

December 2022

# The Residence at North Ridge

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## Celebrating December

Safe Toys and Gifts Month

Spiritual Literacy Month

Write a Friend Month

Cookie Cutter Week

*December 1-7*

Coats and Toys for  
Kids Day

*December 3*

St. Nicholas Day

*December 6*

Nobel Prize Day

*December 10*

Las Posadas

*December 16-24*

Hanukkah

*December 18-26*

Yaldā

*December 21*

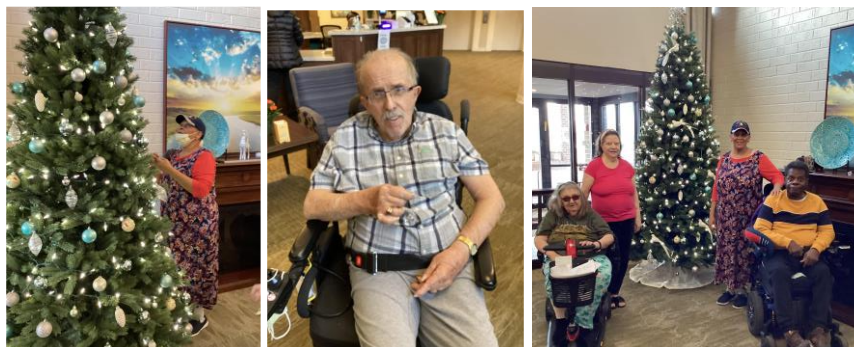
Christmas

*December 25*

New Year's Eve

*December 31*

## Oh, Christmas Trees!



Thank you to all who helped Deck the Halls, it all looks beautiful!



## Resident Spotlight

Our Spotlight Resident this month is Harry. He was named after his grandfather, Harry Thomas Ames, who was a colonel in the Army. Harry was born in Minneapolis. His parents were Helen and Clifford. He had a sister, Annabelle, and a brother James. When Harry was 3 years old the family moved to Onamia, Minnesota. The house had one bedroom and a "path". Harry chuckles as he explains that the "path" led to an outhouse. The house had no indoor plumbing until his father eventually added a shower in the basement. Harry once had the whole town of Onamia out looking for him. His mom had gone to get her hair done. Harry thought she was going to Minneapolis and would be gone overnight, but she had just gone to the neighboring town of Princeton. When she returned home a few hours later, Harry was nowhere to be found. His sister, who was watching him, had no idea where he was. His dad worked at a sheet metal shop in Minneapolis and wasn't home during the week. Harry was only 9 years old at the time, so his panic-stricken mother, had everyone searching for him. As it turned out, Harry had taken off to spend the day with a friend and had decided to stay overnight. When they finally found him, Harry was fast asleep at his friend's house. He remembers clearly, his mom saying, "Just wait til your dad gets home!"



Harry and his lovely wife Colleen will be celebrating their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June.

## Holiday Entertainment

Taste of Grace Dance Group  
Tuesday, December 6  
6:00 in the Activity Room



Vision of Glory Youth Group  
Wednesday, December 7  
6:50 in the Activity Room



Prince of Peace Carolers  
Thursday, December 8  
6:30 in the Activity Room



Plymouth Apostolic Church Carolers  
Wednesday, December 14  
6:30 in the Activity Room



## National Wear Your Pearls Day, December 15<sup>th</sup>

Just as a grain of sand inside an oyster causes the formation of a precious gem, the pearl, National Wear Your Pearls Day is the ideal time to assess yourself for what you are- a resilient, resourceful, and beautiful human being. Literal pearls are not necessary to celebrate the day. It's about adversity we all go through in our lives which doesn't defeat us but makes us more valuable and beautiful. But, if you have real pearls, by all means, show them off!



## Winter A Poem by Ginny S.



Cold! Beautiful! Cruel and bitter!

Ice crystals radiate around the sun like the glow that surrounds Madonna's crown.

Steam that rises and swirls making one aware of the smallest of man.

Sounds of cold! Brittle to the touch.

So much sound. It is silent.

The setting sun, shimmering, showing colors bright against the dark horizon.

Thin clouds high and deceiving in their cold beauty.

Wind, violent and unseen as it spreads ice crystals like feathers outward.

Streaks, as an artist's brush dipped in white, moving across a canvas of blue.

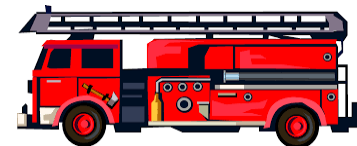
The wind spreads the cold and freezes all who dare to defy the season.

**Happy Holidays!**

*As you celebrate the season,  
we wish you the very best!  
Happy Holidays from  
The Staff at  
The Residence at North Ridge*

**Show and Tell Social Hour  
Wednesday, December 21  
2:00 in the Activity Room**

Bring a Favorite Holiday Decoration to show



## Fire Safety Presentation

By Deputy Fire Marshal Shelby Wolf

Of the West Metro Fire-Rescue District

**Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30**

**In the Activity Room**

## Schedule Change

We have a slight change to the calendar...

**Reindeer Racing Game** has moved to  
**Wednesday, December 14 at 1:00**  
In the Activity Room



**Thursday, December 22 at 1:30**  
we will be having a special  
**Musical Christmas Program**  
In the Activity Room



Please watch the elevators for flyers with updated information. Sorry for any inconvenience this change may cause.

## December Birthdays

In astrology, those born from December 1–21 are Archers of Sagittarius. These Archers are philosophical seekers of knowledge who love traveling to new places to absorb new cultures. Those born from December 22–31 are Capricorn’s Goats. Patience, perseverance, and dedication help Goats climb to the highest of heights. Their drive to the top makes them excellent partners and collaborators.

- Sarah Silverman (actress) – Dec. 1, 1970
- Tyra Banks (model) – Dec. 4, 1973
- Little Richard (musician) – Dec. 5, 1932
- Eli Wallach (actor) – Dec. 7, 1915
- Rita Moreno (actress) – Dec. 11, 1931
- Dionne Warwick (singer) – Dec. 12, 1940
- Jamie Foxx (actor) – Dec. 13, 1967
- Pope Francis (Pope) – Dec. 17, 1936
- Steven Spielberg (director) – Dec. 18, 1946
- Samuel L. Jackson (actor) – Dec. 21, 1948
- Humphrey Bogart (actor) – Dec. 25, 1899
- Denzel Washington (actor) – Dec. 28, 1954

## Resident Birthdays



- Garfield A. 12/01
- Franklin R. 12/01
- Sheila D. 12/03
- D. D. 12/08
- Janet S. 12/12
- Jeanette K. 12/19
- Cheryl V. 12/19
- John F. 12/21
- Virginia W. 12/21
- Gary F. 12/26
- Thuan D. 12/28

### Staff Birthdays

Paullo (HHA) December 10

Jartu (HHA) December 19

Leamon (HHA) December 20

Linda (HHA) December 24

### Staff Anniversaries

Yvonne (Switchboard) 2 Years

