

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:

I just took a stroll around the grounds and visited with a few of you out enjoying the scenery and fabulous weather we are experiencing. It is truly medicine for the soul when we get these gorgeous days. Everything looks greener and brighter all around. I find my outlook gets brighter too.

Did you know that your home, Pond Home, has four outside spaces available for your enjoyment, along with the three-season porch, for almost-outside enjoyment? I bet some of you did not. That is why every year we host a Spring Stroll. This year's is planned for Tuesday, May 27th from 1pm-3pm. Please plan to join us.

On that day, we will have all these spaces spruced up and ready for your use. We will have staff and volunteers lead strolls around the grounds in small groups, so everyone gets to see all the options available to enjoy in the warm weather months. Sometimes activities will be scheduled in these spaces for a change of scenery and the vitamin D we all need.

Need some more incentive to enjoy the fun? We will end the Spring Stroll with an ice cream social for all residents, staff, and any family members that come to help stroll! The ice cream truck will arrive at 3pm in Blooming Corner where all strolls will end.

This big house gets even bigger at this time of year. We treat these spaces like outdoor living rooms. Come on out and enjoy our great outdoors.

Thanks for reading,



Becky Annis, Administrator

Rules for outside fun- need something like this.

- We have cushions available in weatherproof boxes in Blooming Corner and the patio off the dining room. Please make sure cushions are stored back in the box at the end of your use
- Please roll down umbrellas when it gets windy, or you are going in from a patio.
- See a staff person to turn on the heaters if it is chilly outside. Be sure to shut them off when you are done.
- For any of these things a Pond Home staff person would be happy to assist.
- If leaving Pond Home grounds, please be sure to sign out at the Nurses' Station.



PATCHES' PURRSPECTIVE

You may have noticed that I got my spring grooming late in April. You might say I got my spring and summer look going! Don't worry, by next fall I will have enough hair growing back to keep me warm. With all my shedding hair, I was developing some knots, and it was getting uncomfortable.

For now, I will enjoy this new look. I feel so much lighter without all that extra hair on me. You may notice I will be doing a little more preening than usual, showing off my new look. I will also be so much friskier. Not crazy frisky, after all I am a 13+ year old cat, but I just might want to play with some of my toys, or my favorite thing, the cords that they put around boxes of printer paper! Watch out!

I also might make more attempts at getting outside now that the weather is beautiful. If I do when you are going in or out don't worry, please just alert a staff person to coax me back in. I really do know how good I have it, living at Pond Home, so I never stay out for long. Just like to keep you humans on your toes.

Your furry friend



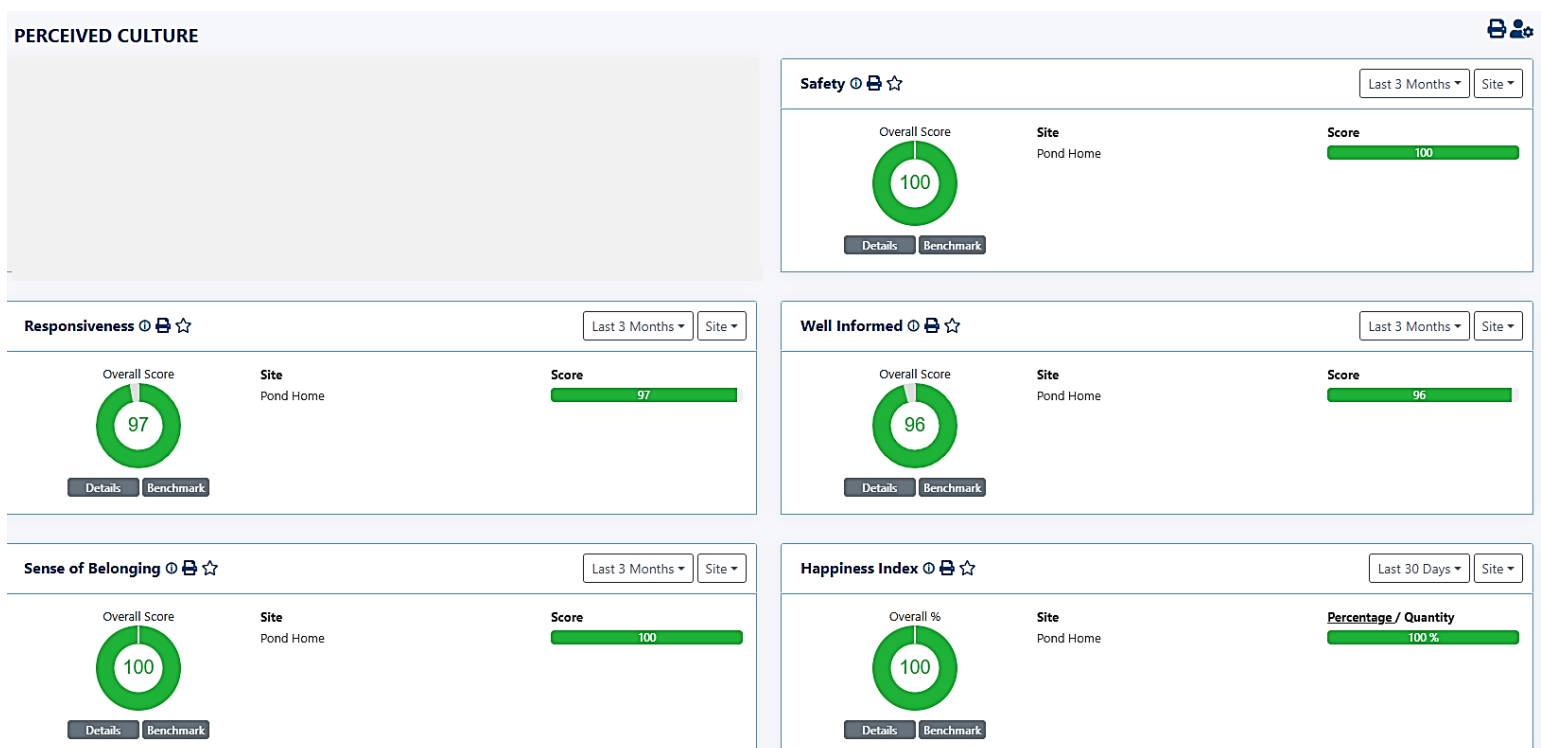
COMMENT/GRATITUDE BOARD

Jenn G. is Fabulous.
She always goes way
beyond the basic
standards. She is just one
more of the bright and
shining stars at the Pond
Home.
Marilyn S.

Guerlyne is so pleasant
and considerate. Always
with a smile.
We are lucky to have her.

Resident Satisfaction Survey

More details will be shared in our next Resident Council Meeting, but here are some highlights from our recent Satisfaction Survey. These graphs highlight our building culture. They show residents feel safe, feel like they belong here, and are happy. These are wonderful results which we will continue to strive to meet.



WORDS OF WISDOM

- ❖ “The world’s favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May.”
- ❖ “May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive.”
- ❖ “May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope.”
- ❖ “Among the changing months, May stands confest the sweetest, and in fairest colors dressed.”
- ❖ “I’ve got sunshine on a cloudy day. When it’s cold outside, I’ve got the month of May.”



May Birthday's

Carolyn Vitale	6th
Barbara Emerson	8th
Patricia Hainsworth	10th
Faiz Loulache	20th
Dee George	26th
Patricia Moore	30th

RON'S KITCHEN CORNER

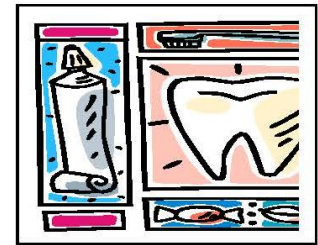
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5/11 - Mother's Day dinner – Ham dinner with Tiramisu dessert

Next menu meeting September 2025 date TBD

Message from Christa, DON

On October 23, 2024, CDC recommended that all persons aged ≥ 65 years receive a second dose of 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine 6 months† after the last dose of 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine. Hence, we have scheduled a COVID-19 vaccination clinic to be held on June 11th 9am-12noon for those residents interested in receiving an additional dose. Any question and/or concerns, please reach out to Christa Wertz, DON at don@pondhome.org



Pond Home

***The Scheduled Dental Day is
Friday May 30, 2025***

**Questions? Call us at
800-632-0306**

New Employee Announcement



We are excited to welcome Paul Bien-Aime Jr. to Pond Home and Pond Meadow as our newest Maintenance Technician!

Paul will be working part-time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and will be supporting both Pond Home and Pond Meadow. His hours are 8:30 - 4:30.

He officially joined us on Tuesday, April 22nd, and is currently attending orientation. Over the next few weeks, Paul will be training alongside Josh Sampson, our Facilities' Manager, and Chuck Sammarco, Pond Meadow

Maintenance Technician, as he gets to know the ins and outs of both communities.

Paul lives in Sharon, MA with his wife, who works in the nursing field. Paul has five children. He is fluent in Haitian Creole. Paul is a skilled contractor as he runs his own contracting business and thoroughly enjoys carpentry. He attended Wentworth Institute of Technology.

Please give Paul a warm welcome when you see him around, we're thrilled to have him on board!



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

CUDDLES with CODY - Tuesdays at 1pm

Wednesday's Music with Paul & Friends 2pm LR

Thursday Nights - Popcorn & a Movie 6pm LR

Exercise/Morning Stretch daily at 9:15

Monday Matinee - 1:15pm, LR

5/5: "Sweet Land"

5/26: "The Fighting Sullivans"

Saturday Matinee - 1pm, LR

5/3: "50 to 1"

5/10: "The Windermere Children"

5/17: "A Dog's Way Home"

5/24: "Rain Man"

5/31: "TBD"

5/2: Eddie Dillon performs

5/3: Steven King entertains

5/5: Churros & Mockaritas

5/8: Armchair Travel: Italy

5/10: Kathy Earabino entertains

5/12: Blood Pressure Clinic

5/12: Sing-along with Roberta

5/14: Out for Lunch Club

5/15: Resident Council

5/16: Michael Leidig plays piano

5/17: Jim & JJ perform

5/19: Catholic Mass

5/19: Memorial Service

5/20: Gardening Club outing

5/22: High Tea Luncheon

5/23: Tom Kennedy entertains

5/27: Spring Stroll

5/27: Ice Cream Social

5/30: Singing Group "On Tour" performs



HAIRDRESSER THURSDAY & FRIDAY