

WHITINSVILLE RETIREMENT SOCIETY INC

Celebrating 50 Years

FALL/WINTER 2025



Happy

Birthday

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WRSI continued its yearlong 50th Anniversary "Golden Jubilee" with a Summer Cookout on Saturday, September 6. Residents, families and friends of our two properties, the Whitinsville Retirement Home and the Elderly Apartments, celebrated with staff and society members! Under sunny skies, the lawn between the two buildings was crowded with nearly 150

people enjoying the fellowship of family and friends while the aroma of hamburgers and hot dogs being grilled by board members filled the air. People played lawn games, enjoyed face painting, a photo booth, entertainment music by Polka

Paul, browsing through the Lighthouse thrift store and more. Amanda Hellyar, District Director for the Office of State Senator Ryan C. Fattman (Worcester-Hampden District), presented WRSI a congratulatory "Official Citation" from the Massachusetts Senate in recognition of "The auspicious celebration of your 50th Golden Anniversary and serving the senior community of the Blackstone Valley" extending best wishes for continued success. WRSI is grateful for this anniversary's opportunity to honor our past, celebrate our present and focus on our future- meeting the needs of aging family and friends of the Blackstone Valley with renewed commitment and dedication.





Fun times unfolded at the Summer Cookout, including residents, families, friends, volunteers and supporters of the WRSI playing games, eating lunch and celebrating 50 years at the WRSI...

..to God be the Glory!



2025 Congratulations— Retirement Home residents Minnie & Bernie Wiersma recently celebrated their 64th Anniversary !!!



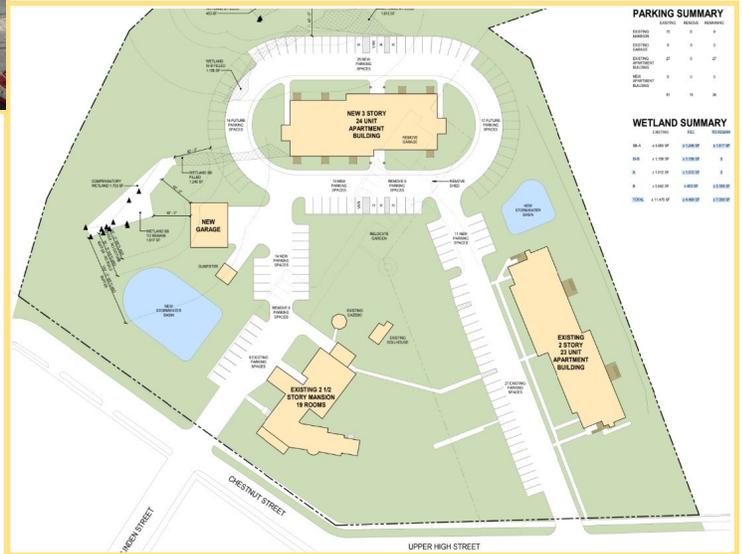
The Retirement Home viewed from Chestnut Street during late Fall, with Christmas lights celebrating the birth of Jesus.

LOOKING AHEAD



In preparation for our next 50 years, our senior apartments recently got a significant upgrade. Earlier this year, the apartment building was enhanced with new roofing as well as new siding. The improvements not only strengthened our building's exterior but also changed the overall coloring so it now matches the historic Mason house, our garage, "doll house" and other smaller structures on our property. Similarly, a number of older trees near the apartments were removed or cut back, providing safety, a better look and slightly more space for the future on our campus...

...also in preparation for our next 50 years, back at this year's Gala celebration then again at our annual meeting, the Whitinsville Retirement Society Inc announced a new building is under consideration! Hopefully, in the next few years our design work will be completed along with local and state approvals and fundraising will begin, followed by construction. The conceptual site drawing below shows the latest proposed location of the three story 24 unit modern apartment building which includes a parking summary and wetland summary. An earlier rendition is shown further below, matching our campus white theme. This apartment building would likely include both HUD and regular units to help alleviate some of the local need for affordable senior housing in Whitinsville.



Early rendition of a new apartment building being considered by the WSI Board of Directors' Vision Committee. The 24 unit building similar to this, likely repositioned about 90 degrees as seen in the conceptual site drawing above, with a new oval road and modern conveniences would more than double the number of residential apartments on the Whitinsville Retirement Society Inc campus.

Become a member today!

Dear Members, Friends, and Supporters;

With loving residents living together independently, we're celebrating our golden anniversary— last February the Whitinsville Retirement Society began its fifth decade! We hope and pray the Whitinsville Retirement Home and Elderly Apartments continues to bless those entering their doors as well as their larger nearby community.

The Whitinsville Retirement Home provides a loving community within a homelike setting and includes all meals, housekeeping, weekly laundry along with basic cable, phone, wifi service and more. Each resident has a private room and bath, along with several common social areas, which allows for both 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, a community room for both informal gatherings and special functions and even a gazebo where they can enjoy the beautiful grounds.

Currently an eight-member Board of Directors oversees both the Retirement Home and the Elderly Apartments. Typically, between six and nine board members volunteer to serve a three-year term, and each year two or three new members are elected to replace those completing terms. Please prayerfully consider being a part of the Board or a Committee (using the form below) serving to support the mission of this wonderful establishment.

To those of you who are members, your prayers and financial support of the Whitinsville Retirement Society (a non-profit organization) continue to be a blessing to those who live there and others who someday hope to make it their home. To anyone that is not currently a member, we'd like to ask you to please consider joining. To become a member, simply complete the form at the bottom of this letter or visit our website and join online. Details for either method are found below. If you would like to support the Society in more tangible ways in addition to being a member, please note that on the membership form or speak with a board member.

The residents love visitors, we encourage you to take time to visit. Please pray for the residents, staff, Board and Committees as they work together to make the Home and Elderly Apartments the best places they can be.

Sincerely,

WRSI Board of Directors

Randy DeVries, Chris Epplett, Rolly Gjeltema, Deb Koopman, Tom Kuik, Scott Schneider, Laurie Vander Baan and Christina Wielsma



To join this year or renew your annual membership, please mail this portion with your check (made payable to the Whitinsville Retirement Society, Inc.) to: Whitinsville Retirement Society, Inc., 10 Chestnut Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 or visit our website (www.whitinsvilleretirement.com) then under the "Payments" tab select "Society Membership" and populate the form to complete your membership online!

Name: _____	Annual Membership:	\$40.00
Address: _____	Capital Improvement Fund:	\$ _____
_____	Other:	\$ _____
Email Address: _____	Total:	\$ _____

If interested in serving on a Committee or the Board of Directors (please check one):

Yes - I am interested in a **Committee** or **Board** (please circle one or both)

Possibly - Please call me with more information @ (_____) _____ - _____