

Village Voice

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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What is an Executive Order?

The term Executive Order has been used a lot over the last year in our Village. We thought it would be helpful for our Administrator, Amee Hughey, to explain what an Executive Order is.

ElderHealth & Living was placed under Executive Order ("EO") most recently on 4/5/21 due to our campus being exposed to COVID when a staff member and a resident both tested positive for COVID. When an EO is placed on a facility, it alters the existing regulations put into place by the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) around visitations.

The EO will be lifted after two consecutive weeks of all negative COVID test results for all residents and staff, and with approval from ODHS. Once lifted, EHL can go back to the testing requirements and visitation rules set forth by ODHS and governed by Lane County's risk level. ***Please see the next page for more details on the EO.***

We understand how disappointing and frustrating this situation can be for our families. Please be assured we are doing all in our power to resume in-person visitations, as we understand how important it is for the residents and their loved ones. We are pleased to feature in this newsletter photographs of our residents experiencing outside activities and moments of joy despite all the restrictions we have had in place. *We hope you enjoy seeing these photos!*



Please see below for exact verbiage from our recent Executive Order from the Oregon Department of Human Services. We hope this helps our families to understand the regulations we currently have to operate under in order to provide the best love and care for our residents.

We are hopeful by the time this newsletter is distributed the current Executive Order will have been lifted. However, it is our understanding if Lane County moves in to the Extreme Risk Level, visitations will continue to be restricted. The best source for staying current on our status is by visiting our website and looking for the COVID-19 updates on the home page.

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DHS orders that Respondent's license is subject to the Executive Order set forth below, based on suspected or confirmed COVID-19 in the facility.

STATEMENT OF CONCERN

THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTION

This action is placed as an effort to minimize further risk and spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in this Residential Care Facility.

EXECUTIVE ORDER MANDATES

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order NO. 20-03, now extended through May 2, 2021, Declaration of Emergency Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak in Oregon, the Aging and People with Disabilities Executive Letter sent to all Residential Care Facilities on March 10, 2020. DHS now orders that Respondent is subject to the mandates set forth below:

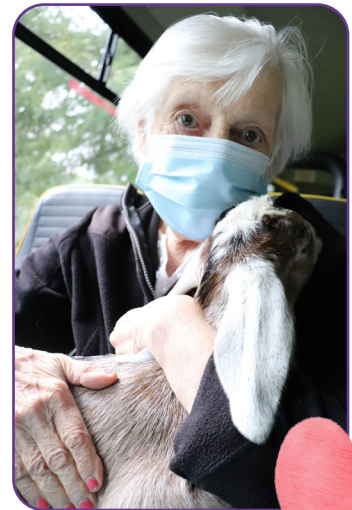
- **RESTRICTION OF VISITATION:** Visitors shall be restricted from entering the facility to prevent further spread of the virus and to ensure the health and safety of all residents and the broader community.



A Special Outing: Baby Goats!!

Our residents have been enjoying van rides to a farm up the McKenzie River to visit baby goats owned by one of our employees. This has been a thrill for everyone who has been able to go.

**We followed all COVID precautions and protocols.*





In Remembrance



Sally Madden

Sally came to EHL in October of 2017. She had a special connection with our Maintenance Coordinator, Ryan. He shared with us that, "She enjoyed getting to hang the US flag in our village. She always told me she wanted to do it as a little girl in school but the boys always got to do it. She was really proud watching it rise in the morning and folding it up for the night." She will be missed by all of us at EHL. Sally passed away at the age of 86.

Photo: Sally and Ryan enjoying Halloween a few years ago.



Jerry Newcomb

Jerry came to EHL in September of 2020. Staff in our Cascade Home shared with us, "Jerry was a fun person. He would make us laugh all the time. He had a one-of-a-kind smile that lit up the room. He will be truly missed by all of the Cascade staff." Jerry passed away at the age of 86.



the Mt. Vernon Home!

Each month you will see a highlighted section showing the home that won our monthly recycling award. Congratulations to our Mt. Vernon Home for being the **MOST IMPROVED RECYCLERS** for the month of April!



Way to go, Mt. Vernon!



Are you curious how you can recycle your own household plastics?
To find a volunteer community collector near you, send an email to:
plasticscollection@lanecountyor.gov

Marianne's Memo

ALWAYS BE KIND

GET DIRTY & HAVE FUN

Stand up for yourself

Believe in yourself

DO THE HARD THINGS FIRST

FIND TIME TO PLAY

Follow your dreams

Hug Often



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