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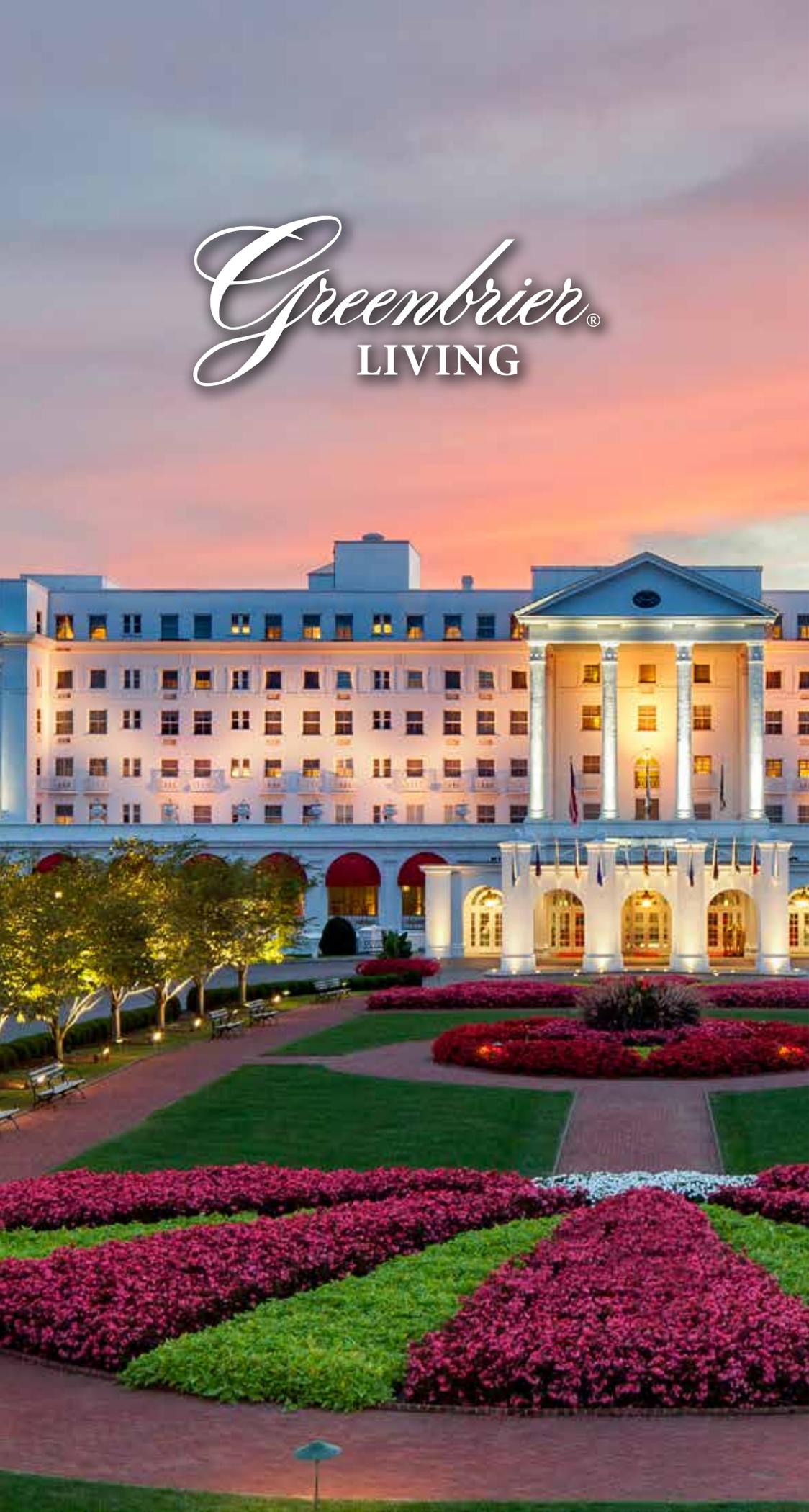
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GREETINGS

- HAYES BEARD, THE GREENBRIER SPORTING CLUB DIRECTOR OF SALES -

We're stepping into one of the most delightful seasons at The Greenbrier Sporting Club, as spring unfurls its magic across The Greenbrier Valley. The flowers and foliage return to Greenbrier and Kate's Mountain, as tulips, daffodils, and pansies paint bursts of vibrant colors across the landscape.

Over at The Snead and the Ashford courses, the excitement of golf season is palpable, signaling the onset of bustling days.

Having spent nearly 20 years ensuring the success of The Greenbrier Sporting Club, I'm excited for what's to come in my new role, and I look forward to shepherding your family in discovering the legacy and sense of community that The Greenbrier Sporting Club offers.

Today, the Lodge is abuzz with fresh vitality as our cherished members return for the season. This year has seen many new events on the horizon, a trend we hope continues. Yet, there's an unmistakable surge of energy as spring and summer breathe new life into the surroundings—a feeling of excitement that I always eagerly anticipate.

Life As Few Know It™ is a tagline that appears in many of our brochures. And with the beauty of the Greenbrier region at our fingertips, we think you will agree. The warmer days beckon us outdoors and remind us of the abundance of thrilling activities awaiting us right in our backyard, where we can relish the crisp mountain air alongside our loved ones.

We are indeed fortunate to have the splendor and amenities of the world-class Greenbrier resort within easy reach, so I invite you today to reach out and learn more about living at The Greenbrier Sporting Club.





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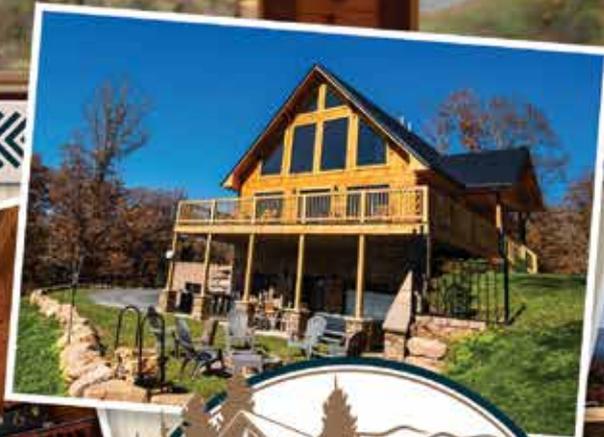
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HAPPENINGS



The Greenbrier's Concours d'Elegance, the annual car show presented by Ferrari of Washington returned for its 7th year this past April, and what a show it was. Featuring local community drives, receptions, a Kentucky Derby party, and the Grand Finale—The Sunday Concours—the event remains one of the most popular at the resort. The 2024 Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance Best of Show trophy, created on property at America's Resort by the glass artists at Lamp Light Glass Art at The Greenbrier, went to David and Patricia Peeler of Weddington, North Carolina, and their 1911 Oldsmobile Limited Touring Car.





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GREENBRIER INSPIRED SUMMER READING

IN THE SHADOW OF THE GREENBRIER By Emily Matchar

"In the Shadow of The Greenbrier," Emily Matchar's 2024 runaway hit, is a captivating journey through the corridors of The Greenbrier's World War II history. Woven with intricate plots and rich characters, the novel is set against the backdrop of the iconic resort, as it unravels a tapestry of secrets, betrayals, and unexpected alliances.

Across generations, the Zelner family contends with their identity both under the resort's shadow and within their own kin. In 1942, young mother Sylvia is desperate to escape her difficult marriage as she runs the family's general store with her husband. When the Greenbrier is commandeered for use as a luxury prison, Sylvia finds her fidelity strained and her heart on the line.

Seventeen years later, Doree, Sylvia's daughter, grapples with belonging, longing for college and romance with a Jewish suitor. However, when a charming stranger arrives, and Alan's curiosity jeopardizes the family, Doree confronts conflicting loyalties.

From the bustling streets of Washington D.C. to the serene valleys of West Virginia, every setting is vividly rendered, drawing readers deeper into the story's enigmatic allure. "In the Shadow of the Greenbrier" is rich in historical detail and immerses readers in a compelling family saga, exploring the collision of past and future in ordinary lives.

THE GRAND DESIGN By Joy Calloway

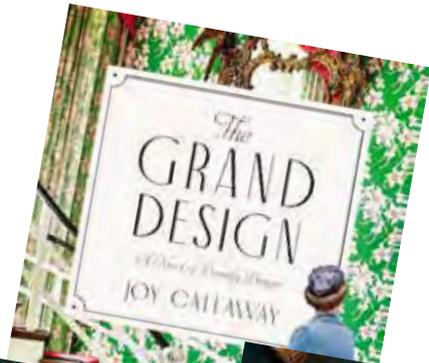
Since 1778 people from all over the world have been traveling to West Virginia to stay at the luxurious Greenbrier Resort. Whether it's to enjoy the lavish amenities, take in the scenery, or tour the now declassified Cold War fallout shelter, the bold interior design continues to take center stage and capture the attention of everyone who walks through the doors.

Joy Callaway's most recent novel, *The Grand Design*, reveals the story behind America's first female interior designer Dorothy Draper and how she revolutionized the concept of modern design in America's favorite resort.

1908 - A young Dorothy Tuckerman is dreading another season full of obligatory socialite events except for the annual summer trip to the highly regarded Greenbrier Resort. There she finds herself lost in the rhododendrons and all of the pleasures she cannot find back home in New York. However Dorothy's world comes crashing down when her parents discover and deny her relationship with an over zealous, Italian racecar driver. They feel that the romance is not in their daughter's best interest and force her to step away from it all...

1946 - At the end of World War II Dorothy is in a socially unacceptable position - divorced and self-employed. Financially she is struggling and unsure how she might continue pursuing both her personal and professional goals. But it is in this moment of darkness that Dorothy is tasked to restore the Greenbrier Resort back to its former glory.

Callaway has given new life to the woman who is responsible for one of the most pivotal moments in design history. With details so rich, you will find yourself transported back in time and homesick for the legendary Greenbrier Resort.



ROMANCE & RHODODENDRONS: MY LOVE AFFAIR WITH AMERICA'S RESORT - THE GREENBRIER By Carleton Varney

This hardcover book is the first of its kind, revealing the interior spaces and other buildings across the grounds of The Greenbrier. This 2020 title features never-seen-before sketches and vintage color photographs from Dorothy Draper's archive of the redesign of the hotel, with behind-the-scenes anecdotes from international designer Carleton Varney, who has made his own mark on the hotel, and new photography by Michel Arnaud.

In 1946 (after a stint as a World War II military hospital), quintessential American decorator Dorothy Draper was brought in to restore the Greenbrier hotel. She created a signature look, described at the time as "Romance and Rhododendrons," that has influenced and delighted not only designers and decorators but also travelers, weary of the gray and beige color schemes that permeate most hospitality properties even now. Draper transformed the interiors with bold colors, classical influences, and modern touches. When Carleton Varney arrived in Mrs. Draper's office in 1961 to work as an assistant in the design department, one of his first tasks was to accompany the design icon by train to one of her most well-known and publicized projects. Since that time, he has been involved with every aspect of the hotel's design, maintaining and continuing the look that Draper designed, as well as modernizing, upgrading and putting his own stamp on it. Working with his experienced and innovative team, Varney turned the historic hotel into a resort for the 21st century. Varney passed in 2022, but this homage to his favorite resort stands as a testament to his vision.

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4TH OF JULY AT AMERICA'S RESORT



America's Resort has been celebrating America's birthday almost from the country's formation, and that grand tradition continues in 2024 with a weekend filled with activities to celebrate the United States and the freedom it affords. From family competitions to mixologies and scavenger hunts, the schedule is packed with activities for guests of all ages and interests. Of course, it wouldn't be 4th of July without parades, food and fireworks, and that's all included in a weekend designed to create memories that last a lifetime.

WEDNESDAY JULY 3

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THURSDAY JULY 4

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11:30am-12pm: July 4th Parade *Complimentary*
1-2pm: Family Croquet Tournament \$
2:30-4:30pm: Family Pickleball Tournament \$
5-9pm: July 4th Block Party *Complimentary*
5:30-8:30pm: Red, White & Food \$
10pm: July 4th Fireworks *Complimentary*

FRIDAY JULY 5

10-11:30am: Art Alive Children's Painting Workshop \$; *ages 6-12*
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2-3pm: Scavenger Hunt *Complimentary*
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GALS SOCIAL CONNECTION

By Amanda Larch

A new, exclusive group for women of The Greenbrier Sporting Club promotes socializing and getting to know one another through fun, interactive games, activities and events.

Gals Social Connection was formed last summer through a shared interest in gathering together the female membership of The Sporting Club, according to Club member Dana Hanekamp.

"We wanted a space where ladies could connect, have fun and enjoy the amenities of The Greenbrier Sporting Club and get to know other members," she says. "Gals Social Connection aims to cultivate a vibrant community among women members, fostering friendships and creating memorable experiences through various sporting and social activities."

This summer, Hanekamp says she is most looking forward to the lineup of activities sponsored by Gals Social Connection that includes a Spring Fling Fashion Show to kick off the season on Wednesday, May 29; a charcuterie class; a floral arrangement and tablescape class; a Christmas in July potluck, gift exchange and toy drive; cooking class; a trivia night with dinner buffet; and more, concluding with Oktoberfest on Wednesday, October 16.

"We have 12 events planned, and we hope to get lots of ladies engaged with these opportunities," Hanekamp says. "It's the perfect time to enjoy the amenities of The GSC and connect with fellow members."

In addition to regularly scheduled game days at The Lodge at The Greenbrier Sporting Club, on Wednesday, June 5, there will be games classes on The Lodge Dining Terrace for beginners or anyone in need of brushing up their skills for canasta or mahjong. Game supplies will be provided, and there

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will be a complimentary coffee and tea and à la carte menu available with bar to table service.

Gals Social Connection provides a welcoming and inclusive environment where friendships can evolve, Hanekamp says. “From golf and croquet outings, crafting classes, to book club and table games, we bond over shared interests and support each other as a group,” she says.

Hanekamp asked her friend and fellow Sporting Club member April Byrd to help with coordinating the new events for Gals Social Connection, which she says is another great example of how this community of women is ready to jump in to help make the group something truly special. Together, they listen to members’ interests and preferences when deciding activities and planning a diverse range of events.

“Whether it’s a game lesson or a cooking class, each event is designed to engage various interests and foster connections within the group,” Hanekamp says. “I’d like to emphasize that Gals Social Connection is more than just a club—it’s a supportive community where women can thrive on many levels with support from one another.”

With many women continuously supporting and attending events, Hanekamp says they are excited to welcome more women into their Gals Social Connection community as they join The Sporting Club family. “We welcome any members who want to join us in

making memories and forging lifelong friendships at The Greenbrier Sporting Club,” she says.

Women who are Sporting Club members who are interested in participating and joining the organization can simply reach out to The Sporting Club Concierge to sign up for the events and get more information, Hanekamp says; they are also encouraged to reach out to Hanekamp and Byrd with any questions.

“We also provide a schedule of events in the online GSC calendar and the monthly newsletter,” Hanekamp says. “There are no other specific requirements, just a desire to connect with fellow members.”

Gals Social Connection is open to all female members of The Club, and invitations to each event are emailed to all. Women do not have to officially join Gals Social Connection to attend events, according to Marsha Christian Shaver, Director of Membership Services and Communications for The Sporting Club.

“We are certainly hoping to grow our attendance numbers this year,” Shaver says.

Getting more people involved is the ultimate goal of the group, with countless positive experiences to enjoy.

“We hope this season we will see lots of participation,” says Hanekamp. “What I love most is the camaraderie and laughter shared during our events. It’s like having a second family at The Greenbrier.”





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SEASONED VETERAN:

Executive Chef Jared Masters encourages collaboration, strives to exceed expectations

From humble beginnings as a groundskeeper to starting his culinary career as an apprentice in The Greenbrier Resort's main kitchen to being promoted to Chef de Partie of The Lodge, then Sous Chef and Chef de Cuisine at The Summit, Chef Jared Masters has worked his way up to becoming Executive Chef at The Sporting Club.

"Chef Masters' history at, and familiarity with, The Sporting Club allows him to lead our culinary team from a position of experience and expertise. If there is a station in our kitchens, he has worked it. This only heightens his authority as a teacher and a leader amongst our staff," says Director of Food and Beverage Justin Moses.

With experience also working at a standalone restaurant, West Virginia native Masters says the atmosphere in the kitchens at The Club is not only more collaborative, but there is more opportunity for continuous learning.

"With the standalone restaurant you're typically working on one menu or maybe one concept unless you have a banquet kitchen," he says. "At The Greenbrier Sporting Club, we could have anywhere up to nine menus going simultaneously with multiple teams and multiple events and that's kind of what drew me here, the access to learning instead of being just pigeonholed in one thing."

Above: Executive Chef Jared Masters of The Greenbrier Sporting Club. Left: New dishes that grace the menu at The Summit this season.



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Masters works closely with Moses to bring the best not only to Club members, but to its entire staff as well. “We’ve always prided ourselves on being a teaching kitchen, and Justin and I kept the tradition here going, just really making sure we’re letting people grow and work on their careers and then hopefully everybody can benefit from that,” Masters says.

Establishing a teaching kitchen environment gives people a job where they’re continually learning and ensures their longevity at the restaurant, according to Moses.

“Something that’s very true for us here in rural West Virginia, is that we are always going to be seeking culinary and food and beverage talent from a much smaller pool than a club close to a big city, and one of the reasons we wanted to embrace the idea of a teaching kitchen is if you can give people a job where they’re continually learning, that makes them want to stay,” he says.

Showing culinary employees a clear path from line cook to sous chef to chef de cuisine not only enriches their life through what they’re learning and as they progress through different pay scales, but it’s beneficial from a business standpoint as well, Moses says.

“From a business perspective it also gives us a staff that’s consistent year to year, and I think if you can build a club around that culture of learning and teaching you really are ensuring your business and making sure that you have a strong team into the future,” he says.

Chef Masters is part of the inaugural West Virginia Chef Ambassadors program, an initiative created by the Department of Tourism, consisting of multiple chefs located throughout the different regions of the Mountain State, bringing a focus to dining in the state, promoting Appalachian cuisine and making West Virginia a dining destination.

“We as the team get to collaborate, work together, meet a lot of cool people and focus on spotlighting private dining establishments, coffee houses, restaurants, bars, anything—it’s not just fine dining,” Masters says.

Left: The Summit offers a rustic and relaxed environment, but features elevated dishes coming out of the kitchen. Top Left: Director of Food & Beverage Justin Moses.



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Masters says he enjoys meeting with and learning from so many talented chefs across the state, and they all share the same mission to drive West Virginia culinary culture forward.

“We’re able to spotlight a lot of local businesses,” he says. “Of the different avenues that the program does, it gives a lot of different cool incentives to go visit these places and we spotlight ones that we like in our regions. Really, it’s just good for everyone.”

The Sporting Club culinary team strives to keep everything as local as possible for both restaurants, and Chef Masters says he and his team try to cook seasonally as much as they can, working closely with farmers, producers and growers to source the freshest ingredients.

“We really get inspired by produce, too; we work with a lot of different farmers, really setting the tone, and we work around those,” Masters says.

One key partnership The Club kitchens have is with Mountain Steer Meat Company, a White Sulphur Springs based beef farm, which enhances the quality of the offerings at The Lodge steakhouse especially, Masters says, by working closely with the business and sourcing the best cuts possible.

“We work with flavor, bouncing off that, like let’s start with something that tastes awesome then build out from there,” Masters says.

These partnerships bring in the freshest and choicest produce and let members and guests have unique dining experiences; their expectations are not only met, but exceeded.

“We’re trying to really dial in as much as we can with meeting members’ expectations,” Masters says. “We have a lot of classics and we have a lot of southern food with French techniques, but we really try to exceed expectations; everybody can cook good food but we want to make sure it’s memorable.”

Working from two restaurants with different concepts keeps things fresh. “One’s a steakhouse concept and one’s a southern mountain top dining concept so they’re very different, but that gives us two different venues for our members to have and use,” Masters says. “They don’t get the same thing every day so they can have lots of different options.”

Leading a small but cohesive kitchen team unit, Masters has a chef de cuisine running each Sporting Club restaurant, and often works closely with them to create new recipes. “I wouldn’t necessarily say I have specialties, but we have lots of talented people on the team. I’ll collaborate with both the restaurant chefs and work on different ideas, thoughts, concepts, new recipes and development of the team,” Masters says.

Chef Masters and Karsen Jones, The Summit’s Chef de Cuisine, have perfected a pork





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Left to right: Joyce Farms chicken thigh with sourdough dumplings and carrot velouté; The Summit's Chef de Cuisine Karsen Jones focus while plating a dish.



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short rib dish with a sorghum glaze and white Appalachian barbecue sauce, and Chef Kevin Pauley, Chef de Cuisine at The Lodge, has developed a chicken dish with poached golden raisins and a pistachio pesto.

"It's really clean, real simple, but packed with lots of flavor. No dishes are just my dishes—it's a full collaboration," Masters says.

Moses says there are a few items that are never taken off the menu, but that doesn't mean the culinary team can't play around with them, spicing them up and adding to their presentations. "Chef Masters and the team have some creativity," Moses says. "So we like to try and reinvent those dishes. Jared's approach to food is always in service of building flavor on the plate. Technique, ingredients and presentation never outshine how good the dish tastes."

One of the most popular dishes at The Summit is banana pudding. Last year, the team created an elevated but more traditional presentation of the banana pudding; this year, the Summit will offer a banana éclair stuffed with banana pudding and banana meringue toasted on top with graham cracker crumble. "Definitely a signature dish for us but something that we get to take a little bit of creative liberty with as well," Moses says.

Though certainly a busy man, in his year and a half so far as Executive Chef, Masters makes sure to greet his staff and check with them each morning to start his day.

"You get a lot of information from the way people act and I just want to make sure everybody is in a good spot. I check in with the

chefs de cuisine of both restaurants and then hit the road with production. Really, I can't do all of it by myself; cooking is a pretty emotional job too sometimes, so you have to get in the right headspace," he says.

Moses says when he interviewed for his role as Food and Beverage Director at The Sporting Club, they were without an Executive Chef.

"Upon accepting the position, I anticipated being heavily involved in the day-to-day operations of the kitchen," he says. "In the interim between being hired and relocating to the area, Chef Masters was hired. I had planned to dedicate much of my time in the first year to our culinary team by bringing stability and clear leadership, but quickly learned that Chef Masters was capable of those things and more."

A teacher at heart, Moses says Masters never seems to be satisfied with what he has learned. "I find this dissatisfaction with the status quo inspiring, and it has pushed me to continue my own education and development," Moses says.

"Another quality that I admire in Chef Masters is his ability to collaborate on pushing The Club forward," he says. "He's been a thoughtful listener and given keen insights to new projects and ideas. I'm very thankful to have someone working alongside me that shares the vision of where we are going as a Club, not only with our food, but also in how we operate and in the culture we are building together."



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There to provide relaxation, serenity, and peacefulness and to ensure Greenbrier Sporting Club members and their guests look and feel their best with their top-of-the-line amenities, the Ananda in the Alleghenies Spa is highlighting a milestone anniversary this year.

Adjacent to The Member's Lodge and overlooking White Rock Mountain, Ananda Spa has been serving The Greenbrier Sporting Club family for 20 years.

Jamie Yates, Ananda Spa Wellness Manager, has been in her current position since October 2022 and says she loves the spa environment and helping others. "In the past, I worked as a contract therapist and have always loved The Sporting Club," she says.

Yates says she's proud to have helped curate the amazing team at the Ananda Spa. There are a number of both full-time and contract therapists and cosmetologists, along with a makeup artist and hair stylist. Teresa Vallandingham, the full-time spa coordinator, is celebrating her 20-year employee anniversary this year, having started when the facility first opened.

Over the years, The Ananda Spa staff have, and continue to, bring the best treatment options to their guests. "As a team, we are constantly training and updating treatment options," Yates says. "Our team is cross trained to assist the spa coordinator as needed."



Jamie Yates, The Ananda Spa Wellness Director

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The Ananda Spa is equipped with two outdoor Zen porches, a large mani-pedi room with windows overlooking Howard's Creek, private steam showers in the men's and women's locker rooms, eight treatment rooms including two facial rooms, a couple's room, a wet room and a room for nail services, and more. The Zen porches are a large draw and home to many services and treatments, Yates says.

"During the season, we provide massage, brunch and private parties on the Zen porch," she says.

The Ananda Spa's extensive services include a focus on meditation and healing, and the Spa offers private yoga and group meditation sessions on the Zen porches, as well as Reiki, an alternative healing therapy practice consisting of energy healing techniques to promote relaxation.

Other amenities include body waxing, body treatments, beauty, nail and bridal services, hair styling, clinical nutrition and integrative health care. The Spa's retail merchandise, including skin and beauty products, locally made soaps and candles and herbal tinctures, are available for purchase in the reception area.

Massage is an important specialty at The Ananda Spa, and this year, on select occasions, a therapist will be available at The Lodge Pool for chair massage for members' convenience. Massage therapy offerings include the Ananda lavender infusion for ultimate relaxation; couples massage; sports massage; an 80-minute meditation massage and much more to help guests feel comfortable, relaxed and healed from without and within.

"Our custom massage is also unique to the members' needs and requests," Yates says.

Some of the newest massage services offered at the Ananda Spa include an ayurvedic head massage with hot oil scalp gua sha, a 50-minute service with emphasis on the head, neck and shoulders, and a cupping massage in which silicone cups are used on the full body to address congested areas, Yates says.

For skin care needs, the ultimate sculpting facial is 80 minutes of bliss and includes gua sha to the face and neck, and the Spa's estheticians are trained to provide a Dermaplane facial using a specific blade to exfoliate dead skin and remove unwanted facial hair. The Eminence signature facial is a personalized facial adjusted to all skin types using organic products from Hungary, and another popular facial is the Geneo 3 in 1 Super Facial that enriches the skin with oxygen from within. Other facials include collagen renewal, ultimate sculpting, coconut age-defying and more.

"We provide the Oxygeneo Facial, which includes ultrasound to eliminate fine lines," Yates says. "Our Eminence signature facial is customized to the members' skin using our all-organic Eminence skincare line."

Yates says for first time visitors, she and her fellow Ananda Spa staff recommend they try a new service.

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area,” she says. “We offer hot teas and infused water at the end of our services. Our members and their guests love to relax on the lovely Zen porch facing Howard’s Creek.

“Life can be overwhelming,” Yates notes, so it’s important to focus on self-care and treat oneself to services offered at Ananda. “We often carry the stress of the family or work, so self-care is important for everyone,” she says.

With close to 450 members at the Sporting Club, Yates says Ananda in the Alleghenies would love to provide services to each and every one. “We have several returning members who have picked their favorite providers,” she says.

Longtime Sporting Club member Dr. Mary Pat Borgess says every time she travels to The Greenbrier, she visits the Ananda Spa. “We get down every month or so and I get a treatment every time I’m there—sometimes more than one,” Borgess says.

Borgess says one of the things she loves most about the Spa is the effortless tranquility it exudes.

“You go in and take a deep breath, and it seems like all your stress melts away,” she says. “The people are extremely welcoming and nice, and all of the estheticians and massage therapists are extremely well trained and do a fabulous job.”

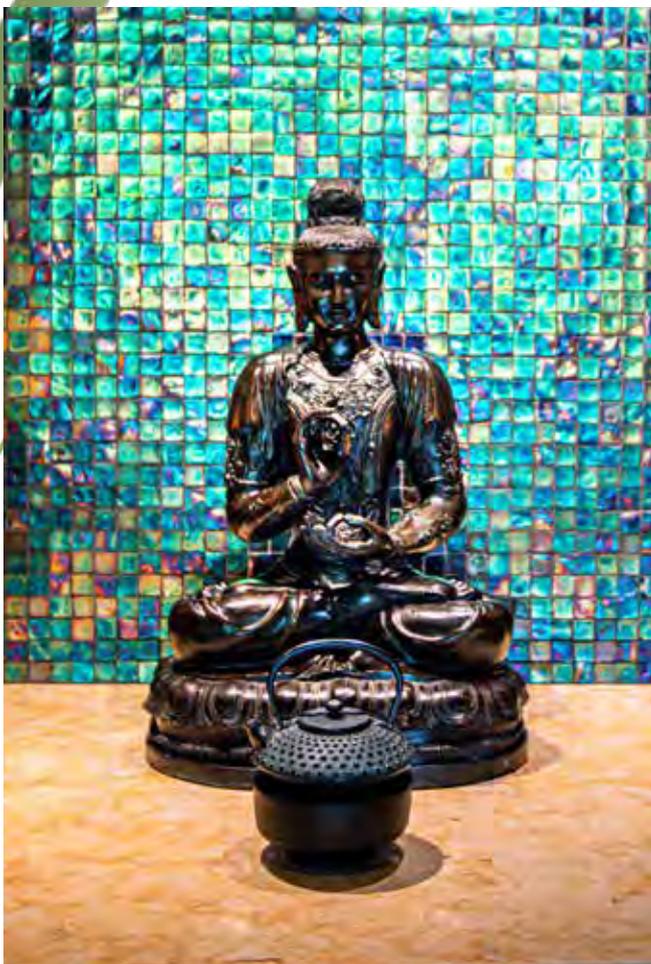
While massages are among Borgess’ favorite services offered at the Ananda Spa, she enjoys the nail care as well.

“I do get nail care there as well, which is excellent, and I haven’t had a facial yet but I’m going to get one of the facials next time I’m down,” she says. “I am a firm believer in massage therapy as far as relieving stress and relaxing muscles, and as far as nail care or facials it’s always wonderful to just look nice.”

After 20 successful years, it’s important to carry on this legacy of success. “We continue to strive to bring the best treatment options to our members,” Yates says.

The Ananda Spa is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those interested in scheduling an appointment may contact the Spa directly at 304-647-6112.

“I’d highly recommend it—they do an excellent job,” Borgess says.





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When you pull up to David and Allison Whittaker's Summit Village home, you're not only greeted by their new home's stunning perch atop Greenbrier Mountain, with its wide views to the south, but also by their welcoming committee of one—their Standard Rough Collie, Daisy.

"There's a humorous side to the fact that this house has one main room, and that goes back to Daisy, our collie," laughs Allison. "Collies are natural herders and can't relax until everyone is in one room, so we half-jokingly told the architect we needed a one-room house for the dog."

Dr. David Whittaker began working at the Greenbrier Clinic in 2023, after a long and illustrious career in medicine and the Navy (see sidebar). Growing up in Rumson, New Jersey, where he jokes his "claim to fame" was that he mowed Bruce Springsteen's yard as a kid, Whittaker knew early on he wanted to pursue a career in medicine. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy, SUNY Stony Brook, Harvard, and Dartmouth before eventually landing at Walter Reed National Medical Military Center, where he also served as a designated physician for the White House Medical Evaluation and Treatment Unit.

Throughout all of the moving around, the Whittakers knew about and visited The Greenbrier, but never imagined living



there. When the position opened up at The Greenbrier Clinic last year, the family jumped at the chance to enjoy the lifestyle that The Greenbrier could offer.

“This is one of the few independently owned medical facilities in the country where doctors are allowed the time and liberty to really focus on being the best doctor we can be for our patients,” says Dr. Whittaker from his office at The Greenbrier Clinic.

“Living on a mountain top is a fascinating experience,” he continues. “As a prior Navy Captain, I have always lived near the water. Interestingly, due to the difficulty of building roads and establishing infrastructure on a mountain, there are many more homes built on the water, than on a mountain top. Living up here is truly like living amongst the clouds. The horizon is constantly changing—much like the ocean. Where else can you see the shoulder of the Red Hawk from above.”

“Coming from larger cities throughout David’s career, it’s really special to be up here on the mountain and to enjoy the solitude and peacefulness that it offers,” says Allison from their back porch, looking out to the Greenbrier River valley below in the distance.

When it came time to design their home, the Whittakers wanted a smaller footprint that felt natural and cozy. Allison and David hired Mike King of Appalachian Finishings to build the home, and her old friend Gina Bagnuola as the interior decorator. The team worked with architect Ed Roach to design a home in the English Country Cottage aesthetic—one that fit into the surrounding forest landscape as if it had been there for years.





“One of our favorite aspects of the home,” comments Allison while pointing to the ceiling above the kitchen, “is that we had to remove these two oak trees in the front of the lot and Mike King had the great idea to integrate them into the house in different ways.”

King had the trees made into a number of features throughout the great room, including the exposed beams, bookcase cabinetry, and the fixed ladder that leads up to the loft.

“Several trees we felled on the property, then milled and kiln-dried them in a solar kiln. We crafted the shipladder and exposed beams right in our shop,” says King. “It’s a fun process and really cool for the clients to do something like that.”

“Allison and Dr. Whittaker were great to work with,” he continues. “David would hop right in to help sometimes. I just can’t say enough about how great they were to work with. We couldn’t ask for better people to build for.”

The main room’s fireplace is a stacked stone hearth fronted by a custom hammered steel swing screen from Donovan Rhodes Monroe Customs and is flanked by the aforementioned oak cabinetry and shelving. The main room opens directly onto the back porch, which features great views down the valley.

Clockwise from left: Dr. Whittaker, his wife Allison, their son Dylan, and his girlfriend Tess Horn enjoying an afternoon of trap shooting at Kate’s Mountain; Allison and Dr. Whittaker, along with Daisy, their Rough Collie, prepare for an evening gala; the main room features a beautiful stacked stone fireplace flanked by built-in cabinetry; the kitchen, designed by Creative Kitchens, features a cutting board island and an Italian Ilve range; Michael King of Appalachian Finishings used two of the lot’s oak trees to create gorgeous exposed beams throughout, as well as a shipladder that leads to a loft. Previous spread, left: the upper powder room boasts an example of the home’s use of English wallpapers—*Summertime* by Thibaut, featuring soft colors, meadowgrass, and dragonflies, inspired by the Tiffany-style lamps at The Summit that Allison loves. Previous page, right: a close-up of the *Summertime* wallpaper, chosen by Allison and her family’s long-time friend Gina Bagnuolo.

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Back inside, the open and compact kitchen is perfectly situated in the front corner of the house. Built by Creative Kitchens, the kitchen features a cutting board island with under storage, an Italian-favorite Ilve Range with Royal Makkum Delft tiles behind, and an adjacent breakfast nook.

Allison says the architect’s design really makes it so everyone is close by. It’s what she calls a “cocktail house,” meaning it’s the perfect size for some pre-dinner refreshments before literally walking up the street to The Summit to enjoy some of Chef Jared Master’s dinner creations.

“I really can’t compete with the Summit in the kitchen, so we always head up there for entertaining diners,” laughs Allison.

During the entire design process, the Whittakers worked with Allison’s longtime family friend Gina Bagnuola as an interior designer. Bagnuola knew the Long Island country home of Allison’s childhood, so was well situated to pull not only from her client’s past, but also inspired to implement some of those ideas into the high mountains of West Virginia.

“Knowing Allison’s family home on Long Island, I aimed to incorporate many

Top: The master bedroom showcases a fireplace mantel design by Dr. Whittaker himself, framing classic hand-painted Friesland Royal Delft tiles. The wallpaper is Colefax and Fowler *Messina* wallpaper, transforming the private space into a garden of blue and yellow hydrangeas. Bottom: The Master Bath features a custom blue vanity and a soaking tub that enjoy views over the mountains.

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Dr. Whittaker brings a unique vascular experience to the Greenbrier's medical staff. Upon graduating from the US Naval Academy, Dr. Whittaker attended medical school at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He subsequently trained in General Surgery at Harvard's Massachusetts General Hospital and deployed as the Battlegroup Surgeon for the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT carrier group at the start of Operation Enduring Freedom. He returned to the states and completed his vascular surgery fellowship at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Hanover, NH.

Over the next two decades, Dr. Whittaker held several progressively senior leadership positions within the military health system including Chief of Vascular Surgery at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, and Chief Medical Officer of the Defense Health Agency's elite Innovation Group. Upon his retirement from the Navy, he worked as an Attending Surgeon at Johns Hopkins Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, MD. He continues to drive medical innovation forward as an industry and economic consultant.

As a practicing vascular surgeon throughout his military career, and designated physician for the White House Medical Evaluation and Treatment unit, Dr. Whittaker has had the privilege of caring for the nation's leaders and heroes. His clinical expertise spans the full breadth of minimally invasive endovascular procedures and open vascular reconstructions, but his passion has always been focused on a holistic approach to Vascular Medicine and Venous Disease management. He is an active contributor to medical research and clinical practice guidelines

with numerous publications, patents, textbook chapters, and presentations to his name.

Throughout his Navy career, Dr. Whittaker and his wife, Allison, along with their two sons and dog, Daisey, have come to love the mountains and forests of West Virginia, where they enjoy camping, hiking, and other outdoor activities that don't require a source of power.

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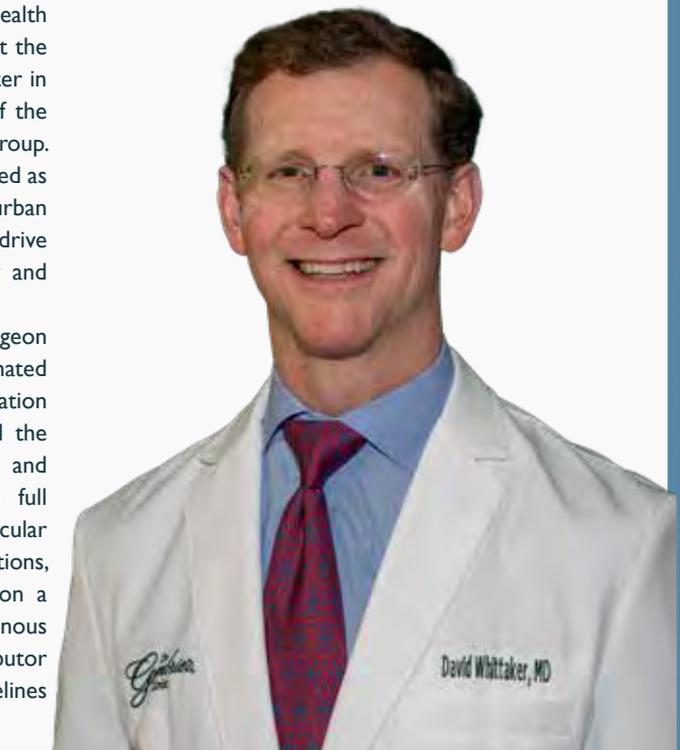
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DR. DAVID WHITTAKER



of the pastels and patterns of her childhood,” says Bagnuola, from her studio in Bayville, NY. “Flowers throughout the house’ was Allison’s wish, and I think we achieved that with all of the wonderful wallpapers we both love so much.”

To that matter, English wallpapers are found throughout the home. The first wallpaper to go in was the upper powder room’s *Summertime* by Thibaut, featuring soft colors, meadowgrass, and dragonflies, inspired by the Tiffany-style lamps at The Summit that Allison loves.

Downstairs, the master bedroom features Colefax and Fowler *Messina* wallpaper, transforming the private space into a garden of blue and yellow hydrangeas. The expansive master bathroom boasts delightful Scalamandre wallpaper, as well as a bold Benjamin Moore custom blue called Sheer Romance for the vanity, and a large soaking tub with views over the mountains to the south.

The master bedroom is also a labor of love. David himself designed and helped build the fireplace mantel, sketching out his plan for King and his foreman.

“Allison chose the beautiful Friesland Royal Delft tiles and I was fascinated by the beauty of the hand-painted flowers,” says David from his office at The Greenbrier Clinic. “I wanted to try and tie the mantel to the tiles. Each piece of the mantel design seemed to compliment and frame the beauty of the tiles. Michael does such great work and I was hesitant to step in, but as I sketched the design I thought it would be fun to try and take it from the sketch to the actual mantel. Without Eric, our foreman, I never would have completed the task!”

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Top: The home is located in The Summit Village and built in the style of an old English Cottage. Bottom: Allison, her son Dylan, and his girlfriend Tess enjoy a glass of wine while their collie, Daisy, relaxes.

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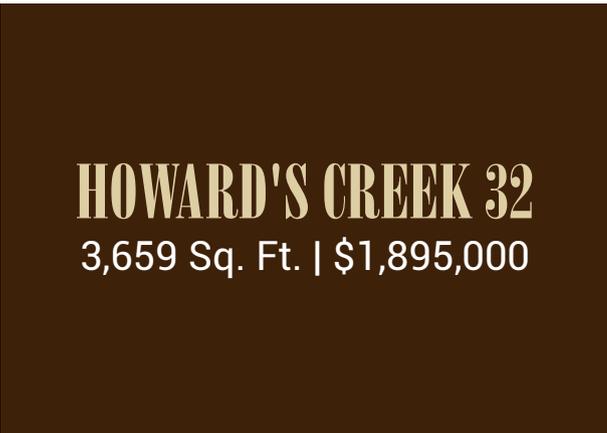
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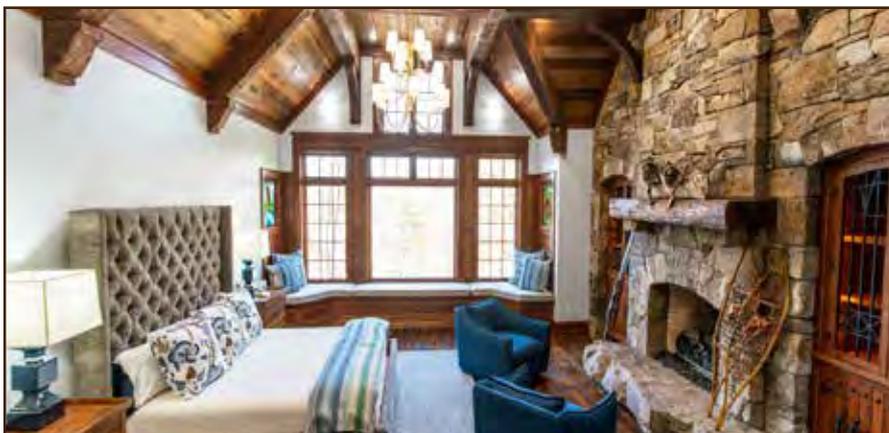


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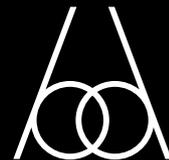
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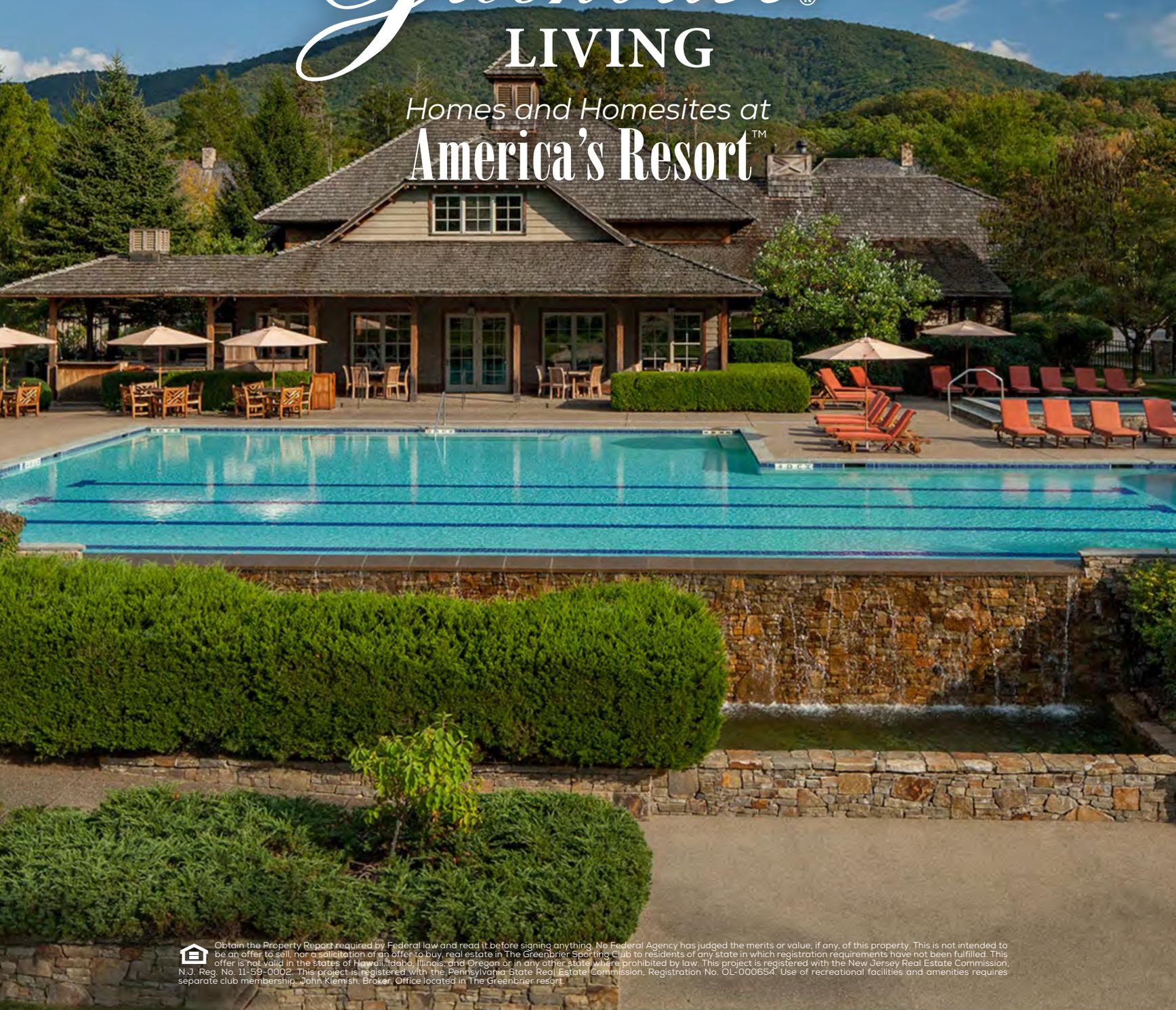


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