

# The Update



MAY, 2020

## SUNSET UPDATE ON COVID-19

Sunset Communities' remains under a No Visitor Restriction. Visitors are **prohibited** from entering buildings for in-person visitation. Continue to call, mail, email, FaceTime, Skype or Zoom. Visits from outside a window are great, too!

To slow the spread of COVID-19, Lucas County Department of Health is providing nasal swab tests. All Sunset entities will test residents and employees. Should you have questions about the testing, or how a building will address and handle positive cases, please speak directly with the Executive Director of each building.

Visit our website, [www.sunset-communities.org](http://www.sunset-communities.org), Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for updates on Sunset's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are extremely grateful for our employees and residents. The support we have received as we continue to navigate through this unprecedented time is deeply appreciated.

Remember, we're all in this together!

## SUNSET HOUSE/WOODLANDS FAMILY PARADE

Join us **Saturday, May 9th** to caravan through the Indian Road campus to celebrate Moms (Dad's, too) for Mother's Day.

Decorate your vehicles and gather at St. Ursula's High School parking lot about 30 minutes before the start time. We'll safely get you across the street and keep a slow and steady pace to loop through the campus, waving and spreading joy to our residents!

If you'd like to drop off a gift for your loved one, there'll be a designated pull-off spot and volunteers who will deliver the gift.

The Woodlands parade begins at **12:30 pm**;  
Sunset House parade begins at **1:45 pm**. See you there!

## STRATEGIC AFFILIATION UPDATE

Due diligence for the Strategic Affiliation continues, albeit slowly, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Remember, Sunset Communities is not being sold, nor are we in financial trouble. Healthcare is and will continue to change, and the Board of Sunset Communities wants to ensure mission sustainability for years to come. The Board felt the tactical decision to partner with another senior living organization the best option, so that both organizations will be better together.

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

## MAY IS OLDER AMERICAN'S MONTH

**Make Your Mark** is this year's theme, and encourages and celebrates countless contributions that older adults make to our communities. Organizations, groups and individuals of all ages are also making their marks and this highlights the difference everyone can make – in the lives of older adults, in support of caregivers, and to strengthen communities.



Each Sunset building has many events planned throughout May to celebrate our Older Americans!

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES UPDATE

As the state of Ohio continues to practice physical distancing, including prohibiting groups of 10 or more from gathering, we regrettably announce that the May Summer Concert is **cancelled**. Our tentative schedule for the remainder of the summer is as follows:

**June 18th—Swingmania**

**July 16th—Ragtime Rick and the Chefs of Dixieland**

**August 20th—Bridge County Bluegrass Band**

Status of future performances will be determined as we garner more information on the COVID-19 pandemic.

SUNSET HOUSE THE WOODLANDS  
SUNSET VILLAGE

ASHANTI HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE  
FIELDSTONE VILLAS at Sunset Village



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SUNSET HOUSE

### SUNSET HOUSE CARE CONFERENCES

Please be advised that because of the current pandemic crisis, Sunset House Care Conferences for Harmony Lane residents and wellness meetings for Manor, Sunflower Lane, and Court Residents will be held via telephone conferences until further notice. Thank you for your help and understanding with this.

### MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

In lieu of the annual Mother's Day Tea, which is restricted by COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, Sunset House residents will be receiving a special goodie bag delivered to them on the Friday before Mother's Day.



THE WOODLANDS

### WOODLANDS WACKY WEDNESDAY!

Celebrating "Wacky Wednesday" team Woodlands dressed to impress.

Sunset has designated Wednesday as a day to dress a little crazy in hopes to inspire laughter and humor in our staff and residents!



FIELDSTONE VILLAS  
AT SUNSET VILLAGE

### FIELDSTONE VILLAS HAPPENINGS!

Fieldstone Villas residents continue to quarantine and keep social distance. Residents are keeping boredom away by doing "boredom buster" packets full of Sudoku, cross-words and word search. The nicer weather brought a mobile Happy Hour in our driveways and a neighborhood scavenger hunt outdoors.

We'll be celebrating National Golf Day on May 6th and "Putting in the parking lot". Later in the month we'll be gathering; but staying 6 ft. apart to enjoy "Cornhole & Corndogs".

Residents are all happy and healthy and would love to welcome a new neighbor. There's only **one** villa left!



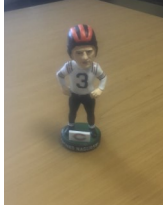
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### MOTHER'S DAY GIFT IDEAS

This year, Mother's Day will look very different than in years past. If you are looking for a gift idea, how about a hanging plant, bird house, garden chime or flag to place outside your family member's window. It's a great way to help brighten up someone's view.

### DA BEARS!

On behalf of a resident, Sunset Village contacted the Chicago Bears to see if we could arrange a Skype session with Bears personnel. Unable to honor the request, the Bears sent a Bobble Head and Chicago Bears license plate instead as a token of their appreciation.



ASHANTI HOSPICE

### HOW AND WHEN DOES HOSPICE START?

Anyone can ask about hospice services. You or your loved one may call Ashanti Hospice and request services. The hospice staff will contact your physician to determine if a referral to hospice is appropriate. You may also talk with your physician, and he or she can make a referral to hospice.

Hospice can begin as soon as a 'referral' is made by the person's doctor. The hospice staff will contact the person referred, to set up an initial meeting to review the services the hospice will offer and sign the necessary consent forms for care to begin. Usually, care can begin within a day or two of a referral. However, in urgent situations, service may begin sooner.

### Is there a right time to ask about Hospice?

Now is the best time to learn more about hospice care and ask questions about what to expect. Although end-of-life care may be difficult to discuss, it is best for loved ones and family members to share their wishes long before it becomes a concern. This can greatly reduce stress when the time for hospice becomes apparent. By having these discussions in advance, uncomfortable situations can be avoided. Instead, educated decisions can be made that include the advice and input of loved ones.

We invite you to contact Ashanti Hospice and Palliative Care at **419-724-1047**, to set up an informational meeting to learn more about hospice services.