

NEW HORIZONS AT MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Monthly Newsletter

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MONTHLY SERVICE FEE TO REMAIN UNCHANGED IN 2012 We are very pleased to confirm for the third consecutive year that monthly service fees for standard Residence Agreements will not increase this coming January for all residents who pay their monthly fees using Electronic Funds Transfer. Fortunately, because of our very high occupancy levels, we find it unnecessary to apply the reported Cost of Living Adjustment that reflects inflation of approximately 4%. We are also indebted

to Cummings Foundation for its ongoing support of the New Horizons retirement community, especially during these years of broad economic hardship. As the majority of New Horizons and Meadows residents are enrolled in Electronic Funds Transfer, their monthly service fee will not be increased. For residents not enrolled in Electronic Funds Transfer, please complete the form (available at: www.countrycommutes.com, click on 'newsletters') to ensure that you will be entitled to this waiver of the 4% 2012 COLA adjustment.

HALLOWEEN PARTY! Ghost stories, trivia games and creative costumes are planned for Halloween festivities this year! Get into the fun on **Friday, October 28**, at the Town Gathering Halloween Party. Special prizes are awarded to costumed attendees in three categories (Funniest, Scariest, and Most Unique), but all are invited to have a ghoulishly good time!



THANKSGIVING PLANS Believe it or not, November is fast approaching! Our food and dining services teams are planning to present a bountiful harvest buffet dinner for **Thanksgiving Day, November 24**. To assist with preparations, we kindly ask that residents notify us as to their dining plans for that holiday. Up to three guests per resident are welcome, at the special event charge of \$20, and **Brock** will accept reservations through **November 15**. Also, the Broadmeadow dining room will be closed for the evening and Meadows residents are warmly invited to attend the midday feast.

VOTE 2011 An exciting election season is happening in Marlborough and residents in the New Horizons community are getting a front row seat to hear the candidates for mayor and councilor-at-large state their cases as to why each should be elected. Recognizing the great civic pride of New Horizons' residents, many candidates have requested the opportunity to chat during social gatherings, and two forums have been hosted here by our own Ward One councilor Joe Delano. *Keep the pride and get out to vote on **November 1!***



ATTENTION, VETERANS! An annual tradition, we invite all resident veterans to gather on **Wednesday, October 19 at 10:00 AM** in the lobby of New Horizons for a group photo. Also, we will be preparing for the Veterans' Day curio case tribute display soon. If you have any materials you would like on exhibit, please notify **Lynn**.

BUSY HANDS STAYING BUSY Volunteer coordinator Alice Wright reports that nearly \$300 was raised during September's country fair from the sale of items crafted by Busy Hands participants. Due to the gracious and abundant donations of needles and yarn, the crafters will no longer seek to purchase materials with these funds. Instead, they are donating the dollars to Doctors Without Borders to assist with the malnutrition program that cares for children. The Busy Hands group continues to create marvelous items valued by children at Kane Elementary School, infants at Metrowest Medical Center and residents departing from the Pine Street Inn. All who would like to socialize or craft with this group of dedicated folks will find Busy Hands gathering on **Tuesdays at 1:00 PM** in the Atrium. **Lynn** has received a few requests for a designated quilting group in New Horizons. If you would be interested in gathering for this purpose, please let her know.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE Per resident recommendations, **effective November 7**, only 72 hours' notice will be required for reserving a spot on the medical appointment shuttle. Thank you for the excellent suggestion!

WINTER READINESS In October of 1804, Massachusetts was shoveling out from a devastating early blizzard that dumped two feet of snow in some areas! Now is the time to plan for the upcoming cold weather and the snow that will surely fly. Have you turned in a set of car keys to the maintenance team yet? Is your car tuned up and inspected? Also, please review the snow removal parking plan and direct any questions to **Nick Marchewka**, property administrator.



AND THE HEAT GOES ON . . . The air-conditioning season will come to an end the last week in October. Common area heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems will be set for fall/winter operations at that time. For the comfort of all residents, thermostats are set to maintain a temperature range of 73 to 75 degrees. Please call the front desk attendant to report any system malfunction in your apartment, a dining room, lobby, or other common area. Please do not adjust individual common area thermostats, as this will typically create an imbalance in the system and could cause discomfort for you and your neighbors.

LOCK BOXES AVAILABLE IN THE MEADOWS For the convenience of securing personal belongings within their apartments, residents of *The Meadows* may now request the installation of steel lock boxes. The 15" x 22" size of the box is suitable for wallets and jewelry, but not for larger items such as a stamp collection. Unlike the grab-bar install that was completed recently at no charge, lock boxes are being offered at the significantly discounted rate of \$50, installed. After December 1, any requests will be charged the actual cost of \$235. Please notify the front desk attendant if you would like this new feature.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES can be found on-line at countrycommunities.com. Just click on the calendar button to see what the month has in store! Do save the date of **December 11** as the New Horizons Holiday Party, with a visit from Santa, will be held 2:00 – 4:00 PM.

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