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## Move Over Nursing Homes — There's Something Different

By Ina Jaffe, [NPR](#)

One thing just about everyone dreads as they age is the possibility of ending up in a nursing home. We all think we know what that's like: sharing a room with strangers, sitting slumped in a wheelchair all day, rigid schedules, bad smells. And for more than 1 million Americans, this is home. But there's an effort to change all that, and it's known as The Green House Project.

Read more [here](#).



## It's Time to Leave Our Hyper Adulthood Behind

by Donna Sapolin, *Next Avenue*

I recently spoke with Dr. Bill Thomas, renowned geriatrician, author and mastermind of the Green House Project long-term care model (a more humane alternative to traditional nursing homes). His new book is *Second Wind: Navigating the Passage to a Slower, Deeper, and More Connected Life*.

Read more [here](#).



## Where To Live As We Age

By Susan Fine, *Parade Magazine*

Geriatrician Dr. Bill Thomas, a professor at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, created The Green House Project with the hope of revolutionizing eldercare. In 2001, he wandered into the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation wearing a sweatshirt and Birkenstocks and shared his vision. The foundation was so impressed by his ideas it agreed to support a pilot program. Read more [here](#).



A place to call home

## **'Green House' Nursing Homes Expand as Communities Reinvent Elder Care**

By Susan Dentzer, PBS News Hour

Susan Dentzer reports on the "green houses" project, which seeks to reinvent traditional nursing home care and create close-knit communities of patients and caregivers.

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