



News for Prospective Residents ~ Winter 2021

Homewood Receives COVID-19 Vaccine

The Coronavirus pandemic has presented extraordinary challenges for our Homewood at Frederick co-workers, residents, and family members. Homewood is among the first in the nation to receive vaccines in accordance with the federal plan prioritizing long-term care residents and workers. For Homewood at Frederick, that includes residents residing in skilled nursing, memory care, assisted living, and co-workers all at no cost to them. The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines are being administered at Homewood at Frederick through Walgreens Pharmacy and have received authorization from the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) for emergency use (EUA). The Pfizer vaccination was the first vaccination approved by the FDA with an efficacy rate greater than 94% in preventing the spread of COVID-19. This percentage comes from the phase three clinical trials with more than 40,000 subjects. Findings reveal the Pfizer vaccine has minimal side effects. Side effects include but are not limited to, sore injection site, low grade fever, and headache. The Pfizer vaccination is a two-step vaccine given 21 days apart.

Homewood at Frederick held their first vaccine clinic on January 6th. A team of dedicated co-workers on campus worked extremely hard prior to the event and the day of the event to make sure the process went smoothly. The day of the event went so well, we were able to vaccinate 200 co-workers/residents in 4 hours. The totals include 110 co-workers, 47 assisted living residents and 43 health care residents. Independent living residents are not in the first tier of those receiving vaccinations but more information will be coming soon.

"There have been many heartbreak moments over the last 9 months. It's by far been the hardest time period in my 17 years. Praying this gets us one step closer to getting back to normal".

-Tammy Grisez, GNA

On getting the COVID-19 vaccination



Upcoming Events

Virtual Coffee Hour

Every 3rd Wednesday

February 17

March 17

April 21

10:00am

Check Facebook and/or website for seminar information

For more information, contact Sarah Weir @ SGWeir@hmwd.org (301) 732-6153

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Meet Amy Tuthill, Homewood's Clinical Liaison

Meet Amy Tuthill RN, BSN, Homewood at Frederick's Clinical Liaison/Admissions coordinator, who is celebrating her one year anniversary with Homewood in February. Amy received her Bachelor of science degree in biology from West Virginia University in 2010. In 2011, she received her Bachelor in nursing degree. Amy brings with her experience from Frederick Health Hospital, where she was a Registered Nurse (RN) for two years in the Emergency Department, three years as an urgent care nurse and a year at a skilled nursing facility in West Virginia.



Currently Amy is in charge of coordinating all new admissions to the healthcare center. Homewood's health care center is comprised of three areas; long term care, memory care, and short term rehab. Once the hospital starts allowing visitors again, Amy will be spending most of her day at Frederick Health Hospital (FHH) where she will develop a close relationship with the discharge planners. Since Amy has not been able to go to the hospital, she has spent the last year honing her skills as an admissions coordinator working primarily out of her office here at Homewood. After COVID, she is looking forward to being trained as a clinical liaison and spend more time at FHH. Amy's past work experience as a Registered Nurse plays a crucial role in her current position. Her clinical background gives her a big advantage when looking at new admissions and determining who Homewood is able to admit based on our clinical capabilities. It helps her figure out how to best meet the needs of the existing residents and potential new admissions.

While Amy is not at Homewood she is kept busy with her four year old son, Jack. "He is an absolute joy and is the light of our lives". She and her husband are award-winning filmmakers! They made a short film in 2018 that was filmed entirely in Frederick County, and it was shown at the Maryland International Film Festival in Hagerstown in 2019. The film went on to win a few accolades from other film festivals around the country. Their film is called "The Inside" and it is available to watch on Amazon Prime. They also shot a short film in 2020 as well, and are hoping to be able to attend some festivals after COVID.

If Amy could give folks one piece of advice it is, "do your research, and don't be afraid to ask questions. No question is a dumb question". Whether you are looking for a respite stay, long term care or have an upcoming scheduled surgery and short term rehab is needed, contact Amy Tuthill, (301) 644-5628 and she can give you information about the health care center and all of Homewood's capabilities.



COVID Vaccination Continued



Pictured above L-R: Vicki Keriakos, Director of Nursing, Barb Kunkle, Infection Control Nurse, Angie Gbordzi, Assistant Director of Nursing & Karen Main, Executive Director
#HomewoodStrong

Homewood held a second vaccination clinic on January 27th for all co-workers and residents who received the first shot. Any co-workers and residents residing in assisted living or the health care center, who did not attend the first vaccine clinic were able to get the first-step of the vaccine at the second clinic.

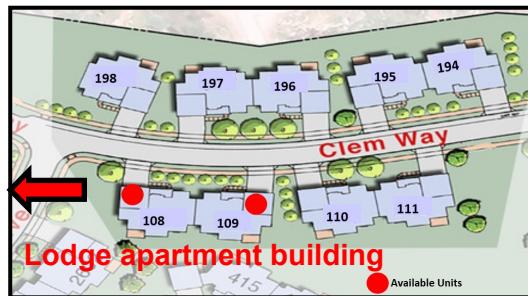
Currently Homewood at Frederick's Independent Living is still welcoming visitors and amenities remain open, such as, the dining venues, the fitness centers, and pools. We are able to keep these amenities open due to the

minimal exposures to our Independent Living residents. Along with administering the vaccine, Homewood is continuing to take many steps to ensure the safety of our residents and staff. Safety measures include but not limited to, wearing masks, social distancing, twice a week testing of all staff members, testing of possible exposed residents, screening of all staff and visitors coming into the community buildings, and limiting visitation in the Health Care Center and Assisted Living.

Only Two Homes Remain in Phase 9

Homewood at Frederick is currently experiencing growth in our patio home community with the addition of nine new Chesapeake style homes. These homes will be located within walking distance to the Lodge community center, which features three dining venues, fitness center, and a salt

water swimming pool. There are only two homes remaining in this phase of patio homes and reservations are currently being taken. One of the Chesapeake style homes will feature a breakfast nook and sunroom, while the other home is a Chesapeake style with a sunroom. Currently we have seven reservations and these folks are extremely happy to see their new patio home taking shape. These incoming residents are looking forward to moving to Homewood in June. If June sounds like a good time to move and you are interested in a patio home, please call the marketing team for more information.



Phase 9 will be developed on the north end of the property, and close to The Lodge apartment building.

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9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Appointments Required

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Passport Member Information:

Passport Member events are posted on the website. You can find the information on our website under the Resources tab.

RSVP are required.

homewoodfrederick.com/resources

Annual Waitlist Survey: Delay in Delivery

On November 15th, the marketing team mailed out a total of 525 surveys to everyone who is on our waiting list. Being on our waiting list means that Homewood received a financial application and approved your application for residency. At this time, we have received about 300 surveys back and the others are still outstanding. Starting in the beginning of December the United States Postal Service (USPS) started experiencing major delays in delivering mail and parcels. We will be sending a new survey to all the applicants who we have not received a survey from. When you receive the survey, please take a minute to complete and return to the marketing team so your application stays active. You are letting us know your intentions for 2021, whether you are ready to move,

want to stay on the waiting list until another year, or you'd like to be removed from the waiting list. If you have questions regarding the survey please call Sarah Weir, Marketing Assistant, at (301) 732-6153.



Virtual Event: February Coffee Hour

Over the last three months, the marketing team has been hosting an hour long virtual coffee hour via Zoom. These coffee hours have featured different professionals in the areas of downsizing, moving, and selling your home. The professionals have been able to share invaluable information and many attendees have commented how helpful the talks have been.

For February's coffee hour, we invite you to join the marketing team as we discuss the admission process for Homewood's independent living. From the time of your initial appointment, filling out the financial application, being offered a unit and signing a contract, and through the move in process of becoming a resident of Homewood.

If you would like to attend, please contact Sarah Weir, Marketing Assistant, to RSVP at SGWeir@hmwd.org or (301) 732-6153



Homewood Receives Multiple Accolades in 2020

Homewood at Frederick is among the 21% of U.S. skilled nursing facilities that have been recognized as a “Best Nursing Home for 2020-21” by *U.S. News & World Report*. Homewood earned Best Nursing Homes status by achieving a rating of “High Performing,” the highest possible rating, for Short-Term Rehabilitation and Long-Term Care. *U.S. News* gives the designation of Best Nursing Home only to those homes that satisfy *U.S. News*’s assessment of the appropriate use of key services and consistent performance in quality measures.

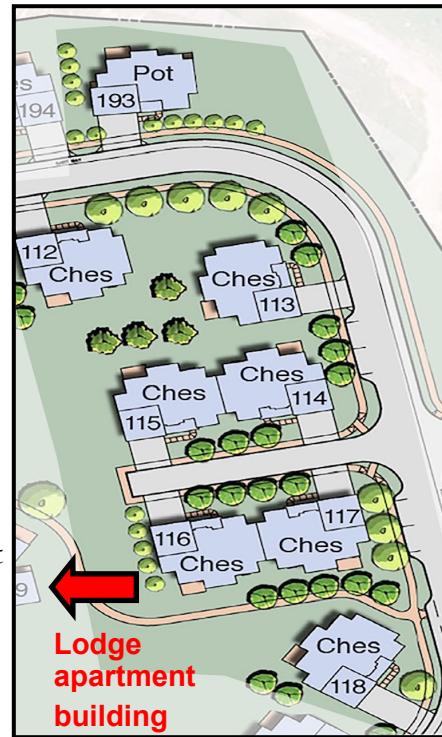
Since 2015, Frederick County residents have been voting for their favorite local businesses, organizations, and attraction in hundred of categories. It’s the biggest contest of its kind in Frederick County, with hundred of thousands of votes cast annually. Homewood has once again, for the 6th year in a row, won Best of the Best Retirement Community. Along with Best Retirement Community, we also won Best Assisted Living. We are proud of the reputation we have built in the Frederick community and look forward to continuing our commitment of providing compassionate, professional and caring service in order to enhance the quality of life for residents, clients and co-workers.

Along with *U.S. News & World Report*’s rating and *The Frederick News Post* Best of the best, Homewood’s Health Care Center also continues with their reputation of having a five-star rating through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The CMS created the Five-Star Quality Rating System to help consumers, their families, and caregivers comparing nursing homes more easily and to help identify areas about which you may want to ask questions. Nursing homes with five stars are considered to have higher than average quality. The three areas of evaluation are health inspections, staffing, and quality measures. To find out more information about CMS you can visit their website at www.cms.gov.



Phase 10 Reservations Accepted February 1st

Starting February 1st, Homewood will start accepting reservations for Phase 10 of our Patio Home community. There is a total of eight homes in Phase 10, consisting of; one stand-alone Potomac floor plan, three stand-alone Chesapeake floor plans, and four duplex style Chesapeake floor plans. The marketing team will send informational packets to every applicant who has specified they would like a patio home. Leasers will be able to choose additional structural options, such as, sunroom and/or breakfast nook along with all of their interior selections and/or upgrades. Priority reservations will be accepted until **March 20th** with continued reservations until full. If you have not specified you are interested in a patio home and would like to receive the information about Phase 10, please call Sarah Weir, Marketing Assistant, (301) 732-6153 and she will forward the information to you.



Recently Leased



Left: Stand-alone Chesapeake

Right: Appalachian at Lodge

Bottom Left: Catoctin at Lodge

Bottom Right: Jefferson N at

Crumland Farms



Patio Homes Available for Immediate Occupancy



Above: Stand-alone Chesapeake located at
2710 Homewood Drive

Right: View from the back patio of
2710 Homewood Drive



Above: Upgraded kitchen includes 18" Ceramic Tile & Corian Countertops



Right: Sunroom with double sided fireplace, ceramic tile and French door



Over the past four months, we had three couples safely and successfully move into three of the patio homes that were available on campus. There are currently a handful of patio homes available for immediate occupancy. The floor plans available include a Monocacy, Chesapeake and Atlantic. Many of these homes already have upgrades that would come to you at no cost. If you have interest in moving to Homewood in the upcoming months, we encourage you to contact the marketing team to discuss rates, location and current incentives.



Left: Monocacy with Sunroom located at
2510 Homewood Drive

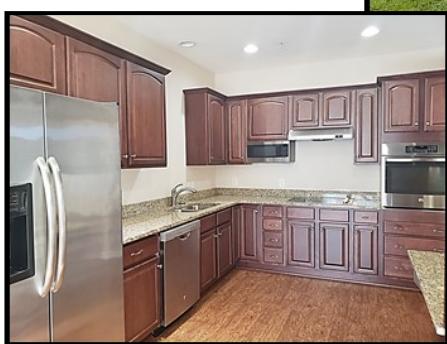
Below: green space behind Monocacy home

Bottom Left: Upgraded kitchen includes stainless steel appliances, wall oven/cooktop granite countertops, and laminate flooring



Above : Atlantic with Sunroom located at 104 Homewood Lane

Below: Upgraded kitchen includes stainless steel appliances, and granite countertops



Virtual Coffee Hour

February 17th March 17th April 21st

EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY
10:00 A.M.
LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE



RSVP TO SARAH WEIR AT LEAST A WEEK PRIOR TO THE EVENT
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