



THE RESIDENCE AT PENNIMAN HILL

Hingham, Mass.

Provider: LCB Senior Living

Architect: The Architectural Team

Offering 90 residences for assisted living and memory care, The Residence at Penniman Hill is founded in a deep sense of place. With shingled siding and a series of repeating gambrel and pitched-rook elements, the aesthetic recalls classic low New England coastal architecture. Gray shingles with white trim, attractive double-hung windows, and a copper cupola reinforce the coastal theme.

Hallmarks of the New England style are used throughout the project including fresh coastal-inspired colors and nautical influences. Materials such as shiplap and inlaid wood ceilings reflect common elements from the beaches, lighthouses, ships, and wharves familiar to both residents and families.

The central two-story grand staircase creates a focal point near the entrance. A dramatic custom glass chandelier with globes hanging at varied heights is suspended above the staircase, sending light cascading over the grand piano on the lobby level to create a warm and classic presence.

“Every once in a while, you see a senior living community that really turns your head,” said Senior Living by Design judge Chris Hollister, president, Pegasus Senior Living. “Such is the case of The Residence at Penniman Hill. Very few projects deliver on such a complete vision of harmony with their local environment and architectural traditions.”

The town of Hingham, 30 minutes from Boston, is arts-oriented and home to the

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South Shore Conservatory, the state's largest community school for the arts.

This served as a key design consideration from the outset of the design process. Gallery and display spaces are designated for a variety of art pieces. The community features an extensive art collection of more than 200 works, 30 from local artists. The artwork does more than bring beauty; it evokes a welcoming atmosphere, stimulates engagement, minimizes stress, and aids in wayfinding.

Sustainability was another design goal; the project incorporates a number of green

features and was granted National Green Building Standard Silver status. The building operates beyond the 20 percent improved efficiency required by the building code. Other notable sustainable features include an efficient HVAC system, pre-heated and pre-cooled air ventilation, LED light fixtures, and special roof insulation.

In addition, the construction included rebuilding a portion of surrounding wetlands, helping restore the natural ecosystem as well as protecting water quality into the future.

The memory care residence, called "Reflections," features designated entry and

reception area. Activity areas are clustered together at this central juncture away from the units, which helps create privacy and reduce noise. Two distinct 12-unit neighborhoods are organized around a shared living/dining/kitchen area for a home-like atmosphere.

Residents enjoy spending time outdoors in the several courtyards, says executive director Jean Norte. These spaces allow privacy, socialization, and ample natural light and fresh air—and they also serve as an aid in way-finding.

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