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

In This Month's Community Update ...

We have plenty to share, including an important message about the community screening questions, our updated vaccination rates, an award we've earned and more. Happy reading!

A Message from the Executive Director

March 31, 2021

Dear Residents, Family Members & Associates,

We've built a legacy of keeping residents and associates safe and secure, no matter the challenge. The pandemic has tested us on many fronts and has required us to be at times both proactive and reactive. Today, I'm sharing with you that we will soon be updating our COVID-19 screening form to reflect the latest science and guidance by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This screening process is a critical line of defense for our community, serving us well since its implementation many months ago.

The goal of the screening -- which includes an online form with questions, a temperature check and, after passing, a wristband to wear -- remains the same:

to ensure that anyone entering our community or gathering in groups is safe to do so. The new online form is not live yet, but it soon will be. Once the revised screening form launches, it may look different than the last time you used it, as the questions will now load one question at a time for a better user experience.

The online screening tool will continue to be required for all those who live and work here and for guests who can visit based on our current visitation status (*which may vary by Residential Living, Assisted Living and the Health Care Center*). You can always find our latest visitation status and other community operations by [clicking here](#).

Just as we have said before and will no doubt continue to say often, we approach all that we do first through the lens of our top priority, which is the health, safety and wellbeing of those who live and work here.

We will be in touch when the new screening form is live. Thank you for adhering to our process and for your continued partnership. We are #AsburyStrong.

Sincerely,

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COVID-19 Vaccination Rates Have Soared



We've Earned an Environmental Award!



We're proud to announce that Asbury Methodist Village has earned another award for its go-green efforts! We were named a 2021 Gaithersburg Environmental Award Winner! If this award sounds familiar, that's because it is. This is the fifth year that we have earned this award, which recognizes notable recycling efforts by Gaithersburg-area businesses. Last year, through your partnership in multiple community programs, we captured 86 tons of

food waste and compostable materials, removing them from landfills and putting them to use creating healthy gardens across Montgomery County.

Above, Director of Environmental Services Harold Jones and Director of Dining Mark Whalen briefly take off their masks to show their smiles as they show off the award! [Read more here.](#)

Several Associates Graduate from Emerging Leaders Program

The most recent LeadingAge Maryland Emerging Leaders Virtual Cohort wrapped up and we're happy to share that several AMV associates were among the graduates! This Emerging Leaders program is a selective, four-month-long growth and development experience for individuals at any level of a Maryland-based organization who are passionate about the field of aging services, and who are seeking to transform themselves, their relationships, and their organizations. The program's recent graduates include:

- Jeanne Dimmick, Campus Information & Communications Manager
- Sue Paul, Wellness Director
- Rob Walker, Protective Services & Transportation Director

Know the Associate: Steve Mathis



Know The Associate



Steve Mathis

Steve Mathis has had a pretty incredible career journey. Before moving into senior living and his current role as Asbury Methodist Village's Community Business Manager, Steve was quite the athlete, as in professional-level good.

He was so good at baseball, in fact, that he ended up being scouted by a Major League Baseball team in the early 1980s to potentially join the organization as a minor leaguer. Steve played in several intra-squad games before an injury ended that career path.

Steve later traded baseballs for bowling balls, ultimately becoming a professional bowler in 1986. At one point, he set an Orange County, Calif., team game strike record and won a local championship. He also served as a board member for the International Gay Bowling Organization, where he received a lifetime achievement award for his volunteer work.

Life as an athlete is a grueling career path for anyone, but for Steve, his journey, especially in professional baseball, was made more difficult by the fact that he is gay. [Click here to read more about Steve's journey.](#)

Announcing ThriveWell Tech!



We have exciting news to share! Asbury Group Integrated Technologies has a new name: ThriveWell Tech! As many of you know, Asbury IT has more than 20 years of experience providing technology and consulting services, and earlier this month the organization launched not only its new name but also a new strategic refocus that reflects a forward-looking vision and mission to support the emerging needs of modern seniors. ThriveWell Tech will continue to serve all Asbury communities and locations. [Click here to read more in the original announcement.](#)

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