

Pickering Manor community landmarks

- **1961:** In April 1961 plans for the Pickering Manor were announced. The house itself was to be completely renovated, redecorated and equipped with modern facilities.

The manor would be managed by the Community Welfare Council and The First National Bank and Trust Co. Members of the CWF were Tom Lavelle, Calvin Terry, Joanne Stieber and Jayne Richardson.

The Women's Auxiliary was established and then as now it has supported Pickering Manor not only financially but with volunteer services as well.

- **1963:** The east wing, a fireproof one-story building with 10 rooms and 20 beds was built. The east wing opened in 1963. At that time, Esther Search was the Director of Nurses.

Volunteers were very important to Pickering Manor. They helped with making beds, counting linens etc.

- **1966:** NWC became the sole trustee for Pickering Manor.
- **1970:** The west wing was built thanks to the generous support from bequests and donations totaling nearly \$291,000. The west wing was a two-story structure that paralleled the east wing. Again the building had 10 rooms with 20 beds. The lower level was finished at a later date.
- **1971:** The first double cottage was built with 2 residences consisting of a living room, dining area, Pullman kitchen, bedroom and bath.
- **1974:** The lower level of west wing was completed to provide 10 rooms. An elevator was installed and renovations were made to the kitchen, offices and the rooms upstairs the original house. The following year more cottages were built making a total of six residences.
- **1979:** Pickering Manor apartments consisting of 24 units were built across from the Manor on Lincoln Ave.
- **1984:** Pickering Field was dedicated. A memorial bronze engraved tablet fastened to a stone, which was once the bulwark for trains at the Newtown station. The tablet recognizes the community contribution of H. Russell Pickering and A. Marlyn Moyer, Jr. Mr. Moyer donated money to have trees planted in Newtown.
- **1987:** The Carl Sedia Auditorium was built and nine more rooms were added to the lower level.
- **1992:** Some of the rooms became Personal Care rooms. Today all the rooms on the lower level are Personal Care rooms.

- **1995:** Two more cottages were built. They are facing Lincoln Ave.
- **2012:** Currently Pickering Manor has 10 cottages, 24 apartments, 22 Personal Care rooms and 47 Skilled Nursing beds. .

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