Lockwood Senior Living Highlights Accessible Design in Independent Senior Living Communities

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Lockwood Senior Living is highlighting the role of accessible physical design in supporting privacy, mobility, convenience, and day-to-day independence for older adults within independent senior living communities. Drawing on the documented residential features of its Michigan properties, the company is examining how apartment layouts, building systems, and community infrastructure can shape a self-directed living environment that remains distinct from medical or assisted care models.

As older adults evaluate housing options that prioritize autonomy, the physical organization of residential space has become a relevant factor in senior housing discussions. Independent senior living communities are structured to provide private apartments and optional services rather than mandated personal care. Within this framework, design elements such as floor plans, bathroom configurations, vertical circulation, entry systems, and on-site support infrastructure can influence how residents navigate daily routines while retaining control over their living arrangements. Lockwood Senior Living?s communities illustrate these principles through features that appear consistently across multiple properties, though configurations vary by location.

Apartment design forms a foundational layer of the residential environment. At Lockwood of Genesee in Flint,

one- and two-bedroom apartments incorporate spacious open-concept floor plans, kitchens with full appliance packages, walk-in closets, individual climate control for heating and cooling, and private patios or balconies. Large bathrooms include emergency pull cords. Similar apartment characteristics appear at Lockwood of Clinton in Clinton Township, where large open-concept floor plans, full kitchens with appliance packages, individual climate control, linen closets, and walk-in closets in select units are documented alongside large bathrooms equipped with emergency pull cords and, in certain layouts, bathtubs. These arrangements allow residents to manage household tasks within private living spaces while maintaining separation from shared community areas.

Bathroom and circulation features further illustrate how design supports practical independence. Lockwood of Lyon in South Lyon lists large bathrooms with walk-in or roll-in showers, individual climate control, in-suite washers and dryers, and private patios or balconies. The community also documents three conveniently located elevators and controlled entry access. At Lockwood of Ann Arbor, open-concept one- and two-bedroom floor plans include large bathrooms with step-in showers, bathtubs available in select two-bedroom units, individual climate control, and private patios or balconies. Elevators and controlled entry access are listed among the community amenities. These elements address everyday movement within apartments and between floors without converting the setting into a care facility.

Building-level systems reinforce the residential character of the communities. Controlled entry access appears across multiple Lockwood properties, including Lockwood of Genesee, Lockwood of Lyon, Lockwood of Waterford, Lockwood of Fenton, Lockwood of Clinton, and Lockwood of Hartland. Elevators are documented at Lockwood of Lyon, Lockwood of Waterford, Lockwood of Fenton, Lockwood of Clinton, and others. Emergency response systems take the form of pull cords, pendant systems, or emergency response call systems depending on the community. Lockwood of Genesee and Lockwood of Clinton feature large bathrooms with emergency pull cords, while Lockwood of Lyon and Lockwood of Hartland list pendant systems. Lockwood of Waterford and Lockwood of Fenton document emergency response call systems. These systems function as residential support features rather than clinical monitoring tools.

Maintenance infrastructure contributes additional practical support. Lockwood of Lyon and Lockwood of Ann Arbor list 24-hour emergency maintenance among community amenities. On-site management and maintenance appear as broader company practices that reduce the need for residents to handle property upkeep themselves. Storage solutions, including walk-in closets, linen closets, and additional on-site storage options at certain communities, further organize daily living space.

?Accessible design in independent senior living communities is about creating residential environments that align with the practical needs of daily life while preserving resident autonomy,? said Mark Lockwood, President and CEO, Partner of Lockwood Senior Living. ?The physical features of apartments and buildings can support privacy and convenience without shifting the model toward medical care.?

The balance between private residences and shared community spaces is another design consideration. Individual apartments provide climate-controlled living areas, full kitchens, and outdoor access through patios or balconies, allowing residents to maintain personal routines. Common areas such as libraries, multipurpose rooms, and outdoor gardens exist alongside these private units, yet participation remains discretionary. This arrangement keeps the emphasis on housing rather than structured care schedules.

Lockwood of Lyon offers a clear illustration of how multiple design elements operate together. The community combines controlled entry, elevators, a pendant system, 24-hour emergency maintenance, large bathrooms with walk-in or roll-in showers, individual climate control, and private outdoor space within an independent living framework. Comparable combinations appear at Lockwood of Genesee and Lockwood of Clinton, where emergency pull cords, elevators, controlled entry, and spacious apartment layouts are documented. These examples demonstrate that accessibility features can be integrated into the built environment of independent senior living without altering the non-medical character of the model.

?From a management perspective, the physical design of communities influences how residents experience independence on a daily basis,? said Matt Gatewood, Executive Vice President of Management at Lockwood Senior Living. ?Features such as elevators, controlled access, individual climate controls, and thoughtfully configured bathrooms contribute to residential environments that support practical living while remaining distinct from assisted or medical settings.?

Broader context for these design approaches lies in the continued differentiation of senior housing options. Independent senior living communities focus on private apartments and optional services, setting them apart from models that incorporate ongoing personal or clinical care. By highlighting the contribution of accessible physical design, Lockwood Senior Living underscores how residential features can address considerations of mobility, privacy, and convenience within that independent framework. The company?s properties across Michigan provide concrete examples of how these elements are applied in practice, varying by community while maintaining a consistent orientation toward self-directed living.

Lockwood Senior Living operates independent senior living communities in Michigan, dedicated to tradition, integrity, and excellence. The company focuses on providing environments where residents experience freedom and comfort through vibrant social atmospheres, on-site amenities, and convenient transportation.
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Lockwood of Clinton is an independent senior living community in Clinton Township, Michigan, offering maintenance-free apartment homes, shared dining spaces, common areas, scheduled activities, and optional services that support independent living.

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