

Pet Partners of Greater Cincinnati

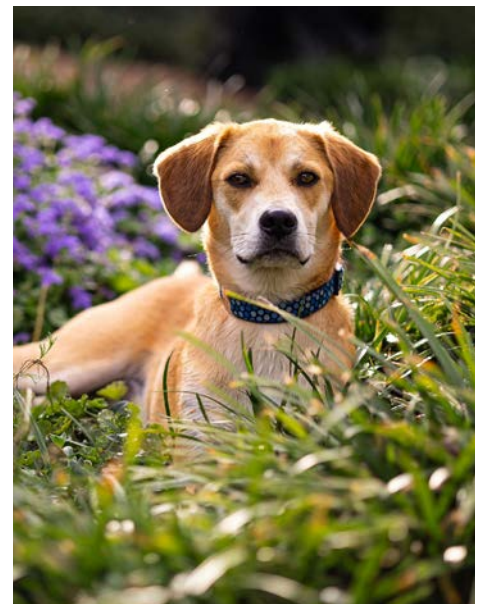
BRINGING JOY THROUGH THERAPY DOGS

By Tracy Wolcott, Director of Community Life Services

In our continuous effort to enhance the well-being and happiness of our community, we are excited to announce our collaboration with Pet Partners of Greater Cincinnati, an all-volunteer group dedicated to improving lives through the healing power of pets. This partnership has brought a new and heartwarming element to our community activities, with monthly visits from therapy dogs.

Our monthly visits have quickly become a highlight for our residents, providing them with the opportunity to interact with these gentle and loving animals. Two of the standout pairs from Pet Partners are CVM employee, Amie Kocher, owner of Roxie, and Wally and his owner Becky Hillyer. Roxie (pictured in the bottom left/center) and Wally (pictured in the bottom right), both friendly and affectionate dogs, have a natural ability to connect with people. Their visits have brought smiles, laughter, and a sense of calm to many. Whether it's a gentle nuzzle, a playful wag of the tail, or just being there to listen. Both dogs and their owners have made a significant impact on our community.

For many of our residents, these visits have become a cherished part of their monthly routine, offering a break from the everyday and a chance to experience the unconditional love of a pet. Our collaboration with Pet Partners of Greater Cincinnati is just one of the many ways we strive to enhance the quality of life for our residents. We look forward to many more visits with Wally and Roxie, and the other wonderful therapy dogs. We are grateful to Pet Partners for their dedication and commitment to our community's well-being.



Birthdays, Celebrations and Updates



July Birthdays

This information is for
The Christian Village at Mason residents.



July Anniversaries

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RESIDENT UPDATES

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CVM Transportation

Transportation services are available to all residents. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

*Concierge Cards—\$36 for 13 trips

For errand & medical trips within 5 miles.

*Appointments by Mile or Hour

For medical appointments and other trips over 5 miles, or if you require the driver to stay with you, pricing listed below:

- \$3.00/mile from drop-off and pick-up
- \$40/hour for the driver to stay with you

Scheduling Transportation

Call (513) 701-3415 to schedule an appointment.



Grocery Pickups

Please turn in one list per week on Monday or Thursday into the Front Desk. (4 or 5 items.)

Please give list and money to the front Desk or call Transportation at (513) 703-3415.



Village Clinic Hours

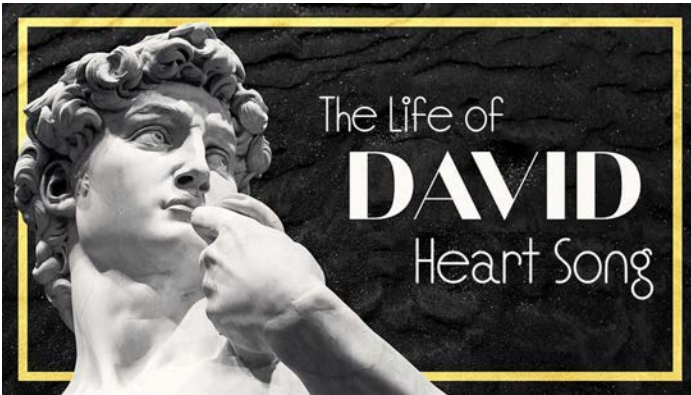
7169 Village Drive

Monday - Thursday - 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

If you need to contact the nurse outside these hours, please contact Diane Reed, R.N., Queen City Skilled Care, Home Care Coordinator at (513) 314-0562 or Heather Carter at (513) 701-3403.

Chaplain's Corner

BY CHAPLAIN DAVID RAY



The Measure of Life

Carl Sandburg wrote a masterful four-volume set of books about Abraham Lincoln that focused on his “War Years.” The seventy-fifth chapter covered the events immediately following Lincoln’s assassination and was given a title drawn from an old woodsman’s proverb: “A tree is best measured when it is down.”

This is also true of David’s life—the man who would become Israel’s king. Any life has both its good and worst moments, but it is the whole that is best remembered. David was a great man: shepherd, poet, musician, friend, warrior, statesman, and more. His life was multi-dimensional, and his accomplishments grand. His story, painted within the history books of 1 & 2 Samuel, is one of the most gripping in all the Old Testament.

Most notably, David is described as “a man after God’s own heart.” This did not mean that his life was perfect. It was far from it, at times. There were his glorious successes, but also sad failures that are not glossed over in the telling of his story. He was human. And I’m thankful that the fullness of his life is shared, including that his heart was always yearning for God.

I’m convinced we can learn much from the stories of life’s heroes. We can be encouraged by their strengths and cautioned by their weaknesses.

Who has not enjoyed imagining what it must have been like to defeat a giant? To wear a royal crown? To write a soaring psalm? Or who has not felt the deep sadness of David’s personal brokenness?

Join me on Sunday, July 14th, when we will begin a series of messages in Stone Center Worship that I’m calling, “Heart Song: The Life of David.” It will take us through the summer and into the fall as we consider both the highs and lows of this ancient hero’s life.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

Have you signed up for the new media resource we now offer FREE to all Village residents and their friends? Many report they have enjoyed sampling from the site’s many offerings, and some have used its Bible study resources in group settings. Over the coming weeks, we hope to post some past Stone Center sermons on the site, as well.

To sign up, just point your smartphone camera at the QR code here and follow the link to its directions.

Or text to 49775 the key word CVATMASON. Or login with your computer, iPad, or other device to: www.app.rightnowmedia.org/join/cvatmason.



Contact Information

Tune to CVC TV for the Chaplain’s Daily Devotions (Tuesday & Thursday, 11:00 a.m.) and Stone Center Worship (Sunday, 10:15 a.m.).

Office (513) 701-3406, Cell (513) 218-6548, or Email david.ray@christianvillages.org. If you need assistance to attend worship, desire Communion, or would welcome a visit, please contact us.

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Social Services

BY HEATHER CARTER, LSW, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Advanced Directives - Living Will

A Living Will is a document that provides directions to your health care providers regarding your health care wishes, including life-sustaining treatments and artificially or technologically supplied nutrition and hydration, if you are unable to make informed medical decisions AND are in a terminal condition or permanently unconscious state.

Terminally condition is defined as an irreversible, incurable, and untreatable condition caused by disease, illness, or injury from which, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty as determined in accordance with reasonable medical standards by a declarant's attending physician and one other physician who has examined the declarant, both of the following apply: (1) there can be no recovery and (2) death is likely to occur within a relatively short time if life-sustaining treatment is not administered.

Permanently Unconscious state means an irreversible condition in which the patient is permanently unaware of himself or herself and surroundings. At least two physicians must examine the patient and agree that the patient has totally lost higher brain function and is unable to suffer or feel pain.

The Living Will is a beneficial document, even if you have a Healthcare Power of Attorney, as it gives your agent and doctor a record of what you want. If you have a living will and are in a terminal condition or permanently unconscious state per definition, the Living Will document will take precedence over a Healthcare Power of Attorney.

It is important to discuss your health care wishes with your health care team and with family, especially whoever has been named as your Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care.

Once you have executed a Living Will, be sure to provide copies to your doctors, DPOA-HC agent and family members who will oversee your care. You should take it with you anytime you go into the hospital and make sure that all healthcare providers have a copy of your advanced directives on file.

Like any other legal document, if you update or change your Living Will and / or Durable Power Attorney for Health Care it is important to make sure the older documents are shred and that new copies are provided to your health care team and your health care power of attorney.

Should you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact the Social Service office at 513-701-3403.

Electronic Health Record Photos

Attention: Garden Home Residents

If you did not get your picture taken at the end of 2023 or are a new Garden Home resident, we ask that you schedule a time on Monday July 8, 2024. The pictures will be used for identification purposes only within the electronic health record. Please call Mary Brown at 513-701-3423 or Heather Carter at 513-701-3403 to schedule a time.

The Well

BY TOMI MARUNA, DIRECTOR OF FITNESS & WELLNESS

New CVC TV Workouts

Introducing “Virtual Vitality,” a series of fitness videos designed to accommodate our awesome residents in their own home. Whether you are looking to stay active, improve mobility, or simply enjoy a gentle workout, we’ve got you covered.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday at 10:30 a.m.: Easy Chair Workout

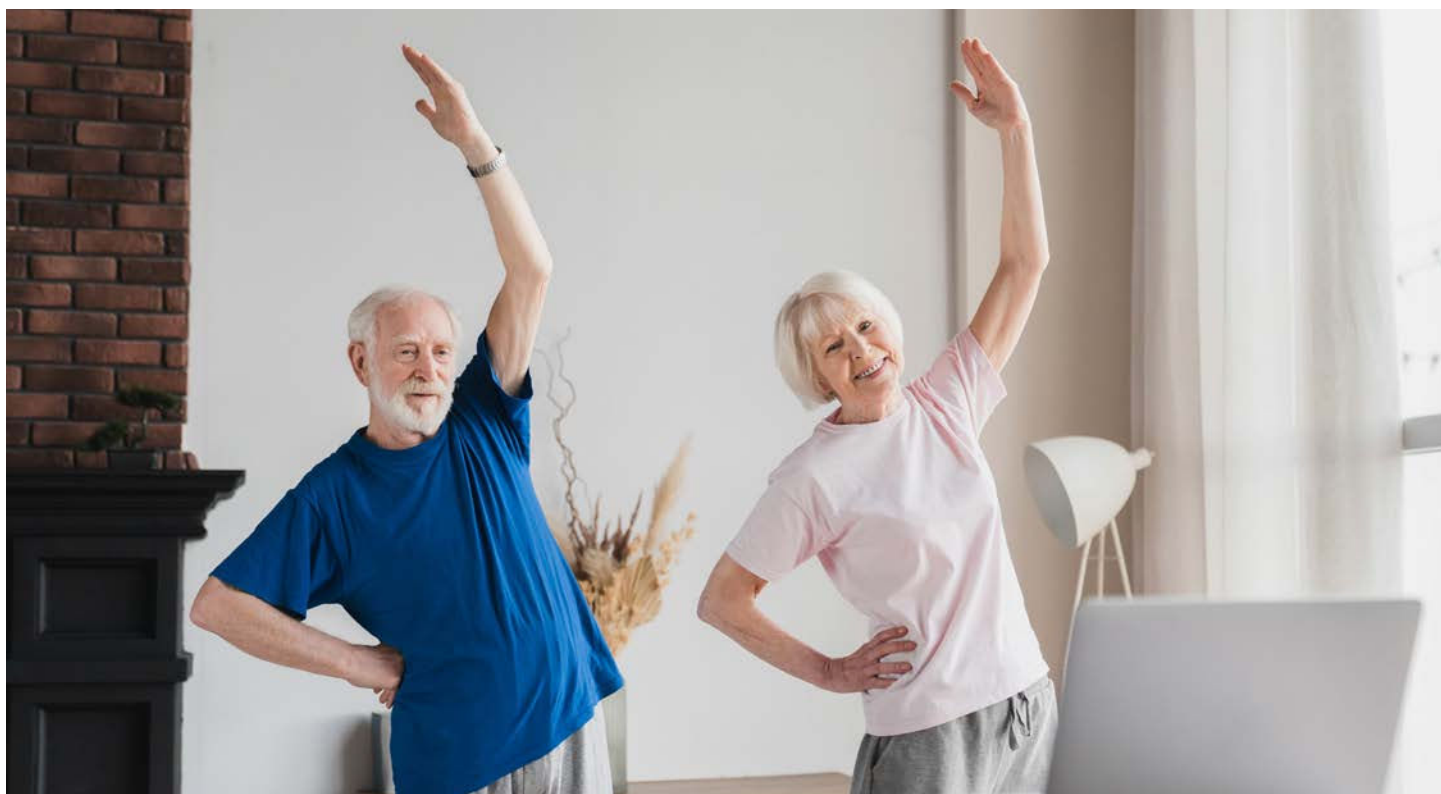
This is a gentle yet effective seated workout that targets key muscle groups. Using just a sturdy chair, this session focuses on improving strength and flexibility while seated comfortably.

Tuesday/Thursday at 10:30 a.m.: Balance and Mobility

Maintaining balance and mobility is essential for staying independent and active. This class is dedicated to enhancing stability and coordination in a seated and standing position. From simple exercises to improve posture to movements that challenge your balance, this class will leave you feeling stronger and more confident.

No matter your fitness level, our videos encourage you to work at your own pace and comfort level. Whether you’re a beginner or seasoned exerciser, our focus on good form and breathing ensures a safe and effective workout every time.

Join us for a Virtual Vitality workout and discover the joy of staying active, healthy, and happy, right in the comfort of your own home!



Auxiliary & Resident Organization News



Dine Out

By Al Shelton & Dee Bartholme

The Dine Out event will be on **Tuesday, June 9** at the Skyline Restaurant on the corner of US 42 and Western Row, from 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Present the flyer to the server or drive thru attendant. The restaurant will reimburse the auxiliary 15% of the food bill.

Transportation will be available at 11:30 a.m. for those who are no longer able to drive. Please sign up ahead of time at the front desk if you need a ride.

Veterans Association Meeting

By Jerry Kohls

The Veterans Association meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 17 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Hockley Chapel.

The guest speaker is a Army retired Chaplain. He will be speaking about his time as a Chaplain and the duties of a chaplain. The meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend.

Resident Name Tags

This is a friendly reminder for residents to wear their name tags when attending activities and outings. Wearing your name tag helps other residents, especially those new to our campus, get to know each other and is also helpful to our staff. Thank you for your cooperation!

Village Auxiliary Update

By Ed Stagney, President

June was a quiet month for the Auxiliary. A few new members joined, and we received a very nice donation in memory of a former resident. A lot of residents enjoyed the dine-out at City Barbecue. Also, the Kroger rewards check arrived.

However, July will be different. The Quarterly Auxiliary Meeting will be held on **July 10 at 2 p.m.** in the Hockley Chapel. At the meeting, we will be addressing the current financial position of the Auxiliary, reviewing CVM requests for funds, discussing the Fall Craft Show to be held on October 26 in the Stone Center, organizing a Bake Sale to be held in September, searching for additional fundraising activities, and any additional items that may arise.

Please join us as all Quarterly meetings are open to all residents of the Village, but only dues-paying members are eligible to vote. If you would like to become a member, forms are available at the reception desk.

Don't forget the Dine Out at Skyline on Tuesday, July 9. I am always interested in your comments or suggestions.

CVC TV Weekend Schedule

- Saturday, July 6 - 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
"The Mountbatten Festival of Music 2024"
- Saturday, July 13, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
"World's Toughest Boat Trips: The Great Lakes, USA"
- Saturday, July 20, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
"TBDBITL 141; The Movie" (Documentary about Ohio State University Marching Band)
- Saturday, June 27, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
"Gala Concert-International Classical Music Awards"

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Kroger Shopping Bus

If you are a Garden Home resident and would like to use the CVM Bus to go shopping at Kroger on **Tuesday, July 9 at 9:00 a.m.** Please contact the front desk with your name and Garden Home address. The bus will pick you up at your home.

Shopping trips require a Concierge Card — (\$36 for 13 trips). The cards can also be purchased at the front desk.

Upcoming Concerts

Concerts will be held in the Stone Center. They may not be available to be aired on CVC TV if music groups bring their own sound equipment.

- **CVM Ambassador Choir Patriotic Concert**
Tuesday & Wednesday, July 2 & 3 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Delta Kings Barbershop Chorus**
Tuesday, July 9, 7:00 p.m.
- **Ohio Military Band**
Thursday, July 25, 7:00 p.m.

The Ohio Military Band is a community band based out of Mt. Healthy. Founded in 1904, The OMB is the oldest community band in the Cincinnati area and has been in continuous existence since 1904, with roots tracing back to before the Civil War.

- **David Cain, Juggler**
Tuesday, July 30, 7:00 p.m.

David Cain is a world champion juggler who does a Christian juggling ministry full-time. He is a Guinness world record holder and currently has over 20 world records. He has appeared on numerous television shows in the United States as well as in Europe and Asia. These include America's Got Talent (two episodes), The Today Show, The Gong Show, & The CBS Sunday Morning Show.



Library News

By Mary Ann Watrous

May/June 2024 Additions:

- Linda Byler, *Fire In The Night*
- Ann Cleeves, *Burial of Ghosts*
- Robin Cook, *Host*

Large Print

- Danielle Steel, *Spy*

Non-Fiction

- Stephen Moss, *Ten Birds That Changed the World*

Mason Public Library Outreach

Friday, July 5, 10:00 a.m.

Please remember to turn in your library books to the craft room for pick up.

You Never Know

BY RUTH ODOR,
GARDEN APARTMENT
RESIDENT

A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE CARE

The server in the dining room placed the glass of iced tea at the woman's place. There was ice in the tea and a slice of lemon perched on the rim of the glass. The server knew exactly what the woman would want. She also knew that she would need to help her read the menu because her eyesight was bad. She didn't mind; it wasn't a chore. You see, she cared.

The man from maintenance carried the ladder into the apartment. He needed it to reach the clock high on the wall. He had to do this every time the time changed. The resident thanked him and smiled. He knew she couldn't reach that high. He was glad to help. He cared.

The driver helped the woman down the steps of the bus and carried her groceries to her door. She knew how glad the woman was to go to the grocery once again and do her own shopping. It was such a small task that meant so much. She was glad to provide not only service but also joy. She cared.

The apartment was clean as could be. The housekeeper had dusted and scrubbed and swept. Before she left, the man in the recliner asked her if she would put an envelope in the mailbox for him. It wasn't in her job description but she was glad to do anything she could to make life easier for this gentleman. This wasn't just a job. She cared.

The doctor wondered why the wound healed so quickly. He didn't know it was because the nurse at the Village cleaned it, applied the medicine, and wrapped it every day. If anyone had asked, she would have said, "Because we take care of our people. We care about them."

She was in the Nursing Section, and she was dying. She knew it and so did the nurses and aides who

took care of her. Her best friend came with a warm touch, a prayer, and a presence as she sat by her bedside. Her favorite nurse came and let her know how much she cared. Her preacher came as he often did, with comfort, a prayer, and just his presence as he sat by her bed. They left, and then he came--one last presence. She was surprised --and pleased. "You knew I would come," he said. "Remember the little boy you babysat long ago." She wished she could smile but her lips would not move, and her eyes would not open, but she pressed his hand so he would know she heard. She remembered that toddler and she was so proud of the man he had become. There was calm assurance in his voice as he said, "Soon you will see Jesus." After a brief visit, he was gone. He had to hurry to an important meeting. But oh, what joy his coming had brought. He cared; he really cared. She was ready for that new world that awaited. And with one foot already on that shore, she glimpsed a Face--the Face of the Greatest Caregiver of All.



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