A Message from Executive Director Lennea Brown

Dear Residents and Family Members,

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 RiverWoods, 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 creating the highest quality of life.

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 RiverWoods, and for your partnership and teamwork. We are indeed #RiverWoodsStrong.

Nea's News - RiverWoods Updates & Reminders

Please note that many of these updates and reminders are also included on our community operations site, RiverWoods.org/friends-family:

- **Visitation**: The phased-in reopening journey continues here at RiverWoods. I announced yesterday that we have achieved the appropriate requirements set by
the local and state departments of health and will be expanding reopenings in the Nursing Care Center and the Riverview Manor Personal Care neighborhood. Please click here to read my original message.

• **Screening & Safety Measures**: We all have a responsibility to support and protect each other. All persons entering our community are required to follow our screening procedures, which includes a temperature check and questionnaire. **All residents, associates, and visitors are required to wear a mask on campus and to practice physical distancing.**

• **Communications Update**: For the past several months we have delivered this community newsletter to you on a bi-weekly basis. Moving forward, we’ll transition to a monthly newsletter. But rest assured, that if anything comes up that needs to be communicated between scheduled newsletters, we’ll share with you via email in a timely manner.

• **As a reminder, all COVID-19 data is updated daily on the Asbury COVID-19 Response and Communication webpage at Asbury.org/COVID19.** You can find the daily status charts in the first blue button on the side bar.

• **The Library and Fitness Center are reopening. Please read our recent communication for details.** Of course, with these reopenings, all physical distancing and other health and safety protocols remain in place.

• **Work on the Adams Center entry has begun.** This will be phase one of the project with phase two scheduled for early 2021. Please look for a communication early next week with details about this project.

• **Independent Residents**: A new locked mailbox has been placed in front of the Gamber Office Building for your convenience to drop off any mail for employees of that building, such as donations for Donor Relations and Philanthropy, or payments for the Finance Office. You may also leave campus mail or U.S. Postal mail in the box, and Gamber staff will route it accordingly. The mailbox will be emptied each weekday before 4:30 p.m., and again first thing every Monday morning.

• **Nursing Home Administrator Lisa Bowersox recently resigned from her position.** Lisa has been employed at RiverWoods for 18 years in a variety of roles, most recently as NHA. Lisa has truly made a difference in the lives of those we serve as well as our associates. She will be missed, and we wish her well in her
new position.

- We welcome Alicia Weeder as the new Coordinator of the Meals on Wheels program at RiverWoods. If you are interested in volunteering or know of someone who may need meals, please call (570) 522-1934.

**Sunbury City Band Hosting Free Online Concert**

Our friends with the Sunbury City Band are presenting a live Facebook concert tomorrow, Saturday, October 17 at 3 p.m.! You can visit their [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/sunburycityband) to view the concert. We have enjoyed hosting the band on campus here at RiverWoods in the past and have missed seeing them this year!

**New Security Booth is Up & Running**

A new security booth has been installed at the entrance of the campus by the garages. All traffic must stop at the booth upon entering and exiting the campus.

**Know Someone Who Isn't Receiving our Emails? Here's How They Can Sign Up!**

Thanks for opting to receive emails from RiverWoods! Do you know of anyone else -- residents or other family members -- who may benefit from receiving our communications? If so, please share the links below so they can sign up for the right list.

**RiverWoods Residents** can sign up using these forms:

- Skilled Nursing Care: [https://bit.ly/RWHCresidents](https://bit.ly/RWHCresidents)
RiverWoods Families can sign up using these forms:


What's for Lunch? Or Dinner?

The RidgeCrest Restaurant menus for next week are full of delicious options for take-out! Residents, please remember that lunch needs to be ordered by 10 a.m. and dinner by 3 p.m. Place your order by calling 570-524-9314. Our chefs are holding a fall bake sale! See the link below for the delicious treats available and how to place an order.

- Fall Bake Sale
- Weekly Menu - Oct. 14

Employee Appreciation Fund Update

Please click here to read an important letter from RiverWoods resident Clay Cornell, chairperson of the Employee Appreciation Fund. RiverWoods prohibits employees from accepting gifts from residents or family members. By contributing to this fund, residents and family members can say "thank you" anonymously as members of the community.

500 Reasons to Make a Referral for Independent Living!

Do you know someone who would enjoy Independent Living at RiverWoods? Consider referring them through our referral program for a chance to earn $500! Click here to learn more, or contact Allison Kauffman, Residential Sales Counselor, at (570) 522-3848.

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

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