADE

The Woodlands and Sunset House will host a Family Parade to celebrate and honor Dad's on *Saturday, June* **20th**. We will gather at St. Ursula's parking lot at 12:15 pm. The parade will begin promptly at 12:30 pm!



## WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

As we go to press, there's only one Villa left! The Burgoon style villa features two bedrooms, a spacious kitchen with full size appliances, fireplace and outside patio. The best part- this Villa is conveniently located by the Fieldstone Villas Clubhouse. Additional activities in-



cluding using the indoor swimming pool, exercise facility and Monday-Friday nightly dining are only steps away!

Contact Heather at 419-386-2686 to schedule a tour! This villa won't last long.



leis on, proper social distancing in place, and tropical decorations to set the mood, residents enjoyed a Hawaiian themed meal com-



plete with pineapple upside down cake.

### **MISSOURI MAJORETTE SKYPE SESSION**

Recently a majorette from Missouri University skyped with Sunset Village residents. The twirler performed a baton routine and did some cheers! The residents enjoyed the performance and hearing about the Marching Mizzou!





#### **DON'T WAIT TO TALK ABOUT HOSPICE**

It's a too common situation. A family is at the bedside of a seriously ill loved one who is nearing the end of life. Each family member has a different idea of what should be done and what the patient would have wanted.

By waiting to learn about options, like hospice care, people end up spending difficult days in the hospital or the ER and opportunities to be with loved ones at home are lost.

When coping with a serious illness and a cure is no longer possible, hospice provides the care most say they want at the end of life: comfort and dignity. Considered to be the model for high-quality, compassionate care, hospice services includes expert medical care, pain management, and emotional and spiritual support. Care is provided by a team of professionals and trained volunteers. Patient and family wishes are at the center of care. Most hospice care is provided in the home – where the majority of Americans said they would want to be at this time. Care is also provided in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and hospice centers. Hospice care is paid for by Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurance plans and HMOs.

The best ways to make sure you and your loved ones benefit fully from hospice, should you need this care, is to talk about it before it becomes an issue. To schedule an informational meeting, contact **Ashanti Hospice at 419-724-1047.**