

# The Seasons

EAST GREENWICH

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## WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!



September marks the twilight of summer, yet The Seasons Team and I have used this summer to reflect on where we would like to bring about improvement and change to make The Seasons truly a “home away from home.”

We’ve turned these reflections into actionable plans – some of which you’ll learn about in this, our inaugural issue of a new newsletter series. The newsletter will serve as a communications tool about planned activities, events and news of interest to our residents, their families and the staff. I hope you will find it welcoming, informative and helpful. To start, I am taking this opportunity to showcase this past spring’s successful Wine Tasting event and share exciting details about the

start of a significant building renovation project.

The building renovations we are planning are significant and will unfold in the coming months and into next year. Why take this restoration effort on now? The Seasons Board of Directors and Leadership Team strives to ensure that we continue to serve the needs of our residents and families. Like you, we recognize that ours is a competitive assisted living market. We believe the updates to our residence will better serve the needs of our current residents and those searching for a premiere, homelike assisted living community – a neighborhood with distinguishing characteristics, services and amenities – just like those that have become our hallmark.

Stay tuned!

Laurie Ann Oliveira  
Administrator

### Spring Tea

Pretty!  
Jaqueline Napolitano and  
Maureen Roitman looking  
lovely wearing Fascinators  
at our Spring Tea.



### Happy Birthday



A Happy 100th Birthday  
to resident, Jean Calise

### Sunflower Walk



Arthur Pontarelli with  
Fran Sigillito in the background,  
enjoy a walk through  
Buttonwoods Sunflower Farm,  
Griswold, CT



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# GRANDVIEW GARDENS

## Renovation Project Planned

As we proudly recognize our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are exploring a variety of options for restoring and renovating portions of our building. We've done this recognizing that our residents' needs have evolved and that as a result, there are spaces we'd like to make more functional and inviting. While details of the building renovations are evolving, the following lays out some of our plans and how they will affect you or your loved one as we move forward.

To start, our focus will be on Grandview Gardens. Our goal is to refresh this portion of our building with new paint and wallpaper in defined spaces (spaces that will be used for activities or with resident use in mind) and new furnishings. You can expect to see an updated color palette which is complementary to existing

areas, intended to modernize the appearance in most common areas and hallways with fashionable paint colors and materials. New flooring in some areas and contemporary patterned carpet in others will complete the look. We will also be redesigning the kitchen area to make it more functional and inviting. In this space, we will install new furnishings, draperies, countertops and updated cabinetry with every effort being taken to incorporate safety features with today's design concepts and features.

We plan to initiate the changes on Grandview Gardens in late fall or early winter. During this time, we know it will be a little hectic and we will ensure that residents' environment is safe and as comfortable as possible while work is in progress. Know that every effort will be made to complete the project with

a minimum of inconvenience. That being said, we anticipate it may take us six to eight months, depending upon weather and product availability, to complete the project.

The planned Grandview Gardens renovation represents a \$100,000 investment. While we will be able to finance the majority of this project from our capital budget, there is still more to be done. As a nonprofit assisted living neighborhood, The Seasons operates under tight financial constraints and is dependent upon the generosity of our resident families and grant funding from Rhode Island charitable foundations who support our mission and all that we do here. A plan to aggressively step up our grant solicitation efforts is underway so that we may realize our vision to fruition.

*Our work is far from done. Beyond Grandview Gardens, our sights are set on a number of common areas for renovation, including the main floor dining room, bar area, Welcome Center and others. The timing to start these projects is in the latter part of 2018.*

## 2017 WINE TASTING HIGHLIGHTS

This past May, The Seasons hosted our 2017 Wine Tasting at Aldrich Mansion. While those that attended don't need to be reminded about the torrential downpour that took place as more than 100 guests made their way to the event, the evening proved to be a wonderful gathering of friends, vendor partners, residents and their families. The Seasons wishes to thank everyone who attended and made the night so special. We hope to see you in 2018 when we host another Tasting of The Seasons on Friday, May 4, again at Aldrich Mansion.





## Visit Our New Website

Introducing our newly designed website. Highlighted below are some of the new site features you may find of interest.



### About Us

#### Admissions

Take a tour of the facility, including our Assisted Living community and Grandview Gardens Memory Care Neighborhood. Schedule a Visit and meet with Lisa Toth, our Admissions Director. She would love to help you and answer any questions.



### Accommodations

At The Seasons, we offer three different types of accommodations: Assisted Living, Grandview Gardens and Respite Stay. Our accommodations are shaped by your individual needs and choice. We'll provide you with the level that you need to maintain as much independence as possible. You will have the peace of mind knowing that our experienced, compassionate staff is always there to help you to live your life to the fullest.



### Living At The Seasons

#### Activities

The Seasons provides residents with entertainment, exercise and health and wellness programs as part of an active lifestyle. Some of these activities include music therapy, pet therapy, board games, and outdoor excursions. Check here monthly for the latest copy of our *Seasons Sentinel* and *Grandview Gazette* for the latest calendar of resident activities and events.

#### Special Events

For The Seasons community, our springtime Tasting of The Seasons is a highly anticipated event. Held at the stunning Aldrich Mansion, the evening offers wonderful food and drink, fun raffle and auction items and good company. The event date and details are frequently updated here. An important fundraiser, The Tasting is not to be missed!

#### Culinary Excellence

Flik Lifestyles is part of The Seasons' team, offering culinary excellence to our residents. The Flik

staff is committed to providing the best experiences for our residents, such as seasonal cooking demonstrations, themed meals, innovative recipes – all designed to explore new flavors and learn about new foods.

### Support Our Mission

The Seasons is a special not-for-profit assisted living and retirement community. To maintain our level of care and exceptional quality of service, we encourage residents, their families, staff and friends to support us and make The Seasons one of your charitable priorities.



#### The Seasons Fund Circle of Honor

Fund gifts help to provide the best possible quality of life for all residents.

#### Remembrance and Tribute Gifts In Memory

These gifts thoughtfully express your love and respect for someone special and are a wonderful way to say thank you for the care a loved one has received at The Seasons.



*Calendar of Events*  
**FALL 2017**

**October 24**

**Family Night  
Halloween Party**

**November 16**

**Family Night  
Christmas Concert**

**December 1**

**Resident Holiday  
Tree Lighting**

**December 16**

**Annual  
Family Brunch**

*Celebrating*



Fifteen years ago,  
Scandinavian Home and  
Steere House  
Nursing & Rehabilitation Center  
responded to the  
assisted living market  
by establishing  
The Seasons,  
meeting the needs  
of those looking for a  
home away from home



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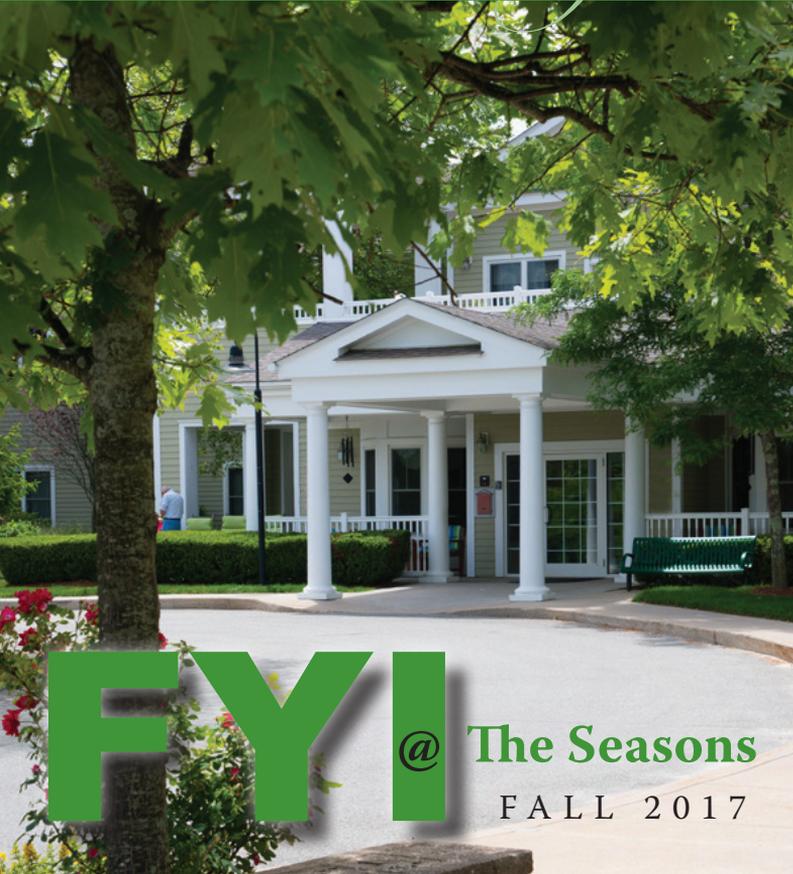
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