

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:

Remember what it was like the first day of school or a new job? The apprehension you may have felt about the unknown. I am sure you can remember a similar feeling when you first moved into Pond Home. Everything and everyone is new, and you're not sure what is expected of you.

Luckily, most people soon learn that we will do our best to accommodate your interests and schedule. Yet no matter how 'homelike' we work to make it here moving into a group-living situation is an adjustment for everyone. Suddenly everything about you and your family is "exposed" to strangers' scrutiny. We have several new housemates moving in this month. Please help them feel welcome and part of what makes Pond Home such a special place to live.

They won't stay strangers for long! The warmth and friendliness that makes Pond Home so special and comfortable for those of us who work and live here comes shining through like crocuses poking their heads up out of the snow after a long winter. So, enjoy the signs of spring that you find inside and out and the warmth that is the heart of Pond Home.

Thanks for reading!



Becky Annis, Administrator





PATCHES' PURRSPECTIVE

I know I am a pretty amazing animal. I live in this big, beautiful house with 40+ friends, and 40+ more caregivers! I am also lucky because I get to express myself each month in this newsletter. Not every cat gets to do that, but apparently, I am not the only one.

Becky told me she just finished reading two books about Bob the street cat from London. So, Bob does not technically write them, his owner does, but he gets to be bragged about in two books that were bestsellers! There is also a cat named Dewey (I am sure named by a clever librarian) who was found in the book drop at the Spencer, Iowa library. His full name is Dewey Readmore Books, and he got a whole book written about him!

I could be jealous of their good fortune, but I choose to be proud for my fellow felines making a name for themselves and our animal category. In ancient Egypt, the people revered cats and considered them sacred vessels of gods. I guess our status has come down a bit from then, but Bob, Dewey, and I are doing our part to reverse that decline.

So, next time you see me pass by, take a moment to revere me. I may pretend to ignore you, (after all I am a cat), but I love it!

And that is my purrrrspective.....

Your furry friend



COMMENT/GRATITUDE BOARD

Spa Day was wonderful! So nice to have a little bit of extra pampering.

Donna does a wonderful job! (I have also told her). Every activity is well thought out, well planned, and interesting to the residents.

She is one of so many people who make the Pond Home a marvelous place to live out our "Golden Years". Even though the gold is sometimes a bit tarnished at times, the Pond Home staff polishes everything to a bright and shining glow.

Marilyn Sutcliffe

Rose gives the best showers. She is kind, caring and very gentle.

Thank You to the
AWESOME people
who showed up &
worked so hard
during
Snowmagedon
2026....

....**Nurses** - Julie,
Paula and Kristin

CNAs - Kadie,
Elisa, Nilsia, Jacqui
and Kristina

Dietary - Sam,
Connor and Ron

Maintenance -
Josh and Paul

WORDS OF WISDOM

- ❖ “In March winter is holding back and spring is pulling forward. Something holds and something pulls inside of us too.”
- ❖ “March was an unpredictable month, when it was never clear what might happen. Warm days raised hopes until ice and grey skies shut over the town again.”
- ❖ “In March the soft rains continued, and each storm waited courteously until its predecessor sunk beneath the ground.”
- ❖ “March is the month of expectation, the things we do not know.”
- ❖ “The promise of March: as long as the earth exists, seedtime and harvest will not cease.”
- ❖ “March heralds the arrival of spring, a season of renewal and vibrant beauty.”



March Birthday's

Ann Smith 4th
Roger Mitchell 9th
Virginia Lucey 12th
Catherine Owen 15th
Marlene Reiling 17th

RON'S KITCHEN CORNER

Next menu meeting will be March 12, 2026 at 10am in the Living Room.

3/17/26 - Tradional St. Patrick's Dinner - Corned Beef and Cabbage

REMINDER FROM THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Just a friendly reminder from Maintenance, if you have a need for work to be performed or notice something that needs to be fixed, please call in a work order, so we can track it and get credit for doing the work.

FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM FRONT OFFICE:

Please note that the front door automatically locks after hours (Monday - Friday 9am - 5:30pm), on weekends, and during holidays. We kindly ask all families to use the access code provided by our Business Office to enter the facility during these times.

This helps minimize disruptions for our nursing staff, allowing them to dedicate more time and attention to caring for your loved ones.

If you have misplaced your code or are experiencing any issues using it, please contact the Business Office at extension 508-384-3531 ext. 221 for assistance.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

MESSAGE FROM NURSING:

This month's doctor visits are as follows:



Pond Home

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Our Hearing Specialist Michael Nogueira is available for all your hearing healthcare needs!

- ✓ *Are you having trouble hearing your TV?*
- ✓ *Are you having trouble hearing your loved ones on the phone?*
- ✓ *Do your current hearing aids need to be cleaned?*
- ✓ *Do you need new batteries for your hearing aids?*

First time visits include a complimentary hearing evaluation and wax check.
To schedule an appointment call us or see the Wellness Department.

Onsite Hearing Care
1-978-852-4764



Activity Highlights for March

- ~ **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**
- ~ **Wednesdays Music with Paul & Friends 2pm LR**
- ~ **Thursdays 11am LR - Veteran's Knitting Project**
- ~ **Thursday Nights - Popcorn & a Movie 6pm LR**
- ~ **Exercise/Morning Stretch daily at 9:15**

Monday Matinee - 1:15pm, LR

3/2: "The Jane Austen Club"
3/9: "Song Sung Blues"
3/16: "The Quiet Man"
3/23: "Rental Family"
3/30: "The Art of Dancing in the Rain"

Saturday Matinee - 1pm, LR

3/7: "Ladies in Lavender"
3/14: "Evelyn"
3/21: "To Kill a Mockingbird"
3/28: TBD

3/5: Pastor Ken
3/6: Eddie Dillon entertains
3/7: Steven King performs
3/12: Spring Menu Meeting
3/13: Kathy Earabino performs
3/16: Catholic Mass
3/17: A Taste of Ireland
3/18: Flower Arranging
3/19: Resident Council
3/20: Irish Step Dancers
3/20: Michael Leidig plays piano
3/21: Cooking Club
3/27: Carl Twomey



HAIRDRESSER THURSDAY & FRIDAY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SEARCH

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St. Patrick's Day Word Search



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