



# Goddard Times

## GODDARD HOUSE

### UPCOMING EVENTS

### ***PRIDE MONTH!***

**Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> • 1:00 P.M.**

KICKOFF CEREMONY AND FLAG RAISING

All residents are invited as we kick off Pride Week! Festive music provided by DJ George will accompany the flag raising, followed by remarks from Goddard House Executive Director **Carolyn Sandel** and Massachusetts LGBT Chamber of Commerce Executive Director **Grace Moreno**.

**Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> • 3:00–4:30 P.M.**

INTERGENERATIONAL LGBTQ PANEL OF SPEAKERS

Come listen to and ask questions of a panel of speakers from multiple generations. Find out how they have each managed their identity journeys in their own unique ways.

**Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> • 6:30–8:00 P.M.**

WHITE PARTY CELEBRATION

Don't be late to the party—enjoy the fun with our favorite entertaining Drag Queens. Cheers to Pride Month!

**Every Thursday in June • 6:45 P.M.**

LGBTQ MOVIE FESTIVAL

Enjoy some thought-provoking films, curated by Resident **John Kaufman**.

### RESIDENT PROFILE



**Theresa Cavicchi** has been a resident at Goddard House for three years. You might recognize Theresa's apartment as the door with Pinocchio, her favorite character to collect!

Before moving here, Theresa lived in Walpole in the home that she and her husband built. There, she raised a family of six children, including twin boys! Theresa is also from a large family—she was

the youngest of three girls and seven boys. In addition, she had a long career at the Federal Reserve Bank. She had wanted to go to college, but her parents steered her in another direction, believing that women should marry right out of high school and not attend college. Theresa learned how to cook, preparing three hot meals a day for her family, and also perfected her fudge-making skills. At holidays, everyone always looked forward to her chocolate fudge! Theresa has embraced her time at Goddard House. Her favorite program is *Name That Tune*, and she also likes to read, do crossword puzzles, and watch game shows and mysteries. She is happy living here, and is also thankful for her family who lives nearby. Theresa, we love your calm presence and sense of humor! We'll be sure to say hi to Pinocchio next time we're in your neighborhood.

*-EnrichedLIFE Director Rebecca Margolin*

# Creating a Master Plan for Goddard House

by Board of Trustees Chair *Alexandra Schweitzer*

Many of our residents, family members, and associates participated in our strategic planning process during the summer and fall of 2019 and shared thoughts and ideas about Goddard House. Key themes from those important conversations were used to develop our 2020–2022 strategic plan ([www.goddardhouse.org/strategic-plan](http://www.goddardhouse.org/strategic-plan)).

During those sessions, a number of ideas to enhance our building and grounds were mentioned. As a result, the board of trustees concluded that Goddard House should engage an architectural firm to assist us with creating a building master plan. A master plan is a dynamic long-term planning document that provides a conceptual layout to guide future capital improvements.

The board established a building committee and, in the fall of 2020, interviewed several highly regarded firms with extensive experience in master planning. From that process, we were pleased to select DiMella Shaffer ([www.dimellashaffer.com](http://www.dimellashaffer.com)) as our architecture, planning and design firm.

As the first step in our master planning process, DiMella Shaffer performed a full assessment of Goddard in March and April of this year. They reviewed our strategic plan and other important documents, toured our building and site, assessed our building systems, and learned about our programs and services.

We then hosted a series of small focus groups with residents and family members, staff, management, community partners, and prospective residents. Led by DiMella Shaffer with Goddard House leaders in attendance, these focus groups allowed us to consider the insights/views of key constituents on our building and grounds, base the master plan design on sound decisions, and build the foundation for a successful project. Thank you to everyone who participated and shared your thoughts!

The DiMella Shaffer team gathered all of the information provided to them through these first

two steps and is now designing master plan concepts for consideration. Eventually, one or two concepts and the corresponding cost estimates will be shared with the building committee. The concepts will also be presented to the Town of Brookline for their feedback. The planning process will culminate with the presentation of a final conceptual plan to the board of trustees, most likely in the fall.

This is an exciting time in the history of Goddard House and we look forward to keeping you updated on our progress with the master plan. Your continued input is invaluable and will help ensure a well-designed plan for our beloved community! 🏡

## Board Spotlight



Reverend **Mark Caggiano** joined the Goddard House board in 2012 and serves on the building committee and the recently formed diversity, equity and inclusion committee. The building

committee makes recommendations to the board relative to the master plan and other key issues regarding our building and grounds. “At Goddard House, we have strived over the years to maintain a welcoming environment for our residents and employees alike,” says Mark.

Mark is an ordained minister serving the First Church in Chestnut Hill. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Divinity School. Mark is also a graduate of Boston College Law School, and in a prior life was a Boston attorney and taught First Amendment law at BC. He has recently completed a book, *Faith on Trial: Religion and the Law in American Society*. The book explores the evolution of religious rights through American history and examines modern trends broadening such rights and eroding the wall separating “church and state.”


## Pride Month at Goddard House

by Director of Community Partnerships *Christine Nagle*

The event that galvanized the gay rights movement occurred June 28, 1969, at the Stonewall Inn in New York's Greenwich Village. Police raided the establishment, which was a popular gathering place for the LGBTQ community. They arrested employees and patrons of the bar while pedestrians watched. Riots ensued in response, lasting about five days. In reaction to the Stonewall Riots, organizers proposed the idea of a march in order to build on the spirit of resistance. As a result, on the first anniversary of the Stonewall riots, a "Gay Pride" march was organized in the heart of New York City's gay community as a counterpoint to the prevailing attitude of shame. The Pride march in New York inspired others to occur across the country in solidarity. Thereafter, gay pride celebrations expanded globally. In the United States, LGBTQ Pride is a monthlong celebration, with marches occurring throughout the month of June.

### Goddard House Pride

In June 2019, Goddard House kicked off its first annual LGBT Pride event by proudly raising the trademark rainbow flag cheered on by residents, families and community members. The ceremony represented a double celebration as Goddard House staff had just completed a training program to become the first assisted living community in Massachusetts to obtain LGBT Cultural Competency Accreditation through SAGECare to better serve LGBT older adults. More than 80% of managers and frontline staff at Goddard House completed training, giving the community a Platinum ranking, on how best to support LGBT older adults, and create and maintain an inclusive community.

Goddard House has supported the LGBT community in other ways as well. Over the past five years, we have partnered with ETHOS to provide a low-cost brunch for LGBT older adults here at Goddard House. Now paused due to the pandemic, typically one Saturday each month we serve as a safe and welcoming meal site for people to gather with each other. Goddard House has also been a sponsor and advocate of LGBT independent film maker Stu Maddux who directed the acclaimed film *Gen Silent*. The film captures the plight of LGBT elders who grew up in an era of social intolerance towards their lifestyle which has left a generation of people with emotional scars. This history makes joining even a progressive community such as Goddard House a move requiring a bold step of courage. 

## LGBTQ Movie Festival

by Resident *John Kaufman*

It makes sense to me that Goddard has chosen to celebrate the LGBTQ community this June. Ever since I moved in almost four years ago, I recognized this place as somewhere special. We're a highly divergent, intellectually curious and generally accepting community.

*Sunday Bloody Sunday* (1971) concerns a consensual three-way romantic affair. In *Beginners* (2010), a 75-year-old recent widower comes out to his adult son. *Victor Victoria* (1982) is a comic celebration of gender and the role it plays in a series of complicated relationships. *Milk* (2008) is a portrait of someone who effected great change at great cost.

Of course, these can be considered "gay movies." Yet, I think of them beyond that easy label. They're films concerning people who've found each other in this lonely world. In my opinion, there's nothing more important than that.

At Goddard, prejudice has no place. Each person is given the freedom to be themselves. That, in itself, is cause for celebration.





# Springtime at Goddard!



*Spring Wreath Making and Gardening! Top row, left to right: **Carolyn C., Clementine B., and Margaret L.** Second row: **Drew R., Preston M., and Tony S.** Third row: **Bridgina B.; Mary K., Drew R., and Program Assistant Jess Roque;** Bottom: **Linda S.***

## ASSOCIATE PROFILE



Resident Care Associate **Shanell DeLaRosa** has worked at Goddard House since

May of last

year. She was first interested in working here as a way to gain experience for graduate school. Shanell is working towards finishing her bachelor's in Premedical Health Studies at The Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. She is then hoping to go on to a physician assistant program. When Shanell isn't studying, she enjoys volunteering at the MSPCA medical center. She has also recently taken up crocheting and has made a few scarves and headbands.

One of Shanell's favorite parts of working at Goddard House is getting to create long-term relationships with the residents of Olmsted. She is always up to chatting with the residents, going on walks with them and making sure that they are having a good time. We are so lucky to have such a bright and cheerful person as part of our team and can't wait to see what the future holds for her.

*-Olmsted Program Director  
Kristen Cipriano*

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