

Colony Connections

Colony Retirement Homes News, Fall 2012

Marianne's Missives

I am hoping to make a newsletter a regular source of communication. With so many different things going on, it is important to communicate with everyone in the Colony community on a regular basis. My hope is that this will keep you informed, but will also serve as a reminder that my door is always open. Please do not hesitate to call me with articles to include, suggestions for topics, questions, or concerns.

Refinancing Update



As you are probably aware, interest rates are at historic lows. This offers Colony the chance to refinance our mortgages and pull money out to rehab some building features. We have decided to start the process with Colony III. We are set to meet with HUD to go over our plans this November. While the process is taking a long time, we are really excited about the opportunity to make the building even better and save money at the same time. Feel free to ask questions about the process.

REACs



Congratulations to the maintenance staff at Colonies I, IV and Holden who secured REAC scores in the 80s and 90s (out of 100) in September and October! This is a mandatory inspection by HUD contracted professionals. The inspectors test everything in a unit. Our score reflects a careful attention to detail that Colony is proud of. Great job, everyone!

Colony is Turning 50!

In 1962 the Worcester Area Mission Society (part of the United Church of Christ) studied the need for affordable housing for the elderly in the Worcester area. They formed a small group to give life to their ideas. In 1963, Colony Retirement Homes received a charter as a non-profit agency from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the years that followed, the Colony Retirement Homes Board of Directors secured land and built five projects. These beautiful buildings are a testament to the hard work and

dedication of our original Board and their vision.

More information about our upcoming celebration will be announced soon.

Cookbook

As an exercise to learn word processing skills, Jan, our computer teacher, helped the Holden computer class write and edit their own cookbook! Their recipes are very interesting and look delicious. Feel free to ask Jan if you would like to purchase one for \$7.

Wii Bowling Tournament



As you may know, Wii bowling is one of our residents' favorite activities.

The Holden Girls (Holden bowling team) challenged Colony III's bowling team (Lucky Strikes) to a tournament. Colony III was narrowly defeated and have the chance to regain their title in November at a rematch. Everyone enjoyed the competition! Thanks to Sue for arranging the details of the tournament and getting our residents in prime shape for such a match!

Resources

Many Colony residents may find themselves eligible for SNAP benefits (formerly food stamps). Site managers may have a copy of the application or

should be able to advise you how to get an application.

Email



If you, a friend or family member would like to receive

this newsletter electronically, please call Colony III's front desk at 508-755-0444 and make sure to give the receptionist the email address. We'd be delighted to save paper and let more people know about our wonderful people and properties at Colony.

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