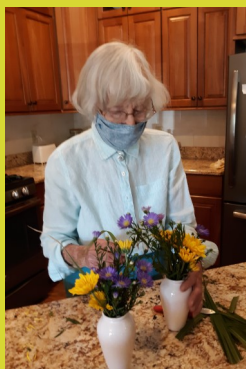


The Woodcrest Villager

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We ARE All in This Together

It seems like an eternity that Covid-19 has been a part of our reality, but it hasn't been. It's been three and a half months. In that relatively short space of time, we have all learned and changed so much. We've been personally, professionally and communally evolving. Some facets of our lives remain constant and unchanging, some are now unrecognizable. Like



the rest of the world, Woodcrest Village has been permanently altered. And in many ways, we are greater and stronger than ever. The luxury of some degree of certainty is something we all miss, but this pandemic has offered an opportunity to

tune into the gifts we have. We know that we can adapt to the ever-changing landscape of guidelines and precautions. We know we can overcome the inconveniences of social distancing. We know we can laugh right through a mask. We now know that we can look ahead and whether there is an unobscured path or not, we can progress forward. We know that we can do this together.



June brought the much awaited possibility of visitors to our house. This meant tremendous relief for residents, families and staff. This also meant lots of planning. In order to maintain the strict adherence to best possible procedure, the Woodcrest team has choreographed an effective system for visitation. Ap-

Visitors Welcome!

pointments are set, requiring screening questions. A station for hand sanitation and mask donning sits at the entrance to designated seating areas for residents and guests. Microphone headsets ease communication at a distance. All this procedure is a small price to

pay for the delight of seeing face to face (masked though they may be) our loved ones. Togetherness is essential to us all, it's joyful and comforting. So smile big, we can see it through your mask!

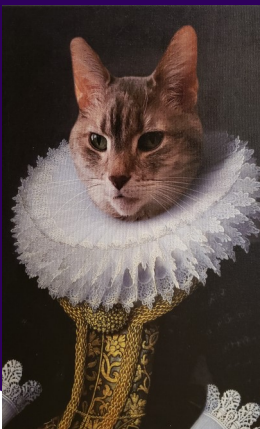


“Our Favorite Things”- A New Exhibit

During the Covid-19 pandemic, exhibitions by community artists have ceased at Woodcrest Village. For this reason, our new exhibit was generated by our staff members.

Each employee was asked to contribute a work of art that they live with – something that they treasure and has sentimental value. We asked that it not be something that they created but

something that they collected or acquired. As you will see, each has a story behind it. We wish to thank each participant for loaning us their work of art and for sharing their stories with us!



Activities are Going With the Flow

Staying active, being creative and finding fun in the situation; that is what the activity department is all about. The lockdown has changed the approach but not the goal. With the absence of weekend volunteers and opportunities for outings with

friends and family, things began to feel a bit quiet on the weekends. To remedy this, we have re-configured the calendar to include Sunday activities. The documentaries usually shown at 1:30, will now play at 3:00 to allow time for structured

activities before and after. Zoom and new AV equipment are indispensable tools in staying connected with our musical friends, guided meditation class and the lectures series we've always enjoyed. We now "attend" services in a variety of churches, all over the country! Lockdown yes, but lively still!



Let the Record Show

We are living through an historic event. The nature of our community at Woodcrest Village gives us a unique perspective. We were the earliest adopters of lockdown and will continue the longest. Residents and staff maintain protocol with ceaseless and admirable discipline that is not common outside our walls. The significance of this is worth remembering. In an effort to record the stalwart determination

of our group, we are creating some tangible works. We are conducting interviews with residents and employees, archiving their take on the impact of this pandemic, with the ultimate goal of submitting the edited video to the Library of Congress. Our front garden will soon host a transformed Gnu, adorned with the handprint of every resident and employee.

These projects were designed to memorialize the tight knit unit we have become and to honor the temperance and sacrifice exhibited by those in our Woodcrest family.



This Moment in Time

