

The Informer

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Plenty of Sweets at Mayflower

On Tuesday, June 21st, an array of sweet treats was baked and prepared by The Mayflower Community's Foodservices staff for a special tasting by residents. On the buffet line in the Buckley Dining Room were the following delicacies:

- Popovers – Jelly and whip cream-filled popovers dusted with powdered sugar
- Lemon Cupcakes – Sweet lemon cake topped with a butter cream frosting and lemon zest
- Dark Chocolate Tarte – A dark chocolate ganache with peanuts in a sweet dough shell
- Bourbon Pecan Pie – Sweet pecan pie in a flaky crust served warm
- Candy Bar – Chocolate and coconut bar with white chips
- Rice Pudding – Rice pudding with a mango sauce and diced strawberries
- Chocolate Fountain – Flowing chocolate for dipping with assorted foods
- Pana Cotta – A vanilla panna cotta (Italian dessert of sweetened cream thickened with gelatin and molded) with thin blueberry puree coulis sauce



Yummmmm!

-Bob Mann, Mayflower Sales & Marketing Director



Strawberries and Ice Cream at Mayflower

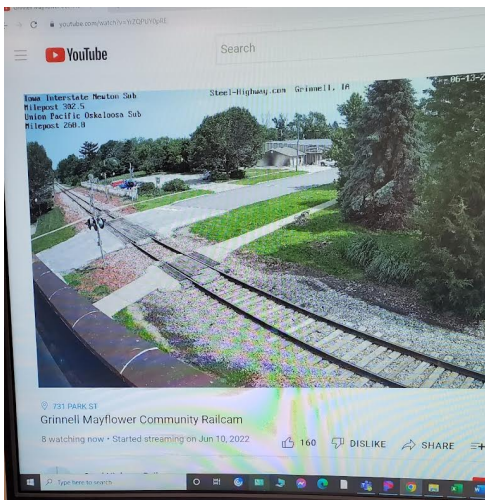
Never missing an opportunity to celebrate something—usually the seasons—with Mayflower food, the Grinnell community of 260+ residents did it again on Wednesday, June 15th. This

time, it was fresh strawberries on vanilla ice cream.

Earlier in the day, resident volunteers showed up with their paring knives to stem and slice the strawberries. Later in the day, the strawberries were served on bowls of ice cream for a large gathering of residents in the Buckley Dining Room.

“Food and Fun”...The Mayflower Community is considering changing our name!

-Bob Mann, Mayflower Sales & Marketing Director



“Railcam” Installed on Mayflower’s Railway Express Building

As a result of the efforts by “Steel Highway Railcam” and Mayflower’s Jack Morrison, Director of Facility Operations, an east-facing and west-facing video camera have been installed on top of the Mayflower Railway Express building at the southwest corner of 3rd Avenue and Park Street

(across the street south from Central Park). When you visit the YouTube site

(<https://www.youtube.com/c/SteelHighwayRailcams>), you can see live action at the interlocking of Grinnell’s two railroads, the Iowa Interstate east/west Newton Subdivision and the Union Pacific north/south Oskaloosa Subdivision.

To the right (south) of the East view, is Mayflower’s Vosburg building, home of our Facilities Department and resident indoor parking. The picket-fence parking lot has been used by the Depot

Crossing Restaurant. Down the track from the west-facing camera, to the right is the Postels Community Health Park building.

Plans include the addition of “Railcams,” one facing west and the other inside the Railway Express building, home of the Grinnell Railroad Club, which hosts multiple miniature railroads.

Radio frequencies monitored: AAR 71 - 161.220 MHz, AAR 74 - 171.220. This radio feed can also be found on “Broadcastify.” This is all a service of “Steel Highway Magazine” published quarterly in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and edited by Tom Hogan. At their website, you can subscribe and support, if you choose.

-Bob Mann, Mayflower Sales & Marketing Director

Mayflower Honors Grinnell’s Water Boil...with Shrimp!

While adhering to the City of Grinnell’s water boil advisory, The Mayflower Community went a step further and boiled shrimp...and corn on the cob and redskin potatoes. To spice things up, Mayflower’s Foodservices staff also served andouille sausage, homemade coleslaw, garlic bread, and Mayflower-baked beignets. Of course, there were drinks made with boiled water that was subsequently iced down!



Pictured from left, Pouch Rojohn, Jacob Staroska, Scott Gruhn.

This all took place on Wednesday evening, June 8th in gorgeous Iowa early summer weather on the Buckley Courtyard Patio next to the fishponds and luscious foliage. Over 100 residents and guests were served in the open air as part of Mayflower’s Annual Shrimp Boil.

No one went home hungry.

-Bob Mann, Mayflower Sales & Marketing Director



June Wine & Cheese Gathering

The next Wine and Cheese event will be tonight, **Friday, June 24th, 4:30-5:30pm, Buckley Dining Room**. Come and enjoy Mayflower resident conversation...and refreshments!

Grinnell Downtown Farmer's Market

It's that summery time of year again!

The Grinnell Farmers Market is in full swing downtown

Grinnell, and will welcome guests through October 22nd. Vendors sell homemade goodies, produce, and various crafts. The Grinnell Farmers Market takes place every Thursday 3-6pm and every Saturday from 10am-noon.



You can find a full list of vendors [here](#).

It's a short walk from the Mayflower and not only is it a great way to support local farmers and artists, but it's a great way to get a little exercise and integrate into the Grinnell Community!

-Temesha Derby, Informer Editor

Available Mayflower Homes

Apartments

- Pearson #211. 1,133 sq.ft. One bedroom/one bath. Dining room + den/living room. Washer/dryer. Plenty of storage. \$79,500
- Pearson #107. 960 sq.ft. Two-bedroom/one bath. East-facing windows. \$58,900
- Buckley #201. 681 sq.ft. Two-bedroom/one bath. Corner. Balcony. \$64,750
- Pearson #213. 600 sq.ft. One-bedroom. New LVP flooring. \$48,250
- Pearson #212. 600 sq.ft. One-bedroom. Open kitchen. LVP flooring. \$45,500
- Watertower Square #209. 1,242 sq.ft. Two-bedroom/two-

bath. Open kitchen. 2nd floor deck. Sun tubes. Washer/dryer. In Wait-List.

Harwich Terrace Patio Homes

- 721 Park Street. 1,496 sq.ft. One bedroom/one full- & one half-bath up. One-bedroom/office/family room/full bath finished down. Large great room. Dining room/den. Three-season porch. Washer/dryer. In process of sale.
- 725 Park Street. 1,280 sq.ft. One bedroom/one and one-half bath up. Three-season sunroom. Deck. Full, mostly finished basement with two bedrooms, full bath, family room, shop. In Wait-List.



Are You up to PAR to Play Golf?

On July 14th through July 16th, Grinnell College will be hosting a golf invitational at their golf course. Enjoy golf, conversation, delicious food,

songs and dance, prizes and more.

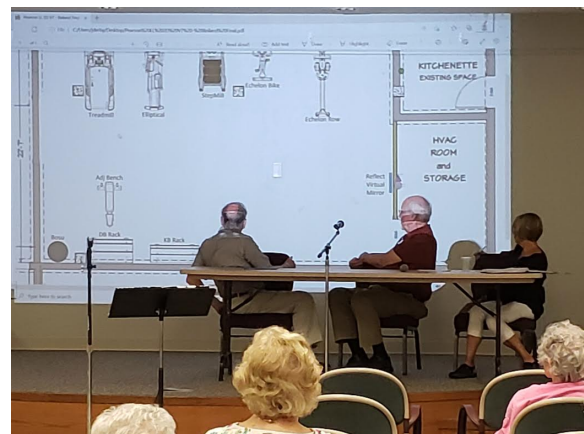
For \$500, you and your partner of choice will receive 72 holes of golf, \$200 in tournament gifts, prizes, five meals, and one totally unique golfing experience.

You can find more [information and register here.](#)

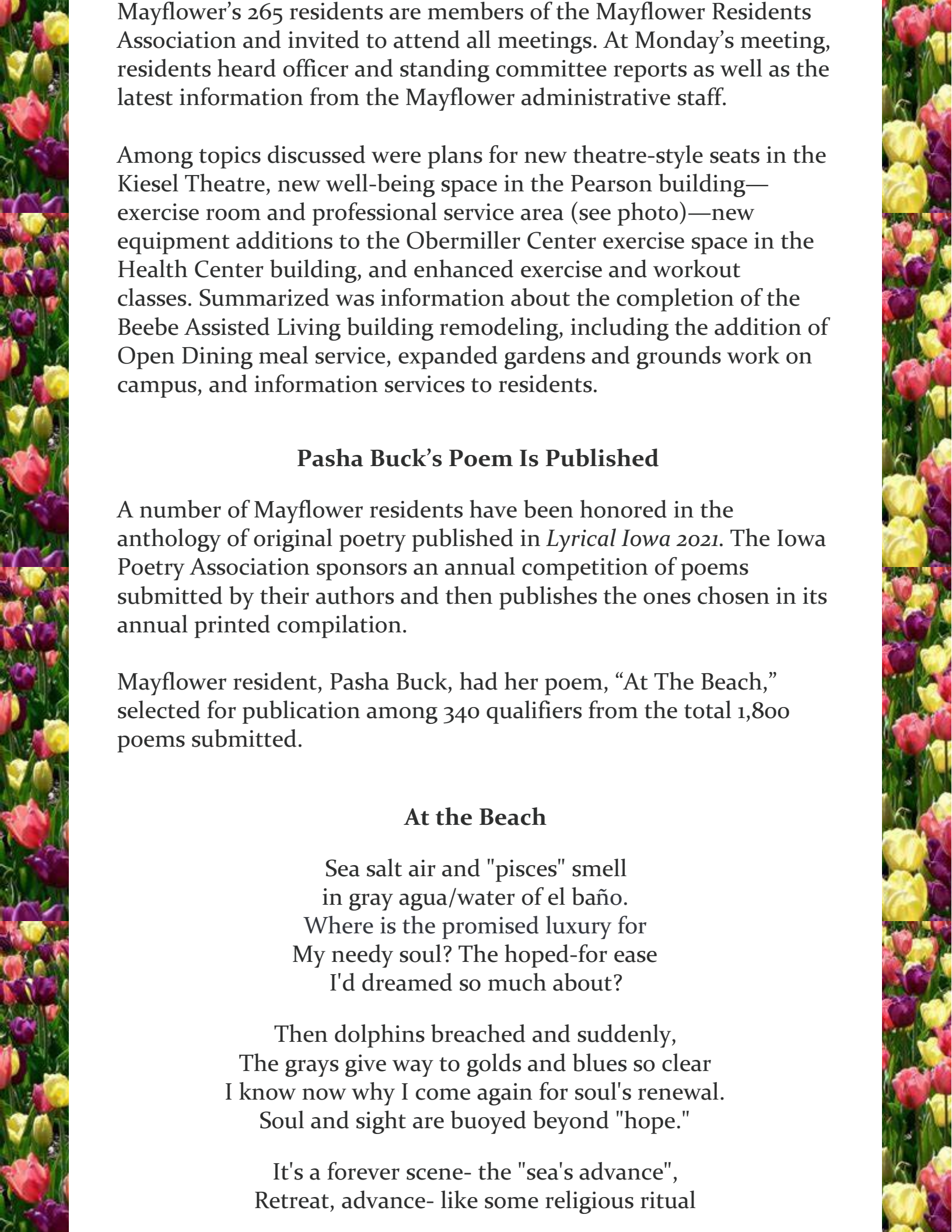
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Resident News

The Mayflower Residents Association Meets



The association of residents living in The Mayflower Community held a periodic “Town Meeting” on Monday, June 20th. All of



Mayflower's 265 residents are members of the Mayflower Residents Association and invited to attend all meetings. At Monday's meeting, residents heard officer and standing committee reports as well as the latest information from the Mayflower administrative staff.

Among topics discussed were plans for new theatre-style seats in the Kiesel Theatre, new well-being space in the Pearson building—exercise room and professional service area (see photo)—new equipment additions to the Obermiller Center exercise space in the Health Center building, and enhanced exercise and workout classes. Summarized was information about the completion of the Beebe Assisted Living building remodeling, including the addition of Open Dining meal service, expanded gardens and grounds work on campus, and information services to residents.

Pasha Buck's Poem Is Published

A number of Mayflower residents have been honored in the anthology of original poetry published in *Lyrical Iowa 2021*. The Iowa Poetry Association sponsors an annual competition of poems submitted by their authors and then publishes the ones chosen in its annual printed compilation.

Mayflower resident, Pasha Buck, had her poem, "At The Beach," selected for publication among 340 qualifiers from the total 1,800 poems submitted.

At the Beach

Sea salt air and "pisces" smell
in gray agua/water of el baño.
Where is the promised luxury for
My needy soul? The hoped-for ease
I'd dreamed so much about?

Then dolphins breached and suddenly,
The grays give way to golds and blues so clear
I know now why I come again for soul's renewal.
Soul and sight are buoyed beyond "hope."

It's a forever scene- the "sea's advance",
Retreat, advance- like some religious ritual

Of the aeons God must have promised to
Perpetual in the midst of chaos, it is sure.

Yes, certain and so sure we set our clocks
Acknowledging this truth. Our inner clock's
Already set, reflecting moon and sun.
Tides in my heart, hear now, bear witness.

-Pasha Buck, Resident



**Jean Libbey
Honored at Grinnell
College**

Late resident, Jean
Libbey, has been
honored by a gift to
Grinnell College made
recently in her name

by Liyan Chen '12 and her husband Brian Solomon. The gift was established to honor the important role that Libbey played in supporting Chen and other international students throughout their enrollment at the College.

Chen says, "Like many international students, I had to navigate the challenges of living in a completely new environment. Jean went above and beyond to help me connect with the community. Her warmth and care made Grinnell feel like home. I hope this new fund will honor Jean's memory by paying forward her kindness and supporting programs that enrich international student experiences and strengthen their ties to the local community."

Chen is pictured to Jean's right in the accompanying photo.

Grinnell's Office of International Student Affairs reports, the "Jean Libbey Middle of Everywhere Fund" will support initiatives that help make Grinnell and the state of Iowa feel like 'home away from home' for students from around the world."

The full story is available [here](#).

Bob Mann, Mayflower Sales & Marketing Director

Armchair Travels in Mayflower's Kiesel Theatre

2:00pm on Thursdays



Below are the upcoming virtual "trips."

June 23rd

- U.S. Hawaii, The Big Island
- Formosa/Taiwan: The Natural Side
- U.S. California, Sonoma Valley

June 30th

- U.S. Michigan, Taste of India, Dehli and Agra
- Argentina/Chile, Patagonia, Mt. Fitzroy

July 7th

- India, Rajasth
- U.S., Ohio & Indiana, Taste of
- U.S., Minnesota & Iowa, Best of Midwest

July 14th

- England, Countryside
- Canada, New Brunswick
- Germany, Aachen

July 21st

- Germany, Munich
- France, Paris & Canadian Rockies
- Great Hotels of The World

July 28th

- Spain, Andalucia
- South Africa

July Treasure Chest: Sock It To 'Em



According to Merriam-Webster, a "collection" is an accumulation of objects for study, comparison, or exhibition. Shells on the beach, rocks on the trail, poems, photographs, recipes. A collection can be intentional or accidental, serious, or

whimsical. The Mayflower Residents Association Treasure Chest Committee seeks collections of all types.

Bob Mann is a Mayflower resident and employee. Recently, we learned about his unusual collection of socks, so we asked him to share it during July. Yes, you read this correctly. Socks! What started as a few gifts from family has become a collection. In fact, Bob has had to ask his family to stop giving him socks, because he can't wear them all!

Some of them will be on display in the Pearson lobby Treasure Chest beginning on July 7th. Until then, showing will be "Love Is in the Air," which features 20th Century love songs and some Mayflower couples wedding pictures.

-Ginny Cameron, Member of the Treasurer Chest Committee

Residents' Birthdays

John DeRooi on June 26th
Bob Butterfield on June 28th
Karen McNally on June 29th
Luther Erickson on June 30th
John Landkamer on July 2nd
Carol Graff on July 6th
Jim LaCasse on July 7th
Ann Igoe on July 8th

In Memoriam

Seymour Raffety
Date of Birth: July 23, 1932
Date of Passing: June 16, 2022

Katherine McClelland
Date of Birth: July 12, 1947
Date of Passing: June 18, 2022

Reminder: A service of remembrance for Jean Libbey and celebration will take place at the Grinnell United Church of Christ on August 27, 2022 at 10:30am.

Celebration of Life Services for Verlene Mitchell
Saturday, June 25th. 2:00pm. Buckley Dining Room. Rev. Bob Molsberry, former pastor at Grinnell United Church of Christ—
Congregational will be conducting the remembrance.

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