

# FAIRVIEW HORIZONS

## Fairview Community Newsletter

Spring 2021

### National Skilled Nursing Week at Fairview

Monday, May 24th was the start of National Skilled Nursing Week at Fairview. This year's theme for the week was "Together through the Seasons" and Fairview kicked off the festivities with "Spring Day" which encouraged residents and staff to show their spirit by wearing pastel colors.

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### Help Fairview Defend Our Best of Title

It's that time of year again! With your help Fairview received enough nominations to make it into the voting round of The Day's Best of Readers' Choice awards. **Thank you!** Starting on June 13th, we need your help again. Please visit [theday.com/bestof](https://www.theday.com/bestof) to cast your votes for Fairview so that we can keep our Best Of Titles.

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# National Skilled Nursing Week at Fairview

Each day this week was themed with a different season (Tuesday - summer/Hawaiian attire, Wednesday - fall/football attire, Thursday - winter/wear red or green and Friday - all seasons/wear your favorite color.) Every day this week was also packed with fun activities including a garden of gratitude craft, overhead trivia, a make your own lei craft, various entertainment and football corn hole. Everyone also enjoyed the themed foods that were served to both residents and staff including “dirt” parfaits, hot cocoa, and a picnic lunch, which featured Fairview’s very own indoor ice cream truck.

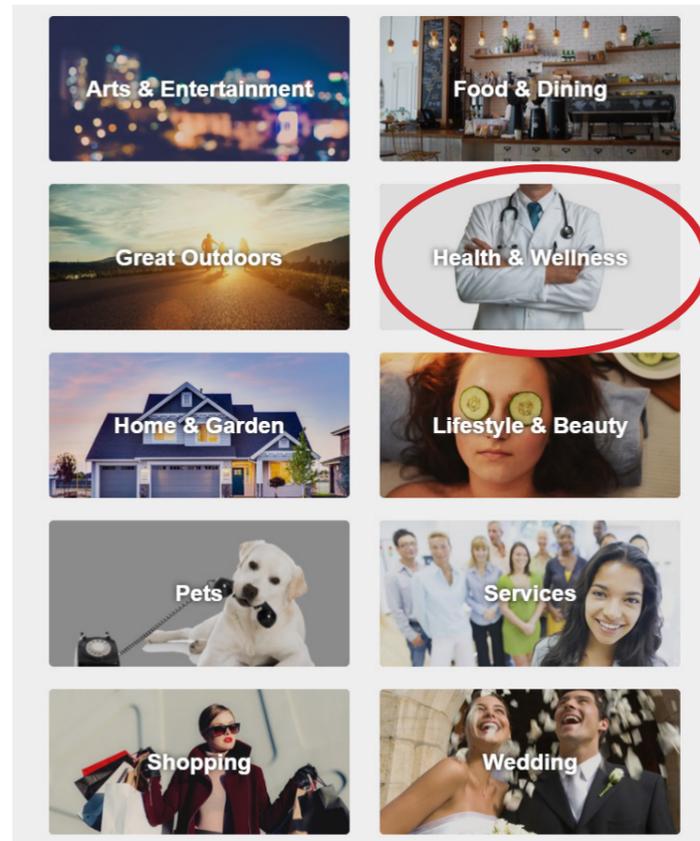
National Skilled Nursing Week was established in 1967 by the American Health Care Association. The goal of the week is to recognize the essential role of skilled nursing care centers in caring for America’s frail, elderly, and disabled. National Skilled Nursing Week is also a time to recognize residents, their special relationships with staff, and the family members that make up all of the unique communities, just like Fairview, around the country.



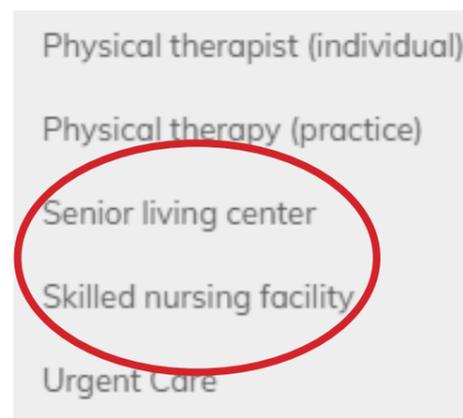
# Help Fairview Defend Our Best of Title

Fairview is in the top 5 in both the **Senior Living Center** and **Skilled Nursing Facility** categories. You are able to vote for Fairview once a day from June 13th until June 27th. To place your vote:

- Visit [theday.com/bestof](https://www.theday.com/bestof)
- Go to the “Health & Wellness” section



- Scroll down to the Senior Living Center and Skilled Nursing Facility categories and place your vote for Fairview under each one



Thank you for your continued support in making Fairview the best of the best!

# President Biden Lands Across the River

May 19th was an exciting day at Fairview as the U.S. Coast Guard Academy prepared to be addressed by President Joe Biden at their 140th commencement ceremonies. Local police and secret service vehicles could be seen driving around Fairview’s campus all morning, and residents, staff and visitors gathered outside to catch a glimpse of President Biden landing across the river.



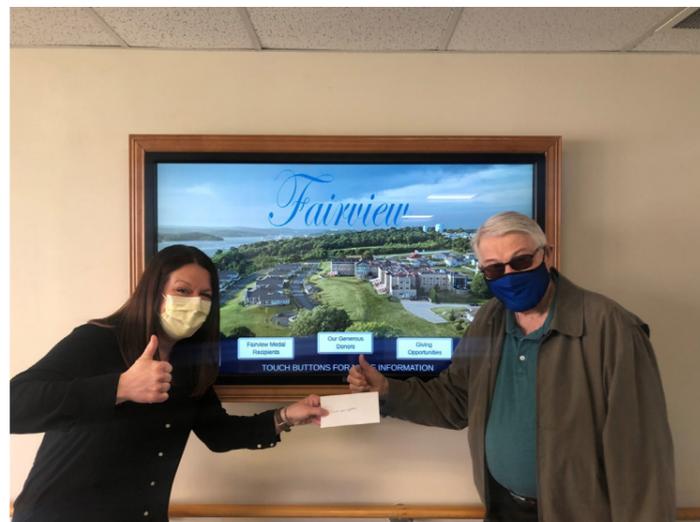
# Generous Donations Made to Fairview

This spring, Fairview was fortunate enough to receive two very important donations that will allow us to continue enhancing the lives of those we serve.

Groton Utilities and Bozrah Light & Power presented Fairview with the Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit grant in March. This grant was for \$92,461.13 and will be used to upgrade lighting throughout the facility to LEDs. This upgrade will allow our organization to save a substantial amount of money on our monthly electric bills, helping us to use the savings in other areas where they are most needed.

Fairview also received a substantial donation from board member Hank Lucas for the purchase of 4 new hooyer lifts in the healthcare center. This donation was made in honor of retired Director of Nursing Services, Deb Morgan.

We are so grateful for the support of generous donors and community partners who help us to provide excellent care to our residents and our community.



# A Message from Edie Kalin, Board President

*At the end of the day, all you need is hope and strength.  
Hope that it will get better, and strength to hold on until it does.*

*-Author Unknown*

During our lifetime, we have not had a more difficult challenging time than what we all have experienced as a result of the COVID pandemic. We went through a dark time but we are beginning to see a light at the end of this pandemic tunnel. We struggled together, we were saddened by everything that happened but we still found things to celebrate.

Every department rose to the challenge and worked together tirelessly to provide our residents with the same, exceptional care that we have been known for since 1892. The staff at Fairview have been very resilient, resourceful, innovative and creative in adjusting to changes needed. The list of what staff have done is endless. We are so blessed to have such hardworking and dedicated staff working at Fairview. They have done an extraordinary job in making a difference in our residents' lives. They are true heroes. We are inspired by the determination, commitment, compassion and sacrifice of each of them. I thank all our staff and families for their continued patience.

Billy Nelson, Executive Director, Fairview Executive team and the board continue to focus on what is important for our residents and staff and adapting to the needs of our organization's future. Our Executive Director, Billy Nelson, continues to do an excellent job in communicating information to residents, staff and families.

I would like to thank everyone for your continued support and encouragement that you give to our staff and residents. So many countless donations have been made to Fairview by many vendors, families, friends, residents, Odd Fellows & Rebekahs. We appreciate everything that you all do.

Edie Kalin, President  
Odd Fellows Home of CT



# Hugs All Around

There is nothing better than seeing family members get to hug their loved ones during a visit to Fairview! We are so happy to share these joyous moments with our residents and families, and we look forward to many more visits like this as the year goes on.

