

Community Connection

Monthly Newsletter

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Resident Ambassadors

Frequently, individuals who consider joining New Horizons will visit and wish to speak with someone who actually lives in the community. We are grateful to be able to connect them to the friendly and sensitive personalities of **Frances Denzel, Mary Lombardo, Shirley Margolis and Alberta Fullen** (pictured below *l to r*). Each one of these women has a unique story to tell about living at New Horizons and the journey that brought them to a new home on Hemenway Street. They enjoy hearing about others and sharing their points of view over a meal or cup of coffee, knowing that they are helping prospective residents and their families. If you would enjoy participating in a similar way, please contact **Maryellen King** and she will add you to the list of ambassadors.



Wartime Delight



Eleanor Shute, Asna Aronie, Shirlee Macomber and Frances Denzel enjoy cake samples at French Village.

The sweet smell of chocolate wafted through the Main Street halls on June 30, as the baking club prepared a scrumptious treat called "Frosted Chocolate Mayonnaise Cake." Engineered by a resourceful mother during WWII, when eggs, butter and sugar were rationed, the cake is a truly rich and moist treasure for any sweet-tooth's palate. Be sure to stop by the French Village to join the next baking escapade on **Thursday, August 4**, in celebration of **Chocolate Chip Day!**

Library Updates

Have you selected a book or two to enchant you this summer? Pay a visit to the eight libraries throughout New Horizons and *The Meadows* to find a favorite to take with you poolside or out to the veranda. With a recent generous donation of new fiction and large print books, the Concord Bridge first and second floor shelves, especially, are brimming with great options!

Resident **John Appleton** celebrated his birthday with family at New Horizons on June 26th.

Happy 90th!



Salute a Good Neighbor

Good neighbors are fundamental to providing the essence of community that makes one feel at home. Perhaps you have an example of a good deed that you witnessed at New Horizons or a person who helped you in a moment of need; if so, we want to hear about it! Simply jot down your Good Neighbor testimonial and place it in any of the Suggestion Boxes. Look for your quiet hero to receive recognition and to inspire others in future newsletter features!

SAVE THE DATE!
17th ANNUAL
COUNTRY FAIR
SEPTEMBER 11th

Poetry Prize Winner

We brim with pride and extend congratulations to resident **Sally Bobbitt** who recently claimed second place in the Annual Poetry Contest held by the Hudson Public Library. We are delighted to include her winning poem, "Southampton Before Breakfast," for your enjoyment, below. Sally's daughter, **Jody Zolli**, took home the top honors; what a talented family!

Southampton Before Breakfast

The hills lay fashioned low and silent
In silhouette against the dawn.
We watched them lift their sheer and violent
Pastel ridges with starlight gone.

Chimneys smoked both soft and damp
Into bright sunlight; peat bogs, glazed
With dew, suffused in violet damp
Of morning light until they blazed

Green. We stood on deck, we wondered
At the millionth dawn on earth.
Unable to address such thundered
Color sweeping down the Firth,

We hailed the seiners rushing by
Only with hands, no silence broke.
For on that day of sunrise smoke
And shadowed quiet, we were close
With words; not one witness chose
To speak the scene – at least, not I.

Summertime Savings

If you plan to be away for a spell during the summer months, please remember to help save energy and expenses by turning off lights, A/C, and any other utilities you ordinarily keep on in your unit. Remember, too, to suspend newspaper and mail deliveries for the duration of your vacation.



Did you know?

The Town Center area of New Horizons was once a grassy courtyard and the pool was outdoors.



Don, Mike, Lou, Joe, John, Josh, Tom and Paul (l to r) work diligently to keep the community ship-shape!

A Magnitude of Maintenance: 2,371

Two thousand three hundred seventy-one is the number of customer service requests for maintenance that we have logged for the first half of 2011! With so much work to schedule and attend to on a daily basis, the maintenance team stays on top of these requests through a database that ensures no item is overlooked. For this reason, remember to make your maintenance request "official" by reporting it to the front desk attendant **only** who will enter it into the Service Call database. A casual or verbal request to any other staff member, including a technician who may be working on another project in your suite, will not ensure that your request will be remembered and handled timely. New Horizons' maintenance response goal is to complete each item within 24 hours, weekends excluded. One specific note, when wanting to remove personal items (furniture, household furnishings, computers, etc.) that are worn out or not useful any longer in your apartment, please contact a disposal company, such as 1-800-GOT-JUNK, to provide this service. Our maintenance team does not perform this function, nor do we have a disposal site, so we ask that residents refrain from making this type of request and from leaving such items in trash rooms.



Upcoming Events and Activities

July 27	Care Solutions Presentation: <i>Medication Management</i>	2:00 PM
July 29	New Resident Reception featuring entertainment by Mel and Alice Springer	10:30 AM
August 5	Trip to Concord Museum - Sign up at Town Center	1:30 PM
August 10	<i>Art Matters</i> Presentation: <i>Mary Cassatt</i>	2:00 PM
Sept. 11	Grandparents Day & 17th Annual Country Fair	