



July 31, 2020

Dear Independent Living Community Members,

We hope that you are all staying well, especially during this streak of hot weather that we continue to have. As we move into August 2020, Lions Gate continues to be COVID-19 free and we all continue to be diligent with social distancing, wearing masks, screening and taking temperatures of employees on a daily basis. It is extremely important that when residents and visitors meet outside, masks are worn by all and social distancing is maintained. As difficult as it is for residents and visitors to not be in close proximity, we need full compliance in an effort to maintain a safe environment for everyone at Lions Gate.

We have been working hard to provide programs for our residents and keep them active during these challenging times. Below are a few updates:

- Live programs in Commons Hall such as Current Events, How Did We Get Here? and History with our beloved Lions Gate instructors with appropriate social distancing and wearing masks
- The pool has been open and residents are happy to be able to swim
- Our herb garden, with herbs cultivated by our own residents, is flourishing and ready for the picking to add to a favorite recipe
- We are planning some outside programming in the near future, weather permitting, which will provide opportunities for residents to safely interact
- Our fitness specialist, Dave Correa, has been busy walking with residents, both inside and outside. If you are interested in walking with Dave, please contact him at 856-454-5202.
- Channel 1970 continues to provide exercise videos, movies, concerts and travel excursions right in your own apartment or cottage.

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Recently, we made some improvements to the B Building Patios on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors. Residents have been enjoying sitting out on these patios and taking in the fresh air.

Although the Salon recently opened for a brief period of time, unfortunately due to some staffing issues, we had to close it. We expect to have the Salon open in the near future.

New residents continue to move in and our Sales/Marketing department is busy with outreach to potential residents, conducting Zoom events, and Zoom tours.

We are excited to announce that Lions Gate will open its own “Mini-Market” which will be located in the pub area of the dining room. Residents will be able to shop for items such as fresh fruit and vegetables, milk, eggs, staples such as cereals, pastas, etc. and much more. This will not replace the shopping that Lions Gate does, but it will give the residents an opportunity to shop on a smaller scale and interact with other residents and staff.

These challenging times continue to be difficult for all of us at Lions Gate, especially our residents. If any residents feel lonely or isolated, or see an increase in depression or anxiety, please know that we are here for you. If you see the physicians in the Wellness Center, please call 856-679-2285 to schedule an appointment. Also, Jewish Family and Children’s Service is an excellent resource for counseling/therapy. For more information, please call 856-424-1333.

As we are getting closer to the High Holidays starting in September, we will not be having in-person services. Rabbi Rayna Grossman is working diligently to be able to provide a meaningful observance of the holidays using virtual alternatives. As we get closer to the holidays, we will inform you with details.

If you have any questions, please call the Hotline at 856-679-4679 or email the Hotline at [lgadministrator@lionsgateccrc.org](mailto:lgadministrator@lionsgateccrc.org).

Please stay well and be safe!

Respectfully,

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