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Woodcrest Villager

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NEW LONDON BARN PLAYHOUSE

Escape to Margaritaville August 12th

Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville is a laid-back, tropical musical comedy bursting with sunshine, romance, and island vibes. Set on a breezy Caribbean beach, it follows free-spirited bartender Tully and career-driven Rachel as they navigate love, choices, and unexpected adventure. Featuring Buffett's iconic hits, colorful characters, and plenty of escapist fun, the show celebrates living in the moment, chasing happiness, and finding your own slice of paradise—preferably with a margarita in hand.

Ken Ludwig's Baskerville August 26th

Ken Ludwig's Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery is a fast-paced, laugh-out-loud theatrical romp that blends classic detective suspense with ingenious comedy. When the legendary Hound stalks the foggy moors, Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson race to crack the case. With clever twists, quick-change performances, and a playful spirit, this high-energy adaptation reinvents Conan Doyle's tale—delivering mystery, mayhem, and nonstop laughs in a wildly inventive whodunit.

August Activities and Events

Chair exercises Sun-Friday at 10 a.m.
Men's group Wednesdays at 9 a.m.
Knitting group Tues/Thurs at 1:30 p.m.
Card games Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.
Bingo Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

8/1 - Hospital Days Parade
8/4 - Chapel -St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
8/6 - Live Music with Chris Ekblom
8/10 - Luncheon outing at Blue Canoe
8/11- Chapel -Bradford Community Church
8/12 - Trip to NL Barn Playhouse
8/13 - Adventure's In Learning- Drumming
8/17 - Root beer float social
8/19 - Foot and nail clinic
8/19 - Archie Richards- Classical piano music
8/26 - Trip to NL Barn Playhouse
8/27 - Music with Frank Kelecy

Looking ahead

MV Mount Sunapee scenic boat ride date TBD

Chair Yoga resumes in September

9/8 - NH State Primary Election

9/30 - Art of Storytelling program resumes with Kearsarge High School Students. Please see Megan, Activities, if interested in becoming involved.

Summer Moments

99th Annual
HOSPITAL DAYS
A Community Celebration to Benefit New London Hospital

Hospital Days has been a community fundraiser for New London Hospital since 1924. This year New London Hospital celebrates an incredible milestone—100 years of caring for our community. Woodcrest was proud to join the celebration by entering a float in the parade. Our float took spectators on a trip, back in time with a fun 1950's soda fountain theme. Residents took center stage, seated at a classic soda counter complete with vintage décor, while staff dressed the part to bring the era to life.

A Season of Berries

Summer in New Hampshire wouldn't be complete without enjoying the sweet tradition of blueberry picking. Residents recently enjoyed a blueberry picking adventure at SooNipi Hollow Farm. During our visit, residents learned there are many different varieties of blueberries each with their own unique size and flavor. Of course, the best part was tasting the berries right from the bush. After a morning at the farm, the blueberries were brought back to Woodcrest, where residents helped turn them into delicious homemade blueberry crisp for everyone to enjoy at the supper meal.

August Anniversaries

August has long been one of the most popular months for weddings. With warm sunshine, blooming gardens, and beautiful summer evenings, it's easy to see why so many couple chose to say "I do" during this special time of year.

We are delighted to recognize three couples at Woodcrest who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries.

Julie and Kent Woodger, pictured right, were married in a church in Duxbury Massachusetts on August 19th. The couple fondly recalled spending their honeymoon in beautiful Bermuda, where they explored the island together on mopeds. Looking back they still smile when remembering this trip. When asked the secret to a happy marriage Julie said "Communication." Kent smiled and his answer came just as quickly, "A sense of humor."

Barbara and Lyman Smith, pictured above were married on August 18th at St. Andrew's Church in Marblehead Massachusetts. Shortly after the wedding they enjoyed a honeymoon in St. Thomas. When asked the secret to a happy marriage, Barbara aswered "Be honest and upfront on how you feel about things". Lyman didn't hesitate. Looking lovingly at his wife, Barbara, he simply said, "Get a girl like her."

Diana and Fred Ball, pictured below, were married in a small church in New Jersey on August 22nd. Diane was working at her father's restaurant when she met Fred. What started as a simple introduction soon blossomed into a lifelong partnership. Diane was worried she would never get out of New Jersey, and after her and Fred were married, they lived and worked in seven countries. When asked the secret to a happy marriage, Fred answered with a smile, "A good sense of humor." Diane's advice was equally thoughtful, "Patience and always looking for the positive things in life." Together, their words reflect the values that have helped their marriage thrive for the past 62 years!

Good Food, Great Views

A resident recently suggested that we take an outing around the lake and enjoy lunch at the Blue Canoe, formerly known as the Anchorage, in Sunapee Harbor. Others loved the idea and we are excited to make it happen this month. If you enjoy seafood this may be the trip for you.

Starting in 1951, The Anchorage became the summer hub for families and visitors and summer memories. As highlighted on the Blue Canoe website, one of the most iconic stories from the restaurant unfolded in 1966, when Joe Perry—then a teenage summer dishwasher—met Steven Tallarico at The Anchorage. "Legend says Steven loved the fries so much he had to meet the cook behind them. Their friendship grew, and soon the world knew them as Joe Perry and Steven Tyler of Aerosmith. Rock and roll, it seems, found its spark right here in Sunapee Harbor."

The Anchorage 1950's
Sunapee Historical Society's collection

Stay Hydrated, Stay Healthy

As we enjoy the warmer days of summer, it is important to remember the role hydration plays in keeping us feeling our best. Our bodies need water to help regulate temperature, support digestion, maintain energy, and keep our minds clear. Keep a water bottle or cup nearby and enjoy a refreshing beverage with meals. Take advantage of hydrating foods such as watermelon, berries, cucumbers, and other fresh fruits and vegetables.

From Garden to Table

If you've noticed the fresh dill in your potato and cucumber salad this month, there is a delicious reason why! Our herb garden has been thriving, with the dill, basil, parsley and thyme growing especially well this summer.

In addition to the herbs, our green and yellow beans are growing fast, and the tomatoes are beginning to ripen. The tomatoes will make for delicious snacking right off the vine

The blueberry bushes in the Courtyard are also beginning to ripen, and according to resident Joan Chesley, "These are the best blueberries around." We couldn't agree more.

It's exciting to watch the garden continue to produce fresh, seasonal ingredients that may soon make their way to the dining room.

August Birthdays

In astrology those born between August 1 and 22 are Leo's Lions. Mixing strength, ambition, creativity, and a flair for the dramatic, it is no wonder that the king of the jungle is Leo's mascot. Whether it's in Hollywood or in the home, Leo's accomplish their goals. Those born between August 23 and 31 are Virgos. Virginal Virgos are considered shy, pure of spirit, and self-sufficient. They take incredible pride in their work, show diligent habits, and are well respected in their circles.

A very Happy Birthday to residents celebrating this month. May the year ahead bring good health, happiness and many wonderful moments!

August 2 - Margaret Muller
August 16 - Miriam Nelson
August 29 - Natalie Scruggs