

# Home Times Monthly

*A newsletter for Pond Home residents with  
all the news that's fit to print*

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To My Dear Residents,

Happy New Year! I think it is safe to say there has not been a new year in my lifetime where my wish for good health has been so heartfelt and intense! After the year we have had due to the Worldwide Pandemic, we know the old saying is true, when you have your health you have everything.

January 5<sup>th</sup> each of you and half our hard-working employees will have the distinct privilege to be among the first in Massachusetts to get our first dose of the two shot Covid-19 vaccination. It is amazing to think how much effort of brilliant minds went into making this possible for our community. It is also heartening to me that our society is recognizing the value of elderly as well as long term care providers by putting us at the top of the list for this vaccination. It makes sense as we have been on the front line in so many ways.

Our lives have been upended by this virus. I am filled with so much hope and joy that the end of constant testing may soon be in site for our community of Pond Home. May this hope become a reality that can lead to all our joy.

Thanks for reading,

*Becky Annis, Administrator*

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## ***Great News!!!***

***100% of you residents are ready to roll up your sleeves on 01/05/2021 to  
get your Pfizer vaccine!***

***Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines don't introduce viral material into you.  
Instead, they deliver the blueprint (mRNA) of the spike protein which is then  
translated and created by your own cells. And then your body's immune  
system creates antibodies to it. Clever ain't it?***

***WE are the ingredients of the COVID-19 mRNA vaccine  
Heading to destination vaccination!***

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*A poem on 12/18*

This test is number nine and I really think I'm fine  
(yes, I could be helped by a sip of wine)  
Oh, when will we wait in line to go downstairs to dine?  
Outdoors, the cars and plows come and go despite the frigid snow-  
Yes, the blizzard winds, they howl and blow.  
Indoors, I'm depressed and low, but I'm trying to feel the Christmas glow!  
Outdoors, there's quite a sight;  
Cars buried in piles of white.  
And, finally, in the evening I do find the yuletide light.  
Yes, the stars are shining bright to welcome this most holy night.

Have a beautiful Christmas!

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*The Missing Christmas Pardon*

Turkey, turkey, on the Christmas table, you should have run away while you  
were able.

You could have run to Washington and in the Rose Garden  
The American president might have given you a pardon  
The president gives many pardons to turkeys like you-  
Too late now, too sad, boo hoo, boo hoo.

But what I just ate, I enjoyed every bit. I want you to know how much I  
appreciate it.

Thank you!

*(poems submitted by Ellen Barrow)*

## Staff Spotlight



### **Maura Boone**

I enjoy working with the staff and residents here at the Pond Home. Everyone here is very caring and respectful towards each other. I feel that the staff always makes an effort to go above and beyond to make every day special for our residents.

I grew up in Foxboro. Before starting in the medical field, I was self employed as florist whole saler. I lived on Cape Cod for many years, and I still enjoy vacationing in the summer there. I became a CNA to work with the elderly population and then continued onto nursing school. Currently, I reside in Norton with my daughter, Brianna (my pride and joy), who has recently started working here at the Pond Home in the kitchen.

### ***Lee's corner:***

***There is something magical about wintertime. But as the days get shorter and colder, it is easy to lose sight of this wonder. All you need is a little shift of perspective to see the beauty of winter again. Here are some quotes to get you into the spirit:***

- Enjoy while you are snuggled in your favorite blanket or enjoying a cup of tea or coffee***
- Winter is not a season, it's a celebration***
- People do not notice whether its winter or summer when they're happy***
- One kind word can warm three winter months***
- In the winter she curls up around a good book and dreams away the cold***
- winter passes and on remember one's perseverance***



Want to play with words.....**here you gogh**

**Vincent Van Gogh's Family Tree**

**His dizzy aunt ----- Verti Gogh**

**The brother who ate prunes----- Gotta Gogh**

**The brother who worked at a convenience store ----- Stop N Gogh**

**The grandfather from Yugoslavia ----- U Gogh**

**His magician uncle ----- -- Where-Diddy Gogh**

**His Mexican cousin ----- A Mee Gogh**

**The Mexican cousin's American half-brother ----- Gring Gogh**

**The nephew who drove a stage coach ----- Wells-Far Gogh**

**The constipated uncle ----- Can't Gogh**

**The ballroom dancing aunt ----- -- Tang Gogh**

**The bird lover uncle ----- Flamin Gogh**

**An aunt who taught positive thinking ----- Way-to-Gogh**

**The little bouncy nephew ----- Poe Gogh**

**A sister who loved disco ----- Go Gogh**

**And his niece who travels the country in an RV ----- Winnie Bay Gogh**

**I saw you smiling . . . there ya Gogh**

**Hope this “play on words” made you smile & now all of us are ready**

**“ready to Gogh” & take on the challenges of another day.**

**Take care of yourself & others!!!**



IF you go outside the sidewalks may be slippery  
**PLEASE BE CAREFUL!!**



January Birthdays

Barbara Sullivan 14<sup>th</sup>  
Jim Meranda 23<sup>rd</sup>