

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:

Think about what brings you happiness. I am sure like most of us; the first thing that comes to mind is family and friends. That is a given in most cases, but I hope that your list of what brings you happiness includes many simple little moments in life as well – a sun beam that seems to be shining just for you, soft falling rain, a beautiful bird flying across your view, a stranger giving you a smile as they pass by and sharing a laugh with someone. It is worth your time and energy to seek out things that make you happy wherever you can. When you walk through life seeing the glass half full (with a positive outlook) it almost always becomes completely full!

Living together (& working together) in this home is a special experience. We share meals, activities, conversations, and many moments throughout the day. Most of the time these connections bring joy, companionship, and friendship. But occasionally there can be misunderstandings or annoyances. Remember to give each other grace when these things occur.

Grace means choosing kindness over criticism, patience over frustration, and understanding over judgement. We are strongest when we treat one another with respect and dignity. Small acts of kindness- offering a friendly greeting, sharing a laugh, or simply listening can turn someone's day around.

I want Pond Home to be a place filled with compassion, patience, and friendship. We are all part of maintaining that goal. Thank you for your efforts to show grace in making it happen.

Thanks for reading!



Becky Annis, Administrator





PATCHES' PURRSPECTIVE

The United States of America is celebrating its 250th birthday this month.

Two hundred and fifty!!!!

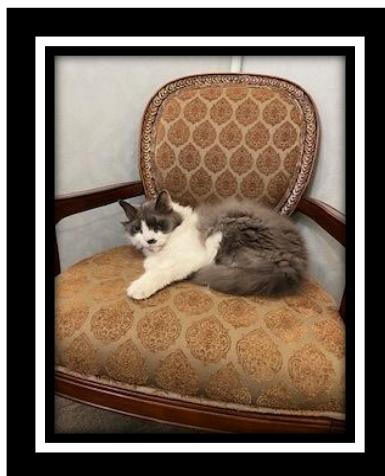
In my observation, you humans adore numbers. Birthdays. Anniversaries. Scores. You wrap memories in numbers because memories are slippery.

We cats tend to wrap our memories in smells. The smell of rain through open windows. The smell of turkey in the oven. The smell of boxes and new furniture arriving when a new person joins our community. I love checking out your space and stuff, but I digress.

This got me thinking, what would the smell of things have been 250 years ago in this area? Likely dirt and the smell of things growing, as Wrentham's primary business was agriculture at the time. Gun powder would have been a common smell as well. I do not enjoy the sound of fireworks, which I guess are reminiscent of that gunpowder smell. I guess horse poop would have been a common smell too....oh, and there was no indoor plumbing....Think I am glad I was born in the time I was! Well, enjoy the celebration of our young country's 250th birthday.

And that is my purrrrrspective.....

Your furry friend



NEW STAFF ALERT



Hello! My name is Kari (rhymes with “fairy”) Robinson. I am excited to be Pond Home’s new social worker. My background is in healthcare, education, and social work. I originally went to school for nursing but found social work to be a better fit because of its focus on community. I love exploring the world through tiny adventures and big conversations. My hobbies include making bad puns, tinkering with craft supplies, and collecting antique radioactive glassware. I will be at Pond Home every Thursday and am looking forward to getting to know everyone here!

COMMENT/GRATITUDE BOARD

Dietary Staff is
doing an amazing
job through all the
CHAOS of
construction!!!

Big Thank you to
Chuck for
covering and
handling all the
maintenance
CHAOS with such

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WORDS OF WISDOM

- ❖ “In July, let each sunrise be a reminder to chase new beginnings.”
- ❖ “Every sunset in July is a reminder that endings can be beautiful too.”
- ❖ “July whispers: take a breath, take a leap, take charge.”
- ❖ “July is a canvas; paint it with bright memories and joyful experiences.”
- ❖ “July teaches us that warmth heals and gentle persistence grows happiness.”
- ❖ “Every day in July is a chance to rewrite your story.”
- ❖ “Sunlight and laughter are the best maps for a joyful July.”
- ❖ “In July, let the warmth of the sun fill your heart and spark your joy.”
- ❖ “In the heat of July, let your dreams shine even brighter.”



July Birthday's

Sandra Picard	1st
Kathleen Gookin	21st

RON'S KITCHEN CORNER

Next menu meeting will be in September - Date to be determined.

Friendly reminder - A 24-hour notice is needed for all visitors planning to dine with you.

Construction has started, we thank you for their patience, the dietary staff is working VERY HARD!!! 😊

Kitchen Renovation Plan

Pond Home is embarking on a full kitchen renovation. Work on this began on May 11th. We have prepared a temporary kitchen so that we can continue to cook and provide meals three times a day, seven days a week.

- The cooking kitchen has moved from Pond Home to the Community Center at Pond Meadow. This took effect May 11th.
- The service area of the kitchen has moved from the kitchen to the employee break room. This took effect May 11th.
- The break room has moved to the Craft Room. This took effect on April 23rd.
- Crafts will take place as normally scheduled but will be held in the living room.
- It is a domino effect of activity, as you can see!
- The work is expected to take place now through July.

Why are we doing this? The kitchen was last fully renovated in 2000. While we have repaired or replaced much of the equipment, we need to replace floors, walls, ceilings, and lighting, so it is necessary to shut the kitchen down for this significant improvement.

We promise to share the before and after with all of you.

While we are utilizing the temporary kitchen, we will not be able to provide grilled sandwiches of any kind. We can provide toasted, but not grilled sandwiches. We will be able to provide fried eggs, but omelets will not be available during this time.

We thank you in advance for your support and patience as we make this necessary improvement to our working environment and the space your food is prepared.

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 put in a work order. You can do this by speaking to anyone in the front office.

The Kitchen project has begun. Please be careful when walking outside, and take notice of the signs near the kitchen construction area to avoid dangerous situations.

MESSAGE FROM NURSING:

This month's specialty doctor visits are as follows:

- Tuesday, July 7th - Dental
- Friday, July 10th - Podiatry
- Wednesday, July 29th - Audiology

If you would like to be included on the schedule, please let nursing know.

Activity Highlights from June



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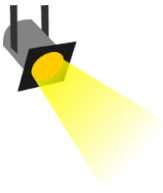
King Phillip Students
entertained



Everyone loves when the dogs visit



Another successful Spring Stroll



Activity Highlights for July

- ~ **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**
- ~ **Social Under the Star** - **Wednesdays after dinner (weather permitting)**
- ~ **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

7/6: "A Mile in His Shoes"
7/20: "A Long Walk Home"
7/27: "TBD:"

Saturday Matinee - 1pm, LR

7/4: "A Great Awakening"
7/11: "Green & Gold"
7/18: "Gifted"
7/25: "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of
Harold Fry"

7/2: Meet & Greet with Kari
7/3: Eddie Dillon performs
7/4: Steven King entertains
7/10: Carl Twomey performs
7/13: Sing along with Roberta
7/16: Roberta entertains Nursing Unit
7/17: Out to Lunch Club
7/17: Michael Leidig plays piano
7/20: Catholic Mass
7/22: Senior Crime Stoppers
7/24: Tom Kennedy performs
7/31: Kathy Earabino entertains



HAIRDRESSER THURSDAY & FRIDAY