

# The Woodcrest Villager

## Special Edition: Covid-19 Pandemic

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*“December  
drops no  
weak, relent-  
ing tear, By  
our fond  
Summer  
sympathies  
ensnared,  
Nor from the  
perfect circle  
of the year  
Can even  
Winter’s  
crystal gems  
be spared.”  
– Christopher  
Pearce  
Cranch*

## So Much to Celebrate

A beautiful custom made Advent Calendar sits on display at Woodcrest. Every day of the month, a little wooden drawer will be opened to reveal a surprise! The staff have individually sponsored each day until Christmas, offering small gifts, little performances and festive activities. So keep your eye out for these special treats each day! You may also notice some new appliances around the house. These white boxes are actually a fleet of new air purifiers. These medical grade H13 HEPA filters are placed strate-



gically to maintain air quality. So breathe deeply! This month we will take our annual trip to La Salette Shrine. On the evening of the 17th we'll pack up a thermos of something tempting and take a ride to see the perennially popular light display. Pontine Theater will entertain

us on the 12th, when they perform (virtually) their show "White Heron." On the 21st, we'll gather together for a good old fashioned "Yankee Swap!" Residents and staff are invited to bring any item that they no longer need, but might bring a smile and participate in the silly hijinks of speedy rounds of trading! On the 22nd we'll all dress up for a holiday party. Nibbling hors d'oeuvres and sipping cocktails together, residents and employees can enjoy each others company and the warmth of the season.

## Holiday Mall



Tis the season to do some holiday shopping! The Covid-19 pandemic doesn't have to stop us!

Our ever versatile Community Room will transform, this month, into a self contained little Holiday Mall! We will have booths

from Morgan Hill Book Store, Artisan's Boutique and Allioops! Flower Shop! Browse beautiful books, festive potted plants, and lovely little gifts of every description! We will also be hosting Employee Craft and

Flea Market tables, the proceeds of these going to benefit the New Hampshire Food bank. Our Holiday Mall will be held on December 9th. Residents may charge any items they select to their rooms. There will even be a gift wrapping station!

## Winter Wagon Rides

Picture this: A crisp December evening, friends sitting around a crackling bonfire with warm, inviting drinks in their hands. Then, the sound of sleigh bells and the trotting of horse hooves. This will be our happy scene on

December 15th. We've arranged for a team of Draft horses pulling a wagon to pick us up in small groups and take us for a winter ride! We'll bundle up in our warmest clothes and some wool blankets and

taste the evening air on a specially planned route around the neighborhood. There will be outdoor heaters and fire pits, hot drinks and carolers to boot! So pull out your parkas and let's celebrate the season together!



# Welcome Winter

This month brings the winter solstice.

The official beginning of winter, the longest

night and shortest

day. This period of darkness also brings the very first rays of returning light, and so we celebrate!

This year has asked a



lot of us all. The world over shares the common bond of burden that this pandemic has imposed. As we prepare

for the many holidays that come our way in December, we are cheered by the festivities of the season. But also by the hope-

ful rays of light that begin to shine through. News of a vaccine certainly reminds us that, though still a bit distant, there is light at the end of this tunnel.



Christmas day we'll enjoy a home-made feast fit for the holiday, and then a special holiday greeting video to be followed by a visit from a certain big man in a red suit!



# A Fond Farewell to Donna

Twenty four years ago, on October 21, 1996, this "young" lady started her employment at Woodcrest Village. After spending most her of adult lifetime as part of our family, she has announced it's time to "*hit the trail*" and spend more time with her family. Donna Baker-Hartwell, there are not enough words to describe the impact you have had on our community. At



December and then she will pass the baton to our energetic, amazing and smart Beth

65, you have earned the right to set yourself free and do everything that makes your heart sing. Your full-time presence will be missed, and we can all only hope to carry on a fraction of what you have instilled upon us all.

Donna will be with us until the end of

Castello! A congratulations is in order to Beth for demonstrating her ability to carry on Donna's legacy while forging her own creative path.

Donna's indelible mark will stay on with us forever, but we wish her all the blessings, love, fun and adventure she has always brought to us!

