

# 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,

Here we are in the 'very merry month of May'! The Federal Government & our Commonwealth of Massachusetts Governor have announced that the Covid-19 emergency will end on May 11, 2023. At that point, if we continue to have no/low Covid cases in the Pond Home community, employees will no longer be mandated to wear masks. Mask wearing will become optional for employees, as it now is for residents.

Many of us are very excited for that day and are looking forward to showing off our smiling faces to all of you once more. Some of us might even start wearing lipstick again!

Another thing happening during the month of May is Facilities Manager Kevin Kelley retiring after 19 years of employment. His last day will be May 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating his retirement and wishing him well on that day. Please be sure to join us.

Things are going as we hoped, because our new Facilities Manager has been hired and will be training with Kevin beginning May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks for reading,



Becky Annis, Administrator Pond Home





## PATCHES' PERSPECTIVE

I have heard the saying "curiosity killed the cat". I am a very curious feline by nature, but I am also very cautious, so I have never been hurt by my curiosity.

Many times, when Becky or Carrie are giving a tour, I will make my presence known, from a distance. I like to keep an eye on the action in this building. Whenever new people or their belongings come into the building, I make a point of closely checking them out and thoroughly sniffing them.

As you know, from last month, my sense of smell is 14 times better than yours. Just imagine all the things I am learning about each person or belonging from their smells!

If you are not a big feline fan, don't worry. I may not understand how that is possible, but I have many fans and admirers and will focus my energy where it is most appreciated.

and that is my purrrrrrspective! Patches



## Resident Spotlight



This month's featured resident is none other than **Virginia "Ginny" Lucey**. Ginny grew up in the Bronx, NY with her parents and a brother, who was 7 years her senior. It was an amazing place to grow up! Within a few blocks walk from her home, Ginny could wander around the campus of Fordham University, The Bronx Zoo, and the Botanical Gardens. The city was a safe place back then to wander and explore and never for a moment did she feel uncomfortable being out and about.

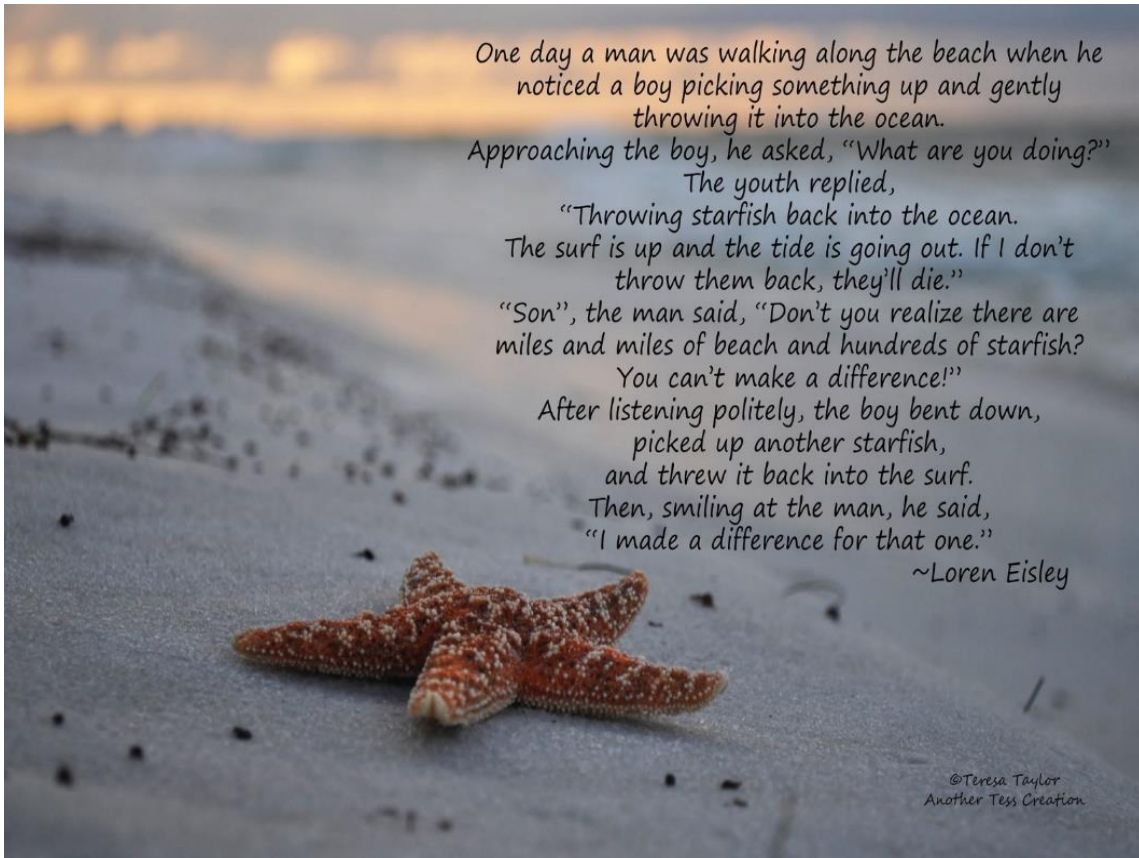
Ginny attended Parochial School and received an amazing education from the nuns. Like most of us, she had a fear of a lot of the very strict nuns, but one, in particular, made such a wonderful impression on her. Ginny took care of her ailing mother for years and was not able to give her Chemistry class her full attention, and she struggled a bit. Sister Mary Julia wrote a letter on Ginny's behalf, noting her dedication to caring for her mother. Because of this, not only was she admitted to St. Vincent's Nursing School, but she received a scholarship to attend. One of her fondest memories of High School was the Prom. She came from a blue-collar neighborhood, where people didn't really have tuxedos and limousine rides. The boys wore their best suits, the girls would get a special dress, and they rode the subway down to Battery Park where they would have dinner. It brings a smile to her face, as she remembers how everyone on the subway would 'ooh' and 'aaah' on how special they all looked. They then boarded the Staten Island Ferry for a nickel and rode the ferry back and forth. There was a band, and they just danced the night away until the sun came up.

Ginny worked very hard as a nurse at St. Vincent's, and it was there that she met her husband, Richard. While standing at the nurse's station one day, the nurses were talking about an upcoming dance. Ginny turned to Richard, who was an Intern at the time, and asked him if he would like to accompany her. She knew nothing

about him at the time, what a lucky girl to take the chance, because 3 months later they were engaged. Richard was in the Military Reserves at the time, and it was during their engagement that he was shipped out on a battleship for one year. The only contact they had was letters that they wrote to each other. Letters, that she still has to this day. Richard returned home from his deployment just 10 days before they were married. They then spent their honeymoon traveling cross country from New York to San Diego. Quite the trip for a young woman who never left New York. Richard's career eventually brought them to Boston. Ginny and her husband raised their 6 children in Needham. Richard did his Residency at Carney Hospital, while Ginny worked at a Nursing Home in Wellesley. It was a convenient short distance from her home, so that she could be home when the kids were out of school. Ginny's family has grown, and she now has 14 Grandchildren, who though they all live locally are living their best lives traveling all over. Ginny is enjoying living here at Pond Home with her new friends. She can be found at our Friday afternoon Do Drop In, morning exercise, and playing Bocce. But if you really want to see Ginny at her best, sit beside her during our Jeopardy Games or Word Games. Ginny is a fountain of Trivia and quite an intelligent woman with a beautiful smile!

## DEBBIE'S WISDOM

May – The greatness of Pond Home is measured by the compassionate actions of all its people. Spread your love and care and make a positive impact on this special place. Happy Mother's Day to the moms out there on May 14<sup>th</sup>.



## May Birthday's

Virginia Gilbane 2nd  
Carolyn Vitale 6th  
Patricia Hainsworth 10th  
Faiz Loulache 20th  
John Killion 26th  
Mary "Dee" George 26th  
Patricia Moore 30<sup>th</sup>

## **New Employee Alert**

*We are pleased to welcome our New Facilities Manager, Joshua Sampson. He will be working with Kevin beginning May 8<sup>th</sup>. Read his story below:*



My name is Joshua Sampson, I'm 38 years old and live in Swansea, Massachusetts. Currently divorced and have 3 Amazing children, my Son, Ethan, who will be 16 in December, my middle daughter, Isabella (Bella), who turned 11 in February, and my youngest daughter who will be 8 in July. I graduated Highschool in 2003 and joined right up after graduation in the United states Air Force where i was stationed at Langley Air Force base, Virginia from 2004-2015 as a Civil Engineer HVAC/R Craftsman. I have served 3 deployments during that time: 2 in Iraq and 1 in Afghanistan. I was Honorably Discharged from active-duty status in January of 2015 and started working for General Dynamics

Mission Systems as a Senior Engineering Tech Engineer level 3 from June of 2015 till Feb of 2023, when our department got laid off due to governmental contracting complications. For the past 3 months, I've been employed by Jones Lang Lasalle (JLL) as a mobile HVAC Engineer, but the driving is relentless. I look forward to meeting and working with all the fine people at Pond Home and getting to know the residents.



## **Activity Highlights for May**

**Weekly shopping-Stop & Shop and Target Wednesday's at 10am**

**Mystery rides Thursdays leaving at 1:30pm**

**Lending Library - Monday's at 10am**

***Social Under the Stars is back - weather permitting -  
Wednesdays starting 5/17***

## **Exercise/Morning Stretch daily at 9:15**

### *Monday Matinee - 1:15, LR*

5/1 - "Bringing up Baby"  
5/8 - TBD  
5/15 - "To Have and Have Not"  
5/22 - "The Four Seasons"  
5/29 - "A Few Good Men"

### *Evening Movies - 6pm, LR*

5/3 - "The Healing Powers of Dude"  
5/6 - "Titanic"  
5/7 - TBD  
5/10 - "A Call to Spy"  
5/14 - "Stepmom"  
5/21 - TBD  
5/25 - "A League of Their Own"  
5/28 - "Darkest Hour"

5/5 - Steve Rudolph performs  
5/10 - Ecumenical Service  
5/11 - Spring Stroll  
5/13 - Steven King performs  
5/15 - Catholic Mass  
5/19 - Michael L plays piano  
5/21 - NEADS Dogs visit  
5/26 - Kevin's Farewell Party



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