

PFLC - LUDEMAN



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NEWSLETTER

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*THE ELISABETH LUDEMAN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER IS LOCATED AT 114 ORCHARD DRIVE,
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The Parents and Friends of Ludeman Center mission is to advocate for the rights of all the residents of Elisabeth Ludeman Center. We will work with the center to provide quality of life enhancement for individuals with disabilities, and to act as a support organization for the family members and friends of the residents. We are an all-volunteer organization.

A Message from PFLC President, Pamela Hill

The past 18 months has been a challenge for humanity. We applaud each and every one of you; family, friends, and Ludeman staff. Most of all, let us give thanks to our Ludeman loved ones that have continued to persevere despite the daily challenges they face.

Many of the picnic tables that PFLC purchased years ago were showing their wear and tear. PFLC purchased twenty-two new outdoor picnic tables and delivered them to the Ludeman Center. All the new tables are wheelchair accessible so more Ludeman individuals can enjoy fresh air and getting outdoors. We were able to procure the tables because of your generous support.

The PFLC Board continues to plan for activities and future events for the Ludeman residents. Our future planning wish list includes improving the area around the pavilion for games and outdoor sensory equipment. We are in the beginning stages of planning a Memory Garden for individuals that have contributed to Ludeman and PLFC. The PFLC Board is in the process of procuring a new state of the art Dental Chair for the Ludeman resident's dental care.

The PFLC Board continues to 'squirrel away' your generous donations until the pandemic is 'in our rearview mirror' and we have clearance to move forward to deliver our projects that will enhance the lives of the Ludeman residents. PFLC also encourages you to send us suggestions such as events and entertainment ideas that the Ludeman residents would enjoy. Send us your ideas via email at ludeman.pflc@gmail.com.

Be sure to visit our website www.ludemanpflc.org for up-to-date PFLC information!

Please continue to support PFLC through your donations and purchases on Amazon Smile. We are forever grateful for your generosity.

Parents and Friends of Ludeman Center – Annual Board Elections 2021-2022

Typically, we conduct an in-person semi-annual General Meeting in October. Our By-Laws require an annual ballot to vote, retain, and introduce new volunteer PFLC Board Members. Enclosed is a ballot and biography for each volunteer PFLC Board Member that generously devotes time and energy to support and provide enhancements for the Ludeman residents. If you would like to join the PFLC Board, send us an email and we will be in contact with you.

We would be very grateful if you would take the time to review the biographies, vote, and mail in your ballot as soon as possible.

Tameka Watson, Elizabeth Ludeman Center Facility Director Sunshine Report

- The Elisabeth Ludeman Center has a new Assistant Facility Director of Operations, Director Olayinka Olarewaju.
- The Elisabeth Ludeman Center is currently in Outbreak Status with House 51 being supported with Compassionate Care visits until 10/22/2021.
- We celebrated the Mental Health Technicians during National Direct Care Professional Recognition Week (9/12 – 9/18/2021); we hosted several events that honored the MHT's and also provided gifts and snacks throughout the entire week. The entire celebration was captured in our Newsletter. PFLC was so gracious to assist and support the entire cause.
- We are slowly but surely opening back up and supporting the residents with more on and off-grounds activities which follows the IDPH and CDC guidelines (including day programming and recreational activities).
- The visitation guidelines have changed and visits no longer have to be scheduled unless they are for residents residing in an isolation/quarantine area (compassionate care visits are allowed in those areas).
- We have several Capitol Projects that have been approved and are slated to begin next Spring (2022) – which include a complete overhaul of the underground waterways and the re-pavement of all the streets, walkways, and parking lots throughout the campus. A select few houses are slated to be completely renovated as well (to be determined).

Someone You Should Know

Someone you should know is Patrick Sullivan who as interim chief engineer has been overseeing Ludeman's many Capital Improvement projects for the past year and a half.

- Always responsive to PFLC and at the ready to help us out, Patrick oversaw the installation of all the electronics (flatscreen TVs, DVD players & Bluetooth speakers) PFLC purchased for residents last year as well as setting up the 24 brightly colored steel picnic tables we purchased for the residential homes. Patrick is a person who has always come through for Parents & Friends.
- We asked Patrick for an update on a few of the significant capital projects going on at Ludeman:
- As Center Director, Tameka Watson outlined in this newsletter's **Sunshine Report** new watermains, roads, parking lots and walking paths are coming in 2022. Patrick also shared that in the meantime because of the long delays in starting the roadwork, the state approved funding to patch roads and parking lots to get Ludeman through the upcoming winter/spring. This should be completed before Thanksgiving. Four more residential houses are set for major renovations. This includes all new kitchens, bathrooms, appliances and general upgrades to ventilation and lighting.
- Dental Office – major upgrades will begin very soon with new lighting installed and creation of negative air flow for the dental office (essential to health and safety with the aerosolization that occurs during many dental procedures). Finally, installation of the 2 new dental chairs (state funding only paid for one of these expensive chairs so PFLC purchased the 2nd one) will make the upgrading of a very outdated 50-year-old dental office complete.

For all Patrick Sullivan has done in this role, he is someone you should know and PFLC thanks him for the great job he does.