

the Goddard Times

Goddard House Welcomes Summer 2017

by Lance Chapman



Here at Goddard House we're gearing up for Summer 2017. We wanted you to know about what's already planned - so you can plan to join us. Take a look at our line-up for Summer and mark your family calendars to be sure to join us for some of these events.

The Gardens and The Farm Project

Our gardens are shaping up for summer and residents have begun to spend part of their days outdoors. The tables are out and the umbrellas are up. The rhododendrons are about to bloom and many birds have returned to the feeders. Our gardenwater feature draws many feathered friends who like to bathe in the cool water. The organic vegetable beds are already sprouting red onion, beets, lettuce, and baby snap peas. Farmer John Neri from Green City Growers has begun his weekly visits and meets with any resident wishing to participate in cultivating our Farm to Table vegetable program.

The chicken coop in the Olmsted Garden is also in great shape. Our four hens all fared well through the winter and daily egg production is right on schedule. We've already begun our 5 weeks of inter-generational gardening with the Fourth Graders from the Lincoln School here in Brookline.

This is our second year working with the Lincoln School and we're excited about it continuing for years to come. New elements in the garden for the 2017 season include 2 dwarf apple trees and a peach tree as well as a patch of 6 blueberry bushes in the Olmsted Garden.



The Summer Family Bar-B-Que

This is scheduled for Saturday July 15th this year. This is always one of our biggest community events of the year and promises to be a day full of good food, fun, family and festivities. Our offerings will include a full Bar-B- Que lunch with all the fixins! We will also offer some local live music and a free photo booth to get family photos of the event. We hope you'll save the date and join us for this fun summer event.

Summer BBQ Lunches

On Wednesday June 7th we will begin our annual summer tradition of a Weekly Wednesday BBQ Lunch. We will continue these through late August. Our new Executive Chef, Vi Luu is looking forward to treating Goddard House residents to all the summertime foods they have come to love and maybe a few surprises.

August Jazz Series

Summer 2017 we will proudly host our Summer Jazz Festival. On Thursday evenings in August our Garden is transformed into a Summer Jazz Garden Party. Local Boston Jazz and Blues artists play into the evening while Goddard House staff serve up a wonderful selection of Chef Vi's flat bread pizzas along with a wine a cheese selection for the audience.

We hope to see you over the Summer here at Goddard House.

Now Premiering! Accessibility at the Coolidge Corner Theater

By Ginny Mazur

The not-for-profit Coolidge Corner Theater is one of Brookline's great treasures that draws regular visits by Goddard House residents. Our art-house cinema not only screens what you see up on the marquee but also offers a stunning array of special programs like live streams from the National Theater in London, Big Screen Classics, opera and red carpet premieres of films with a Boston connection. That's just skimming the top of the list. The dedication of the Coolidge staff to the art of film, culture and community collaboration is amazing.



Captions Display

Coolidge Head Projectionist Nick Lazzaro contacted us a several months ago, to announce great news. The theater spent the winter completely revamping its assistive technology systems for Deaf, hard-of-hearing and vision impaired audiences in all four movie houses, partnering with Boston Light & Sound to introduce state-of-the-art systems for communication access.



Viewing English subtitles with captioning device

For a movie-goer, like myself, with profound hearing loss, this is life-changing. For close to a decade, I've not been able to attend a first-run movie in a theater in English because there are no captions or subtitles. But now at the Coolidge captioning is available for most of the films that are screened. I attended La-La Land during its first week out. What a thrill to be back in the theater for a first run movie, following along without missing a beat, by reading captions through the new access system.

I met up with Nick at his Coolidge "office", the main projection booth, so that I could learn more about all the accessibility devices that the theater offers to help to get the word out so that more movie-goers can benefit. A native of Rutland, Vt., Nick, driven by his love movies, Nick moved to Boston to pursue his interests in the arts. At the School of the Museum of Fine Arts and Tufts University he earned a combined degree in Film History and Video Production. He worked as a freelance editor before joining the Coolidge Corner Theatre almost a decade ago. Nick has played a lead role in identifying, testing and developing the theater's new access systems. Here's what he wants you to know:

Assistive Listening Devices for the Hard of Hearing

This is a receiver worn casually on your hip or held in the hand. It also can come with a lanyard that acts as an induction loop. The Coolidge has reduced the size and improved the sound quality of the device and headphones (or neck-loop). Nick has also added two in-house microphones in the larger movie houses, one and two, so that live movie introductions and post-show discussions are more audible and now run through the system into the devices.



Coolidge Corner Theater



Visual Narration for the Blind or Visually Impaired

Same technology as the Assisted Listening but offers narration of the film's visual content that blends along with the film's audio so both are experienced clearly. Headphones or neck-loops are available with the receiver.



Closed Captioning for the Deaf or Hard of Hearing

A receiver fits in your cup-holder with a rubber puck at the base. Simply push it down and crane the display into your field of vision. The text displays as white (better for folks who are colorblind). This is not the rear window technology. It is much more discrete. Most digital feature films have this content. Note: if a movie has subtitles they will not appear on the captioning devices.

Nick Suggests

“People can call or visit the box office (617-734-2501) if they are unsure if the movie they want to experience has these features. The Coolidge website (www.coolidge.org) and weekly schedules list which films have Closed Captioning and/or Visual Narration - week to week it changes with the films shown. All films have Assisted Listening. Look for the above icons.”



Nick Lazzaro in the Projection Booth



Assistive Listening/Audio Descriptive Receivers with Headset

“At the theater, the box office and/or projection staff can quickly instruct people how to use the devices. A pen and paper is easily ready for folks who would rather communicate by writing. We hope that all feel welcome and we appreciate any feedback. So far it's been very constructive and positive!”

Goddard House will plan to offer an instruction session for residents on how to use the new devices at the Coolidge Corner Theater this summer.

New Staff Spotlight: Vi Luu, Executive Chef

By Michaela Barrows

Recently, we have had some new faces around Goddard House. I had the opportunity to interview our new Executive Chef, Vi Luu. Vi has been with us for about two months now and has so much to offer Goddard House. Vi took some time to tell us a little bit about himself, his family and his passion for cooking!



Q: What is your role here at Goddard House?

A: As Executive Chef, I am responsible for overseeing everything that goes on in the kitchen behind the scenes. Making sure we have the ingredients and tools to get through every single meal. Along with my staff, I help prep and plan for our everyday meals as well as upcoming holidays and special events.

Q: You have been here for a little more than a month. What changes have you made so far and what are you most excited for?

A: The biggest change I have made so far is with training staff. Along with Patrick our Dining Room Manager, I have been able to train the staff with more one on one time. I think being able to learn how someone works and learns is important as their manager. It also helps build a teamwork environment.

Q: What type of food do you enjoy cooking most? Do you have any plans for new menu items?

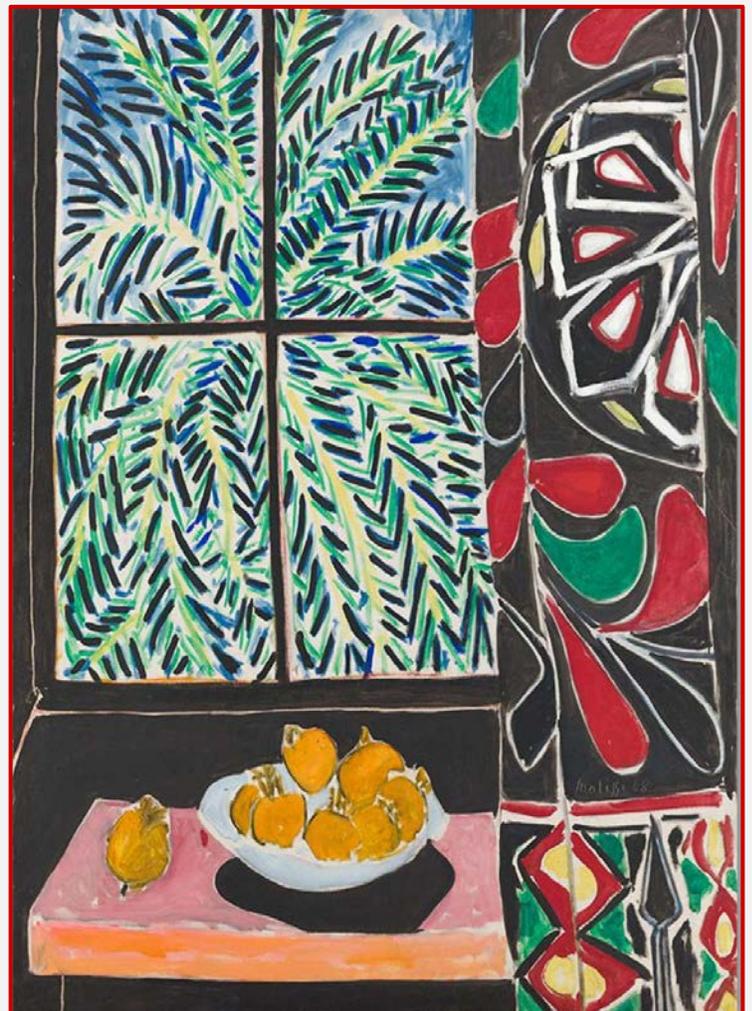
A: Since it is always a crowd pleaser I enjoy cooking Italian food. I have specialized training in cooking international cuisines including Italian, Asian and French cuisines. One of the



Museum of Fine Arts Boston

Free passes are available for Goddard House residents and families through June 30th while supply lasts.

*Contact Ginny Mazur at
617-731-8500
ext. 104 for passes.*



reasons I was interested in taking this position at Goddard House was because I can use my own creativity to create the menu. I plan to use my knowledge of international cuisines and bring in some new and exciting menu items.

Q: Tell us about your childhood and where you grew up.

A: I was born in Vietnam in 1973 and moved to the United States in 1978. My parents moved myself and two older siblings to Cambridge, MA. Having an older brother and sister I am the youngest of three. I very much enjoyed growing up on Cambridge and still love visiting there today.

Q: Tell us about your life at home and what you enjoy doing outside of work.

A: I love outdoor activities like basketball, running, biking and hiking especially with my sons and wife. Family life is very important to me. I have a beautiful wife Leann that I have been married to for seventeen years. My oldest son Dustin is 21 and just graduated from UMASS Amherst, Dylan is 15, and my youngest is Darian who is 12. We enjoy vacationing at our home in Orlando during July and visiting LA or Vegas during February vacation.



Q: Before Goddard where did you work?

A: I worked at North Hill Assisted Living in Needham for 5 years. I was Executive Chef and oversaw their 5 restaurants. Prior to working at North Hill, I spent my time owning and running my own restaurants. I bought my first restaurant when I was 21 in Quincy called Café Davido. It was located inside an office building and was very successful. I eventually sold that location and opened Café Davido 2 in Norwood. After sometime I sold that locations as well and I opened Café Leanne in Boston on South St. Wanting to be more family involved and have a good work life balance I took the position at North Hill.

Stay Tuned!

Next Month's Issue will feature interviews with two Stars on our Goddard House Team...

Jennifer Miller, our new *Enriched Life Director*
Katie O'Connell, our new *Olmsted Program Director*





We will miss you Ippy!

In June we said farewell to Ippy Lapiere. She has served Goddard House residents with her full heart and soul for the past 18 years. Ippy is truly a remarkable caregiver. She has recently decided to move to California to live with her daughter and help in the care of her new young grandchild. We wish her all good things as she leaves us for the next chapter of her life.

Featured upcoming events!

Please join us!

*We ask that Residents' families, friends and community guests
RSVP required to mbarrows@goddardhouse.org or 617-731-8500 ext. 104*



The Olive Connection

Thursday, June 15th | 6:00-7:30pm

Join us for an evening with the local Brookline shop, The Olive Connection. Experience a guided tasting of new olive oils and vinegars led by Carol Sapoznik!

The Reunion Project

On Exhibit through June 30th
Monday- Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm

The Reunion Project has been extended by popular demand!

Fifty Brookline senior women recently participated in The Reunion Project, a combination of art and narrative by Lora Brody that was designed to encourage older women to reflect on their memories and recognize the wisdom that comes with age. The project culminates in an art exhibit featuring photographs and quotations.



Save the Date! Goddard House's Annual Summer Family BBQ

Saturday, July 15th
11:00am - 2:00pm

Great Food! Live Music! Photo Booth!

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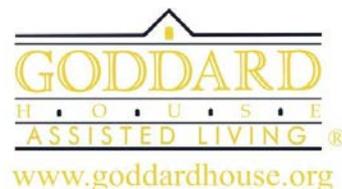
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