



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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The COVID Briefing has now transitioned to a weekly **COMMUNITY CONNECTION** and will continue to provide information of interest to the Fowler Family. We hope you will prioritize Tuesday at 2pm and tune in to Channel 6 as a time of connection, community, and communication.

- **Good afternoon Fowler Family!**

- **COVID UPDATE:**

- Yesterday Dallas County reported 202 new cases and 2 deaths.
 - The Dallas County positivity rate has dropped to 2.9%
 - Due to vaccination levels and reduction in new COVID-19 cases in Dallas County, the Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation's COVID-19 Vulnerability Index has recorded a 40 percent drop in average vulnerability from April to the end of May
 - Launched in June of 2020, the Vulnerability Index identifies high risk areas of our community which are identified by chronic illnesses such as diabetes, cancer, heart disease, a high population of people over 65, and areas with lack of access to food, medicine, employment and transportation.
 - The ZIP code with the highest Vulnerability Index, 75243, has a 12.20 vulnerability rating, however that was a decreased by 61 percent from April. This decrease was driven by vaccinations
 - We continue to encourage vaccinations
 - Last week, Health and Human Services issued new guidance; we are reviewing and will provide updates to our protocols next week

- **FOWLER UPDATES:**

- In July, Jackson Living Center will start outings again – watch for your this on your calendars
- A reminder, visitors may not congregate in the dining rooms
 - There are however common spaces that can be reserved ahead of time for family gatherings – notify the front desk of your building to schedule a private space for you and your family
 - We will need a reservation as this will take advance preparation and planning
- The Master Gardeners may return to their work in the PNCC Courtyard – this is an outdoor environment and we look forward to welcoming them back to this space

- **OTHER UPDATES:**

- Yesterday, The Food and Drug Administration approved the first new treatment for Alzheimer's disease in nearly two decades!

- While other drugs treat symptoms of Alzheimer's, the new medicine, called Aduhelm, is the first to attack what some believe is an underlying cause of the disease, with the expectation that it will slow cognitive decline.
 - It does so by eliminating clumps of a toxic protein believed to destroy neurons and cause dementia
 - Aduhelm is not a cure for Alzheimer's, and it doesn't reverse the disease's progression
 - As with all new drugs, there are questions surrounding the effectiveness and the cost
 - Made by Biogen, the treatment has been conditionally approved based on its ability to clear the toxic proteins
 - Biogen will be required to complete a large clinical trial to confirm that removing the plaque has cognitive benefits
 - If that study fails, the FCA has the authority to rescind its approval; meanwhile it is available to all who have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease
- We will await to hear more about the additional study; meanwhile this announcement provides hope for all who are living with Alzheimer's
- **RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS!**
 - 6/10- Marjorie (JLC) and Ouida (FCA)
 - 6/11- June (JLC)
 - 6/14- Frank (JLC) & Toni (PNCC)
- **RESIDENT MOVE-IN ANNIVERSARIES:**
 - 2 Years – Helen (FCA) and Stuart (FCA)
 - 3 Years- Marjorie (PNCC) & Bobye (PNCC)
 - 6 Years – Mattie (FCA)
 - No JLC Anniversaries
- **TEAMMATE TUESDAY!**
 - Wishing Emily Martinez, a very happy birthday! Emily's birthday is today!
 - Happy birthday to Michael Blackwell! Michael's birthday is on June 11.
 - Welcome to our newest teammate Mackenzie Traylor! Mackenzie joined us yesterday and she will serve as a Universal teammate. Currently she is training as receptionist. Most recently, Mackenzie was a teacher at Dangerfield-Lone Star ISD. She has also served as a Sales Rep at Verizon Wireless.
 - Shout out to Lisa McKey and Bill Gatlin for making a difference. Last Saturday they responded incredibly quickly to a resident emergency!
 - Shrhonda for in her pursuit of excellence in ensuring all JLC residents received Podiatry services yesterday.
 - Jan Matisse for loving people. On her day off, Jan brought in lunch for all of her teammates!
 - Michael Blackwell was lifted up in making a difference. Michael keeps a resident's dog with him while she is away from the community.
 - Mackenzie Traylor was seen making a difference yesterday when she assisted a resident with his I Phone. It does say above she worked at Verizon wireless.

- Jen Garland lifted up the entire Jackson team for how supportive they have been during the leadership transition. They truly made the difference!
- June is Pride Month. It is designed to champion, commemorate, and celebrate the LGBTQ community. It is a month when the world's LGBTQ communities come together to be themselves. Pride gatherings are rooted in the history of minority groups who have struggled for decades to overcome prejudice to be accepted for who they are. The original organizers chose this month to pay homage to the Stonewall uprising in June 1969 in New York City, which helped to spark the modern LGBTQ rights movement.
 - Many people have seen the rainbow flag associated with Pride. Gilbert Baker designed the Pride flag in 1978. Baker was commissioned by San Francisco city supervisor Harvey Milk – one of the first openly gay elected officials in the U.S. Milk commissioned Baker to make a flag for the city's upcoming Pride celebrations. Since then many other flags have been added to celebrate others diversity such as Transgender. In 2017 black and brown were added to the rainbow flag so to give representation to black and brown people in the LGBTQ community and the unique challenges they face.
 - Every year many cities in the U.S. and around the world have Pride Parades and celebrations. The first pride parade was on the one year-anniversary of the Stonewall uprising. The city of Dallas hosted its annual pride celebration just last weekend.
- **Make it a great day on purpose!**

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