



**Activities Newsletter October 2025** 

Dear Friends & Families of Garden Path Elder Living,

Happy Fall Yall! I hope this letter finds you all well. I would like to share with you some news about what's been going on as well as some things to come here at the Bradley House.

On August 29th, we held an outdoor baked goods fundraiser at the Guilford Welcome Center. The traffic was steady, & we actually ran out of food (twice)! A special thanks to Cheryl & Ann who hung in with us for over 8 hours & for everyone who came to help. We are fortunate to have such a stellar fundraising group!

We will be holding our annual yard sale on Saturday,October 11th from 9am-2pm on the Holton Home front lawn (158 Western Ave,Brattleboro). Donations are welcome prior to the date (Contact Kree).We would love to see you there.

We have a lot of great artists here at the Bradley House. With this in mind we are planning a resident art show sometime in November. The idea is to use the parlor/hallway leading into the living room as the display area. Resident's art will be on display in late October through November. Sometime in mid- November we will hold an art show where the residents can be present to talk about & show their work. We will send out more information (via email) as far as date/time & developing details in weeks to come. We would love for family & friends to attend!

We've had a lot of fun the past few months. Just to mention a few things, we managed to get in around 6 trips to Marlboro Music Festival's open rehearsals on Saturday mornings. We had a tour of the Kipling house in Dummerston. We picked blueberries at Green Mountain Orchards (and were going back soon to pick apples). We went to a couple of plays at the New England Youth Theater.

We love trying to come up with new and interesting ideas of things to do, both in house and out in the community. If any of you out there hear about something in the community that might be of interest to the residents here please reach out to the activities department. We are always searching for and welcoming to new ideas.

We are announcing that Bob Crego will be retiring after three years of success as Executive Director of Garden Path Elder Living in early January, 2026.

Garden Path Elder Living enjoys its success & stability due largely in part to the efforts of Executive Director Bob Crego.

Bob joined the Bradley House team on an autumn day three years ago on October 24th of 2022. At the time Holton Home residents had recently integrated into Bradley House & the throes of COVID were still impacting business. Today, the Bradley House is full with no vacancy, has a healthy waitlist, its operations have a healthy cash reserve & perhaps most importantly, has a team whose members deliver their very best on each scheduled shift.

With these successes in pocket, Bob has announced he is planning his retirement in early January, 2026. A team has been assembled to search for the next Executive Director with plenty of time & support for a smooth transition. A link to the job listing can be found on our website under Bradley House opportunities.

On behalf of the team at Bradley House, thank you, Bob. Thank you for taking on this important project of caring for all in the Bradley House community, for steering a course through uncertain times, & for ensuring success in future years to come.

Below are some pictures from the past few months I'd like to share with you.



































## More to Read Below

We have a lot of fun things planned. Please check out each month's <u>activities</u> calendar.

Feel free to visit our <u>website</u>.

While you're there, click the link or pick up an <u>Application for Garden Path Elder</u> <u>Living</u> for someone you may know who'd like to move into residential care.

**Bulletin:** Flu & COVID shots will be administered on October 17th here at the Bradley House. For any questions contact Cyndy Channing RN. Or Amy Hall RN.

- \* Please consider swapping out your family members' Summer clothes for more seasonable Fall/Winter clothes.
- \*Do you have any large stones, outdoor plants or grasses you would like to donate? We are accepting donations.
- \* Check out our Bradley House Facebook Page.

**Open Call:** Do you have an interest, talent or idea to share? The Activities department welcomes your input and seeks to recruit volunteers from among our family circles. If you have an arts and crafts idea, (such as) a baking idea or would like to lead a talk sharing your travel photos, please contact me at <a href="mike@gardenpathelderliving.org">mike@gardenpathelderliving.org</a> and we can add it to the schedule. Our aim in activities is to continually enrich, share and enjoy our lives here. I really appreciate all the time and resources that have already been shared! New ideas are always welcome!

Best wishes,

The Activities Team

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