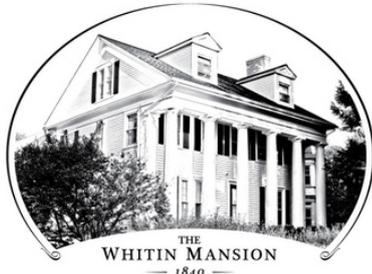


Whitinsville Retirement Society Inc.



AN UPDATE FROM THE BOARD
MARCH 2022

Dear Whitinsville Retirement Society members & friends,

The Retirement Home was recently spotlighted in a local newspaper! Please take a second to read the article featured in

the:
The Yankee Xpress
BLACKSTONE VALLEY **Xpress**

Whitinsville Retirement Society strives to maintain a warm family environment throughout pandemic.

Sep 21, 2021 ● By Christine Galeone



Since 1975, the Whitinsville Retirement Society, a nonprofit, has offered quality affordable housing to people 62 and older. But it provides much more than housing. Jeannine Crawford, the nonprofit's director, reflected, "While we are considered independent living with no medical staff, it's really that together we're a warm family home rather than an institution."

Maintaining that warm environment during the COVID-19 pandemic hasn't been easy. But the WRS has been striving to do just that.

At the Whitinsville Retirement Home, residents live in private rooms in the 1840 John C. Whitin Mansion. Although it's not an assisted living facility, the people who live there are provided with communal meals, laundry services, and housekeeping services. They can also participate in activities such as daily exercise, bingo, group walks, gardening, quilting, and working puzzles.

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“This September, we had our annual outdoor picnic for residents, family, and guests complete with great food, live music, fun, and games,” Scott M. Schneider, a member of the WRS Board, said. “Later this year, we’ll have special activities for Thanksgiving and Christmas.”

To rise above the challenges of the pandemic, Crawford said that the WRS focused on three priorities – adhering to CDC, State, and WRS Board regulations/recommendations, ensuring staff members comply with those regulations while maintaining normalcy, and giving consideration to the emotional and mental wellbeing of staff members and residents.

“Their devotion and commitment to our residents, along with our residents themselves, are what continue to make this low-income elderly housing model such a success,” Crawford said about the staff’s dedication. She later added, “Every effort was made to maintain the status quo during the pandemic. Having companionship and friendships, going through the pandemic, kept loneliness and isolation to a minimum.”

Crawford said that she finds joy in both the simple ways the WRS helps residents and in the complex ways. “Knowing we make a difference in people’s lives every day is extremely gratifying,” she said, adding that listening to people and knowing that she might be in their shoes someday is vital. She later noted, “The joy comes from knowing we took the time and made an effort to know our residents and care about them!”

And the community can also make a difference in the residents’ lives. Crawford said that in addition to making donations, people can help by spreading the word about the Whitinsville Retirement Home, by working there, and by volunteering their skills.

“Music is very much appreciated; we try to have a musical act twice a month so volunteering a performance could be another way,” Crawford said.

“To participate in the simple pleasures of being together, sharing food, listening, laughing, and keeping this beautiful home for all who come to live here is such an honor and a privilege,” Crawford shared. “It’s a gem and an example of how to maintain as much independence as possible as we age. You have to see it to believe it.”

More information about the nonprofit is available on the Whitinsville Retirement Society website, whitinsvilleretirement.com.



Caring Together

Annual Meeting:

The WRSI annual meeting will be held on March 24th at 7 pm. We are thrilled to be able to meet in person this year. The meeting will be held at Pleasant Street Church in the fellowship hall. You will also be able to renew your membership in person. We are also looking for new board members and the home always welcomes volunteers. We look forward to seeing you there!!



We are grateful for your many prayers and continued support of the Whitinsville Retirement Society, especially throughout the past year. We are blessed to be able to serve our surrounding community in this way.

Membership Letter

Dear Members, Friends, and Supporters,

This year the Whitinsville Retirement Society will celebrate its 46th year. We hope and pray that the Whitinsville Retirement Home and Whitinsville Elderly Apartments continue to bless those who enter its doors and also be a blessing to the community.

A loving atmosphere within a homelike setting is provided at the Whitinsville Retirement Home and all meals, housekeeping, weekly laundry, and basic cable service are also available. Each private room and bath, along with several common social areas, allow for carefree living and companionship.

The Whitinsville Elderly Apartments offer individuals secure, comfortable living in a pleasant environment at a very reasonable rent. Amenities include laundry facilities, inside mailboxes, an outside gazebo, and a community room for both informal gatherings and special functions.

A six-member Board of Directors oversees both the Retirement Home and the Elderly Apartments. Board members volunteer to serve a three-year term. Each year, two new members are elected. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this Board that serves to support the mission of this wonderful establishment.

Those of you who are members, your prayers, and financial support of the Whitinsville Retirement Society (a non-profit organization) continues to be a blessing to those who reside there and to those who someday hope to make it their home. If you have not supported us in the past, we would like to extend an invitation to consider doing so. To become a member, simply send a check payable to the Whitinsville Retirement Society, Inc., and the completed form at the bottom of this letter. If you would like to support the Society in more tangible ways as well as becoming a member, there is an opportunity to do that also on the membership form.

The residents love visitors, so if you get a chance, stop by! And please continue to pray for the residents, staff, and Board as they work together to make the Home and Elderly Apartments the best places they can be.

Sincerely,

WRSI Board of Directors: Eric Wierenga, Lindsay Kuik, Ann Roon, Scott Schneider, Bill Vis & Randy DeVries



You may mail this portion with your check payable to the Whitinsville Retirement Society, Inc., to Whitinsville Retirement Society, Inc., 10 Chestnut Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588.

OR

Visit our website **<https://whitinsvilleretirement.com/>** and click on UniPay at the top of the page to complete your membership online!

Name: _____

Annual Membership: \$35.00

Address: _____

Capital Improvement Fund: \$ _____

Other: \$ _____

Email Address: _____

Total: \$ _____

I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors: **(Please Circle)**

Yes - I am interested

No - Not at this time

Possibly, please call with more information @

(____) ____- ____

What's New with WRSI ?

Under the direction of our new Director Jeannine Crawford, the Home & Apartment residents have begun participating in many events. This includes weekly bingo, movie nights, exercising, crafting, bible studies, live music, and many other activities.

Jeannine also oversaw a large renovation of the Activity Room in the Apartments. The residents are thrilled with their new & improved common room and have enjoyed the space now more than ever.

Themed events for the holidays, including a Mother's Day scarf making, Christmas in July, Valentine's Day Tea. A summer concert on the green also took place, please enjoy some of these events pictures below.



Stay Tuned!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page or new Website for upcoming events and updates on the home! We look forward to hosting Concerts on the Green and our Ice Cream Social!

New Online Payment Method

The WRSI is excited to announce a new method of payment for Rent, Donations, and Society Memberships.

Through UniPay by UniBank, you may make your payment safely and securely using your checking account and routing number.

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Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28