

Hello everyone!

I hope we are all doing our best to manage this heat wave! I wanted to update you all on some changes here at Hardwick Dental Group.

**New Additions to our staff:**

As was mentioned in the previous email, our two wonderful assistants will both be entering hygiene school this coming August, and we could not be more excited for them. Although this is great news, it does mean that they will no longer have time to be here at the Hardwick Dental Group. We are pleased to announce that we have hired two new assistants to join our dental Family! Both of which will make fantastic additions to our team.

Tanya O'Brien has been in the dental field for over 12 years and brings her knowledge and experience chair side. She prides herself on being nurturing, compassionate and dedicated to her craft. Her face may be familiar to you as she has worked in the Hardwick area for the last 7 years. She loves building lasting relationships with the patients she sees every day. Outside of work she enjoys spending time with her husband and four kids!

Marriah Machell has been in the dental field for over 2 years. Marriah is a hard worker and is eager to learn new skills. Like Tanya, she enjoys building relationships with patients and meeting new people everyday though her work. She takes pride her in work and is thrilled to be at the Hardwick Dental Group. Outside of work, Marriah likes fishing, hiking and all things outdoors!

Although we are sad to see Kalyn and Jamie step away from their dental assistant posts, we are very excited for you all to meet Tanya and Marriah!

**Dr. Stephen Feldman:**

As mentioned in our previous letter, we will have a temporary dentist on staff while Dr. Piet is on maternity leave. That dentist will be Dr. Stephen Feldman. This face may be familiar to you as well, as Dr. Feldman helped us during Dr. Piet's previous maternity leave shortly after we purchased the practice. Dr. Feldman will be on staff in August and parts of September. He will be doing simple restorative and hygiene checks. We look forward to having him back and cannot thank him enough for being back with us as Dr. Piet is away from the office.

**Covid-19 Update:**

I wanted to briefly touch base on Hardwick Dental Groups mask policy.

We are thrilled that so many Vermonters have done their part to get vaccinated and help us move back to the life we remember prior to the pandemic. We encourage anyone that has not been vaccinated yet to do so. Because Hardwick Dental Group is a medical facility, facemasks will be needed when entering the practice for all vaccinated and non-vaccinated patients, until further notice. When this guidance changes, we will make sure to inform all of you.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

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