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Goddard Times

GODDARD HOUSE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Olmsted Family Caregiver Group

This group welcomes Goddard House family members. Meets monthly on the **second Tuesday** from 6:30–7:30 P.M. on Zoom. Please contact Olmsted Program Director Kristen Cipriano at kcipriano@goddardhouse.org for more information.

12th Annual Summer Jazz Fest

**Thursdays from 6:00–8:00 P.M.
in the back garden**

August 7: The Orleans Kids

August 14: The Swing Legacy

August 21: The Winiker Brothers
Orchestra

August 28: The Wolverine
Jazz Band

RSVP: lchapman@goddardhouse.org

RESIDENT PROFILE



Peter Temin was born and raised in Philadelphia and came to the east coast to attend graduate school in economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He then worked at MIT for over 40 years as a professor of economic history and ultimately as the chair

of the economics department. Peter enjoyed exploring economics with his students, discussing everything from the Roman economy to current issues. He has published over 30 books and numerous articles examining a range of topics including the Roman economy, the economics of the Great Depression, of American industrialization, and of current issues of economic equity. Later, Peter was happy to teach alongside his wife at the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement. He loves to travel and has many fond memories of trips with his wife. Peter is a proud grandfather, and moved to Brookline to be close to his daughter, Liz. He's had a lifelong appreciation for the outdoors, reading, museums, and history, and has recently taken an interest in jewelry making. We welcomed Peter to Goddard House last spring, and are glad to have him as part of our community!



Peter participating in Open Studio. For more photos of this program, see page 2.

-EnrichedLIFE Director Rebecca Margolin

OMA Volunteers

by Art Therapist **Meredith Griffiths**

This June, Goddard welcomed two OMA volunteers, **Avery Baker** and **Hannah Wells**, to support our Olmsted residents with their creative expression throughout the summer. Both have special connections to Goddard House. Hannah's artwork was recently featured in Gallery M, during our annual exhibition of art created by Brookline High School. A recent graduate, Hannah is enjoying volunteering at Goddard House and working at a local community art studio this summer. She will attend Vassar College in the fall, where she is hoping to take some time to explore all that college has to offer. At the moment she's leaning towards a course of study in English or history.

Avery is no stranger to Goddard House, as she joined our community when her grandparents moved in a couple years ago! She is a rising junior at the University of Rhode Island where she is studying psychology and she has a strong interest in art therapy. After witnessing her grandmother's participation and success in our creative arts programs, Avery was inspired to join in too! We are thrilled to have Avery and Hannah with us this summer, and appreciate the care and enthusiasm they bring to our OMA program each week! 🏔️



Left: **Hannah** and **Linda S.**; right: **Avery** and **Maureen S.**

OPEN STUDIO

Open Studio meets weekly and is hosted by Art Therapist **Meredith Griffiths**. Participants are guided through a creative process using various materials, or they may choose to work on their own project using a medium of their choice. In addition to providing opportunities for creative expression, Open Studio offers a welcoming social environment for beginners and experienced artists to connect over art!



Top to bottom: Art Therapist **Meredith Griffiths** and **Jewel B.**; **Florence S.** (left) and **Martha S.** (right); **Elizabeth D.** and **Nancy K.**



PHOTOGRAPHY BY BETTY AVRUCH

on display
June 18–September 7, 2025

Betty Avruch is a Goddard House resident and a lover of all arts. From early on, Betty was encouraged to create by her mother, whom she describes as her first teacher. At the age of seven, Betty began taking weekly art classes at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. Around this same time, she received a Brownie camera, which sparked her interest in photography. Betty furthered her education through a series of workshops and even set up her own dark room. These experiences allowed Betty to connect with several like-minded creatives, and for over 50 years she has participated in a photo critique group to further develop her skills and style.



This exhibit highlights a collection of Betty's works that revolve around mandalas—a symbol that has been part of human culture for thousands of years. These geometric figures have symmetrical designs that often have a center and radiate outward in patterns, which symbolize the universe's infinite nature. While mandalas may have religious meanings and are often used in Hinduism and Buddhism, they are also powerful tools for self-reflection and meditation.

Betty strives to capture the essence of the mandala—not just as a visual object, but as a deeper symbol of balance and reflection. The mandalas in this exhibit are not just representations of the visual



*Betty at the Gallery M
reception with Herbert K.*

world; they are an attempt to explore the symmetry and harmony that exists within it. Betty says, "I hope to show how our surroundings, when observed with care and intention, can reveal the same patterns of unity, balance and interconnectedness that a mandala does. Each of these images invites you to take a moment to pause, reflect, and find your own center."

A Garden Wedding

We were thrilled to host a wedding ceremony for a Goddard House family member whose mother, **Phyllis B.**, would have not otherwise been able to attend! Congratulations, **Mark** and **Aneudi**! Thank you for sharing your special day with us.



*Phyllis B. is pictured with her family at the wedding
celebration!*





Around Goddard

Top row: Showing off their art projects are **Barbie B.** (left) and **Cecelia E.** (right).

Second row: On a visit to the JFK Presidential Library and Museum are **George C., Ann Marie L., Nancy S., Maureen G., Martha S., Vivian F., Myrna B., Anne G., Edie B., Al W.** and his private aide **Sarah** (left) and **George C. and Maureen G.** (right). Bottom row: Celebrating the 4th of July are **Louise H.** (left) and **Sue D.** (right)



ASSOCIATE PROFILE



Rodelin Francois joined us as a dining associate at Goddard House and has since taken on additional responsibilities in

housekeeping. Originally from Haiti, he moved to the Boston area in 2024 to be closer to his sister. Known for his calm and gentle nature, Rodelin has quickly become a valued member of our team thanks to his strong work ethic and kind presence.

He shares that his experience here has been incredibly positive, noting how welcoming everyone has been and how much he enjoys working with his fellow associates. Outside of work, Rodelin attends English language classes and is active in his church community. His warm and respectful interactions with residents, families, and fellow associates truly embody the spirit of our community.

-Olmsted Program Director Kristen Cipriano

THANK YOU!

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Attending an Associate Appreciation event are Housekeeping Associate **Edmond Gaye,**

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Renovation & Addition Update

August 2025

From Vision to Reality: A New Chapter Begins at Goddard House


by President & CEO Candace Cramer

On July 24th, we celebrated a joyful milestone together—the groundbreaking of our \$16.5 million renovation and addition project. Under sunny skies and surrounded by residents, family members, associates, and community partners, we officially launched a transformation that will enhance daily life at Goddard House for years to come.

Our theme for the day was “From Vision to Reality,” and that’s exactly what this project represents: the realization of a bold vision to elevate how we live, engage, and age together. From a new community gathering space and expanded dining room to an upgraded kitchen, dedicated art room, and enhanced outdoor spaces, every detail is designed with residents in mind.

We were honored to be joined by local and state leaders, including Brookline Select Board Chair **Bernard Greene** and State Representative **Tommy Vitolo**, along with **Andrea Kozinetz**, a trustee from the Hamilton Company Charitable Foundation, whose generous gift is helping make the new community gathering space a reality.

Resident **Barbara Bauman** captured the energy of the day beautifully, saying, “I realize again how good it is and how fortunate I am to be a member of this vibrant, active, engaged community.” Fellow resident **John Kaufman** followed with a brief reflection, noting how the new community gathering space will be “a wonderful place for resident programs and initiatives, including Frames,” the longtime film program he founded and leads at Goddard House.

Thank you to everyone who helped bring this special day to life. I’m deeply grateful as we step into this exciting next chapter—together. 



Clockwise, from bottom left: Speakers ready to do the first dig; State Rep Tommy

Vitolo; our interactive art display; the Goddard House Leadership team; resident Barbara Bauman; Select Board Chair Bernard Greene; and Andrea Kozinetz of the Hamilton Company Charitable Foundation