

Loomis Life

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Calling all Readers!

We enjoy sharing the most recent updates and valuable resources through *Loomis*Life each month, so your feedback is essential to us.

What topics would you like to see covered in future editions?

Whether it's health and wellness tips, community events, resident spotlights, or anything else, please reach out to Devin at:

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Share your thoughts with us today!

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Honoring Legacies:

The Dedication of Two Special Spaces

Elwin and Annemarie Sanborn Billiards Room

On Saturday, October 5th, Loomis Village celebrated the dedication of the Elwin and Annemarie Sanborn Billiards Room, a gift years in the making. Elwin and Annemarie Sanborn, longtime residents of Loomis House and Loomis Village, left a legacy that reflected their passion for resident engagement and active, healthy living.

Prior to his passing, Elwin made a significant contribution to The Loomis Communities, envisioning a space that would promote joy and connection among residents. When the interior renovations at Loomis Village were underway, the perfect opportunity to honor the Sanborns' memory emerged. With enthusiastic support from their son Pete, his wife Suzanne, and their family, the concept for the Sanborn Billiards Room sprang to life.

The dedication event welcomed Loomis Village residents, team members, and the Sanborn family, including Pete, Suzanne, and daughters Kelsey and Lindsey. The space, located near Phylly's casual dining area, has quickly become a lively hub for both players and spectators alike, truly embodying the Sanborns' wishes.



A few short weeks later, on Wednesday, October 23rd, another significant dedication took place at Loomis Village. A formerly unnamed lounge, transformed through recent renovations, was officially revealed as "The Lyon's Den." This welcoming space was named in honor of Clarke S. Lyon, a longtime advocate for The Loomis Communities and Loomis Village. Clarke's service began in the 1970s and extended throughout his presidency of the Board in the 1990s. Among his many accolades, he was the first recipient of the Elvira Whiting Ball Award in 2002.



Sanborn Family



Sanborn Billiards Room

The Lyon's Den

The Lyon's Den honors the service and memory of Clarke S, Lyon-Clarke was a lifelong resident of Holyoke where he lived with his wife Helena and as Partner at the law firm of Lyon & Fitzpatrick.

A beloved member of our community, Clarke's service to Loomis was extensive and impactful. He worked tirelessly to ensure that there was a place in Western Massachusetts where older adults could live in community, age with dignity, and thrive. In the 1970s he "chared" the committee that raised the necessary funds to create Loomis House in Holyoke, becoming the first CCRC in Massachusetts.

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This space, in honor of Clarke Lyon's commitment to the mission and vision of The Loomis Communities, is made possible thanks to a generous vision of The Loomis Communities, is made possible thanks to a generous vision of The Loomis Communities, is made possible thanks to a generous vision of The Loomis Communities, is made possible thanks to a generous vision of The Loomis Communities, is made possible thanks to a generous vision of The Loomis Communities, is made possible thanks to a generous vision of The Loomis Communities, is made possible thanks to a generous vision of The Loomis Communities, is made possible thanks to a generous vision of The Loomis Communities, is made possible thanks to a generous vision of The Loomis Communities, is made possible thanks to a generous vision of The Loomis Communities, is made possible thanks to a generous vision of The Loomis Communities, is made possible thanks to a generous vision of The Loomis Communities, is made possible thanks to a generous vision of The Loomis Communities.

The Lyon's Den

The space was established through a generous gift from Peter and Marlene Connor in Clarke's memory. Peter, Clarke's nephew and former colleague at the law firm of Lyon & Fitzpatrick, joined wife Marlene, Peter's brother Dan, his wife Nancy, and nearly one hundred residents for the dedication ceremony. The Loomis Communities team members and leadership also attended to honor Clarke's enduring impact.

Both the Elwin and Annemarie Sanborn Billiards Room and The Lyon's Den are outstanding tributes to individuals who enriched The Loomis Communities. These spaces now stand as vibrant reminders of their generosity, leadership, and commitment to fostering community.



Peter & Marlene Connor

Updates From Construction Central

Exciting transformations continue at Applewood! The newly updated library now offers a modern and inviting space for residents to gather, read, and connect. With the addition of thoughtfully constructed shelving, there is ample room to organize a wide variety of books and resources. The redesigned layout provides plenty of comfortable seating areas for reading, small group meetings, or quiet moments of reflection. Residents will also appreciate the updated computer station, making it easy to stay connected and productive. One of the standout features of the revamped library is the abundance of natural sunlight streaming through the large windows, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere throughout the day. This space is sure to become a favorite hub for learning, socializing, and relaxation within Applewood.





Applewood Library





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In the Loop with Loomis Experts

This month, we caught up with Michael Jarry, the new Chief Financial Officer for The Loomis Communities, and we're thrilled to welcome him to the team! Michael brings a fresh perspective and vast experience to his

What are you most looking forward to in your first year as CFO?

Integrating myself into the organization through relationships with both my colleagues and residents alike. Over time, I expect these relationships, which are just getting started, will culminate in an environment of trust. Only then can an individual truly enact positive change.

role. We chatted about his vision for the future and an inside look at his leadership style.

How do you plan to build relationships at The Loomis Communities?

Foundational abilities in deepening connections are "avail-ability" and "depend-ability." To foster relationship, I must be visible and present, relying less on the impersonal modes of communication so common today. Secondly, it is important to remain humble, readily disclosing that I have a lot to still learn. This is a new industry for me, and I do not have all the answers. I will employ active listening to learn from our internal subject matter experts.

What advice has shaped your approach to leadership?

"Be Like a Duck." Initially this struck me as strange, but ducks always appear calm when crossing a busy road or gliding along the water, even though underneath the surface they are pedaling feverishly. A leader needs to exude poise under pressure, not allowing stressors to "ruffle feathers." This feeling is infectious and affects everyone whom a leader has the privilege to serve.



Michael Jarry Chief Financial Officer

We are always excited to have Loomis experts share their perspective with us to provide to everyone inside and outside of The Loomis Communities. Watch for more words of wisdom in future issues of Loomis Life.