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Loomis Life

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Upcoming Events

RSVP with

The Loomis
Communities

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October:

[Click here](#) to see a full calendar view of what's happening to kick off fall at The Loomis Communities

November:

Tune in for a resident session, featuring a "how to" from a Loomis resident

School's in Session at The Loomis Communities

Loomis residents are lifelong learners who pursue opportunities to grow like the Learning in Later Life and 5 College Learning in Retirement programs; however, this fall, they are also teachers.

At Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing, students from Holyoke Community College Certified Nursing Assistants program are joining us to learn the ins and outs of the profession.

Students will learn from their instructors, as well as our residents and team members, by taking blood pressures, measuring pulses, and working with medical records. This is a special experiential learning opportunity--as special as the students themselves.



A Holyoke Community College instructor takes a baseline pulse to model the technique for students.

From Puerto Rico to Turkey, every student in the program is an English language learner. Admissions into this unique CNA program meant moving to the United States, enrolling in English courses at Holyoke Community College, and embarking on the journey to become a CNA after successfully completing English aptitude exams.



Holyoke Community College students work with Loomis team members to learn about dietary needs of residents.

For Tomara Meegan, Director of Skilled Nursing at Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing, the program presents a wonderful opportunity for all.

"It is so exciting to have these Holyoke Community College students with us, working hands on with residents. This program prepares people for a wonderful career, and we are happy to play a small part in welcoming new faces into the industry."

Students are learning proper medical technique and best practices, but they are also discovering residents' daily habits, likes and dislikes, and even personal histories. As The Loomis Communities team already knows, the connection gained through engaged, quality interactions with residents brings out the best in them, but also in care staff too.

Lobster Fest Returns to Loomis

The annual Lobster Fest dinner at Loomis Village is a fall tradition like no other! This smorgasbord of seafood is a crowd pleaser. From Lobster to Filet Minion, no expense was spared at this year's event.



Loomis COVID-19 Updates

As the pandemic evolves, so do the measures we take to keep residents safe, healthy, and engaged at The Loomis Communities. We continue to follow guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Control, Executive Office of Elder Affairs, The Massachusetts Department of Health, and local/state officials. This has resulted in two recent adjustments:

- 1) Masks are now required for all visitors and team members at all three communities, regardless of vaccination status. Residents who are fully vaccinated may continue to choose whether or not they wear one outside of their home, although doing so is highly recommended.
- 2) The 2021 Craft Fair at Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing has been canceled. With the uncertainty of COVID-19, and the new Delta and MU variants, we determined that it would not be safe to bring hundreds of people in from outside of the community at one time. We look forward to bringing the event back in 2022, conditions permitting.

Should you have any questions about the proactive measures we are taking, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Oktoberfest Prep

'Tis the season for beer-infused food!

Before donning your Lederhosen, take a look at this surprisingly simple recipe for [beer-infused pretzel rolls](#).

For the dark beer, use a porter or a stout (think Guinness). Note that any alcohol will cook off during the baking process.

If you're a fan of brunch, try this [Belgian waffle recipe](#) featuring Blue Moon Belgian white ale.

A [Chocolate Stout Chili](#) rounds out an Oktoberfest menu well. This vegetarian dish even has a high protein option. Simply swap in ground turkey for the recipe's veggie sausages.



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