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YOU MAY SIGN UP FOR ANY PROGRAMS OR EVENTS BEGINNING
DECEMBER 1 AT THE LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER LOBBY.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!
JOHN DICKMAN & CELESTE HELM
AND JOHN & MARION YONCE
Read more about them in this months insert page.

RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS
Wednesday, December 3-10:00AM-Auditorium
All residents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

2026 SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR THE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION BOARD
The Nominations Committee is recommending the following slate of Board and standing committee candidates for 2026:

BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES:

President: Susan Moore

Vice President: Bob Woods

Treasurer: Nancy Dupre

Secretary: Jeannie McGuire

Immediate Past President: Vicki Marek-Young

Directors at Large: Sara Delo, Maxine Luxton, Bill Cole, Nancy Monroe

Quality of Life Committee: Brian Bennett (2 terms)

OTHER STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER CANDIDATES:

Finance Committee: Janet Hemming, Bob Calves, Al Smy, Bob Isenhour

Nominations/Elections: Joan May, Carol Sennott, Joan Blackstone

COMPASS MOVIE: WICKED FOR GOOD*

Tuesday, December 2-3:00PM-Front Lobby-Cost = \$9
After challenging the Wizard's totalitarian regime in Oz, Elphaba must grapple with her identity as the "Wicked Witch of the West." Meanwhile, the Wizard has given Glinda the title "Glinda the Good" and a public status as the nation's defender against Elphaba. The two witches must make decisions that seal their fates in this second musical installment.

RWC'S CORPORATE BOARD CHRISTMAS PARTY
Wednesday, December 3rd 5-7PM-Auditorium
Reservations are closed.

RWC'S CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PROGRAM
Friday, December 5th-2:00PM-Auditorium
Don't Miss! All residents and staff come together to celebrate the holiday season. Residents will present their gift to staff and staff will entertain. Come one! Come all!

DONK'S LITTLE OLE OPRY CHRISTMAS SHOW*
Saturday, December 6-6:30PM-Front Lobby
Cost=\$15 cash or check at the door
Sign up required for transportation. Limit=12

ARTIST RECEPTION FOR LES ART STUDENTS
Monday, December 8—5:00-6:00PM—Gallery Hall
Come and show your support to the young artists of Lancaster Elementary School. Enjoy cookies as the kids show off their work.

ARMY/NAVY GAME*
Saturday December 13th-3:00PM-Main Street Pub
Bring your own beverages! Activities Committee is providing a sandwich and fruit platter, if you want to bring something to share please feel free. Sign up the LEC.

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*The deadline to submit articles for
Is the 20th of every month by noon.
Contact us: 804-438-4000*

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	<div> <div>10:00-MSP-Quaker Meeting</div> <div>2:00-FRL-The Chesapeake Chorale Christmas Concert*</div> <div>3:00-MSP-RWC Community Worship Service</div> <div>4:00-RAP-Grace Church Eucharist</div> <div>7</div> </div>	<div> <div>10:00-FRL-Shopping at Walmart & Dollar Tree*</div> <div>10:00-RAP– Five Rivers Fiber Guild Pot Luck</div> <div>1:00-CGR-Catch Phrase</div> <div>2:00-COR-Food Committee</div> <div>2:00-AR2-Santa Hand Towels*</div> <div>5:00-6:00-ATR-Lancaster Elementary School Artist Reception</div> <div>8</div> </div>	<div> <div>9:00-FRL-Trader Joe's Newport News & Lunch*</div> <div>10:00-AR2-Chat & Craft</div> <div>11:00-CGR-Bible Study</div> <div>11:00-AR1-Grocery Pick Up</div> <div>1:00-AR2-Watercolor Class</div> <div>2:30-FCR-Seated Volleyball</div> <div>9</div> </div>	<div> <div>8:00-LEC-Walking Group</div> <div>10:00-AR2-Activities Committee</div> <div>11:00-CGR-Grief Support</div> <div>2:00-AUD-Christmas Play: Breathe of Heaven*</div> <div>7:00-CGR-Poker Group</div> <div>10</div> </div>	<div> <div>11:00-FRL-Ditchley Cider Works Tour, Tasting, & Lunch*</div> <div>2:15-AUD-Movie Matinee: Christmas Vacation</div> <div>2:30-FCR-Line Dancing</div> <div>3:00-RAP-Praying the Rosary</div> <div>11</div> </div>	<div> <div>10:00-COR-Community Wellbeing Committee</div> <div>10:00-3:00-AUD/ATR-Holiday Vendor Fair</div> <div>11:00-FPL-Food Truck: Smalltown Burger</div> <div>2:15-FCR--Cornhole</div> <div>4:00-LVG-Culinary Experience*</div> <div>12</div> </div>	<div> <div>10:00-FCR-Seated Volleyball</div> <div>3:00-MSP-Army-Navy Game*</div> <div>7:00-FRL-RFA Concert Series (Subscription Holders)*</div> <div>13</div> </div>
	<div> <div>12:30-CPL-Holy Communion</div> <div>12:30-FRL-Williamsburg Players: A Christmas Carol*</div> <div>3:00-MSP-RWC Community Worship Service</div> <div>14</div> </div>	<div> <div>CANDY CANE DAY</div> <div>WEAR RED & WHITE</div> <div>10:00-FRL-Shopping*</div> <div>1:00-CGR-Catch Phrase</div> <div>4:00-Liberty Dolls Christmas Program*</div> <div>15</div> </div>	<div> <div>CHEER GEAR DAY</div> <div>WEAR HOLIDAY SOCKS, TIES, HEADBANDS, BELLS, ETC.</div> <div>10:00-AR2-Chat & Craft</div> <div>11:00-AR1-Grocery Pick Up</div> <div>11:00-CGR-Bible Study</div> <div>1:00-AR2-Watercolor Class</div> <div>2:30-FCR-Seated Volleyball</div> <div>4:00-ATR-Santa Cous Sing Along*</div> <div>16</div> </div>	<div> <div>UGLY SWEATER DAY</div> <div>8:00-LEC-Walking Group</div> <div>9:00-LEC-Healthy Food Bar and Blood Pressure Checks</div> <div>10:00-FRL-Shop Local &Lunch*</div> <div>10:00-FPL-LCL Book Mobile</div> <div>10:00-CGR-Home Access Solutions*</div> <div>1:00-AR1-Stitching Stars Quilting Group</div> <div>5:00-FRL-Dinner: The Office*</div> <div>7:00-CGR-Poker Group</div> <div>17</div> </div>	<div> <div>GRINCH-v-WHOS DAY</div> <div>WAER GRINCHY GREEN OR BRIGHT AND CHEERY</div> <div>10:00-A2-Crushed Glass Art*</div> <div>2:30-FCR-Line Dancing</div> <div>3:00-AR2-Praying the Rosary</div> <div>18</div> </div>	<div> <div>PAJAMA DAY</div> <div>10:30-AUD-Kilmarnock United Methodist Church Christmas Choir Concert*</div> <div>2:15-AUD-The Richmond Forum: Ted Koppel with Anna Nawaz: 40 Years: Moments That Mattered</div> <div>2:15-FCR--Cornhole</div> <div>Deadline for Gazebo Gazette Articles by NOON</div> <div>19</div> </div>	<div> <div>10:00-FCR-Seated Volleyball</div> <div>6:15-FRL-Northern Neck Orchestra (subscription holders)*</div> <div>20</div> </div>
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FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

Fresh off the Thanksgiving holiday, we celebrated the season with gifts from our blessings for several projects. Hurricane Melissa brought catastrophic damage to the island country of Jamaica which is home to several families of staff members and residents. As a community we donated toward the relief efforts through Samaritan's Purse. Donations were received for the Toys for Tots program to help needy families. Shoeboxes (121) were lovingly packed for boys and girls in distant, far less fortunate areas to provide hope, love, faith and Christmas joy. Throughout the month we reflected on the sacrificial records of military service by our resident veterans as we learned of their service at home and overseas in our Gallery Hall exhibit. December starts with a big day on December 3rd. The Resident Association Annual Meeting and election starts the day. In the afternoon the Corporate and Foundation Boards meet in a joint session. And the day concludes with the Annual Board and Resident Christmas Reception in the Auditorium. Friday, December 5th is our annual Christmas Spirit Day at which the Resident Community presents its Christmas gift to the Staff, and we celebrate together in appreciation for that generous gift. There are a few surprises in December for residents to enjoy. Staff are preparing a surprise the second week of December, and the Resident Association Community Wellbeing Committee will be working on a special project that is top secret for closer to Christmas. Along the way there will be many opportunities, such as our Annual Christmas Service, to celebrate the reason for and meaning of the Christmas season.

So get ready for decorating and enjoying the Christmas season as we come together as the RWC community with peace, joy, and goodwill to and for all.



**THERE WILL BE NO HAPPENINGS
WITH STUART IN DECEMBER.**



ANGEL TREE 2025:

Christmas is quickly approaching, and with it comes a beautiful opportunity to make a meaningful difference. Each year, the RWC Foundation hosts an

Angel Tree Drive in support of the **Fellowship Fund**—a fund dedicated to helping residents who, through no fault of their own, can no longer financially maintain their residency. Your generosity ensures that our neighbors and friends can continue to call RWC home.

From December 8th through 16th, you are invited to honor or remember someone you deeply cherish. During lunch (11 a.m.–1 p.m.) and dinner (5 p.m.–7 p.m.) hours, stop by the table near the Auditorium/Dining Room Breezeway. There, you can make your donation and choose to fill out a special form to share a meaningful memory of your loved one—an inspiring tribute that will be displayed on the Angel Tree table.

You may also choose to honor someone special in a lasting way by purchasing a **Labyrinth brick** for \$150.

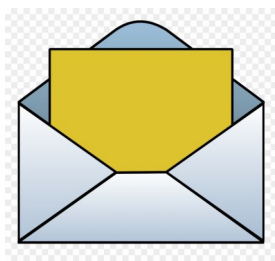
This Christmas season, we warmly encourage you to take part in this tradition of compassion and community. **Every gift—large or small—supports the wellbeing of fellow residents.** Checks may be written to the *RWC Foundation*.

Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and holiday spirit.

ATTENTION:

MAIL PICK UP AT FRONT DESK

In most cases we will not allow residents to pick up other resident's mail unless in case of a short illness or extenuating circumstance.



THE CHESAPEAKE CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT*

Sunday, December 7-2:00PM-Front Lobby

Tickets can be purchased through Mary Bennett, Joan Blackstone, or Bob Street

The chorale is comprised of residents of the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula including teachers, doctors, artists, lawyers, homemakers, retirees, students and others from all walks of life who give their time and talent to enrich the Christmas season with the joy that music brings. Providing musical performances since 1966.

TRADER JOE'S (NEWPORT NEWS)*

Tuesday, December 9-9:00AM-Front Lobby

DITCHLEY CIDER WORKS: TOUR, TASTING, & LUNCH*

Thursday, December 11-11:00AM-Front Lobby

Cost=\$30 Sign up Required by December 8th.

In 2014 "Ditchley", consisting of the manor house, caretakers house, a beach house, and ~160 surrounding acres, was purchased by Cathy Calhoun and Paul Grosklags. They have completed extensive renovations of the manor house and caretakers house, established a large apple orchard to support the making of hard apple cider, and are raising grass-fed beef and heritage hogs on the property.

RFA CONCERT SERIES: KINGS RETURN (SUBSCRIPTION HOLDERS)*

Saturday, December 13-7:00PM-Front Lobby

Celebrate the season with Grammy nominated a cappella vocal quartet of young men from Dallas, Texas. Their sound is a blending of gospel, jazz, R&B/Soul, and classical music.

WILLIAMSBURG PLAYERS: A CHRISTMAS CAROL (TICKET HOLDERS)*

Sunday, December 14- 12:30PM-Front Lobby

SHOP LOCAL IN KILMARNOCK & LUNCH*

Wednesday, December 17th-10:00AM-Front Lobby

Let's hit the town and see what Kilmarnock has to offer!

OUT TO THE OFFICE FOR DINNER*

Wednesday, December 17-4:45PM-Front Lobby

Sign up Required LIMIT-14

Treat yourself to a delicious dinner with friends at The Office Bistro, a full-service restaurant and bar in Irvington, VA. The stellar menu selection features exciting, daily features, refined wine and beer lists and locally sourced seasonal specials.

NORTHERN NECK ORCHESTRA: HOLIDAY POPS (SUBSCRIPTION HOLDERS) & COOKIE RECEPTION*

Saturday, December 20-6:15PM-Front Lobby

Celebrate music of the season. Enjoy a preconcert cookie reception.

DINNER OUT AT THE DELTAVILLE TAP AND SEE THE DELTAVILLE LIGHTS*

Monday, December 22-4:00PM-Front Lobby

Cost= Dinner\$ Sign up Required. Limit=13.

Dine like the "locals" and enjoy a delicious casual dinner. We will take a stroll through the Deltaville Lights on our way back to RWC.

OUT TO LUNCH: FIORELLO'S ITALIAN IN GLOUCESTER*

Wednesday, December 31-11:00AM-Front Lobby

Fiorello is a locally-owned business that takes pride in preparing your meal individually from scratch, using only the freshest ingredients available. We provide generous portions and complimentary garlic knots with the purchase of any food item. Additionally, we offer a complimentary house salad with the purchase of any pasta or house specialty.

JAMESTOWN WINTER LANTERN FESTIVAL & DINNER*

Friday, January 2-3:30PM-front Lobby

Cost= \$30 + Dinner\$

Visitors can explore a kaleidoscope of lanterns depicting Chinese myths, legends and zodiacs. Each artisan-crafted lantern is made of hand-painted silk cloth draped over a frame filled with glimmering lights. Ranging from 6- to 30-feet high, the lanterns feature a variety of figures and designs. The spectacular lights display will be accompanied by live entertainment, including acrobatic performances

Schedule Adjustments:

We will be reverting back to our "normal" group exercise schedule on 12/1/2025. The 10:00AM strength and balance class will be held as regularly scheduled. We will continue to have supervised swimming hours. Thank you for understanding.

Healthy Friendly Food Bar and Blood Pressure Checks:

Join us in the LEC Lobby on December 17th from 9-12:00pm for a healthy snack and blood pressure check!

Holiday Closures:

The Fitness Center will be **CLOSED** on December 25th (Christmas Day) and December 26th. All group exercise classes will be cancelled.

Staff Work Days: Life Enrichment Center will be CLOSED

Every January we take the opportunity to deep clean, organize and work on future schedules and plans. We will be closed on Thursday, January 15 and Friday, January 16. There will be no fitness classes, volleyball, or corn-hole.

Fitness Assessments:

It's that time again! We will be holding our annual Fitness Assessments January 20th, 21st, and 22nd. If you currently participate in group exercise classes, use the pool, or the fitness center, it is required to have an assessment done. If you would like to review your assessment results, please make an additional appointment. We will be having sign up sheets in January in the LEC binder. Thank you!

THE LIBERTY DOLLS
CHRISTMAS CONCERT*

Monday, December 15-4:00PM-Auditorium

A great way to get in the holiday spirit.

The "Holiday" Dolls bring you Holiday classics such as Mr. Santa, Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree, Winter Wonderland, and many more.

SANTA COUS (SANTAS COUSIN) SING
ALONG*

Tuesday, December 16-4:00PM-Auditorium

Enjoy singing holiday favorites with Santa & Mrs. Cous.

HOME ACCESS SOLUTIONS*

Wednesday, December 17th-by appointment

Electric wheelchair and scooter maintenance.

KILMARNOCK UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH CHOIR CONCERT*

Friday, December 19th-10:30AM-Auditorium

DECEMBER MOVIE MATINEES

All matinees are at 2:15PM in the Auditorium.
Popcorn and assorted drinks are provided.

NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS
VACATION

Thursday, December 11th

The Griswold family's plans for a big family Christmas predictably turn into a big disaster.

1989 PG-13 1h 37m

DOLLY PARTON'S CHRISTMAS OF
MANY COLORS: CIRCLE OF LOVE

Tuesday, December 23rd

Miracles happen when you need them most of all.

2016 TV-G 1h 25m

MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET

Friday, December 26th

A department store Santa tries to convince a little girl who doesn't believe in Santa Claus that he is Santa Claus, and winds up going on trial to prove who he is.

HOOKED ON BOOKS: EXPLORE, DISCOVER AND LEARN

Thanks to our November book donors:

Jan Glover

Susan Hice

Amy Hinson

Ted Munns

Sylvia Prince

Jay White

We now have a rolling book shelf at the front of the library for all donations. Please leave them on this shelf, and not on the main desk at the back of the library. We accept most new and recently published hard cover and paperback books, and older hard cover books in good condition. Most paperbacks will be shelved in the "borrow and return – no checkout" section at the front-left part of the library. Dee's Attic in the Lancaster Community Library also accepts books, as does the Seconds Unlimited Thrift Shop in the Tri-Star parking lot. If you have any questions, call me (Loretta) at x4167. Thanks much!

HIGHLIGHTED AUTHOR IN DECEMBER
IS LOUISE PENNY

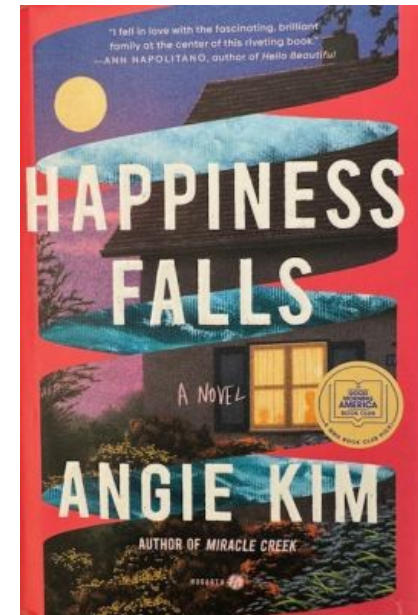
We have most of Louise Penny's brilliant Inspector Armand Gamache series in the library. The most recent two are "The Grey Wolf" followed by its sequel, "The Black Wolf." Both are displayed at the checkout desk and the rest of the series is shelved with the mysteries. If you haven't read any in this series, start with the early ones first. They are stand-alone mysteries, but it helps to have some background and familiarity with the characters and setting. Enjoy!!

BOOK GROUP

The book group will not meet in December while we all celebrate the holidays. However, the selection for January will be available during December and January. The book is "Happiness Falls" by Angie Kim, and is about a biracial Korean American family in Virginia whose lives are upended when their beloved father goes missing. His family's desperate search leads them to question everything they know about him and one another. It is a riveting page-turner and a deeply moving portrait of a family in crisis. It is a mystery, a family drama, and a novel of profound philosophical inquiry.

All readers are welcome to join the discussion! We

meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 10:30AM in the Rappahannock Room. Two copies of the book are available at the main desk at the back of the library. Please sign out, read, and return as soon as you are finished so others can also read it!



If you have any questions, call Maxine Luxton, x4200. Come up and check us out!!

NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR
THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED

(NLS) is a free audiobook and braille library service for people with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a physical, perceptual or reading disability that prevents them from using regular print materials. Through a national network of cooperating libraries, NLS circulates books and magazines in audio and braille that are instantly downloadable to a personal device or delivered by mail free of charge. Applications will be available in Life Enrichment.

JANUARY'S FIRST FRIDAY
BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD JANUARY
9TH (ON THE SECOND FRIDAY).

SPIRITUAL DEVOTION: DEDICATED, FAITHFUL AND HOLY

When I think back on many Thanksgivings, I have many fond memories of those times. We would get many of the neighborhood kids together for a game of football. There was Danny Pero, John Bush, Homer Hilliard, Billy Osborne, Craig Avery, just to name a few. Always a fun game of football and then going home and watching the Detroit Lions play on TV. And then it came time for the meal. With a family of 10, 9 kids and 1 parent, food was huge. Our fruit salad of apples, oranges, grapes and nuts mixed in with cool whip! Turkey and stuffing and gravy! Cranberry sauce and mashed potatoes! Green beans! And of course, pumpkin and apple pie for dessert. Those were the days! And then the left-over turkey. We would use some of that to make jerky out of...that is until one year when we opened the closet where the jerky was hanging, only to find roaches crawling all over our jerky! The jerky was not that appealing after that.

Family and friends are what Thanksgiving was about. But, also giving thanks to God for His manifold blessings to us. With mom working 2 jobs, and then as we got old enough we worked also; together we made ends meet. My mother raised 9 children pretty much on her own. But she always had us in church on Sundays and Wednesdays. We had family devotions at home. We said prayers at night before going to bed. God was the strength of my mother's life, and her family. We saw God provide in many ways for us, and that is the thing that I am most grateful for today. A Mother who taught me to love God and people. A mother who taught me that a life lived for God was most important. So much so that at 23 years of age, when I felt the call of God on my life for full time ministry, I called mom to let her know. Her response was, "I know, that is what I have been praying for." Each year, I am more and more grateful for what my mother taught me and how she modeled out of her pain riddled life what it means to walk with God day after day. Thank you mom, one day we will walk the streets of heaven, and I can tell you again, "Thank you."

As you reminisce over memories of Thanksgiving, I hope it is with joy and gratitude and is truly a pleasurable trip down memory lane. Take time to reflect and be grateful for your many blessings. And thank God

that we live in a country where we are free to worship according to our own consciences. Happy Thanksgiving to each and everyone of RWC. Chaplain Ted

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Resident/Staff Bible Study at 11am every Tuesday in the Chesapeake Game Room. **(10:00AM on Dec. 2)**
Sunday Church Services 2pm Westbury Clubroom for Assisted Living & 3:00 in The Pub for Independent Residents.

Grief Support 2nd Wednesdays of the month at 11 in the Chesapeake Game Room.

Rosary Group meets at 3 pm each Thursday in the Rappahannock Room.

Communion to Rosary Group meets at 1pm the 4th Monday of the month in the Rappahannock Room.

CHRISTMAS PLAY REHEARSAL

Wednesday, December 9 at 1:00PM-Auditorium



NEIGHBORHOOD KNOWING: CARE, COMMITTEES & COMMENTARY

Richmond Forum 2025-2026

We will be streaming the Richmond Forum speaker series for the 2025-2026 season. All forums will take place at 2:15PM in the Auditorium.

Friday, December 19—Ted Koppel with Amna Nawaz: 40 Years: Moments That Mattered

The Richmond Forum opened its 40th season with a standing ovation for the return of Ted Koppel, who inaugurated The Forum's first season in 1987. Stepping into the lights, he waved off the applause with trademark dry humor and immediately set the tone for an evening that was equal parts history lesson, master class, and homecoming. It was a full-circle moment not just for The Forum, but for the duo seated at center stage. Moderating the conversation was "PBS NewsHour" co-anchor Amna Nawaz, who began her journalism career as a "Nightline" intern working for Koppel. A month into the job, the September 11 attacks changed the world. "I got to watch the very best journalists in the business do what they do best," Nawaz said. "I am a journalist today because of that day."

Monday, January 19—Europe's Next Generation with Sanna Marin

Monday, February 23—The Two-Party Problem with Joe Manchin, Andrew Yang & Justin Amash

Monday, March 23—Tracee Ellis Ross on Identity, Impact, & Joy

Monday, April 20—John Green: Perpetually Curious

COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Thanks - Giving. It is the season of celebration, gift-giving, over eating, family time and reflection. We have so many things to be grateful for at our RWC. A lot of hard work has been done by Staff and Residents to make our Community a kind and special place to work and live. We can all still improve our personal attitude and behavior by taking care of ourselves and sharing our gifts of THANKS.

GROUNDS & LANDSCAPING REPORT

The air has turned crisp and the winds have died down, somewhat. Winter is certain to be here soon, frosty mornings will be the norm and cold rain, sleet, and snow are in the offing. Damon and his crew are continuing to vacuum the leaves and his pansies are becoming established in the common areas. Did you notice that the yellow and purple flowers are RWC's colors? Continue to observe sidewalks that need acorn/leaf removal and report them promptly. Also, report any burned out street lamps; night time comes early now that we are off Daylight Savings Time. Our campus always looks good now that the new grass seed has germinated and sunshine glistens off the leaves of our landscape evergreens. Christmas is just around the corner and remember, no living trees are allowed inside our residences. We must always be mindful of fire safety. I want to discuss the landscape efforts for our residents in the Assisted Living and Health Care areas. A need was discovered that their courtyard contained broken, non-functioning fountains and birdbaths, unused bird feeders, unsightly shrubbery and general neglect. The broken and disused yard art was removed, the rain barrel repaired and is now functional, shrubbery cut down in front of resident's windows and winter plantings have been done in the new raised bed growing tables. Now, residents in wheelchairs can enjoy their garden up close. WOW. Virgil: tempus fugit 2026 is approaching.

RESIDENT ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS: OPEN TO ALL

Food Committee— December 8 at 2PM –Corrotoman Room

Activities Committee— December 10 at 10AM—Art Room 2

Community Wellbeing Committee— December 12 at 10AM—Corrotoman Room

Grounds and Landscaping Committee— **NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**

BOUNTIFUL CHRISTMAS FEAST AWAITS YOU AT LAKEVIEW GRILLE DINING ROOM!

This Christmas, join us for a culinary celebration crafted with love and expertise by our Culinary Team. We are preparing a traditional yet elevated Christmas Brunch, designed to bring warmth, joy, and delicious flavors to your table. We are incredibly excited to share this special meal with our residents and their guests; we are focusing on classic Christmas dishes prepared with the freshest ingredients and a few delightful surprises to make this year's celebration truly memorable.

Reserve Your Seat at Our Table

Christmas Brunch will be served with wine on Thursday, December 25, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Lakeview Grille Dining Room. To make a reservation, please call ext. 4016 (Betty Polk) by Friday December 19, 2025, Space is limited, so reserve early!

Box Meals

- **Roast Turkey and Cranberry on Brioche**
(Thinly-sliced, moist roast turkey with a light spread of cream cheese and cranberry sauce on soft brioche).
- **Assorted Dessert**
- **Chips**

Fresh Fruit

Dinner in the Grille will be closed; however, boxed dinners are available. To order a boxed dinner, call ext. 4816 by 3:00 PM on Wednesday, December 24, 2025. Boxed dinners will be ready for pickup by 5:00 PM.

Residents,
We are thrilled to announce a series of exclusive culinary demonstrations with our esteemed Chef Nowell this December! Prepare to indulge your senses and discover new techniques as Chef Nowell shares his expertise in these engaging sessions.

To ensure a personalized and enjoyable experience for all, we have scheduled specific dates for each of our community areas:
Friday December 12, 2025, 4:00p - 5:00p IL Residents (Lancaster Room)

Important Reservation Information for Independent Living Residents:

Due to limited seating capacity, Independent Living residents are kindly requested to make a reservation in advance. Please contact Betty Polk at extension 4016 no later than Wednesday, December 10, 2025, by 3:00 PM to secure your spot. We encourage early registration to guarantee your participation in this special event.

Each demonstration promises to be an enriching and delightful experience. We eagerly anticipate your presence and look forward to sharing an afternoon of culinary discovery and camaraderie. Complimentary refreshments, including a selection of wine, will be served.

Warmly, The Culinary Department



STARTERS

Creamy Sweet Potato Bisque
Shrimp Cocktail Shooters
Winter Greens with Pecans, Cranberries & Sorghum Vinaigrette

HOLIDAY ENTRÉES

Prime Rib Au Jus
Brown Butter Bourbon-Glazed Salmon
Smothered Chicken with Mushrooms

SIDES

Chard Asparagus with Miso
Bearnaise Sauce
Romanesco Cauliflower
Loaded Baked Potato

DESSERTS

Assorted Cakes
Ginger Molasses Cookies

SPECIALTY DRINKS

Hot Mulled Apple Cider
Hot Chocolate Station

BREAD

Assorted Rolls

HOLIDAY VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR:

Friday, December 12-10:00AM-3:00PM

Local artisans and treat-makers are bringing their items to RWCs Auditorium & Atrium

Shop for gifts or treat yourself with homemade extracts & soaps, wrapped bouquets, table runners, wax warmers, wreaths, headbands, jewelry, herbal teas, cocktail kits, and more!

Small Town Burger; Nothing Bundt Cakes

Paparazzi Jewelry; Scentsy; Redhead Threads; Creek Retreat Farm Stand; and more.

CHRISTMAS DRESS-UP WEEK— JOIN THE STAFF IN SOME FESTIVE FUN!

December 15th-19th

Monday— Candy Cane Day— wear red & white

Tuesday— Cheer Gear— holiday socks, headbands, etc.

Wednesday-Ugly Sweater Day-the wilder the better

Thursday— Grinch-v-Whos—grinchy green or bright & cheery

Friday-Pajama Day!

SIGNING UP ON UNIGUEST FOR SELECTED PROGRAMS

Look for Gazebo Gazette article titles in this [teal color](#). Those are the programs you can easily sign up for through your Uniguest app on your phone , tablet or PC.

1. Click on “Independent Living Activities”

1. Locate the activity you want to attend
2. Click on “Register”

That's it!! If you need to cancel, you may also do that following the directions above and clicking on “Cancel.”

Let's Get Creative!



Sequin Christmas Ornaments*
Thursday, December 4
1:00PM
LIMIT=8

Santa Hand Towels*
Create a unique hand towel that can hang from your oven or towel bar to make the season more festive!



Monday, December 8
2:00PM-Art Room 2
LIMIT=4



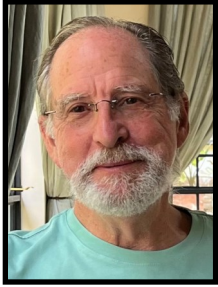
Crushed Glass Christmas*
Create your own Christmas tree or Ornament out of crushed glass, sequins, and more. Epoxy will be used as our glue.
Thursday, December 18-
10:00AM-Art Room 2
LIMIT=4

Epoxy Tumblers*
Monday, December 29-
2:00PM-Art Room 2
Help us create one of a kind decorated cups for staff who have reached milestone years working for RWC. **LIMIT=4**



WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

John Dickman and **Celeste Helm** have moved into free-standing home 425. They have been married since 1989. John comes to us from Bradenton, FL where he lived for the past 14 years. Celeste lived in Alexandria, VA where she has lived for the past 5 years. Celeste lived part-time in Cape Town, South Africa for 10 years.



John has always been somewhat of a rolling stone. He was born in Panama City, FL and has spent most of his life back and forth between Washington, DC and Florida. He graduated high school at Wasson High School in Colorado Springs, CO and attended Orange County Community College in Middleburg, NY. His father was a career military man, and his mother was a homemaker. In his younger years he attended Woodstock and hitchhiked across the country to San Francisco. He made his career in construction as a construction superintendent and facilities manager. He has volunteered much of his time to Secondhand Heart which renovates old homes for the homeless. John loves music and hosted his own radio show on WSLR entitled Blues2 Bluegrass. He enjoys building and repairing guitars, woodworking, gardening and volunteering.



Celeste is no stranger to RWC as her parents and her aunt lived here. She has been a Washingtonian her entire life. She graduated from Northwestern High School and attended college at the University of Maryland. She studied law at Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans. Celeste is the ultimate overachiever. She had a very successful career as an attorney for the US Department of Labor and International Relations Officer & Division Chief for the Bureau of International Labor Affairs for the US government. Celeste enjoys reading, writing, teaching ESL and mentoring young people. She would like to learn to draw and knit.

John and Marian Yonce have moved into Cottage 510. They have lived in their home in White Stone for the past 12 years. They have been married for 55 years and have three sons; David who lives in Malvern PA, Benjamin lives in Alexandria VA, and Adam who lives in Washington DC.



John is a graduate of Manchester high school in Richmond VA and attended North Carolina State university and graduated from George Washington University. John's professional background is in chemical engineering, submarine design and construction, and rocket design including rocket fuel design and production. His volunteer community services include Alzheimer's Research, Boy Scout leader, he has taught high school students at church, and high school students rocket science, relativity, and quantum mechanics. His hobbies include model railroading.



Marion Yonce was born in Brooklyn, NY. Marion attended New Canaan high school and then Mary Washington College. She graduated from Georgetown University. She also attended Northern Virginia Community College. Marion's professional background is in drug development including clinical trials management, analysis, and reporting regulatory submissions to the FDA. Her volunteer community services include PTA president, church responsibilities, neighborhood landowners association administrator, and the Garden Club committee's chair. She enjoys gardening, reading, knitting and she is an aspiring quilter.

They have decided to make their move to RWC because if something happens to one of them, they will not be far from each other on campus. They also know several people who live here.