Retirement. What does that word mean to you?

To our residents at Penobscot Shores it means freedom and independence. It means time for cross-country skiing, summer sailing, walking, fitness class, reading, video lecture series, shopping and fine dining. This new chapter can be as exciting as you imagine. We are here to help make that happen for you!

Penobscot Shores is located on 20 acres at the edge of Penobscot Bay in Belfast. Our ocean views are simply spectacular and our gently sloping site grants maximum exposure for those seeking a true waterfront location. Our community offers both cottage and apartment living in beautifully designed, New England shingle-styled buildings that complement the site and neighborhood. We offer 28 one and two bedroom apartments and 26 two bedroom cottages with one car attached garages.

Penobscot Shores offers an independent living environment with a lifestyle that allows you to enjoy the pursuit of personal freedom without the burden of upkeep, chores and maintenance. We firmly believe in aging in place and offer supportive services to assist you in that endeavor. Our first priority at Penobscot Shores is to ensure our Residents are comfortable and delighted with their retirement choice. As you will read in our “Residential Review” section, we believe we are successful.

Our ocean view dining room is magnificent! We have been told numerous times that Penobscot Shores has the best private dining on the Mid-Coast. Our talented chefs bring years of experience to our kitchen. Our menu offers the
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very best in fine dining, varied and imaginative choices and superior service by a well-trained wait staff. You are always welcome to invite family and friends to dine with you. Our holiday menus are as magical as the season.

On the rim of downtown Belfast, a small coastal city that is rich in history, our residents enjoy a revitalization that includes: a YMCA with its new indoor pool, the University of Maine Senior College with varied and enticing...
courses, specialty shops, art galleries, an art deco movie theater, professional services, a thriving new boat repair facility, an ocean front walking bridge and path, fabulous restaurants, an excellent Co-op with locally produced foods and produce, a farmer’s market, garden clubs, conservation organizations, and so, so much more.

Penobscot Shores is a consumer cooperative managed by Waldo County Healthcare Management Company and is affiliated with Waldo County General Hospital, an award winning, trusted name, in quality healthcare since 1901, and part of the Maine Health family. Waldo County General Hospital is located a quarter mile from our door.

Independent retirement living is all about a carefree way of life, personal freedom, choice, privacy, supportive services and friendship. Our oceanfront community will far surpass your expectations of retirement living. We welcome you to visit us to realize why our residents love independent living at Penobscot Shores.

For your private tour or further information, please call us at 207.338.2332 or visit us on the web at: www.penobscot-shores.com.

Give us a call at 207-944-6888 to find out how you can tell your story to our readers in your very own Guest Article.
Louisa and Karl Gerstenberger

We moved to Maine twenty-eight years ago. We have come here for vacations ever since we were married in 1959 and have continued to love what it represents to us. We have sailed from South Carolina to Newfoundland from a base on Penobscot Bay. Now we can look out on the Bay each day and re-confirm why it has been such an important place in our lives for so long.

When we decided that being able to age at home was what we most wanted, the only question for us was choosing the best place for that home.

For us, Penobscot Shores is that place. Its basic philosophy; to encourage and provide all necessary support for truly independent living, and its location were most important. Having award-winning health services literally around the corner, the lifetime learning opportunities at Senior College at Belfast, and the many other conveniences of a vibrant and real community all figured in our decision.

Most of all, this major change continues to seem both timely and right for us. In part because of the caring attitude of the remarkable group of people who staff this place and also those who have become our friends… the other residents who have made the same decision, for many of the same reasons.

Resident Testimonials

Meredith McCarthy

Living on the Maine coast was a “dream come true” for me, and moving to Penobscot Shores has made retiring perfect. The ocean views, wooded backdrops, and beautifully designed and well-kept landscaping make each day enjoyable for me. Every window in my cottage delivers a new picture filled with flowers and shrubs that change with the seasons, and I am always entertained by the variety of birds that inhabit our surroundings. Today, while watching a dozen seagulls argue over a half-eaten apple on the lawn behind my home, a red fox trotted on down the drive behind the fussing birds. What a surprise for a drizzling morning! And what has made my cottage my home are our welcoming, kind, and supportive staff. They are a talented group of professionals, and are always ready to lend a hand. My new life is indeed rich.
Connie Barnes

Connie, who grew up in Bangor, moved into Penobscot Shores 18 years ago. In fact, she and her Husband, Dana, were among the first to move in to this community. After traveling the world extensively with her husband for his work, they retired to this area. Once Penobscot Shores was completed in 1996, they moved in.

Connie has always maintained that moving here was one of the best decisions she ever made. Because she had summered on Penobscot Bay since she was a child, Penobscot Shores felt like home immediately. Being so close to the bay, and less than ¼ mile from Waldo County General Hospital, an award winning hospital in many areas, were two important reasons she chose to live here. The excellent dining staff that continuously excels in maintaining the high quality established since day one, the lovely grounds that are cared for throughout the seasons and the camaraderie and friendships that have developed thru the years, are some of the reasons that she continues to love being here.

Connie is now in the process of moving from her lovely cottage, to an apartment in the Ocean House. This is a move that several other residents have made as well, when getting around became a little more of a challenge for them.

This is a move that Connie always planned once the time was right. Since she recently stopped driving, she has found the van service and staff have helped tremendously to make that transition smoother than she thought possible. In her words, "Nothing is too much of an ordeal for them in accommodating my needs." After the move, if she chooses, she can easily come to the dining room in the morning for coffee with other residents. She will no longer have to brave the snow and other elements to come up for dinner during the winter. And, her most important bridge games can continue without interruption.