# The Woodcrest Villager

#### Special Edition: Covid-19 Pandemic

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#### So Much to Celebrate

weak, relenting 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

"December

drops no

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 HI3 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**

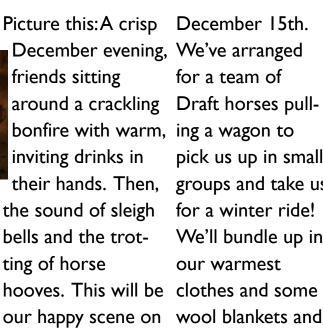
Tis the season to do from Morgan Hill some holiday shopping! The Covid-19 pandemic doesn't have to stop us! Our ever versatile Community Room will transform, this month, into a self

contained little Holiday Mall! We will have booths

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



December 15th. for a team of Draft horses pullpick us up in small groups and take us for a winter ride! We'll bundle up in our warmest

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!



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#### 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 de-

scribe the impact you

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

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

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!

