

Weekly Sunset Serenades Continue Through Aug. 17

Ferris Hills at West Lake is once again hosting its signature concert series called Sunset Serenades, offering a perfect way to enjoy a summer evening in the Finger Lakes.

The Wednesday evening concerts are held in the shared Ferris Hills/Clark Meadows courtyard and each one starts at 7 p.m. The remaining concerts include:

July 20	Robert Varon and the Eastman Jazz Group
July 27	The Cool Club & The Lipker Sisters
Aug. 3	The Music Makers big band
Aug. 10	The Paulsen & Baker Band, with Tim Chaapel
Aug. 17	It's My Party

Resident Services Manager Claire Watson is excited about the lineup, and is confident there will be something for everyone to enjoy. "It's a good mix and a lot of fun!" she said.

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Meet Tim and Sandy Reed

When Sandy Reed burst through the door of their townhome one afternoon in 2019, excitedly talking about putting down a deposit, her husband Tim initially assumed she was referring to taking another of the European river cruises they've so enjoyed.

Sandy had actually just come from touring Ferris Hills at West Lake, but Tim's assumption was not too far off. Indeed, now that they're Ferris Hills residents, they joke that they live in "Cabin 328," finding the cruise ship analogy fitting. "It's just docked above Canandaigua Lake," Sandy said.

Having lived in Canandaigua for 20 years, the retired educators were familiar with the independent living community, and, through the local Rotary Club, its executive director. They'd always planned on becoming residents.

"It's an anomaly," Tim said. "You don't find places of this quality."

A number of things were appealing to the Reeds, including the security Ferris Hills offers, the opportunities for socialization, and the ability to further simplify their lives. Minimalists, they wanted the smallest apartment, which is 600 square feet. They got on a waiting list and moved in this June, quickly discovering how many of their new neighbors have fascinating life experiences to share, and how well

every request is accommodated.

"We cannot say enough about the staff here," Tim said. "Every single one of them has been excellent."

The couple met in 7th grade while growing up in

Lockport and attended prom together, marrying in college. Both now 74, they realize they're younger than many people are when they first begin considering a retirement community, but they wanted to

do it on their own terms. "I think people wait too long," Sandy said.

Besides, the Reeds agreed, any preconceived notions about retirement community residents don't apply at Ferris Hills, no matter what the age.

"These people all seem to appreciate life," Sandy said.
"They get up in the morning and they're raring to go!"

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