

RETIREMENT APARTMENTS: LIVING COURT ● LIVING VIEW ● GABLE VIEW ● VALLEY VIEW ● SENIOR VIEW ● COOK

Jan. 8, 2021

Dear Residents,

Happy New Year! I know we all have high hopes for this new year, especially in regards to the vaccine that is being distributed and a hopeful end to this pandemic. On that note:

## Vaccine Status:

We still do not have any concrete information on when the vaccine will be available to all of you, our residents living in Independent Apartments, and/or independent seniors in the community at large. Our Healthcare Center residents and staff are receiving the vaccine today (Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>). Plans for our Assisted Living residents are underway and likely will be Jan 13<sup>th</sup>. We will pass on information just as soon as we have it regarding plans relayed to us for vaccination of independent seniors.

Please be advised: We do not know if you will be able to receive this vaccine on our campus, or if you will need to travel to an alternate location for a clinic. This is not at Living Care's discretion, it is at the discretion of our vaccine provider, Walgreens. It is possible that they will set up clinics at other locations in town and ask seniors to come there (such as, perhaps, the Harman Center). We will do the best we can to assist with transportation needs dependent on the location and specifics of the vaccine clinic, but it would be wise for you to also think about alternate transportation sources "just in case."

In case Walgreens is willing to set up a vaccine clinic here on our campus, would you kindly call the office and let us know whether you plan to get the vaccine? We'd like to know yes, or no, either way. This will help us know what to communicate to Walgreens regarding how many vaccines we will need if they **do** offer come to our campus. Kindly call Celia at 965-5270 with your answer.

## **New Chaplain:**

We all miss Chaplain Rick, although I'm sure he is very much enjoying his retirement. Our new chaplain will be arriving to Living Care next week. His name is Dean Ellis, from Colfax, WA. He will be getting to know the campus, spending time with Chaplain Todd and generally getting acquainted with Living Care for the next few weeks. As he and his wife transition to Yakima, he will be staying for a short time in a vacant apartment in our Gable View building, and then in our Cook guest apartment, until he and his wife find a home to purchase and can get fully settled in Yakima. I'm sure you will all give him a very warm welcome as you are introduced to him in the coming weeks.

Thank you for all of your kind words and gestures to each other and to our staff over the past couple holiday weeks. Your kindness and support are such a blessing to us.

With thanks,
Eva Lounsbury
Resident Services Director