



FERRIS HILLS AT WEST LAKE



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FERRIS HILLS & CLARK MEADOWS
Independent and Enriched Senior Living
One Ferris Hills, Canandaigua, NY 14424

Meet Claire Watson



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When Claire Watson learned of an opening for a resident services manager at Ferris Hills at West Lake/Clark Meadows in early 2017, she wasn't sure she wanted to apply.

After all, she loved the job she was in. But enriching the lives of residents through

entertaining and engaging activities sounded fun, so she agreed when someone suggested she spend time with the team and the residents.

"After 15 minutes, I knew this was the place I needed to be," Claire says. "The fun, love and respect here is unbelievable. The friendships I see between residents and the relationships we all have with one another amazes me every day, and I laugh every day."

Born and raised in the northeast England town of North Shields, Claire lived in several countries including Northern Ireland and South Korea before settling in Naples in 2011. She and her husband, who have a daughter, are renovating a home built in 1852.

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With a bachelor's degree in business and a master's in human resources from Sunderland Business School in England, Claire has worked in the business sector as a trainer and advisor. Prior to joining Ferris Hills, she was an estate planning paralegal in the law office of Michael Robinson in Naples, where she advocated for seniors.

At Ferris Hills, Claire says, the happy hours and socials are always a great time, the speakers are fascinating and the music programs are second to none. But among

the things Claire enjoys most of all are the Breakfast Club gatherings, "where stories, jokes and songs are shared."

"I can honestly say the people here welcomed me with open arms and I felt at home on my very first day," she says. "It is a great place to be!"

Join Us at Belhurst Castle July 26

"And suddenly you know...it's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings."

It's this quote Aimee Ward is often reminded of when she talks to new residents of Ferris Hills at West Lake.

"After often years of considering independent living, doing their research and weighing all the options, they're finally at that point where something just clicked. Everything is falling into place and they're thrilled to be here," she says. "Their only regret is not making the move sooner."



Yet Ward, the executive director of both Ferris Hills and its adjacent enriched living community of Clark Meadows, understands new beginnings are not without questions or uncertainty. It's why she is hosting a lunch and presentation at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, at Belhurst Castle on West Lake Road in Geneva.

The presentation – for people who may be interested in Ferris Hills – will feature current residents who will share the stories of how they decided to try independent living, why they chose Ferris Hills, and what they enjoy most about it.

"I think it's important for people who are thinking about independent living to hear from others who were in the same boat just a few years ago, and there are no better ambassadors for Ferris Hills than our own residents," Ward says.

If you would like to attend this free event, RSVP by July 18 to [585-393-0410](tel:585-393-0410) or Aimee.Ward@ThompsonHealth.org. Seating is limited, so reserve early!

Recent Events at Ferris Hills

Fred Four, Pat Rohrer, Kentucky Derby, Bridge Tournament, GMF Musicians



JOIN US FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AT FERRIS HILLS



Summer Concerts at the Gazebo

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

July 18th
The Paulsen & Baker Band with Tim Chaapel

July 25th
Double Take

August 1st
Music Makers

August 8th
Paul Strowe Band

August 15th
Chris Wilson

August 22nd
Cadillac Dawn

Peg Rayburn Drive, Canandaigua

Tuesdays, July 10-24 & Monday, July 30

The Revolutionary Progress of Human History Series

Join Sarah Hodgson as she presents this series of talks, which will all begin at 3 p.m.

July 10th - The Russian Revolution: 300 years of czarist rule came to end in a year marked by two revolutions, both of which were doomed to fail as they attempted to employ Western European ideas in a nation caught between two continents and lost in time.

July 17th - Indian Independence: This revolution and its use of civil disobedience and non-violence challenged established notions of power and authority while introducing the world to an essential methodology for exposing injustice. This lecture will explore essential events in the struggle for Indian independence and the Hindu ideals that informed Gandhi's methods.

July 24th - Communist China: Mao's communist revolution in China is the greatest example of this process of experimentation gone wrong. Mao's ongoing policies of revolution will ultimately take the lives of approximately 78 million Chinese citizens. This lecture will explore his policies and their consequences.

July 30th - 1989: Explore a year full of explosive and far-reaching changes. Nations around the world struggled with the removal of communist control in Eastern Europe, decolonization efforts continued in Africa, there were challenges to authority around the world, and a superpower was in its death throes. This lecture will touch on the impact of these changes.

Monday, July 16th Ice Cream Sundae Social

Come and relax with friends and ice cream. Enjoy the Ferris Hills trail, gardens and flowers and soak up summer beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 19th LakeMusic Festival

Once again, the Canandaigua LakeMusic Festival will bring stunning music to our Ferris Hills community. Violinist Kevin Kumar, cellist Amy Barston, and pianist John Blacklow will perform the music of Chopin, Rachmaninoff, and Brahms, and will augment this wonderful music with personality, demonstrations, and charming stories beginning at 7 p.m.



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