

Press Release: Closure of Evergreen Court

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BOARD AND VETRAS HEALTHCARE

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Evergreen Court Announces Closure After Decades of Dedicated Service

It is with both gratitude and regret that Evergreen Court announces its closure, effective August 30, 2025. For over three decades, Evergreen Court has served as a welcoming residence for seniors needing a bit of extra help while remaining independent, fostering a unique sense of community and belonging. This decision follows careful consideration by both Vetras Healthcare and the Joint Powers Board in response to changing circumstances and evolving needs within the community.

The community should be aware that this closure applies only to the Evergreen Court facility, located at 2010 East F Street in Torrington. The new Evergreen Plaza Assisted Living Facility located at 536 East 20th Avenue will continue to serve the community for both independent living and assisted living needs.

Background and Legacy

Since its establishment in 1987, Evergreen Court has provided safe and comfortable accommodation to hundreds of residents. Built and owned by Goshen County, under the direction and supervision of the Goshen Care Center Joint Powers Board—it has been a home for individuals seeking a caring, supportive, and inclusive environment.

The Joint Powers Board has leased the building and entered into management agreements with a variety of companies over the years to provide the day-to-day operations of the facility. Currently, Vetras Healthcare is the company that operates Evergreen Court under such an agreement. Vetras also manages Evergreen Plaza Assisted Living and Goshen Healthcare Community.

Reason for Closure

This difficult decision has been brought about by a confluence of factors, including shifting need trends, rising operational costs, and unforeseen infrastructure needs. The Board and Vetras had been working diligently over the past several months to institute a renovation

and remodeling project for Evergreen Court. As part of the required licensing process, an engineering firm must evaluate the facility. Once that assessment was completed, engineers discovered that there were significant infrastructure needs that became overwhelmingly cost prohibitive to move forward with renovation.

Despite exploring various alternatives, including potential partnerships, renovations, and changes in business models, the management has concluded that ceasing operations is the most financially responsible and ethically sustainable course of action.

Transition Plan for Current Residents

Our foremost priority is to ensure a smooth and dignified transition for all current residents. The Vetras Healthcare management team, under the direction of Brian Small, Executive Director, has initiated a comprehensive support program to assist everyone affected by the closure. Fortunately, due to low resident occupancy rates, this closure effects only five residents.

- **Personalized Relocation Assistance:** Each resident will be offered one-on-one consultations to discuss their individual circumstances and housing needs. Our staff is committed to aiding residents in identifying and applying for alternative accommodations. Evergreen Plaza Assisted Living is ready to receive residents if they choose.
- **Information Sessions:** Management will be having individual meetings to guide residents through the relocation process, address questions, and connect them with relevant community resources, if needed.
- **Emotional Support:** We will be collaborating with resident's families and healthcare providers to ensure they have received proper health and emotional support, if needed.

Looking Back with Gratitude, Looking Forward with Hope

As we prepare to close this chapter, we reflect with gratitude on the memories made, the challenges overcome, and the sense of family that has flourished within our walls. The Evergreen Court legacy will endure through the stories and successes of its residents, staff, and friends.

About Evergreen Court

Evergreen Court has been a cornerstone of the Torrington and Goshen County community since 1987, offering quality services to seniors in a warm and welcoming setting. We have proudly served our residents, always striving to create an environment where all feel at home.

Closing Statement

The decision to close Evergreen Court was not made lightly. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to its story—residents, staff, neighbors, and friends. As we say goodbye, we carry forward the lessons and connections forged here, confident that the Evergreen Court spirit will live on.

The Joint Powers Board and Vetras Healthcare are committed to continuing to provide caring, compassionate, and inclusive senior care at Evergreen Plaza Assisted Living and Goshen Healthcare Community.

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