

*"There is nothing in the world so irresistably contagious as laughter and good humor." — Charles Dickens*

# NEIGHBORHOOD News

A monthly newsletter for the Cottages at Hillcrest Country Estates

## Top Five Holiday Movies

It's finally December! It's time to enjoy the snow, decorations and delicious baked goods. One of the best ways to get into the holiday spirit is to watch festive movies. Here are some of the best holiday movies of all time, according to parents.com.

- **"It's a Wonderful Life"**— A classic since 1946, this movie tells the story of George Bailey. Through the eyes of Clarence the Angel, George is reminded that the love of his family and friends is what truly makes the holidays worth celebrating. Whether you've seen it 100 times or are watching it for the first time, your heart will be stolen by this beautiful movie.
- **"Miracle on 34th Street"**— Set in New York City, this movie combines romance and the holidays as Santa Clause teaches a mother and daughter what the season is really about. You can even watch this movie in black and white or in color!
- **"The Muppet Christmas Carol"**— This movie contains the comedic genius of the Muppet world while masterfully recapturing the heartfelt message of the original story. This is a perfect movie for all ages.
- **"Santa Clause"**— This movie shows Santa Clause in a more practical light as businessman Scott Calvin becomes the new Santa. As he learns his new role he discovers the true meaning of the season. Between the elves and the reindeer, there's plenty of laughs to go around in this modern take on a classic character.
- **"White Christmas"**— In this movie, four friends team up to revive a hotel for a retired general and fall in love along the way. Accented by beautiful scenery, fabulous outfits and timeless songs, this movie really sets the tone for the holiday season.  
So snuggle up with a blanket and hot cocoa and get in the holiday spirit with one of these classic movies!



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 1: Marilyn Herrmann  
 Dec. 5: Anna Hluchoweckj  
 Dec. 9: Emma Smith  
 Dec. 9: MaryAnn Soukup  
 Dec. 13: Marion Zenker  
 Dec. 14: Raymond Kriskey  
 Dec. 16: Wanda Haynes  
 Dec. 19: Robert Weber

## WELCOME TO COTTAGE LIFE!

Evelyn Hoffer  
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## DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

### Cottages 40/50

Dec. 9: Christmas Light Night Ride, 5:30 p.m.  
 Dec. 12: Scooters Breakfast & Coffee, 9:30 a.m.

### Cottages 60/70

Dec. 3: Christmas Light Night Ride, 5:30 p.m.  
 Dec. 4: Mormon Trail Center Gingerbread House Display, 1 p.m.

### Cottages 72/82

Dec. 11: Christmas Light Night Ride, 5:30 p.m.  
 Dec. 16: Monday Movie Matinee, 9:30 a.m.

### Cottages 80/90

Dec. 5: Durham Museum & Soda Fountain Lunch, 10 a.m.  
 Dec. 12: Christmas Light Night Ride, 5:30 p.m.

## FEATURED EVENT

### Holiday Extravaganza 5:00 p.m.

**Dec. 17 — Cottages 40/50 & 60/70**  
**Dec. 19 — Cottages 72/82 & 80/90**

Join us for our Holiday Extravaganza! Come enjoy food, festive music and time with your loved ones. Even Santa will be making an appearance! RSVP to Abby Brandt by Dec. 11 at (402) 885-7000 or [abrandt@hillcresthealth.com](mailto:abrandt@hillcresthealth.com)

## Tara's Take



I would like to take this time to wish all of our elders and their families a Happy Holidays! I am so blessed to have such a special opportunity to serve as the administrator here at The Cottages, alongside a fantastic and dedicated team. I have been busy getting to know all the elders and

team members here over the last month, which has been amazing. We have a new culinary director, Jamie Hobson, who has started within the last month, and I am excited for all of the new ideas and energy she has to offer our campus.

I am looking forward to all of the holiday cheer, love and festivities of this time of year. Winter time brings snow and cold weather, which makes our homes cozier. I have a love for mountains, fireplaces and all things that bring family and friends closer together. We have some special days that we will be celebrating in December, and I can't wait to share them with all of you.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season!

—Tara Gabel, Administrator



## ELDERS IN ACTION

Happy holidays, everyone! This month we have a lot of fun, holiday themed activities planned. We will be going on holiday light tours, having our holiday dinners and much more. We can't truly celebrate the holidays without some gingerbread houses, so we will be seeing them on display December 4th. We will also

be visiting the movie theater, which is always a favorite of ours. When the weather gets chilly, who doesn't love some hot coffee? Scooter's Coffee will be one of our must-have stops this month as well. We can't wait to see what's in store for the new year!

**-Abby Brandt, Administrative Assistant**



Virgil Jochimsen receives his pin for Veterans Day.



Residents enjoy lunch at Johnny's Café.



Max Parrott gets a special visitor.



Mark Bode gets pinned on Veterans Day.



Johnathan, Tom and Pete eat at Johnny's Café.

## A MONTH IN REVIEW

October started off our holiday season, and we hit it out of the park with our Annual Trick-or-Treating Event! We passed out candy in each cottage, including the rehab cottage. We came across many costumes, including the Grinch, Cindy Lou Who, Transformers, pumpkins and even a skeleton! If you were lucky, there

were even some goodies aside from the candy you could snag like pencils, bouncy balls and notebooks. We also honored all of our veteran elders with pins recognizing their individual military branches. Thank you to all veterans who have served our country.

**-Abby Brandt, Administrative Assistant**



Kim and her family join the Halloween fun.



Logan, Ben, Melina and Adaleigh pose in their costumes.



The Grinch visits the Cottages on Halloween.



Anna and Gabby pass out candy to trick-or-treaters.



Kaddy and her kids show off their awesome costumes.