

December, 2020

# Talk of the Towers

## HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'

12/3-Mura Lipskaya &

Rebecca McCormick: 12/4-Joe Marsili &

Maya Kaminskya & Arnold Muse &

David Bray: 12/5- Robert Dall

12/7- Marge Robertson & Ed Guthrie

12/8- Tamara Chirkova

12/16- Tatyana Kreyn; 12/17 -Pat Conlin

12/21- Christine Harrington

12/22- Kathryn Hutchinson

12/24- David Bey

The board members will be bringing a treat to your doors to help you celebrate.

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## The Bus Is Back ( kind of)

Management has approved limited bus runs, with some restrictions.

- 1) Only 6 people will be allowed on the bus for each store run.
- 2) All residents MUST wear a mask
- 3) You will be asked to use hand sanitizer each time you get on the bus

The bus schedule is on the calendar.

There will be some changes to the stores and the days the bus is running.

You will be signing up for the bus on Friday, for the next week with Janice, at the front desk.

Because of limited space, you can only ride the bus to one store each week.

Mr. Willie will assist you for your safety

## HAPPY SHOPPING



## COFFEE TIME

Wednesdays

@

8:30am



Grab a cup of coffee and a pastry and  
Socialize: (from a distance)

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12/1 & 12/15

Come on down

and enjoy a  
game of Bingo  
with friends

From 1-3 pm



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Tuesday, 12/01

Sign- up sheet will be placed in the  
Multipurpose room for a 70's+ luncheon.  
Sign- up for next Tuesday's lunch, supplied  
by the good people from Hendrix Avenue  
Baptist Church. You can opt to pick up your  
lunch or it can be delivered to your  
apartment. But you must sign up by Friday,  
12/04. The lunch itself is

Tuesday, 12/08 @ 11am

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Thursday, 12/03 @ 1pm

Open Enrollment with "Rita" from  
Secure Choice Insurance

Open Enrollment ends on 12/07.

This may be the last chance to make sure  
you are getting the most benefits you  
qualify for, from Medicare & Medicaid.

Come down and talk to Rita she will  
be here to assist you and answer any ??'s

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**Tuesday, 12/08 @ 1-4pm**

**Wii Bowling**

All residents are invited to come down to the multipurpose room and practice up for the big tournament of the year



**“STAFF vs. RESIDENTS”**

**When?— Tuesday, 12/22 @ 1-4 pm**

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**Thursday, 12/17 @ 1pm**

**“TRIVIA” w/ Marvin**

**Q: What runs all around a backyard but never moves?**

**Q: What tastes better than it smells?**

**Want to know the answers?**

**Come on down and join in the fun**

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**Tuesday, 12/29 @ 1-3pm**

**Game Day**

Come on down to the multipurpose room for great time to play and win a game with your friends and neighbors  
Good time and fellowship



**On Friday 12/11**

**A sign– up sheet will be placed**

**In the multipurpose room for**

**Maszy’s Christmas Dinner**

**On Christmas Eve (12/24) @ 5 pm**

The Maszy family will be here with a delicious dinner for all residents to enjoy. You may sign up to have your meal delivered to your apartment or you can come pick it up. Sign the sheet that says Pick up or the one that says Deliver

**You must sign up by Friday, 12/18.**

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**Wednesday, 12/30 @ 1 pm**

**Ice Cream Social**

**Pick it up and take it with you  
Please remember to social distance**



**It’s almost the end of the year  
Our current officers from the  
Resident Association  
want to end their tenure  
with a sweet treat.  
Come and enjoy a year ending  
Ice Cream Sundae**

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## Chanukah

In the year 2020, the celebration of lights falls on December 10th. The date for this Jewish holiday is different each year as Jews follow the Hebrew (lunar) calendar. Here is a little history about this joyous holiday.

In the second century BCE, the Holy Land was ruled by the Seleucids (Syrian-Greeks), who tried to force the people of Israel to accept Greek

culture and beliefs instead of commandment observance and belief in G♁d. Against all odds, a small band of faithful but poorly armed Jews, led by Judah the Maccabee, defeated one of the mightiest armies on earth, drove the Greeks from the land, reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and rededicated it to the service of G♁d.

When they sought to light the Temple's Menorah (the seven-branched candelabrum), they found only a single cruse of olive oil that had escaped contamination by the Greeks. Miraculously, they lit the menorah and the one-day supply of oil lasted for eight days, until new oil could be prepared under conditions of ritual purity.

To commemorate and publicize these miracles, the sages instituted the festival of Chanukah.



## Christmas

The precise origin of assigning December 25 as the birth date of Jesus is unclear. The [New Testament](#) provides no clues in this regard. December 25 was first identified as the date of Jesus' birth by [Sextus Julius Africanus](#) in 221 and later became the universally accepted date. One widespread explanation of the origin of this date is that December 25 was the Christianizing of the *dies solis invicti nati* ("day of the birth of the unconquered sun"), a popular holiday in the [Roman Empire](#) that celebrated the winter solstice as a symbol of the resurgence of the sun, the casting away of winter and the heralding of the rebirth of spring and summer. Indeed, after December 25 had become widely accepted as the date of Jesus' birth, Christian writers frequently made the connection between the rebirth of the sun and the birth of the Son. One of the difficulties with this view is that it suggests a nonchalant willingness on the part of the Christian church to appropriate a pagan festival when the early church was so intent on distinguishing itself categorically from pagan beliefs and practices.

