

NEW RESIDENT



Bob Mills, Suite 244 is a longtime Woburn resident and retired Woburn firefighter. He also ran his own barbershop on Pleasant Street. He and his wife, Carol (who was featured in a previous newsletter), are parents to two children. We extend a warm welcome to Bob in his new home.

Resident Photo Album

Buyer Beware

Detective Mark Roffi of Woburn Police Department recently taught residents and staff how to avoid being victimized by scams. He explained that scammers often pressure victims to make quick decisions, and it is critical to never share any personal information such as your social security number or date of birth. He also noted that if a caller wants you to pay with gift cards, it is always a scam.



For most, it is human nature to be trusting, but in the case of a phone call from an unknown person, it is best to be cautious and even suspicious. Pictured above, Detective Roffi happily posed with resident **Jerry Scalley**, who happens to be his grandfather.

Happy Halloween



Residents and staff enjoyed dressing in costume this Halloween. Pictured above (l to r) are resident **Eunice Heitzstaff** and staff member **Brenda Hubbard**. Below (l to r) are tablemates **Tricia Kane, Joanne Cuozzo, Eva Boice, Helen Sheeran, Jean McElhiney** and **Jane Robinson**, along with (bottom l to r), the hat ladies **Terry Ciarcia** and **Fran Tringali**, and **Ed Hatch** as Big Bird.



A Salute to Our Veterans

At this year's **Annual Veterans Recognition Program**, we were delighted to honor 19 of our very own who proudly served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Special guests included Woburn's mayor, **Michael Concannon**, and director of veterans' services, **Bob Davis**, who presented each veteran with a citation. Third-graders from St. Charles School charmed us with their performance of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and an all-sing rendition of "God Bless America."

Pictured below standing (l to r): **Elmer Maxwell, Joe Keating, Leon Bernstein, Peter Gailis, Pat Lavelle, Mayor Michael Concannon, Peggy Pellegrino, Phil Pollard, Ron Simonds, Bob Mills, and Director Bob Davis**; seated second row (l to r) **Louis Antonucci, Charlie Gazzara, John Jordan, Len Karoll, Tony Lemone, Jerry Scalley**, seated first row (l to r) **Harry Danis, Dick Taylor, and Paul Barrett**.

Recognized posthumously was former resident and Navy veteran **Charlotte Gatewood** who passed away on November 11, 2025 - Veterans Day.



Also honored was **Ed Hatch**, pictured here with his daughter, **Stephanie**. A retired U. S. customs officer, Ed achieved the rank of senior chief petty officer during his 20 years of service during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. This Coast Guard veteran has resided at New Horizons for nearly 18 years.

Dates to Remember

Christmas Dinner

Our chefs are planning a delicious **Christmas dinner**. To allow food service staff the opportunity to spend a portion of the holiday with their families, the day's evening supper will consist of Gourmet-to-Go parcels containing some extra-special goodies. Families, please let us know if a resident will be out of house joining you for this holiday meal so we may plan attendance accordingly. Residents staying home may invite up to two guests.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



BODHI DAY:

The commemoration of the day Buddha achieved enlightenment takes place **Monday, December 8**.



HANUKKAH:

The eight-day Festival of Lights begins at sundown on **Sunday, December 14**.



CHRISTMAS:

Christmas Day observes the birth of Jesus Christ and takes place **Thursday, December 25**.



KWANZAA:

The seven-day interfaith celebration of African and African American culture begins **Friday, December 26**.



STAFF APPRECIATION FUND: Each December, all New Horizons staff—except the four-member management team and the executive chef—benefit from the **Staff Appreciation Fund**.

We are most thankful for the generosity shown by so many residents and families who have contributed already. Those still wishing to give may drop off contributions at the Front Desk. Your holiday gift to this fund is the only occasion when any New Horizons staff member may receive a gratuity and will truly brighten the season for our dedicated team.

IN MEMORIUM: We honor resident **Charlotte Gatewood**, a U. S. Navy veteran who passed away on Veterans Day. Charlotte was a loving mother and good friend to so many. Our condolences to her family and friends on this great loss.



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