

"There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor." - Charles Dickens

What's Growing On...

in HHR's Magnolia & Azalea neighborhoods



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: Pat G.
- Dec. 6: Stacia S.
- Dec. 15: Bud P.
- Dec. 23: David H.
- Dec. 23: Audrey H.

MEET THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Hillcrest Health & Rehab

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Dec. 4: Scatter Joy Acres Pet Therapy
- Dec. 5: Entertainer Wayne Miller, 2:45 p.m.
- Dec. 19: Entertainer Billy Troy, 2 p.m.
- Dec. 19: Magnolia Christmas Party, 5 p.m.
- Dec. 23: Merrymakers Presents Jim Javorsky, 2:30 p.m.
- Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Party, 6:30 p.m.

WORSHIP SERVICES

- Sun: Catholic Mass, 10 a.m. (Chapel)
Christian Service (3rd & 4th Sun), 1:30 p.m.
- Mon: Worship with Chaplain Jerry, 1:30 p.m. (Magnolia)
- Tues: Catholic Communion, provided by St. Mary's of Bellevue, morning Hymn Sing, 1:15 p.m. (Chapel)
- Thurs: Chapel with Chaplain Jerry, 11 a.m. (Chapel)
- Sat: Hymns & Prayer, 10 a.m. (Chapel)

FEATURED EVENT

Family Holiday Dinner 5:30-7:30

Join the Recreation Department in celebrating the holidays!
Dec. 12. — Azalea/Ivy
Dec. 19. — Magnolia
RSVP to (402) 682-4223 by Dec. 5 for Azalea/Ivy or Dec. 12 for Magnolia

Tammy's Take



Happy December to all! I hope everyone is faring well through the holidays! I am very excited for Christmas this year as we are conducting the holiday parties a little bit differently. This will be great because I believe as it will allow us a little more time to spend with you and your

families. We are so happy to invite the families of our long-term care Azalea and Ivy residents to dine with us in the chapel on the 12th of December at 5:30 p.m. Please bring your appetite and holiday cheer! As for our lovely Magnolia family - we will celebrate a warm holiday dinner on the 19th of December at 5:30 p.m. in the Magnolia dining areas. We hope to see many family members and friends! Please RSVP with the recreation team.

We all have our favorite things about the holidays - the lights, the music, the food and the gatherings - but on a quieter note I think it's often a time of reflection. I imagine we all have that peaceful time in the evening when memories of past holidays come to us... Sometimes very happy memories can turn just a little sad for a half of a second - but only for a moment should we let that happen. I don't know about you all, but I couldn't be more thankful for those memories and those joyful times. I'm pretty sure that whoever experienced those moments with us shared in the joy! Anyway, I'm looking forward to seeing you all, and I hope your holidays are filled with joy. Thanks again for sharing your lives and the ones that you love with us! -**Tammy Weston, Administrator**

RESIDENTS IN ACTION

October was a busy month at HHR. We had 84 trick-or-treaters venture through the building. Our residents/guests enjoyed seeing the kids and

handing out candy. The more daring among them even ventured through the haunted dining room.

-Mary Johnson, Director of Recreation



Betty gets candy to hand out from Taylor.



Erna and her son pose in their costumes.



Hank and Billie enjoy the Trick-or-Treat Event.



Dolores hands out candy.



The kids trick-or-treat with the residents.

A MONTH IN REVIEW

November was started off by honoring our veterans with a pinning ceremony. We had such a good turnout that we ran out of room in the chapel. Chaplain Jerry and our USAF veteran volunteers,

Justine Turner and Russ Perry, honored each veteran and their respective branch. Many thanks to all who serve our country so selflessly.

-Mary Johnson, Director of Recreation



Chuck receives his pin and flag.



Pat gets a pin from Russ.



Eldon waves his flag at the pinning ceremony.



Checkers plays with Duane.



Russ gives Hank his pin.



Clare pets Checkers.