

## Advocacy Day at the State House

Essex Group Management gathered at the Massachusetts State House to advocate for better nursing home care and funding.

Frank Romano, along with employees of Essex Group Management, seniors, family members, and nursing home workers crowded around the grand staircase at



Frank C. Romano, President of Essex Group Management (center) talks with Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (left) and Tara Gregorio, President of Massachusetts Senior Care (right).

the State House on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. They met with lawmakers who are debating budget items to help prevent more senior care facilities from closing. They say the only way to do that is with more funding.

Amid what they decried as a crisis for thousands of people who live in nursing facilities across Massachusetts, hundreds of nursing home residents, their families, nurses, and caretakers advocated lawmakers to help the struggling nursing home industry.

The Massachusetts Senior Care Association has been cautioning the Legislature that 35 nursing homes in Massachusetts are at risk of closing their doors by the end of the year due to “a severe funding crisis and worker shortage, mainly due to government underfunding.”

Tara Gregorio, president of Massachusetts Senior Care, said the state reimburses nursing homes at the same rates that were used in 2007, and that those rates do not adequately cover the costs of care. She said nursing home care is underfunded by \$38 per patient per day, or about \$362 million annually.

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY:

Fridays, 10 AM – 11 AM, 2S Day Room  
Christian Service – Main Dining Room



Pastor Al Loranger is from the “Non-Denominational” Saving Grace Church who volunteers once a week to provide understanding of the Holy Bible. Each week his teachings of the scriptures have provided not only better understanding, but have been spiritually uplifting. He encourages residents of all denominations to come for an hour of enlightenment. Every third Friday of the month he holds a Christian Service in place of Bible Study.

### Volunteers Needed

Dear Family & Friends,

The Activity Department can always use volunteers. We are looking for compassionate, friendly people like yourselves! Any skill, hobby, or interest that you may possess is worth sharing. Even the “gift of gab” is always appreciated. No amount of time is too little or too much to donate to an elder. It can make a world of difference in their life and yours! Please contact me at ext. 3016 to find out how your “gift” can benefit one or many of our residents!

Sincerely,

Louise Rodrigues, Activity Director

### Welcome to Adult Day Health & Home Care Services

Brandon Woods of Dartmouth Adult Day Health Center is dedicated to providing the highest quality of care and maximizing the quality of life of our participants. We pride ourselves on enabling seniors to continue to live in their own homes while receiving quality services. We are here to help you every step of the way and have added Home Care Services to our continuum of care.

When your loved one is home, our services continue the care for as little as 1 hour or 24 hours, 7 days per week – you decide according to your needs.

Our Nurse Supervisor provides on-site supervision to ensure competent quality care for your loved one.

All staff are hired only after thorough background checks.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
**BRANDON WOODS HOME CARE**  
Please contact Erica Hanks at 978.726.0709  
or ehanks@egmcare.com

**ADULT DAY HEALTH CENTER**  
Call Heidi Picone, Program Director at 508.997.3956

## SCHEDULED EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### JUNE

- 10 “A Day of Portugal” w/ Manny Brandao
- 14 American Eagle Day
- 16 Father’s Day Dinner and Social
- 19 “Welcome to Summer” Cook-Out & “Sizzling” Summer Birthday Party w/ Mike Courcy
- 23-28 “Holy Ghost Crown” Prayer Group
- 26 Tiverton Senior Citizens’ Chorus

### JULY

- 4 Independence Day Dinner
- 5 Summer Cocktail Party w/ Steve Burke
- 10 “All-American” Cook-Out & Birthday Party w/ D.J. Suarez
- 16 “Camping day” w/ Mike Courcy
- 26 Ice Cream Day

### AUGUST

- 7 “Beach-Style” Cook-Out & “Beach Fun” Birthday Party w/ D.J. Suarez
- 12-16 **Cruise Week:**
- 12 “Bon Voyage” Party w/ Dave Valerio
- 13 Casino Day
- 14 Chef’s Buffet
- 15 Excursion Day
- 16 “Happy Hour” w/ Mike Courcy
- 27 Native American Day

### Congratulations to our EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

- March: Anna Furtado — Activity Dept.
  - April: Jackeline Colon — Housekeeping Dept.
  - May: Maria Santos — Nursing Dept.
- Thank you for all you do for Brandon Woods of Dartmouth!*
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### June Birthdays

Gina G., Jacqueline H.R., Henry B., Antone A.  
Antonio P., Teresa C., Deborah V., Lena E., Maria D.  
Pauline R., Maria A., Judith H., Antonio B.

### July Birthdays

Howard H., Elizabeth G., Lillian V., Philip S., Sandra V.  
Antonio B., Lillian F., Lucy P., Jaime M., Stella C.

### August Birthdays

Barbara G., Susan G.K., Maria M., Primitivo R.  
Manuel A., Lucienne L., Kathleen B., Katherine L.  
Priscilla P., John V., Carlos M., Angie M.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

#### JUNE

- 3..... Dietary Meeting and Resident Council Meeting
- 3-7..... CNA Appreciation Week
- 14..... Flag Day
- 16..... Father’s Day
- 21..... Summer begins
- 27..... Residents’ Choice Dinner

#### JULY

- 1..... Dietary Meeting and Resident Council Meeting
- 4..... Independence Day
- 25..... Residents’ Choice Dinner

#### AUGUST

- 5..... Dietary Meeting and Resident Council Meeting
- 22..... Residents’ Choice Dinner