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This message is going to associates, and to residents and family members on our community distribution list.

A Message from the Executive Director

October 16, 2020

Dear Residents, Family Members & Associates,

One thing is for certain throughout this pandemic: we've had to handle many curveballs. That's the reality, and we're comfortable in knowing that our response to any challenge we face has to be fluid -- we have to be willing to adjust both on a daily basis, and for the long term.

I think it is more than fair to say that here at Asbury Methodist Village, we've moved beyond the "push through it" phase to "making it happen." We're not fighting the reality of the environment we're operating in; in fact, we're embracing these opportunities to think differently in how we serve, and how to best keep those who live and work here safe, and, ultimately, to continue living out our mission of doing all the good we can.

Booker T. Washington once said, "Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome."

Together, as a larger community of residents, family members and associates we continue our work to not only overcome, but also to make happen whatever is needed for those we serve. Thank you for choosing Asbury Methodist Village, and for your partnership and teamwork. We are indeed #AsburyStrong.

Important & timely community updates

Please note that these updates and reminders are also included on our community operations site, Asbury.org/asbury-methodist-village/resources-events/family-friends:

Kindley Assisted Living Update

Window visits and all in-person visits at Kindley Assisted Living are postponed at this time. All other visits or appointments should be rescheduled until further notice. As always, we are happy to offer virtual visits. To schedule a virtual visit, please contact Andrea Giaquinto, 301-216-4305, agiaquinto@asbury.org or Celia Nathan at 301-987-6308 or cnathan@asbury.org. Do not hesitate to call with any questions or assistance that we can offer.

Turn up the Heat

The Wallace and Kindley Assisted Living buildings have been shifted over to heating. All campus buildings now have the heat turned on.

Expanded Wellness Opportunities

The Wellness Center is thrilled to announce an expanded offering of pool and fitness center opportunities. Starting October 26, residents will be able to attend open gym Monday through Friday during specified times. Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, participation will require a reservation and the number of participants will be limited. We will also be adding a CardioFit class Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and continuing the Circuit training classes on those same days. The pool will continue to be limited to four participants per hour, and reservations are required. Please call the Fitness Center for more information and to reserve your spot.

Medicare Open Enrollment Period

Reminder: it is the Medicare Open Enrollment period. The season runs every year during the same period of October 15th through December 7th. For more information, [please click here](#).

Visitors Reminder for Residential Living

Visitors should meet our COVID-19 screening criteria before entering campus to help ensure safety of all those on our campus. We have a rigorous screening process that is one of the many reasons we have been successful in keeping COVID-19 at bay on our campus. The screening is based on recommendations from the CDC on how to best protect ourselves and others. If criteria are not met, we ask that you self-quarantine for 14 days prior to entering campus. Residents are also asked to daily self-screen and if they have an exposure to someone who doesn't meet our criteria then they will be asked to self-quarantine in their home for 14 days to reduce risk to our community.

Worship Schedule

The taping of the 10:30 Wednesday morning ecumenical worship services in Rosborough will be open for in-person worship beginning on October 28. The ecumenical

worship services at the Guild Chapel in Parkview will resume on Sunday at 9:30, beginning on November 1. The in-person Catholic Mass services at the Guild Chapel will resume on the same Sunday at 11:00. Reservations for all services are required, and safety protocols will be practiced. Please call Pastoral Care at 301 216-4093 or 301 216-4088. [Please click here for the full schedule.](#)

Dining Update

Even though the Blue Note and Russell Ave. Café are currently closed, this does not mean that we are closing all dining venues at this time. Other dining areas are currently open and ready to serve you. And, we will continue to provide meal delivery. We must to remain vigilant, following all protocols, as the number of COVID-19 positive cases are increasing.

Political Activities Policy

As a not-for-profit organization, Asbury Communities, Inc., and its affiliated not-for-profit entities such as Asbury Methodist Village are required to adhere to certain restrictions related to political activities. [Please click here to read the policy regarding political activity guidelines and restrictions.](#)

Ballot Box

The Election Director provided a secure ballot cart for Asbury Methodist Village's use for the General Election. The boxes are for both ballots and registrations. It is located at the Rosborough Center and will be emptied a few times a week. The box will be retrieved at 9 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Have thoughts about the Lakeforest Mall site?

The City is seeking input on the future of Lakeforest Mall. [Please click here to view this attachment](#) with more information on how to share your thoughts.

Stream Restoration

The stream restoration project is progressing. For the Villa Reach Section, engineering was on track to be completed today for the retaining wall. The City of Gaithersburg approved the redesign and we have contractors ready to bid the quick-start job. We estimate that this project should still be completed mid-November. For the Campus Reach Section, work began October 5 and several items are underway, including the access road. To see the project, click this link: youtube.com/watch?v=l8U_QHs1lyc

Meet the Associate Leading AMV's Waste Reduction Program



For Harold Jones, Director of Housekeeping at Asbury Methodist Village, committing to zero waste is like breathing. Harold, who manages the community's comprehensive recycling program, said he was thrilled to learn the community was recognized recently by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection Recycling and Resource Management Division for its outstanding efforts to commit to zero waste.

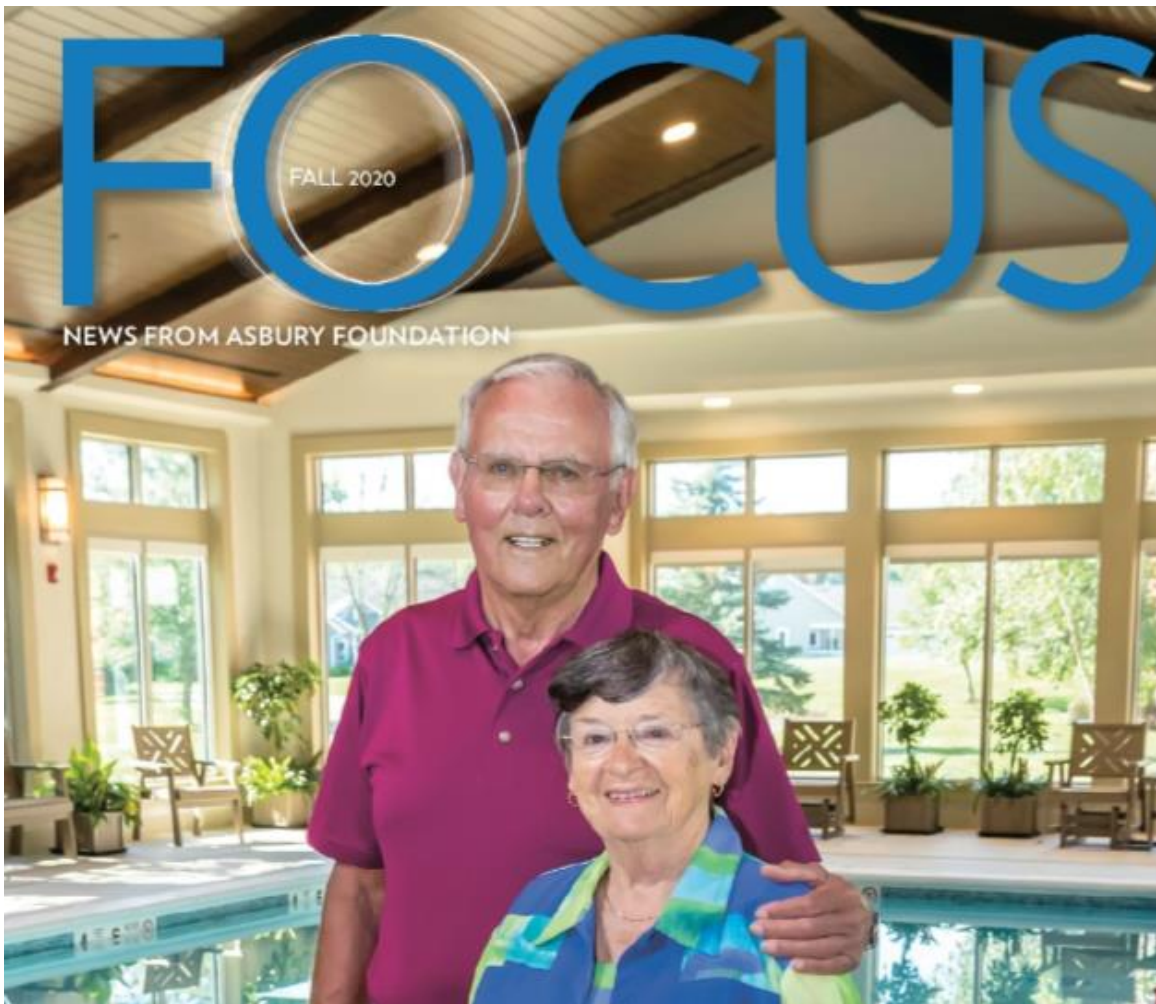
Why such a passion for AMV's green efforts? [Click here to read more about why, he says, protecting the earth and recycling are so important.](#)

Ready for pickle ball?



Asbury Methodist Village recently renovated the tennis court and included pickle ball lines. The Wellness Team purchased pickle ball equipment and we are so happy we have some nice fall days so residents can get out and play. Here are a few residents out on the court competing yesterday, Thursday, Oct. 15.

Focus on the Asbury Foundation



In the latest issue of the Asbury Foundation's Focus magazine, there are plenty of heartwarming and inspiring stories to check out that focus on all the good carried out throughout the year across the Asbury system. From healing retreats to associate scholarships, associates and residents are committed to spreading joy and wellness.

[Click here to view the publication.](#)

Here's a GEM!



GEM

Thank You For **G**oing The **E**xtra **M**ile!

All across the Asbury system, we lift up associates with GEMs, which stands for associates who Go the Extra Mile! GEMs are given for a job well done from associate-to-associate. So far this year we have had dozens and dozens of GEMs given at our community and today I want to lift up a special one for **Tim Leiter, Director of Human Resources**:

“Tim oversaw the rolling out of two major systems with the centralized call-off system and 98.6 screening technology. He worked with all the communities and continues to be our main contact with questions and problems. I want to thank Tim for his leadership with these two projects and the support he continues to provide us. It was not a small undertaking and his guidance has been much appreciated. ”
- Faye Betsker, Director of Human Resources, Bethany Village

Messages of appreciation

We are so appreciative of the messages of thanks we receive, like the one below we recently received from a family member:

"Karla Orellana Jones has been the lifeline for our family ... Karla, you are our angel. Mom's face lights up whenever she sees you come back at the end of our face time visits. She is very fond of you and we are so thankful for your loving, caring, uplifting spirit. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!"

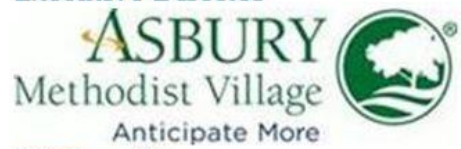
If you'd like to share a note of thanks, [please click here to launch a form](#) where you can type in your note of appreciation. We will take your submissions and find creative ways to share with associates. Thank you!

We are all in this together. Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation. We are #AsburyStrong!

Sincerely,

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