

LaFontaine Center News

208 W. State St., Huntington, IN 46750—June 2020



Meet Your Neighbor

June's Neighbor is Mary Smith



Mary Smith has lived at the LaFontaine Center for 7 years in the same apartment. Mary moved to Huntington from Fort Wayne. While she lived in Ft. Wayne, Mary worked at St. Anne's Home as a housekeeper. She did the housekeeping, she cleaned apartments when residents left, worked in the laundry and filled in as needed. Mary worked at St. Anne's for 14 years. Mary says the best part of working at St. Anne's was the residents and being able to talk to them. "Sometimes I was the only person that someone saw. I would stop and talk to them whenever I could, and even some of the residents with dementia would know who I was."

Mary said she will never forget the time she was coming back from lunch and heard a voice calling out "Mary, Mary". Mary went to check and there was a resident lying on the floor. Mary hurriedly went to the nurses' station and was able to get her help. When she first started, Mary was working in the apartments when they were still under construction, and a resident tripped and fell. Mary was able to get help for her as well. Mary said she felt very needed while working at St. Anne's.

Mary was born at the old Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne, and her daughter was born there, too. When Mary was growing up she liked to go outside and enjoy nature walks. Mary said it was beautiful where she lived with flowers, fruit trees, a creek and more. Mary was an only child and said being able to go outside helped her keep her sanity. Mary lived in Ft. Wayne until moving to Huntington.

Besides working at St. Anne's, Mary cleaned houses for doctors for over 22 years, then she carried on the practice with their children. She then worked for Park Center and from there to St. Anne's. Mary and her mother used to do cleaning jobs together until her mother suddenly passed away in an automobile accident. That left Mary to raise her daughter on her own.

Mary is a devout Catholic and attends St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Huntington (when she doesn't have to shelter in place). She depends on her faith in God to get her through every day. Mary said "even though my body acts up on me, I know I'm going to be ok." Mary also has a special companion in her cat, Cleo". Mary got Cleo at the Humane Shelter and says that "she is my pet angel. She has the most beautiful blue eyes." Cleo will be 11 years in October and is Mary's "baby".

Mary says she likes living at the LaFontaine Center and enjoys her nice, big studio apartment. She enjoys eating lunch with the group that gathers for meals at the congregate meal site. Mary enjoys the staff of the LaFontaine Center and calls them "nice, concerned and decent". Thanks, Mary, we appreciate you, too!



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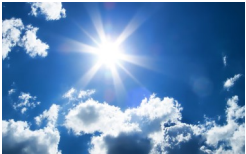


Stephanie's Spot

Happy June! Summer is here!
Hope you are taking advantage of the sunshine and fresh air. Make it a point to go outside and enjoy the summer breeze. We are hoping to begin to get back to more normalcy as each week passes. Thank you for your steadfast cooperation and determination to keep LFC healthy. LFC has the BEST residents!

June Fun Facts

June is the month with the longest daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. This year it occurs on Saturday, June 20.



June's birthstone is the pearl, the Moonstone and the Alexandrite.



The June birth flower is the Rose and the Honeysuckle.

Anglo-Saxons gave June the name Sermonath (Dry month)

June 14 is National Flag Day.



Thousands of years ago, the Ancient Romans named the **month** after the goddess Juno, who was the patron of marriage and also responsible for looking after the wellbeing of women. The name "**June**" also comes from the Latin word "juvenis," which means "young people."

In both common and leap years, no other month begins on the same day of the week as June.

Associated with the Holidays

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BASEBALL
HALLOWEEN
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BLANKETS
HIKING
TENTS
GAMES
CHRISTMAS
RIDES
BURGERS
CHILDREN
NEW YEAR
PARK
HOT DOGS
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