

Landis Communities Update

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The second issue of FLOURISH was released this week! This magazine is designed to tell the stories of special people who are part of Landis Communities. This issue features those who have demonstrated resilience in a difficult time and have found purpose in the midst of a pandemic. If you have not yet received your copy in the mail, an electronic version can be found on the Landis Communities website. The pictures and stories will give you a glimpse in to the work and lives of residents, clients, team members and friends of Landis Communities.

Affiliate Updates

Landis Homes

We are not aware of any Landis Homes residents currently with COVID-19 or awaiting test results. Reopening plans for Residential Living continue to go well, including the recent opening of the Fitness Center for limited use by residents. Check the September Landis Homes News for current Fitness Center guidelines. Once partitions are installed between equipment, the capacity will be able to be increased in this space. Mark your calendar for Friday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m. for a physically distanced outdoor concert on the Crossings Green! Details will be released soon.

Welsh Mountain Home

Welsh Mountain Home residents are happy to be beginning the steps to reopening. We have implemented a plan for residents to return to the dining room by rotating different floors on different days of the week. This has been going well. We are training volunteers to help facilitate visitation. We know seeing loved ones is important and we are working to accommodate family requests in a way that keeps everyone safe and healthy. Contact Melody B. if you would like to schedule a visit.

Landis Adult Day Services

Eden West continues to adapt to a new schedule. It is rewarding to see clients connecting with each other while wearing masks and sitting six feet apart. Some of these stories include:

- Talking with one another about the frustration of wearing a mask and end up laughing together.
- Affirming the artwork of a peer sitting at the other end of the table.
- Remembering canning 50 bushels of green beans because there were so many children to feed.
- Lighting up when the snack is Cannoli – “You know I am Italian – can I have another one?”

All of us are working together to find a new routine that is engaging and brings comfort.

Landis at Home

Landis at Home is experiencing an increase in service requests as older adults look for ways to safely remain in their home. This volume of requests is such that we have needed to start a waitlist for those outside of Landis Homes. We continue to prioritize Landis Homes residents' requests. We are hiring new team members, some are onboard and serving clients and others will be trained and ready to serve very soon!

Partner Organizations

Lancaster Downtowners

Age-Friendly Lancaster City is launching a Zoom Tutoring program to support students, engage older adults, and give some relief to parents as COVID-19 is redefining how education is delivered in the new school year. This will pilot as a partnership in the city between LancasterREC and the Lancaster Downtowners, and we look forward to expanding throughout Lancaster County later this fall. We are excited about the opportunity for intergenerational connection! This program is supported by the Lancaster County Community Foundation and United Way of Lancaster County via the LancasterCARES fund.

Residents, clients and family members may contact Jenny Sheckells with questions or concerns at jsheckells@landis.org or 717.381.3573. You may find other communications and videos on our website: www.landiscommunities.org/COVID

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