



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

*New Horizons at Marlborough*  
Serving Metrowest Seniors since 1994  
*A Turning Point in Senior Living!*

**December 2025**

## The 370 Holiday Craft Fair

Residents, families, and friends joined in to support and enjoy a wonderful weekend of handmade creations.



Residents **Janet Zambuto** and **Barbara Clark**



We can't wait for the next one!



Residents **Pat Rouke** and **Dagny Hassinger**

## New Horizons Celebrates Deco Day: A Community Filled With Holiday Spirit



**Anna Falcon**



**Sandee Valenti**



**Anita Bosshard**

December 2 was Deco Day at New Horizons, and our residents and staff spent the day spreading holiday cheer throughout the community. Festive decorations, warm smiles, and shared teamwork have helped transform our spaces for the season. If you haven't had a chance to stop by yet, we warmly invite you to come take a look and enjoy the holiday spirit with us.

To view this newsletter in color, see the postings throughout the community or visit  
[www.countrycommunities.com](http://www.countrycommunities.com)

# MEMORY CARE HIGHLIGHTS

Residents enjoyed festive holiday music while decorating our Christmas tree together, creating a warm and cheerful start to the season.



**Claire Morrison**



**Victor Valenti**



**Joan Rundlett**

## Upcoming Events

*Watch Channel 918 for more details*

Dec 11: 370 Holiday Party  
Dec 12: Ugly Sweater Day  
Dec 13: Family Holiday Party  
Dec 14: Hanukkah Begins  
Dec 15: Christmas Stories with **Jim Chapelle**; Memorial Congressional Church Carolers  
Dec 16: **Sandee** and **Marie** on Piano  
Dec 18: 420 Holiday Party  
Dec 20: Portuguese Class Holiday Party; Holiday Craft  
Dec 21: NH Chorus Concert  
Dec 25: Christmas  
Dec 29: Vet Care with **Karen Artemis**  
Dec 31: New Year's Eve Party  
Jan 2: **Gordan Michaels** (Soul/Blues)  
Jan 3: **Lori** on Guitar (Folk)  
Jan 5: **Ronny** talks latest UAP news  
Jan 7: **P.E. James** (Acoustic Guitar)  
Jan 9: **Johnny Pizzi** (Comedian)  
Jan 12: **Jim Zebrowski** (The Next Frontiers)  
Jan 14: **Steve**, the Sci-Fi Magician

## Heard Around Town

**Christmas Dinner:** Executive Chef **Marcos** and our culinary team are preparing a delicious Christmas Dinner for residents. To allow our food and dining staff the opportunity to spend part of the holiday with their families, the evening meal that day will be served as a boxed supper.

**Family members** who plan to take a loved one out of the building for a holiday meal are urged to notify us so we can plan accordingly. Residents who remain on campus are welcome to invite guests by calling Dining Room Manager **Matt** at 508-460-5281. (Please note: Our space can accommodate parties of up to eight.)

**Staff Appreciation Fund:** We are most thankful for the generosity shown by so many residents and families who have contributed to this year's fund. Those who still wish to give may drop off contributions at the Front Desk. Your holiday gift to this fund is the only time New Horizons staff may accept gratuity.



# MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS



## Penny Rew

Penny was raised in both New York and Massachusetts, attending high school in Marblehead before continuing on to UMass Boston. She later built a meaningful career supporting students and faculty as a debt coordinator in Harvard's Anthropology Department.

Curious and enthusiastic, Penny has explored much of Europe (including Switzerland and Spain) as well as China, Vietnam, Bhutan, and India—all journeys that deepened her love of culture and learning. In her free time, she enjoys dinners with friends, movies, and good conversation.

## Vera Knecht

Vera was born in Eastport, Maine and raised in Orono before moving to Hudson, Massachusetts, where she built deep roots. She spent 50 wonderful years married to her beloved husband, **Dennis**. The pair met while Dennis was stationed at Fort Devens and remained together throughout his eight years of Army service, living in Missouri, Okinawa, California, Oklahoma, and Texas.



Vera enjoyed a successful career as a logistics product manager for EMC/DELL, where she oversaw 360 warehouses worldwide and ensured engineers were equipped with the parts they needed. While living in Houston, she even created a machine that improved seismic equipment assembly—and earned an award for her innovation. These days, Vera most enjoys crocheting, writing children's stories, and exploring family history.

## Ed and Vicki Karrat



Ed was born in Utica, New York, and studied at Gloucester County College prior to attending nursing school. Vicki was born in Toledo, Ohio, and attended the College of Mount Saint Joseph. The pair met at the Naval Hospital in Naples, Italy, where Vicki was serving as a Navy nurse. (Ed was a corpsman.)

They married in 1975 and together dedicated their careers to military medical care, including service during the Gulf War.

Ed and Vicki have two children and three grandchildren, all of whom they cherish greatly. They join our community following 29 years of residence in Northern Virginia and look forward to participating in exercise programs and Parkinson's support groups.

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## Jim Petersen

Jim Petersen was born in Everett and raised in Franklin before graduating from Northeastern University as a mechanical engineer. He is a proud father, grandfather, and National Guard veteran. Jim has always loved staying active, particularly as a competitive tennis player and ski instructor. An avid billiards player since childhood, he even travels with his own cue.



For the past five years, Jim has enjoyed hiking, exploring, and sharing great conversations with his girlfriend, **Marlya**. A longtime guitar enthusiast, he also keeps busy strumming his guitar and playing golf and pool.

## John Toomey



John Toomey is from Sudbury. He enjoyed a long, rewarding career as an engineer—a perfect fit for an inquisitive problem solver. He met **Phyllis**, his beloved wife for more than 50 years, while attending high school in Andover. The pair built a wonderful life together, raising their son, **Michael**, and later welcoming a granddaughter, **Kailey**.

John's hobbies include reading, fishing, boating, watching football, and listening to classical music. He most enjoys Italian cuisine and cheeseburgers, and counts Narragansett Bay among his favorite places to visit.

## Daniel Phaneuf

Daniel is originally from Southborough, and pursued a meaningful career as a teacher before retiring. He was married to his beloved wife, **Patricia**, for 53 years, and together they raised two children who have given them two grandchildren.



In his spare time, Daniel enjoys building and fixing things, reading, and working on puzzles. He's a big fan of "Jeopardy," "Wheel of Fortune," and Boston sports, and his favorite foods include steak and potatoes, grilled cheese, burgers, hot dogs, and sausages. He also enjoys easy-listening music and has many fond memories of visiting Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire.

*We are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to **Penny Rew, Vera Knecht, Ed and Vicki Karrat, Jim Petersen, John Toomey, and Daniel Phaneuf** as they join our community.*

*Please join us in giving them a heartfelt welcome and supporting them as they embark on this new journey.*