

# Village Voice

October 2008

Welcome to the October issue of the Village Voice

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

**Happy Harvest**  
**Happy Halloween**



## Birthdays to Celebrate

### **Aidlyberg Village**

10/19 Geneva Thurmond – AV2

10/29 Eleanor Tompkins – AV2

### **Hillside**

10/1 Deb Sunesun- HV1

10/5 Peggy Elwell – HV1

10/14 Phil Reynolds – HV1

### **Love House**

Happy days to all!

### **Woodside Village**

10/1 Constance Sanborn – WV1

10/2 Geoff Spence – WV2

10/2 Esther MacLean – WV1

10/9 Priscilla Parris – WV2

10/14 Enos Ray – WV 1

10/14 Alma West – WV2

10/18 Pat Matola – WV 6

10/20 Helen Dropicki – WV4

10/21 Sonny Mendez – WV2

10/24 Mary O'Hayer – WV1

## Hillside Village Tenant's Association

Joan McDonough 696-9312  
Tenants' Association President

### **Hillside Village is planning a Halloween for kids and adults.**

We need your help in planning this event. If you are interested in this, we will be having a **planning meeting** in the Community Room on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00p.m. If this is not convenient for you, please call and let me know what would be convenient for you.



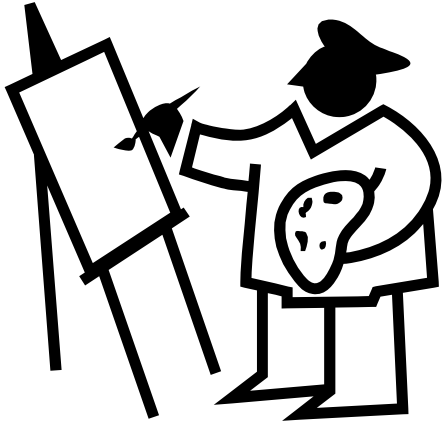
We are planning the party for Halloween at 4 to 5 p.m. in the Community Room. Come in Costume or as you are.

**Other News:** I've been given 9 skeins of black yarn that I'm planning on using to make Men's Watch Caps for a Christmas Charity. If you would like to make one or two, call me.

## Some Announcements

**Food Pantry:** The Food Pantry will open on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2pm to 4pm. You will need a letter from Ann Baird when you go and we will have letters available at the Hillside Site Manager's Office and at the Woodside Property Management Office.

**Have you ever thought about Volunteering?** Elder Services is holding an information workshop about many volunteer opportunities at the Oak Bluffs Library on Thursday, October 2, 2008 from 2pm-5pm.



## Artists and Craftsmen of IEH!

Come to the next meeting on **Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at Woodside 2 Community Room** to talk about the IEH Art Show.

**You can still join the group!** For more information, call Ann Baird at 508-693-7009.

**Date of Show: Sunday, November 30, 2008**

# CONGRATULATIONS!

**Congratulations to Fred Bollin**, who has been made **Maintenance Department Foreman**. Fred's many skills will be a great help to the department with the many new projects that are planned. He will work closely with Liam and we are delighted with Fred's new position!

**and, Congratulations to Sandra Webster**, who is now the **Site Manager** for Hillside Village. Her skills in working with residents, managing the office and the rental program will be a great asset to the Hillside Office. She will continue to work closely with Dorothy and we look forward to her new work at Hillside.

**It's back!**

# “Dinner at 5”

with Movie Master Hank  
showing a fabulous flick at 6pm

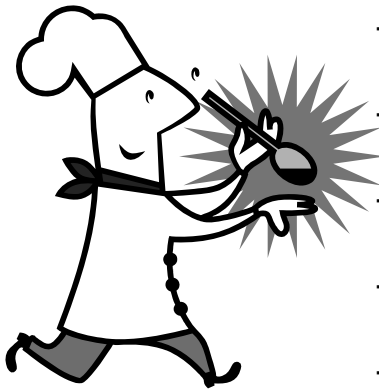
## New Buffet-style Dinners

Please make your reservations at least one week in advance.  
Call Ann Baird at 508-693-7009

*Help your neighbors come to the dinners by offering a ride and carpooling.*

### October Menu

#### Woodside Village 2 Community Room



Thursday, October 2  
Lasagna and salad  
Thursday, October 9  
Beef Stew and salad  
Thursday, October 16  
New England Clam Chowder  
Thursday, October 23  
Meatloaf and gravy  
Thursday, October 30  
Split Pea Soup with Bacon

#### Hillside Village

Hillside Dinners will start in late October.

Watch for announcement.

Remember to call Ann Baird to sign up for the dinner  
508-693-7009

# October Calendar

## Blood Pressure Clinics

- Hillside: Wed., October 1 @ 10:30am (first Wednesday of the month)
- Aidylberg: Thurs., October 16 @ 10:30am (third Thursday of the month)
- Woodside 1: Mon., October 27 @ noon (last Monday of the month)
- Woodside 2: Mon., October 27 @ 1pm (last Monday of the month)

Rosary – Thursdays at 3:30pm at WV1

Bingo – Tuesdays at 6:30pm at WV2

Movies – Thursdays @ 6:30pm at WV2 - Hank Sjostrom is the *Movie Manager!*

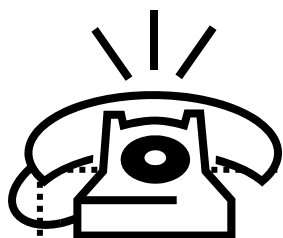
AA Weekly Meeting for IEH Residents – Fridays at 3:30pm at WV1

**Woodside Village  
Halloween Party**

*Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>  
Woodside Village 1  
Children from 5-7pm  
Adults from 7pm on*



*Costumes, fun, and much merriment!*



## Important Phone Numbers

Dorothy Young, Property Manager ..... 508-693-7555, ext. 14  
Victoria Haeselbarth, Site Manager Hillside ..... 508-693-7577  
Ann Baird, Service Coordinator ..... 508-693-7009  
Liam (Will) 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

## Voting for Kindness at IEH: Meet Annie Smith

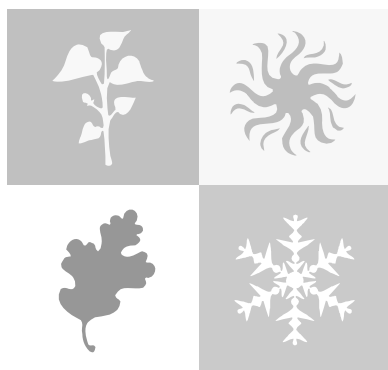
Woodside Village 1 – Roberta Mendlovitz

In these days of financial anxiety and tense elections it is heart-warming to know that the small deeds of kindness and camaraderie are still alive and well at IEH. One person who exemplifies that attitude is **Annie Smith**, a resident at Woodside 1 whom I have known for some years now. Annie is from Liberia, a country which was virtually destroyed by a long civil war from 1989-2003. Married, with three adopted children, Annie's lovely home, which I've seen in a photograph, was bombed to the ground. She had to live in hiding, her life as a registered mid-wife gone. After the UN peacekeepers came, Annie came to MGH in 1992 for help with a brain tumor, and after much upheaval, to IEH. She has since suffered from an extremely debilitating and chronic nerve disorder, making any further use of her right hand impossible. She never saw her family again and yet through all this emotional and physical pain, Annie helps residents without complaint and without much notice. As a fellow resident of the C corridor, I have seen Annie persevere on a daily basis after her great tragedies and through great personal pain to gladly help those of us who are from time to time in one crisis or another. I saw Annie the other night helping one older woman with dinner. In the past I have seen her make the last years of one of our residents, Emily Guisti, much easier and more cheerful. I have known her to help a bed-ridden resident over several long rough spots. Sometimes there is a little knock at the door and Annie is delivering food another kind resident has made. When my grand-child was expected, Annie assured my daughter that the baby was alive and well before a difficult delivery, her training as a registered mid-wife soothing us all. She never forgets a birthday. She collects clothes for those in need.

On other floors and in other buildings I know like kindness and care exists, but I can only report what I see in my surroundings – people like Norman Ethier and Russell Marsden, who constantly give rides to those without transportation, do errands for those who cannot get out. I marvel at many who have lovingly prepared meals and food for others. I can tell you of a lady named Nancy who is always kind and gentle, never greeting anyone without a smile and kind remarks to others all the time. She makes it better on a steady basis. How about the couple who does so much to make our grounds perfect, a lovely woman in WV2 who makes Armenian food for our souls though ill herself? All of these people make up IEH as I know it, making the days of national anxiety so much easier to bear. I vote for all of you who do for others and are cheerful in the giving. YOU govern our small world well and WE are so lucky.

### **MUSINGS FROM WOODSIDE 3**

Nancy Luedeman



The wheel of seasons rotates as always.

Goodbye to Roger and Welcome to Spencer.

A 200 Crossword Puzzle book came. Wow!

How long can that last?

I'll share with anyone who is interested (not the Whole book).

The shorter afternoons may limit my walks.

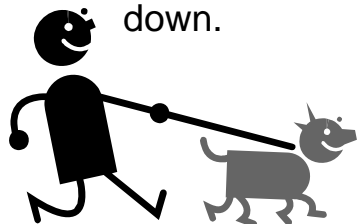
## and ... Some More Announcements

**Food Stamps:** For those who may have missed the article in the MV Times, low-income seniors (60+) may qualify for Food Stamps. You can check with Ann Baird at 508-693-7009 or you can call to apply at 1-800-645-8333 Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm.

**Air Conditioners:** if you need help putting on your winter cover for your air-conditioner, you can fill out a Work Order and Maintenance can help you.

**Energy Savings:** as the days are getting cooler and the daylight shorter, please remember to be vigilant about not wasting energy.

- ❖ Turn off lights when they are not in use – in the common areas such as the laundry, kitchens and community rooms.
- ❖ When your heat is on, **please do not leave windows and doors open** --- if it is too warm in your apartment, just turn your thermostat down.



**Dog Owners:** please remember how important it is to clean up after your dog. This helps all of us.