

## **NEWBRIDGE ON THE CHARLES COMMITTEES AND CLUBS**

### **Administration Residents Liaison Committee**

The Administration Residents Liaison Committee meets with Steve Colwell (Executive Director) about once a month to discuss and share ideas on certain decisions regarding personnel or other sensitive matters. It provides an opportunity for committee members to bring up other issues that may need attention from the executive director.

### **Appreciation Committee**

The Appreciation Committee each April and October encourages residents to make gifts to the Appreciation Fund. In June and December, those gifts are distributed to eligible members of the staff based on an established formula. These are opportunities for residents to express their gratitude to the men and women who help make NewBridge a wonderful home.

### **Decorating Committee**

The Decorating Committee works with an interior designer, retained by NewBridge on the Charles, to select new furniture, fabrics, and carpeting that require updating and refreshing.

### **Environmental Stewardship Committee**

The goal of the Environmental Stewardship Committee is to support the long-standing mission of NewBridge, which is to be an environmentally responsible community. The committee seeks to research and evaluate green best practices for our community, to share this information with residents and staff, and to assist with implementation. This is a subcommittee of the Social Action Group.

### **Finance Committee**

The Committee's purpose, on behalf of NewBridge Residents, is to provide oversight and reviews of the financial statements, budgets, performance, and other financial matters relating to the NewBridge Campus and their effect on Residents.

## **Food Committee**

The NewBridge Food Committee, an advisory group, works in concert with the food and beverage staff to provide both feedback from residents and guidance to the staff to ensure excellence in the preparation and service of meals.

## **Gardening Club**

The community garden is available to NewBridge residents for planting vegetables and flowers in pre-assigned garden beds. NewBridge residents are invited to a meeting of the Gardening Club in March each year. Assignments of garden beds are finalized in May of each year.

## **Hospitality Committee**

The purpose of the Hospitality Committee is to greet new residents and help them adjust to life at NewBridge. Various programs help new members meet other residents and to feel a part of the NewBridge community.

## **Jewish Life Committee**

The Jewish Life Committee provides residents with the opportunity to plan meaningful Jewish engagement through Shabbat worship, Communal Shabbat and Holiday dinners, holiday observances, and connection with Israel. Staffed by Rabbi Judi Ehrlich.

## **Landscape Committee**

The NewBridge Landscape Committee, an advisory committee, works actively with the Director of Environmental Services and American Quality Property Service to maintain and enhance the beautiful landscape of this unique property.

## **Library Committee**

The Library Committee consists of IL Residents who share an interest in maintaining a viable Library of books and DVDs for our fellow residents to read and enjoy.

## **Lifelong Learning Committee**

The LifeLong Learning Committee helps NewBridge programming provide learning opportunities for residents. The committee draws upon resident experience and knowledge of the educational and cultural institutions in the Greater Boston area to provide input for future programs

### **Massachusetts Life Care Residents' Association**

Massachusetts Life Care Residents' Association (MLCRA) is a state-wide, non-profit volunteer organization. Its general purpose is communication, education, advocacy and collaboration with members, resident Associations and other organizations to support the well-being of seniors living in CCRCs or similarly organized communities throughout the Commonwealth. See: [www.mlcr.org](http://www.mlcr.org).

### **Medical Practice Committee**

The mission of the committee is to serve as a liaison between IL members and the NewBridge Medical Practice.

### **Mental Health Professionals Group**

This group welcomes residents who have worked in any of the mental health or allied professions. The interest lies in keeping abreast of new developments in the mental health field and advancing one's own knowledge. The group also sponsor community programs on topics related to mental health which may be of interest to NEWBRIDGE residents.

### **NewBridge Residents Google Group**

This service, established by and for NewBridge residents, allows residents to email information of concern to all residents, such as program updates, lost and found items, requesting help or information, etc.

### **NewBridge Forum Google Group**

This service, established by and for NewBridge residents, allows residents to email information of interest to Forum members only, such as breaking news, political discourse, opinions, articles of interest, editorials, etc.

## **NewBridge Residents' Website**

This website serves the residents of NewBridge. It is managed, operated, and financed entirely by resident volunteers. [www.newbridgeresidents.org](http://www.newbridgeresidents.org)

## **NewBridge Independent Living Members Association (NILMA)**

NILMA is an advisory body to NewBridge management. All residents residing in Independent Living are members of the association. Members elect representatives to serve on the NILMA council. The purpose is to represent the interests of the members to NewBridge management and to promote and provide for the welfare of members.

## **Photography Club**

The purpose of the photography club is to learn how to take the best photos using a camera or cell phone. Editing is also discussed.

## **Residents Present**

Residents Present features residents talking about their interests, careers, travels, hobbies and activities. Programs are presented monthly, typically on the last Friday of each month. Watch the weekly and monthly programs to find out the topic and speaker for the current program.

## **Social Action Group**

The mission of the Social Action Group is to address current social justice and other important human rights issues, work together in a cooperative manner to add our voices, ideas and efforts to these battles, inform the NewBridge community about various issues, and offer avenues to effect change. New group members are always welcome.

## **The Bridge Journal**

The Bridge is a journal of memoirs and creative writing by and for the residents of NewBridge, The Bridge is published quarterly. Memoir articles by families of residents are encouraged.

## **Volunteer Outreach Committee**

The Volunteer Outreach Committee is committed to reaching out to our neighbors in need in Dedham and beyond. This is accomplished through various collections and drives initiated by the Committee and through the generosity of NewBridge residents. Staffed by Rabbi Judi Ehrlich