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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 Newsletter ...

We have plenty to share in this month's community newsletter. Here's what we've got: A mid-spring message from VP of Tennessee Operations Melissa Fury about that shift toward a "familiar" feeling, how Earth Day is every day here ... and more. Happy reading!

## A Message from Vice President Melissa Fury

April 30, 2021

Dear Residents, Family Members & Associates,

As I pull into our community each morning, there's that familiar feeling of spring. The grass is now fully green, topped with morning dew. The flowers are blooming on schedule and I often see our maintenance team and landscape partners tending to our grounds spanning 46 acres. I usually also see several residents out and about getting their steps in as they start their day with a little exercise.

The "familiar" feel about all this is reassuring.

Last spring, it was all about the unfamiliar. But that's no longer the case. We have arrived together at this turn of the calendar – a shift toward the familiar, albeit slowly, but surely.

The late actor Robin Williams once said, "Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'"

While we may not be at the full-blown party stage here at Asbury Place Maryville, we're getting closer with each new flower coming to life.

Like the deep and ever-growing roots below the soil, our partnership has strengthened over the past year. Thank you.

May is a beautiful month and I hope you're able to enjoy all there is about it, from Mother's Day to Memorial Day and all that's in between.

Sincerely,

**Melissa Fury**, MS, RN, FACHE  
VP, Tennessee Operations



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## Updates and Reminders

*Please note that these updates and reminders, as well as the latest vaccine and COVID-19 safety updates, are also included on our community operations site, [Asbury.org/asbury-place-maryville/resources-events/family-friends](http://Asbury.org/asbury-place-maryville/resources-events/family-friends):*

- **If you are in need of physical, occupational, or speech therapy services, Asbury Place Therapy Services is open!** To schedule an appointment with our in-house team of therapy experts, please call Director of Therapy Services Linda Lairamore at 865-738-2813. We will

determine if services can be provided at your home or in our rehabilitation gym.

- **Asbury Home Services at Maryville:** Asbury Home Services is on campus and ready to assist, providing a [wide range of support services](#). Contact us at 865-213-2501, or online today. We look forward to serving you!
- **Quick reminders:**
  - **Know a family member who would like to receive our community updates?** Please direct them to this webpage, [asbury.org/family-covid-email-sign-up](http://asbury.org/family-covid-email-sign-up), to sign up to join our family email distribution list!
  - **We are so appreciative of the messages of thanks we receive.** 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 them with associates. Thank you!
  - **Looking to update your wardrobe?** Here's a way you can show off your community -- with Asbury Place Maryville gear! Check out the [Asbury Apparel online store](#)!

## Every Day ... Earth Day

Did you know that through our efforts to practice sustainability across the Asbury organization, we have saved 29.1 million gallons of water over the past six years? Check out this graphic for more highlights that demonstrate our commitment to conserving the Earth's resources each and every day (*see recent example below!*).

# Happy *Earth Day* from Asbury



In the past 6 years of our energy management partnership with Sodexo, we have...

REDUCED

22 %

electric use

LOWERED

27 %

natural gas use

REDUCED

30 %

carbon emissions

SAVED

29.1 MIL

gallons of water

## THAT IS LIKE...



Saving the amount of water that flows over Niagara Falls in 38 sec.



Saving the amount of carbon emissions sequestered by 12,706 acres of U.S. forests in one year.



Running 2.2 wind turbines in place of fossil fuels for one year

Taking 2,255 cars off of our roads for one year



Saving 1,166,985 gallons of gasoline



Saving enough energy to fuel 1,249 homes for one year



## And ... This is How We Actually Do Earth Day!



How do we celebrate Earth Day? By keeping our community extra clean! On Earth Day (April 22), several Independent Living residents set out to make our beautiful campus even more beautiful. They grabbed garbage bags, gloves and a friend and tidied up around the community. Thank you!

## Reminder: Recent Updates to the Screening Questions

As we continue our journey through the pandemic, our response must evolve in order to reflect the latest science and guidance by the CDC & CMS. The screening process has served us well since its implementation a year ago. Earlier this month, we updated the screening process to reflect new questions. The new screening questions look to identify the highest risk situations. Of the updates, please note travel-related considerations included in the screening questions. This document is available for you to review to help you accurately answer any questions related to your travel, <https://bit.ly/AsburyTravellInfo>. Important note: The process to respond to the questions has not changed! Our current community screening process remains the same.

## Here's a GEM!



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 we want to lift up a special one for

Activities Assistant Diane Hutchison:

**"Diane shows such a loving heart to residents and families. She goes above and beyond to really know each resident and to connect with the family. She is patient with all requests and has shown such grace and patience during our recent in-person visits. ... Diane is also a caring co-worker. She really listens when she asks how your day is going. (She always) takes time out of her day to try to make your day better. She is truly a GEM." - Linda Lairamore, Therapy Services Director**