

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

The activity department wishes to thank each person who made the first annual mini holiday market a success!



Our residents' holiday trees from plastic spoons.



December Birthdays

12/10 Minnie Alvis
12/18 Emily Jenkins

Trips

12/4 Shopping: TJ Maxx
12/6 Lunch: Pepper's Grill
12/11 Holiday Lights Outing
12/13 Shopping/Lunch
Heritage Market/Wood Grill
12/20 Holiday Lights Outing

Please see activity staff to sign up.
This is first come first serve!

Hot Chocolate Social



Baby It's Cold Outside.....but
Inside we spippin hot coca!



Single as a Pringle....What Fun!!

The homemade potato soup was a sell out.



Our holiday raffle will be till December 11th. Stop by our lobby and take a chance to win lottery wreath, gingerbread, breakfast, or nurse basket.

These are great gifts!



Celebrating December

Universal Human Rights Month

Safe Toys and Gifts Month
Clerc-Gallaudet Week
December 3-9

Dice Day
December 4

Bathtub Party Day
December 5

Salesperson Day
December 8

Gingerbread House Day
December 12

Humbug Day
December 21

Christmas
December 25

Thank-You Note Day
December 26

New Year's Eve
December 31

A Perfect NYC Christmas

There are hundreds of things to do in New York City any day of the year, but the city takes on a sparkle during the Christmas season that makes it feel like you've stepped into a Hallmark movie. The bustle and constant activity can be overwhelming, but they also add to the festive atmosphere.

There's nothing like staring up at the magical tree at Rockefeller Center, which towers 80 feet above the crowd and twinkles with more than five miles of lights! After admiring the tree, many people don some ice skates for a few laps around the famed Rink at Rockefeller Center. Others swear that Wollman Rink at Central Park, featured in movies such as *Home Alone 2*, is a superior choice.

Strolling along Fifth Avenue to take in the window displays is another iconic holiday activity. Stores like Bergdorf Goodman, Tiffany & Co., Barney's, and Macy's create extravagant themed windows that attract tourists and other holiday-fun seekers. The windows showcase fairytale wonderlands, glittery winter landscapes, and magical scenes of Santa and his elves hard at work.

In a town known for its shows, going to see a Christmas performance should be on every list. The Rockettes' *Christmas Spectacular* is filled with the expected high kicks and beloved Christmas tunes. An outing to see Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* is a holiday tradition for families all over the country, but the Lincoln Center's production is one of the most admired performances of this 1892 classic.

The Christmas season isn't complete without picking up some presents for family and friends. Shopping options in the Big Apple are always plentiful, but the European-style Christmas markets have some truly unique gift items. The atmosphere is festive—chilly air, twinkling lights, bustling stalls, and the scent of baked goods create the perfect backdrop for discovering local and handmade goods. For native New Yorkers and visitors alike, nothing beats Christmas in New York. Additionally, indulging in some seasonal treats like sipping on hot cocoa or munching on roasted chestnuts from street vendors can add a delicious layer to your New York City Christmas experience. The combination of delightful flavors and festive sights truly makes the holiday season in the Big Apple a cherished memory.

Welcome



Robert “Bob” Burton joined the Dogwood family this month. He and his wife are happy to be together. He met his wife on a blind date and has been married for 60 years. He has 2 children. Bob graduated from West Virginia University with a Business Degree. He retired after being a business owner of a men’s clothing store. In his free time, he enjoys reading the wall street journal, exercising, and socializing with others. Stop in a give him a warm welcome.



Carolyn Brookman came to live with us this month. She was born in Louisa VA. She was recently living in Gordonsville.

She visits the Outer Banks North Carolina each Thanksgiving for a family vacation as its tradition. She was the manager at Bank of Virginia. Her and husband were married for 65 years. They have 3 beautiful children. She shared her greatest accomplishment in life, which was raising her children. Her hobbies are writing, playing piano, swimming and enjoying her family and friends. She managed to write a book “The Black Pelican” at the age of 70. Stop by and let her share it with you. She has been a past volunteer at Dogwood Health & Rehab.

DECEMBER MUSIC PROGRAMS



- 12/1 Billy Caldwell
- 12/5 Water Falls Trio
- 12/6 Blue Birds of Happiness
- 12/8 Davis & Bradley
- 12/11 Classic Country Show W/Mary
- 12/12 Nashville Standard
- 12/14 Old Tunes W/Joe Jenkins
- 12/14 Classic Holiday Tunes W/Dustin
- 12/15 Singing Grandpa
- 12/17 Caroling (All floors-open doors)
- 12/18 Orange County High School Chorus
- 12/19 Bill Parrish
- 12/20 Blue Birds of Happiness
- 12/22 Tunes W/Allen Newton
- 12/23 Songs W/Haylee Berry & Choir

Join us for the festive shows!

BINGO-JINGO HAPPENINGS



- 12/2 Bingo W/ Activity Staff
- 12/3 Bingo W/Chelesa
- 12/7 Bingo W/ Ellen
- 12/10 Bingo W/Ellen
- 12/16 Christms Jingo
- 12/17 Bingo W/Chelesa
- 12/21 Bingo W/Ellen
- 12/23 Bingo W/Activity Staff-Candy Style
- 12/31 (2hrs) Bingo Bash-New Year’s Eve W/Chelesa (Prizes & Cash)



Veteran’s Day Appreciation Baskets

Home Sweet Home



Gingerbread House Day, December 12, brings a touch of magic to the holiday season. It’s the perfect occasion to indulge in a time-honored tradition: building and decorating gingerbread houses. This charming holiday observance offers a sweet escape from the busyness of the season.

The history of gingerbread houses has roots in medieval Europe, where gingerbread was initially reserved for special occasions and celebrations. It was often used to create intricate works of edible art, including gingerbread houses. These delectable structures gained popularity in Germany during the 16th century when the Brothers Grimm published their fairy tales, including the famous story of Hansel and Gretel, who discover a house made of gingerbread and candy deep in the forest.

Notable gingerbread houses have become a source of fascination and wonder. The White House has a longstanding tradition of creating a gingerbread replica of the executive mansion during the holiday season. These intricate confections often include detailed icing decorations and miniature furnishings.

Another impressive example is the annual National Gingerbread House Competition in Asheville, North Carolina. This event attracts pastry chefs and artists from around the world who craft astonishing gingerbread creations, from charming cottages to elaborate castles.

In modern times, gingerbread houses have evolved from simple, rustic structures to intricate architectural marvels. They continue to be a beloved holiday tradition, a sign of the enduring appeal of this spicy-sweet treat. This year on Gingerbread House Day, unleash your creativity, and see what kind of edible masterpiece you can create with family and friends.

DECEMBER EVENTS

- 12/2 Spinning Vinyl Holiday Style
- 12/4 Pool Noodle Holiday Style
- 12/5 Bow Spatula
- 12/7 Coffee & Fruit Cake
- 12/8 Games W/Culpeper Christian School
- 12/12 Wine & Cheese Social
- 12/14 Tree Punch
- 12/16 Sipping Egg Nogg
- 12/18 Nails W/Heather
- 12/21 Un-Wrap It
- 12/25 Santa Gifts
- 12/26 Drums Alive
- 12/30 Monthly B-Day Party



Let Us Wrap

On December 19, 2023, the residents will be offering to wrap any holiday gifts from 1:30-3:30 in the activity room. If you choose to make a voluntary donation wonderful, but not required. This is open to staff and the public.



COME SPREAD CHEER!

Open House Holiday Appetizer & Cocktails Social on December 22, 2023, at 2 pm. Drop in for delicious finger foods and holiday cheer in the activity room. You must sign up with activity staff by 12/14/23.