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Summer Adventures!

Summer is always a special time of year in Maine, and at OceanView and Cumberland Crossing, our residents took advantage of our warm, sunny days and all they had to offer: lobster bakes, concerts, badminton, fun in the pool, and more! Read on to enjoy a taste of summer in our beautiful communities and to hear the latest on our new construction!





DIRECTOR'S CHAIR Diane Kibbin



Diane Kibbin, Director of Operations

Fun in the Sun

Summer is winding down here at OceanView and Cumberland Crossing, and it has been a beautiful season for us. The longer days and warm weather have offered countless opportunities to enjoy all that makes life in our communities so special.

From outdoor gatherings to refreshing swims and cherished traditions, summer offers something for everyone.

One of the highlights of summer is our much-anticipated Annual Lobster Bake, one held at each community. This beloved tradition brings current and future residents together to enjoy delicious lobster and clams and to get to know their future neighbors. Whether you're a longtime attendee or experiencing your first lobster bake with us, these celebrations capture the spirit of community and create memories that last long after the summer season ends.

For those looking to stay active or simply relax and unwind, our pools provide the perfect summer retreat. All residents can enjoy our beautiful outdoor pool at Cumberland Crossing or OceanView's four-season pool. Whether you prefer participating in water aerobics classes, swimming laps for fitness, or simply lounging poolside with a good book and friends, our aquatic amenities offer something for every interest and activity level.

Summer is also a wonderful time to reconnect with neighbors, welcome visiting family and friends, and take advantage of the many outdoor activities and events happening throughout our communities, from casual conversations on sunny patios to organized programs like block parties and concerts. Many residents enjoy taking advantage of our Golf FORE Life program, with access to Val Halla in Cumberland, the Falmouth Country Club, and the course at Highland Green. The season provides endless opportunities to embrace wellness, friendship, and fun.

As we prepare for fall, we invite prospective residents to explore our Lifestyle Calendar and learn about all the experiences that make our communities such vibrant and special places to live.

- Diane Kibbin



Current and future residents at the annual Cumberland Crossing Lobster Bake.



Residents mingle over hors d'oeuvres at the August block party.



Shireen Shahawy, Director of Sales and Marketing

"Welcome Home!"

Those are the words I say every time I hand the keys to a new resident as they prepare to move into their apartment or cottage at OceanView or Cumberland Crossing. Today, as I write this, I had the joy of welcoming our very first resident to Evergreen Commons. Watching her take in her beautiful new apartment was a special moment. I could see the hesitation about leaving her longtime home begin to melt away.

Looking back through my notes, I realized the very first contract for our Expansion and Modernization Project was signed on February 24, 2025. Since then, this journey has been shared by both future and current residents. Now, as our first building fills with new neighbors, the remaining buildings will welcome residents in the months ahead. I'll have the privilege of saying "Welcome Home" 36 more times to our OceanView expansion residents and about 17 more times at Cumberland Crossing.

And, of course, I also have the pleasure of welcoming Priority Wait List members who choose existing homes on either campus.

When I call OceanView and Cumberland Crossing "home," I mean it in every sense of the word. Our residents embrace newcomers with warmth and kindness, creating a true sense of belonging. Before long, many new residents tell me, "I wish I'd done it sooner." Those words never fail to make me smile.

If you're considering a move, I encourage you to experience our community firsthand. Join us for one of our public events, attend a fitness class available to Wait List members, or schedule a first—or refresher—tour. Our residents are always happy to answer questions, share their experiences, and welcome visitors.

In the pages ahead, you'll meet some of our newest residents through their inspiring biographies. I learn something new every time I read one, and I'm deeply grateful to our volunteer resident biography writing team for helping share these wonderful stories.

- Shireen Shahawy



Sherlyn Morrissette and Cyndi & Fritz Farquhar share a lunch at Whipple Farmhouse.



Cumberland Crossing residents celebrate the 4th of July outside of Northwind Farm.

4 NEW RESIDENTS Welcome!

The biography writing team includes:
From OceanView: Nancy Wanderer, Susan Sanders, Meg Flack, Fritz Farquhar, Nancy Struve, Cathy McDowell, Nell Colburn, and Lois Lowry
From Cumberland Crossing: Betsey Harding and Peter Kleinman



Steve and Cheryl Bronn (Cumberland Crossing) have led rich lives. Steve grew up in rural Nebraska, graduated from the University of Nebraska, and received a doctorate in mathematics from Northwestern University. Cheryl grew up in southwest Chicago, receiving an early childhood education degree from Pestalozzi-Froebel Teachers College. They were married in 1966, and the adventurous couple spent 10 weeks driving around Europe in 1968. Cheryl taught in Evanston, Illinois, while Steve completed his PhD. They moved to Milwaukee in 1969. Cheryl taught in Whitefish Bay, and Steve taught mathematics at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.

In 1970, they moved to Pueblo, Colorado. Steve had a long career with Colorado State University–Pueblo, first in mathematics and then as chief financial and planning officer. Cheryl had a career with the Pueblo Public Schools, first as an elementary teacher and then as school principal. They had two children, Greg and Justin.

In the early 1970s, they owned and operated the first whitewater rafting company located on the Upper Arkansas River in Colorado. The rafting business was a summer occupation, but after two years the demands for planning and setting up the summer season dictated a choice between full-time tourism or education—they chose education. In 1979, both took sabbaticals from their positions in Pueblo to study at Purdue University in Indiana, where Cheryl earned a master's degree in education and Steve a Master of Science in industrial administration.

After 30 years in Colorado, Steve and Cheryl moved to Pennsylvania, where both worked for Mansfield University. Steve was the chief financial officer, and Cheryl was on the faculty, supervising student teachers. The Bronns retired from Mansfield in the summer of 2004 and moved to Orlando, Florida. Unfortunately, 2004 and 2005 were high-intensity hurricane seasons. In 2007, fed up with hurricane threats, they moved to a retirement community near Austin, Texas. After 18 years in Texas, they moved to Cumberland Crossing, close to their son's home in Portland.

Cheryl and Steve enjoy taking cruises regularly and love to swim, walk, and read. They are both active with a variety of Oceanview activities. (PK, 11/2025)



Eliot Larson and Gail Danckert (Cumberland Crossing) met on a blind date over 25 years ago while living in the Philadelphia area. They have between them four children. Gail has two daughters—one who lives in Bend, OR, and another in Brooklyn, NY. Eliot has a son in Baltimore and a daughter in Beverly, MA. Between them, they have seven grandchildren, with one more on the way. While the family is spread across the country, they gather at a special family home in Kennebunkport, ME, at Goose Rocks Beach, so summers are active and especially busy in July and August. They moved to Cumberland Crossing in December 2024 from Charlestown, MA.

Gail was raised in the Berkshires, in Pittsfield, MA, and graduated from UMass Amherst with a B.A. in English and a minor in speech. She later got her first master's degree in human organization science at Villanova and a second master's in public administration at the Harvard Kennedy School.

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Annual Lobster Bakes

For 40 years, the Annual Lobster Bake has been a long-standing tradition for our communities. We invite members of our Priority Wait List and those building a new home at OceanView or Cumberland Crossing to enjoy a classic Maine meal with our current residents.

In addition to enjoying a delicious Downeast feast, the Lobster Bake is an opportunity for residents to get to know their future neighbors.

A Real Downeast Feast!

The tradition grows as much as our communities do, and both of this year's Lobster Bakes were among our largest ever.

At Cumberland Crossing, seen above, 67 residents and future residents enjoyed their lobster meals outside of Northwind Farm in late July.

At OceanView, seen below, 185 people ate together under the tent outside of Whipple Farm in mid-August. Lobster, shrimp cocktails, desserts, and, of course, lots of happy faces.













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She worked primarily with non-profits in the Philadelphia area, both in administration and communications. Most recently, she was involved in urban school reform initiatives and national educational research organizations, primarily directing communications.

Eliot was born and raised in New York City, graduated from St. Paul's School in Concord, NH, and Hobart College in Geneva, NY. He obtained his doctorate in education at Teachers College, Columbia University. Eliot served as both a middle and high school principal in upstate New York and in West Chester, PA. He was fortunate to have a second career as a national facilitator for the National Institute for School Leadership, where he worked with districts across the country to improve student achievement. He authored a number of articles and book reviews about school reform.

Both Eliot and Gail enjoy hiking and have had some wonderful trips across the U.S. and Europe. They are avid readers and travelers, and Eliot is a great cook! The move to Cumberland has been eased by the fact that they both had previous connections to Maine—Gail in Kennebunkport and Eliot with his summers on Mount Desert Island. (PK, 11/2025)



Frances Thayer (Main Lodge), nicknamed "Fluff" after her great-aunt, grew up on Long Island, NY, with a passion for sailing, Great Britain, the environment, and her family. At age eight, she began sailing in the Atlantic with her father. She loved the technical aspects of sailing, and as she got older, loved sailing competitively and teaching in junior sailing programs. Most of all, Fluff loved being outdoors, overcoming the sea's challenges – and the camaraderie which develops among a boat's crew.

Following graduation from Northwestern University with a B.A. in English, Fluff took a "hobo tour" of Europe, backpacking from Holland to Italy to England. This remarkable experience set the stage for her work in NYC with the English-Speaking Union (ESU), whose goal was to promote friendship between the United States and British Isles. Fluff interviewed ESU participants visiting the U.S. – fascinating people, such as a Scottish shepherd, an Irish poet, and a member of Britain's Parliament – then, with the U.S. Government Affairs Institute, developed a plan for each visitor to meet with Americans sharing similar interests. It was rewarding work, and Fluff became a confirmed Anglophile, especially enjoying later trips to Britain and reuniting with her ESU visitors.

Fluff married Alec Thayer, also of Long Island, in 1959, and as his Wall Street career blossomed, she raised their three children in Oyster Bay, NY, and continued sailing, now with her family. Fluff also participated in numerous volunteer activities, chief of which was with the local chapter of Garden Clubs of America (GCA). She was an early environmental advocate for clean water, air, and land in her community, and after Alec retired and the couple moved to Casey Key, FL, Fluff's advocacy expanded to include meetings with her congressional delegation in D.C. She also founded and published a quarterly newspaper in Casey Key and volunteered with the island's library.

Widowed in 2011, Fluff began spending summers with daughter Ann in Yarmouth, with son Seth close by in Northport, and daughter Jennifer and two grandchildren in Albany. Moving to OceanView with her devoted Westie, Janney, naturally followed, and Fluff is delighted to be here. (MF 12/2025)

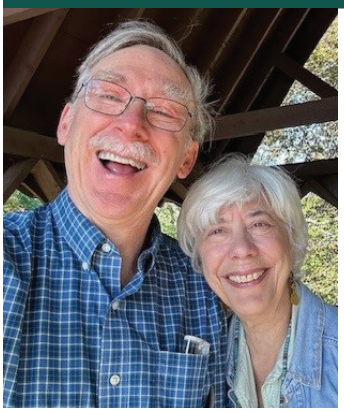
PORTLAND PRIDE PARADE



Carrying a banner saying "Pride transcends time and generations," dozens of OceanView and Cumberland Crossing residents and staff walked in the Portland Pride Parade in June. This staff-led experience was a first for our communities. Pride Portland! hosts the annual parade to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of the LGBTQ+ movement, to raise awareness of the community's ongoing struggles, and to foster an environment of inclusivity, accessibility, and solidarity.

Top: Staff stop for a photo with their banner during the parade in Portland. Right: Resident Bev Thomas walks in the parade. Employee Kate Silvers and the OceanView van are in the background.





Merle Marie Troeger and **John Workman** (Schoolhouse) met in 2024 while hiking in the Alps. After returning home, John to New Jersey and Merle Marie to Maine, their email correspondence soon became an epistolary romance. So many shared interests and parallel experiences!

Merle Marie earned a B.A. in classics at Cornell University, a J.D. from Albany Law School of Union University, and a Master of Arts in religion from Yale. She practiced law for 25 years, publishing, teaching, and serving as an officer of state and regional bar associations before deciding to focus instead on various church and social justice groups. Active as a spiritual director, she developed and led a four-year theological education program in church history and theology. Besides loving the outdoors, she has a deep interest in the arts, poetry, literature, and classical music and a strong commitment to community service. In 2015, she and her husband Tom moved to OceanView, where they continued a rich and active married life of 54 years together before he died of cancer in 2022.

John received his B.A. in history from Hendrix College, did graduate study in German, French, Latin,

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OceanView Chorus Spring Concert









The OceanView Chorus performed their spring program entitled *Love in Bloom* in May. Music Director Tom Greig led the chorus in tunes like *Omnia Sol (Let Your Heart Be Staid),* a medley of tunes from *The Phantom of the Opera*, and *God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again*, a song sung at the end of each annual concert. The Chorus also took time to salute members of our military with *A Tribute to the Armed Services.* This year marks 10 years of the resident-led OceanView Chorus, and the semi-annual concerts are integral parts of our Lifestyle Calendar. The Chorus consists of more than 30 residents from OceanView and Cumberland Crossing in addition to several accompanists.

Top left: Anne Spencer and Liz Maier sing in the Chorus. Top center: The OceanView Chorus performs for a full Lunt Auditorium. Top right: Bonnie Yelverton performs a "Medley of Danish Songs." Bottom left: Anne Dean and Tom Greig receive applause after performing a duet for "All I Ask of You."

Happy 250th, America!

To celebrate America's 250th Independence Day, Cumberland Crossing residents enjoyed the holiday with food, drinks, and games outside of Northwind Farm.

The afternoon included badminton and water volleyball. The annual 4th of July Party is a growing tradition at Cumberland Crossing, but celebrating the Semiquincentennial was extra special.



Annie Bartol, Corey Goodrich, and Anne Dean pose for a 4th of July photo.



Residents play water volleyball at the annual 4th of July party.

Author Talk

Author and educator Rachael Cerrotti gave a presentation on her book, *We Share the Same Sky: A Memoir of Memory & Migration,* which tells the tale of her grandmother's survival fleeing Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia in 1939. Seventy-five years later, Rachael retraced her grandmother's steps to understand her struggle.



Author Rachael Cerrotti speaks to interested readers in the Hilltop Lodge Community Room.

Women in Music



Marina Minkin and Anatole Wieck perform in Hilltop Lodge.

In June, pianist Marina Minkin and violinist Anatole Wieck of the Ad Libitum Ensemble performed a concert entitled *Women in Music: The Remarkable Journey,* highlighting women composers across three centuries of classical music.

Trip to Fenway



Residents smile from the bleachers at Fenway Park.

A group of OceanView and Cumberland Crossing residents took a trip to Boston to root for the Red Sox in June. Unfortunately, the Baltimore Orioles won the game 8-2.



Residents at the June block party outside of a Schoolhouse Cottage.

Block Parties

It wouldn't be summer at OceanView without a block party! Over the course of the season, several residents host a block (or garden) party in different parts of campus. It's an opportunity for casual socializing outdoors with good drinks and hors d'oeuvres.



Residents at the July garden party behind a Classic Cottage.

ASSISTED LIVING: ASK ALEKS



Aleks Kazimierczak, Director of Assisted Living

Savoring Summer in Assisted Living

Summer arrives quickly in Maine, and our residents at Falmouth House and Legacy Memory Care make the most of every sunny day. With the season passing all too fast, there's no better time to enjoy the fresh air, warm sunshine, and the simple pleasures that come with spending time outdoors.

During the summer months, visitors will often find residents relaxing on our patios or gathered along the front sidewalk at Falmouth House, enjoying the afternoon sunshine while watching the comings and goings of family, friends, and neighbors. When the weather cooperates, we take full advantage of the outdoors by moving activities, concerts, and even meals outside.

Some of the best moments, however, don't require a planned event. Residents enjoy sitting together on the patios, taking in the refreshing breeze, admiring the beautifully landscaped gardens, and sharing conversation with dear friends. The peaceful surroundings create the perfect setting for relaxation, connection, and making the most of the season.

As our residents spend more time outdoors, our staff remain mindful of their comfort and well-being. Because aging skin is often more delicate and sensitive to the sun, we help ensure everyone enjoys the sunshine safely by keeping an eye on those who may be lingering a little longer outdoors. Staying hydrated is equally important, and our kitchen helps make that easy by providing refreshing fruit-infused water throughout the day.

If you have a friend or loved one at Falmouth House or Legacy Memory Care and haven't visited recently, now is still a wonderful time to stop by. Bring your conversation outdoors, enjoy the lovely gardens and fall colors, and share in the beauty as our summer turns to autumn. After all, some of the season's best memories are made simply by sitting together in the sunshine.

Falmouth House Assisted Living and Legacy Memory Care are part of OceanView's care continuum.

Schedule a tour with Alyssa Jordan and learn more!

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Assisted and Independent Living residents mingle at the Falmouth House Block Party.



Resident Howsie Stewart holds a goat at the Sunflower Farm Creamery.



Talya Corsetti, BSN, RN
Wellness Coordinator

Maintaining Independence Together

There is a positive energy that fills our communities, and I truly believe it comes from all our residents. What a delightfully bustling and social set of campuses we have here at OceanView and Cumberland Crossing! It is wonderful to see everyone taking full advantage of all the activities and amenities we have to offer. I always enjoy connecting with residents and being a resource as our communities' Wellness Nurse.

One of the primary goals of our Wellness Team is to help you maintain individual independence. Our residents support one another, and it is inspiring to see. But our team is always available if residents need more professional assistance or guidance on how to navigate new health concerns. One of the best ways we support our residents is through our twice-weekly open-door wellness clinics. They're always busy and productive sessions—and I'm glad we can offer this safe space for people to ask questions and connect with the team.

Many of our visits are to help with something physical, anything from blood pressure checks to tick removals. Other visits are often just conversations concerning long-term care options, talking through medical concerns, and creating individual action plans.

Whether someone has a specific medical question, needs a quick health check-up, or just wants to collaborate on a new wellness goal, the Wellness Team is always ready to help! We're happy to meet in our offices or in a resident's home.

Good health, independence, and peace of mind are our absolute priorities. Our whole Wellness team appreciates being a part of each resident's well-being journey. Our communities are vibrant, caring places to live. We don't want to have it any other way!

Happy Retirement, Gloria and Tim!

Gloria and Tim Walker have retired from OceanView and Cumberland Crossing.

"I love this community. I learned a lot from the residents, like how to be successful at retiring, how to really be engaged and active in retirement. I really am inspired every day by these residents," said Gloria.

For 21 years, Gloria led our Sales and Marketing Department. In that time, she oversaw several large construction projects, including Cumberland Crossing where she spent her most recent years.

In 2022, after a career as a high school guidance counselor, Tim joined our Transportation Team and eased into retirement.

Now, both fully retired, Gloria says they plan to travel and spend time with their young granddaughter.

Staff and residents offered their well wishes and congratulations at their retirement party in May, but we'll see them again.

Gloria and Tim are happy to say that OceanView remains part of their lives. They joined the Priority Wait List!



Gloria and Tim Walker pose for a photo with their daughter and granddaughter at their retirement party.

12 NEW CONSTRUCTION

We are excited to announce a new milestone:

We have welcomed our first new residents in to Evergreen Commons!

In July, our first "Builder" officially made Building C of Evergreen Commons their home, and we are thrilled to welcome even more in the coming months.

When complete, the new Evergreen Commons neighborhood will consist of 20 apartments across three two-story buildings and three cottages in a triplex configuration. The Blueberry Commons Expansion will add another 14 apartments for a total of 37 new homes in our community.

We expect all new homes to be completed by late 2026/early 2027.

Here are some recent updates on all of our buildings still under construction:

Building C: Complete! All residents have moved in.

Building B: We are expecting completion this fall. Workers are installing appliances and performing a deep clean.



Triplex cottages at Evergreen Commons under construction. (08/31/26)

Building A: Cabinets and flooring should be finished in September. On the outside, siding is almost done!

Triplex Cottages: The framing is up. There is significant visual progress on these homes!

Blueberry Commons Expansion: You can easily see the four-story building and its roof from Blueberry Lane. Windows are almost completed, and the wood framing for the new entryway will be completed in September.

Cumberland Crossing: Construction is moving along nicely in Phase 2C, our final phase of cottages. Soon, we will hit another milestone. Our first resident in Phase 2C is expected to move in this October!



Building B of Evergreen Commons under construction. (08/31/26)



Blueberry Commons Expansion under construction. (08/31/26)

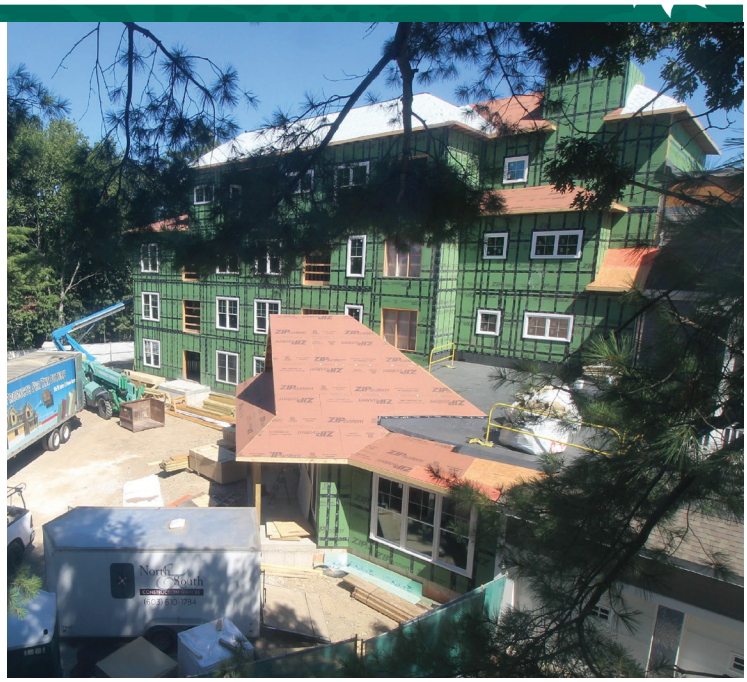
NEW CONSTRUCTION

Live Camera

Want to see new construction in real time?
Our camera is focused on the
Blueberry Commons Expansion.

Scan the QR code below to see a current view
or a timelapse history of new construction.

Of these new homes at OceanView and Cumberland Crossing, **only a few are still available for reservation.**
Schedule a tour today!



New construction in progress at the Blueberry Commons Expansion via our OxBlue live camera. You can see the progress on the new entryway. (08/31/26)

An aerial view of Cumberland Crossing's Phase 2 cottages, some still under construction. (10/14/25)



New Employee Housing on the Way!

OceanView has purchased property nearby in Falmouth that will soon provide employee housing.

The house, formerly owned by the late Chris Burner, longtime Landscaping Supervisor and friend of OceanView, is undergoing major renovations along with additional new construction. When ready, the property will include three two-bedroom units and one one-bedroom unit. These apartments, scheduled for completion in early 2027, will offer employees affordable rent and a walkable commute.

Chris was a valued member of the OceanView family for many years, and we are pleased that his property will continue to have a meaningful connection to our community by helping provide affordable housing for our staff.

John Wasileski, OceanView's owner and founder, is committed to fostering a working environment where staff can thrive and better serve our residents, and that includes providing quality housing.

OceanView and Cumberland Crossing, including Falmouth House and Legacy Memory Care, are home to more than 550 people. To provide an exceptional experience for our communities, we employ more than 200 full-and-part-time staffers across many departments, like Housekeeping, Maintenance, Dining, Fitness, Nursing, and more.



An artist rendering of new employee housing.

CAMDEN CONFERENCE



The 39th Camden Conference live streamed at OceanView. (02/21/26)

Preparing for the 40th Camden Conference

Save the date! OceanView is once again preparing to serve as a livestream host for the Camden Conference. The 40th Camden Conference, entitled ***Beyond the American Century: A New World Order?***, will take place from **February 19-21, 2027**.

As a preview of the conference, the World Affairs Council of Maine and the Camden Conference are sponsoring an evening with veteran NPR Foreign Affairs Correspondent Jackie Northam. Hosted by OceanView, the event will take place at Lunt Auditorium on Wednesday, November 18 at 6 p.m. Keep an eye on your inbox for more details this fall!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OCEANVIEW

We host events for the public and our residents every month at OceanView! This season, we hosted a number of wonderful musicians and educational speakers, and we invite you to join us for more great events in the future. Visit our events page **www.oceanviewrc.com/events** to see what's coming up!

Frederick Moyer Piano Concert

Renowned pianist Frederick Moyer performed for our community in a packed Lunt Auditorium in April. Mr. Moyer has performed all over the world, and his concerts are one of OceanView's most popular annual events. His MoyerCam adds a special element, projecting his hands in real time on the inside of the piano lid.



Frederick Moyer performs in Lunt Auditorium. Note the MoyerCam projection on the piano lid.



A large audience watches "The Stamp Thief" in Lunt Auditorium, part of the Maine Jewish Film Festival.

Maine Jewish Film Festival "The Stamp Thief"

As part of the Maine Jewish Film Festival, OceanView hosted a showing of *The Stamp Thief: A Holocaust Mystery*. The documentary investigates a tale dating back to the Holocaust, that a mysterious Nazi stole priceless stamp collections from concentration camp victims and buried the stolen stamps in a small town in Poland.

Group Tours of OceanView

This year, in lieu of our large Annual Open House, we have been hosting a series of smaller, more personal Group Tours of OceanView. These tours have included a walking tour of our apartment buildings and amenities, a van tour of our 80-acre campus, and a visit to one apartment and one cottage, along with plenty of time for Q&A.



Visitors prepare to board an OceanView van for a tour of campus.

70 Years and Counting

"I have known Sue for 70 years this very second!" announced Hank Schmitt to the Main Lodge Dining Room precisely at 5 p.m. at a July dinner.

At a table full of friends, with glasses of wine in hand, Hank presented his wife Sue with a beautiful bouquet of roses to celebrate the milestone.

Hank even wore a shirt from Tally-Ho Music Camp in New York. That's where they first met, exactly 70 years prior at age 14. They were assigned seats next to each other, and the rest was history. Of course, they wouldn't marry for another eight years.

Music brought them together, and music remains part of their lives at OceanView. Hank and Sue work together to put on concerts every month for their Downbeat, *S'forzando* ***Sfz!*** concert series, which brings in local musicians for a variety of classical performances.



Hank and Sue Schmitt celebrating 70 years in the Main Lodge Dining Room.



A cello duet performs at the July 8th Downbeat; S'forzando Sfz! concert in Hilltop Lodge.

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and history at Columbia University, and received his M.A., M. Phil., and Ph. D. from Yale. He founded Hudson Strategies, Inc., a crisis communications consulting firm known for its work with healthcare providers, as well as conservation and environmental organizations. His work included counseling senior management of major medical centers, hospitals, universities, and colleges. He was a founding member of the Children's Board at Columbia University Irving Medical Center in New York; for more than 25 years, he supported research at the Medical Center's Division of Child Neurology. During their marriage of 32 years, John and his wife Andrea raised two children. Andrea died of cancer in 2016.

When John and Merle Marie met, she was already a well-loved member of the OceanView community. Since John joined her here in May, they have pursued their delight in classical music and continued their outdoor adventures throughout the United States. John concludes, "We found that being together was even better than writing emails." (NS, 11/2025)

NEW RESIDENTS Welcome!



Norm and Judy Wilson (Blueberry Commons) moved to OceanView in April of 2025. In their apartment, one is struck by the bright, colorful and open living area they have created, with paintings by Maine artists and eye-catching photographs taken by Norm decorating the walls. Norm's photographs (his passion since age 10) tell the story of the Wilsons. They focus on whatever catches his eye—mainly people, creative scenes from their extensive travels, and informal family portraits.

Judy and Norm originated from the Boston area, where they received their undergraduate degrees. Judy moved to New York, where she studied at Columbia University School of Social Work, and Norm started medical school at Thomas Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. After their wedding in 1968, Judy finished her graduate work at the Bryn Mawr School of Social Work and Social Research in Pennsylvania. While Norm completed his medical studies, Judy spent two years as a social worker in Jefferson Hospital's Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. In 1971, they moved to Hartford, CT, where Norm was an intern at Hartford Hospital, and Judy worked as a school social worker. They moved back to Boston for Norm's residency at Massachusetts General Hospital. Their son Josh was born during that time. Norm did his military service as a "Navy doctor" at the Naval Hospital in Bethesda, MD, where their daughter Sara was born. Their last move was to Portland, ME, in 1977, when Norm joined the Department of Anesthesiology, and Judy opened a private practice as a licensed clinical social worker.

Judy and Norm led active lives outside their work. They have taken extensive bike trips throughout the US, Canada, and Europe. They rode a tandem bike loaded with panniers, usually traveling 40 miles a day. Judy has graduated to a recumbent electric bike, and Norm is still contemplating his cycling choice. In addition to biking, the Wilsons have enjoyed cross-country skiing, hiking, and snowshoeing. The Wilsons were also leaders in their synagogue and active in the Portland Jewish community. Their faith and their family have formed the fabric of their full lives. (CMcD 12/2025)



Toby and Stacie Webb (Whipple Farm) both fell in love with Maine as young children. Raised in the suburbs of New York City, they both spent happy childhood summers with grandparents on Chebeague Island and in South China, ME, respectively. Toby has missed only one Maine summer, when his Navy ship was deployed overseas. Now Stacie and Toby are summer residents of Chebeague, while winter finds them in a light-filled cottage overlooking OceanView conservancy land.

The Webbs, who are both attorneys, also share an avocation. They are avid singers and credit their love of choral music for bringing them together. They met when Stacie was singing in a Brooklyn church choir and attended a choir party at Toby's brother's home. Now they sing with St. Luke's Cathedral Choir in Portland, Stacie, full-time, and Toby, seasonally.

Stacie graduated from Boston University and New York University School of Law. She practiced law with a variety of non-profit organizations while raising two sons.

Toby graduated from Amherst College and after a four-year stint in the Navy, attended Harvard Law School. He worked for several years in a New York City law firm, then moved to Boston in pursuit of more family-friendly work. He joined New England Telephone shortly before a series of mergers made the telecommunications industry anything but

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settled. Toby found himself working for NYNEX, then Bell Atlantic, and the Webbs moved every three years, living in New York, Massachusetts, and Washington, DC, before landing in Westchester County, NY, for 23 years. Toby was in charge of public affairs for Bell Atlantic when the scary night of December 31, 1999, approached. As the new millennium arrived, and it became clear that no phone systems were crashing around the world, Toby retired right after midnight.

Since then, Toby has taught college graduates in an MBA program, served on many nonprofit boards (a favorite was the Folger Shakespeare Library in DC), and became a board-certified genealogist. Stacie's days are filled with walks, cooking, reading mysteries, grandchildren, and of course, music. (NC, 12/2025)



Bill Laubenstein (Cumberland Crossing) grew up in Moorestown, New Jersey, spending summers with his grandparents in Medford Lakes. Following graduation from Moorestown High School, Bill followed his sister, Virginia, to American University, where he was recruited for the swim team. Swimming became his life-sustaining exercise, which he continues at the Freeport YMCA. He has also coached for the Kennebec Valley YMCA for the swim, soccer, and Little League baseball teams.

Bill writes, "Bearing in mind that 'Discretion is not the better part of biography' (Lytton Strachey), that 'Biography tends to death a new terror' (Oscar Wilde), and that 'To write an autobiography is to etch the words on your own gravestone' (Carlos Fuentes)."

Bill graduated from Cornell Law School in 1968 in time to be drafted and then enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served four years as lieutenant in the JAG Corps, with tours of duty in Iceland and Washington, D.C. After his discharge, Bill and Maija lived for a year in a village near Chinon, France, reading, writing, traveling, cooking, and enjoying hours drinking local wine with neighboring French couples. After a summer camping in Great Britain, Bill and Maija returned to reality in New York City, where Bill was a law clerk in the New York City Family Court. Expecting a child, they moved to Brunswick, Maine, in 1976, where their son, Trevor, was born. Bill served many years as an Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Attorney and as Assistant General Counsel for Central Maine Power Company. In November 2024, Bill moved to Cumberland Crossing after living in Manchester, Maine, on Cobbosseecontee Lake. Trevor lives in Westwood, MA, along with Bill's two grandsons.

Leisure time found Bill biking, camping, hiking here and abroad, downhill skiing, and rafting and canoeing above the Brooks Range in Alaska. In recent years, he has volunteered with Global Volunteers, helping students with conversational English in several countries, including Tanzania, India, Crete, Italy, Portugal, and the Cook Islands. Twice, Bill has been to Vietnam, working in the Vietnam Institute for Development Strategies with Institute researchers. (PK, 01/2026)



Movie screenwriters are always looking for ways for the two protagonists to—as they say—"meet cute." They should have talked to **Bernie and Phyllis Givertz** (Whipple Farm) and filmed a scene in which an Orthodox rabbi's daughter in Shaker Heights, OH, home from her

freshman year at Syracuse, steps on a rusty nail, goes to the local emergency room, and is noticed by the handsome, young Jewish doctor. Of course they marry within a few months. Oy.

Bernie's career took him—and his new wife, Phyllis, the rabbi's daughter—first to UCLA and then to Great Lakes, IL, the U.S. Navy's largest naval training station, where from 1961-63, he was Chief of Cardiology in a 1,100-bed hospital. Eventually they made their way to Portland, where he founded Maine Medical Center's Cardiac Catheterization Lab and started a cardiology practice that today numbers 80. Their art-filled cottage at OceanView is only a ten-minute drive from the gracious home in Portland's West End where their three children grew up.

Those early years were years of many journeys: both travels for pleasure (they list African safaris and the Galápagos among their favorites), but also a remarkable academic journey for the Syracuse drop-out-turned-housewife who went on eventually to complete a B.A. at the University of Southern Maine and then, in 1974, a J.D. at the University of Maine School of Law, one of only six women in that year's graduating class. After a year-long clerkship at the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, Phyllis practiced family law in Portland for many years and was eventually (first female!) president of the Maine State Bar Association.

Their family (sons in Boston and San Francisco and a daughter in Santa Barbara) and five grandchildren—plus all the in-laws—gather at the Givertz summer home on Lake Sebago during the warm months. And all year long, Bernie (a clarinetist) and Phyllis (a pianist) are still active in Portland's classical music community; Phyllis is on the board of the Portland Symphony and Bernie on the boards of the Bowdoin International Music Festival as well as the Portland Conservatory of Music. (LL, 12/2025)

Battling Invasive Plants

We are working to remove invasive plants from our communities. In August, specialists from 207 Forestry cut down large patches of buckthorn, bittersweet, Japanese knotweed, and more from both OceanView and Cumberland Crossing. This fall, they will return to chemically treat the invasives to reduce the new shoots that will come up next year. The chemicals will be applied in a manner that does not harm our desired native plants and trees.

Mitchell DeBortoli, our Sustainability and Operations Manager, says "This is part of our Commitment to Sustainability. Next year, residents will notice an environment with fewer invasive plants. That means less encroachment on their walking paths, and a nicer, more aesthetic landscape with more native species."



Mitchell DeBortoli inspects the landscape outside of Falmouth House after invasive plant removal. (08/11/26)

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