

# Village Voice

**February 2010**

We have all the news from Hillside Village, Woodside Village, Aidylberg Village and the Love House.



# Happy Valentine's Day

## Birthdays to Celebrate

### Love House

2/28 Thomas Thatcher

### Hillside Village

2/2 Jessica Shannon – HV1  
2/4 Susan Crossland – HV1  
2/9 Joan McDonough – HV2  
2/17 Colin Kennedy – HV1  
2/18 Rebecca Perkalis—HV1  
2/19 Mario DeBari—HV3  
2/20 Elijah Reed — HV1  
2/26 Jessica Beigbeder—HV1

### Aidlyberg Village

2/27 Leila Sequeira – AV1

### Woodside Village

2/4 Rita Reynolds – WV2  
2/4 Dennis Morrow—WV2  
2/6 Rosemary Brown – WV3  
2/10 Norman Ethier – WV1  
2/14 John Bettencourt – WV6  
2/23 Anne Sylvester – WV4  
2/25 Virginia Menton – WV1  
2/28 Irene Baugh – WV2

## **Woodside Village 1**

Roberta Mendlovitz

### **Meet your New Neighbor !!!**

A few years ago in the monthly newsletter, we published personal stories of residents at IEH. Today we have MANY new neighbors in many buildings on our campus and I think it's about time we met some of these new residents and know the people who make up our friends and neighbors. So here goes !!

**“ROBERTA WRITES AGAIN”**

**DOUGLAS SEARLE, Woodside Village 1**

My first interview back was with a man who definitely has an up-beat outlook and is a fabulous conversationalist—a man who felt like an old and dear friend to me. He was a dream to talk to and spend an afternoon with him was like living once again on the “old Vineyard” which he pinpointed as the period “before the early 1960’s.” (I thoroughly agree.) He was born in the MV Hospital one of 7 children from a large Edgartown family, married dangerously however to an out-of-towner—a girl from Vineyard Haven! They have two daughters. Doug is a hard worker who had begun working at an Auto Body shop at 14 years old—a trade which eventually enabled him to start his own business. He loved Martha’s Vineyard and he still loves it in spite of its changes and I feel the same. It turns out we have the same gripes about it, too—the summer traffic, the too-big houses that have been built and the lack of good jobs for Vineyard men. Doug explained to me that these large houses use up energy all year long (heat left on in the trophy houses year-round) and that the use of off-island labor has changed the economics for the average MV family. We are also kept from roaming freely as we once did on all lands and pleasures of the Island, most everything now being PRIVATE PROPERTY. Although only a few weeks at IEH, Doug says he loves the feeling of paying out 1 check per month and not having all the bills of keeping you own home here today. A very, very optimistic man, he is looking forward to using the Y, thinks it will be a big plus for MV and also is optimistic about a new hospital for the needs of residents “if it’s run right”, he adds, and “that’s a big if.” A man who has always helped people on the Island, Doug looks forward to his life at WV1. He is just a sweetheart to visit and talk with and everyone at Woodside should look forward to meeting Doug as he brings his great and grateful spirit to our community.

He thinks it’s a great boon to all of us who don’t have to pay the high rents and upkeep of houses today. We’re glad to have this Vietnam Vet and true native Vineyarder in our ranks now,. He’s a big-hearted, people-loving, likeable guy to have around!

**Woodside Village 1**

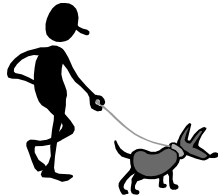
Norman Ethier

*“People Helping People”*

Thank you to **Leonora Devaney, Marge Toenges, Sam Riccio and Virginia Menton** for helping to dismantle the Christmas and holiday decorations at Woodside Village 1, second floor!

For your convenience, a TV has been donated to the “A” Corridor Community Room from **Peter O’Hayer**.

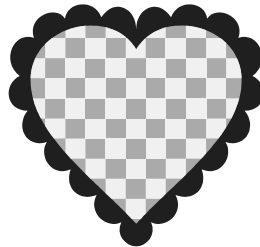
**??? Bingo** – are you interested in having Bingo again at Woodside **???**  
Please call Norman if you would like to have it start up again.



**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

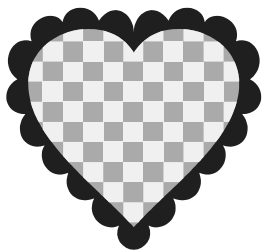
Please, all dogs must be on a leash.

Please clean up after your dog.

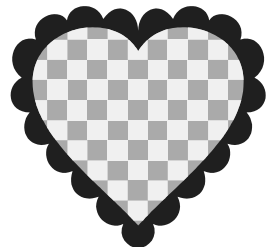


**Woodside Village Tenants’ Association**

Norman Ethier



**V alentine's Day**  
**Party**  
**For all you Sweethearts !**



**Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - Community Room “A” at WV1**  
**Bring finger food and**  
**unsigned (or signed!) Valentine’s cards**

# please join us!

## COFFEE HOUR

Woodside Village 1 Community Room

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 9am

*Join us for a delicious and fun coffee hour!*

**All IEH residents are welcome**

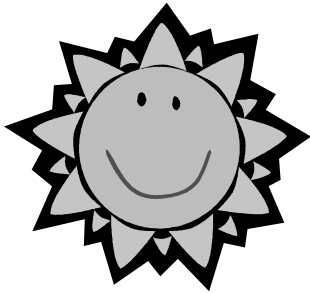


### **Apartment Tips and Reminders:**

- ⇒ If you have a question about the apartment or need something repaired, please remember that you do not have to wait until an apartment inspection. You can fill out a Work Order or you can call Maintenance if you have a question.
- ⇒ If you want to change something that is part of the apartment, such as replacing a ceiling light with a fan, please complete an "Alteration Request Form" from the Property Management Office.

Please know that you can call either the Property Management Office or the Maintenance Office if you have any questions.

# ***More ...News and Notes from Staff***



**The Chair Exercise Classes** are on every Monday morning at 10:00am at WV 2 Community Room. Please remember to bring a \$3.00 contribution for the class.

*Join in the fun and feel good!*

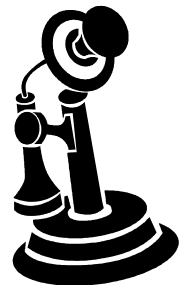
**Please remember to update:** Your File of Life card with your medical history and medications should be posted on your refrigerator. If you need a new one or you need to make a copy or would like some help, please call Ann Baird at 508-693-7009.

*Happy Valentine's Day  
and  
Happy Groundhog Day  
from all the staff !!*



## **Important Phone Numbers**

Dorothy Young, Property Manager .....	508-693-7555, ext. 14
Sandra Webster, Site Manager Hillside .....	508-693-7577
Ann Baird, Service Coordinator .....	508-693-7009
Liam Carter, Maintenance Director .....	508-693-8318
Daytime cellphone .....	774-563-2149
Emergencies Nights and Weekends .....	774-563-2148
Blueberry Van – Kevin McFarland .....	508-693-5880 ext.15



## The Berg Watch

Lynn and Bill Thorp

508-693-3423



**LOST IN THE DECEMBER SNOW STORM - ...and is still MISSING.**

**Description:** **LARGE SCOOP SHOVEL with YELLOW HANDLE;** it has a heavy gray plastic scoop and may say GARDEN SHED on it (maybe not, but it belongs there).

**Last Seen:** Stored in Woodside Village-2 (just inside the door nearest Village Road) to the left of the stairwell (where the salt bucket and snow shovel now stand). **IF YOU KNOW OF ITS WHEREABOUTS... PLEASE Return it to where it was last seen.**

**Reason for Search:** The Berg Watch uses this very valued SCOOP to scoop Woodchips for all the building gardens, trees, and shrubs.

**Reward:** Its return will benefit all the residents, staff, and visitors at Woodside Village since it will enable our dedicated volunteers to maintain the woodchips which keep down the weeds and help beautify the grounds for all of us to enjoy.

**The Community Solar Green House** has extended an open invitation to the residents of Island Elderly Housing. It reads as follows: **All hands on board for our annual PLANTING PARTIES!!!!**

**Mondays and Wednesdays** at the **Community Green House** on New York Avenue (behind the Health Care Access/ near Dick's Bait Shop.)

**Wednesday is "Soup" day!!** Come and enjoy the company, the food, the conversation, and help get us ready with planting flowers, vegetables, herbs, and lots of tomatoes for our **SPRING SEEDLING SALE!!!!**





*Come ride with us!*  
**VTA Consumer Advisory Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 2, 2010—2pm**  
**WV2 Community Room**

The Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) will hold a Consumer Advisory Group meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 2PM at Woodside Village II off Edgartown Road in Oak Bluffs. This meeting will be an opportunity for members of the community to interact with VTA staff as well as an opportunity for the VTA to introduce new and exciting travel training programs set to take place in the spring.

The VTA recently received a Federal grant called the New Freedom Grant which will be used to provide accessible transportation for people with disabilities beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

We want to hear from you. We are working hard to reach out to present and future riders in order to find where the gaps in service are and look towards solutions in filling those gaps. Any and all feedback is helpful as we work to constantly improve our service. This will also be your opportunity to let us know of any changes you'd like to see on our in-season schedule. We look forward to meeting with you.

**Hillside Village**

Joan McDonough (508-696-9312)  
Tenants' Association President

**Reminder:** **The Tenant's Meeting** is the second Saturday of the month at 11 am — This month's meeting will be Saturday, February 13th.

**"Dinner at Five"** is at Woodside II. The contribution is \$4.00. If you need transportation, call and we'll see what we can provide.

**Bingo** will be back soon. We are looking for new players. More information will be on the bulletin boards shortly.

***Don't forget to donate your bottles and cans to help the  
Tenants' Association.***



***Happy Valentine's Day to all !***



# “Dinner at 5”



**WITH MOVIE MASTER HANK  
SHOWING A FABULOUS FLICK AT 6PM**

## **February Menu**

Woodside Village 2 Community Room

Thursday, February 4

**Charter School Dinner**

Thursday, February 11

Meatballs, Ziti Pasta, Tomato Sauce  
Salad and Rolls  
Dessert

Thursday, February 18

Hearty Soup  
Salad and Rolls  
Dessert

Thursday, February 28

**Winter Cookout—Eat-in**  
Hamburgers, Potato Salad  
Dessert

Remember to call Ann Baird to sign up 693-7009

## **February Calendar**

### Blood Pressure Clinics

Hillside: Wed., February 3 @ 10:00am (first Wednesday of the month)

Aidylberg: Thurs., February 18 @ 10:30am (third Thursday of the month)

Woodside 1: Mon., February 22 @ noon (last Monday of the month)

Woodside 2: Mon., February 22 @ 1:15pm (last Monday of the month)

Rosary – Thursdays at 3:30pm at WV1

Bingo – Woodside Village - Tuesdays at 6:30pm at WV1

Hillside Village – Tuesdays at 6:00pm at HV2

Movies – Thursdays @ 6:00pm at WV2 - Hank Sjostrom is the *Movie Manager!*

AA Weekly Meeting for IEH Residents – Mondays and Fridays at 3:30pm at WV1

**Please note:** meetings are held on holidays