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New park and pond at Tanglewood Manor/Memory Garden adds new dimension to care of the elderly

Construction begins at the Jamestown campus

A new park and fishing pond at Tanglewood Manor and Memory Garden in Jamestown will provide residents and their visitors with an enjoyable yet safe and controlled outdoor environment for warm weather activities. These new amenities support a trend that emphasizes activity and stimulation as healthful and beneficial for the elderly, often to the exclusion of additional medication and other interventions.

“Appropriate stimulation and levels of activity can do wonders for the elderly and especially for those who are memory impaired,” says Tanglewood owner Nick Ferri. “With this expansion of our outdoor facilities, our residents have every opportunity to fully enjoy and benefit from time outdoors.”

Construction involves several stages:

- A covered pavilion measuring 32' x 24' with bathroom facilities and a kitchen, making it suitable for outdoor events and entertaining. Golf carts will provide transportation to events held in the pavilion for those who are unable to walk there.
- A fenced-in pond that will be stocked with fish and available to residents for supervised fishing.
- A park with a mile-long walking path and several rest stations along the way, landscaped with wild flowers, evergreens, and flowering trees. Trail entrances will be accessible from both Tanglewood Manor and Memory Garden.

The plan has received all necessary approvals from the local zoning and planning boards.

"We're constructing the park on the currently wooded 3.5 acres directly behind Tanglewood Manor," says administrator Terri Ingersoll. "The serene environment of the park will provide a quiet place for meditation and will also be a place to involve senior groups from the community for healthy interaction and socialization.

"While available to the residents of Tanglewood Manor and Memory Garden, the new park will also be available to seniors from the surrounding communities who are invited to the campus for luncheons and events such as our Senior Olympics."

Tanglewood Manor has the only licensed Assisted Living Program in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus County. There are 102 residents benefiting from this program. Memory Garden is the only free standing facility in Chautauqua County caring solely for those having memory impairment.