

New Horizons Community Connection

May 2011

MEMORIAL DAY: Originally known as Decoration Day, because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War fatalities by decorating their graves, Memorial Day is a day of reconciliation and a time to come together especially to honor those who gave their lives in service to their country. The "*National Moment of Remembrance*," a Memorial Day resolution passed by Congress in December 2000, encourages all Americans at 3:00 PM, local time, to voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence. The New Horizons Transit Authority will provide transportation to local cemeteries from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM; please sign up in advance at the Town Center. In addition, we will officially kick off the summer season with BBQ fare in Concord Dining Room at lunch that day!



CURIO CURIOSITIES: When frequenting the lobby at New Horizons, be sure to visit the curio holder in the corner. This elegant piece of furniture is a composite of an antique candy-store display case resting on a newly crafted wooden base that was artfully designed and constructed by **Paul Bracken**, a member of New Horizons' maintenance team. We invite residents to loan keepsakes as part of ongoing exhibits, and new ideas for displays are always welcome. Check out the posting on the wall behind the curio display to learn of upcoming themes including *June Weddings*, *A Father's Day Tribute*, and *Summer Vacations*. Please see **Lynn or Kathy** in the Renaissance Center if you would like to participate in a display.

FATHER'S DAY: Dads will celebrate in style on **Sunday, June 19**, at New Horizons' *Surf and Turf Extravaganza* in the Concord and Broadmeadow dining rooms. Please make guest reservations with dining services no later than **Friday, June 10**.



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES! Please join us in congratulating New Horizons staff members **Gabrielle Evangelous, Justin Maroney and Mike Williams** who will soon be graduating from high school. New Horizons is very fortunate to have such responsible, bright, and talented young people on staff. We wish our graduates the very best in their future endeavors, and thank them for their continued service to New Horizons.

RENAISSANCE NEWS: We welcome intern **Eric Socia** as the technology specialist this summer. If you have wanted to learn to set up an e-mail account, start a Facebook page, learn about Skype or surf the web, Eric will assist at both Intel Computer Learning Centers and take appointments for individual instruction as well. Please sign up at the Renaissance Center to schedule your training today!

Our wish list for activity supplies includes the items listed below. With spring-cleaning, perhaps you have something to donate that will be put to cherished use in the community. If so, please contact **Kathy or Lynn**. Thanks, in advance, for your generosity!

- Yarn for Busy Hands knitting group
- CDs ~ specifically easy listening and classical ~ for dining room ambiance
- Challah cover for Sabbath
- Two matching candlesticks for Sabbath



RESIDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY 2011: We are grateful for the comments and ratings received from this year’s resident satisfaction survey at New Horizons and to the ambassadors who assisted in administering them! We are enclosing a survey for family members of residents at 400 Hemenway to complete with this month’s mailing. Once all of the surveys have been tallied, look for posted results along Main Street.

CARE SOLUTIONS CORNER: **Karen Delage, RN**, known to many residents and family members as the resident service coordinator, is now Care Solutions’ Vice President of Assisted Living Operations at New Horizons. She will receive and process care concerns and service requests for all aspects of the home health care agency’s departments on campus, inclusive of physical therapy, visiting nurse and home health aide in addition to the traditional assisted living program oversight. She will continue to work closely with Michelle Sykes, RN and Pauahi Godbout at the Wellness Office, and interact with Care Solutions’ staff employed at Robbie’s Place and the 370 Wellness Center, to provide the best level of service to all residents. Karen typically works Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM and can be reached at 508-460-5287; outside of those hours, the nurse scheduled on-site will be able to assist families or contact Karen as needed.

Emergency supply closet: Similar to the items offered from Bouvier’s Apothecary on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, we are pleased to announce that we now maintain a supply storage for basics that residents may need at a moment’s notice on off-hours. Toothpaste, soap, Depends and other such necessities are available when notifying the Wellness Office.

Assisted living billing policy change: Effective immediately, the date by which written notice must be given to New Horizons regarding a decrease in Service Plan requirements is now the 24th of the month. We are delighted to announce this extension from the prior date of the 15th. Please remember that all requests must be in writing.



**EVENTS and FEATURES --
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

All events are in Town Center unless otherwise noted

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| May 20: | “Using Humor to Heal” Presentation by Jean Ambrosino | 2:00 PM |
| May 26: | New Resident Reception with entertainment by Allen Brant | 2:00 PM |
| May 30: | Memorial Day; Summer Kick-Off BBQ Extravaganza! | |
| | Transportation to local cemeteries* | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM |
| June 5: | Story-Telling with The Toastmasters | 2:00 PM |
| June 11: | Dancing Arts Ensemble | 12:30 PM |
| June 19: | Father’s Day (reservations due by June 10) | |

*Advance sign-up at Town Center station required by May 26

Did You Know? Two vibrant murals, located in 400 Hemenway, were designed and executed by local artist **Jen Manell** who is the daughter of Maintenance Tech **Tom Manell**. Jen was a high school student when she painted the local Wayside Inn landscape, which forms the backdrop for the lobby, and held a masters degree in Fine Arts when she crafted the French sidewalk scene that forever transformed the Crossroads area of The Hex into what we know as The French Village today.