

The Village Voice

DECEMBER 2019



President's Message

Susan Holliman

PRESIDENT



Christmas is coming the geese are getting fat, won't you please put a penny in the Old Man's Hat."

Tis the season when many organizations are asking for that penny in the hat. We all have our favorites that we make donations to. I like the Veterans, ASPCA and the Salvation Army best.

And I hope you will share with the Village Green employees, those that clean, and maintain our homes, and serve our meals, and look out for us and help us throughout the year in too many ways to count.

Village Green has a "No-tipping" and "No-gift giving" policy, but we do have an Employee appreciation Fund that residents can contribute to in order to reward our employees. The Christmas season is a perfect time to contribute to this fund. The money collected will be gifted to Village Green Employees (other than the manager) based on the hours of service rendered.



Please make your check out to "Village Green Employee Appreciation Fund" and put it in the Deposit Box by the Manager's door Before **Friday, December 6, 2019**, so we can prepare checks for the employees in time for Christmas.

There is no set amount to give, but please be as generous as you can.

I'm wishing all my Village Green neighbors the best of Christmas Blessings. I pray you have good health, good fortune, and good fun!

Manager's Message

Christian Penev

MANAGER



Welcome new resident Joan Livingston, we are glad to have you here just in time for the Holidays!

Well, it's over...for better or worse, 2019 is finished, in the bag, finito! It just seems like yesterday that stuff was flying off the roof, nail guns were pounding, and parking was the issue of the day. *But* we got through it. We are good to go for another 20+ years. I can't imagine what a roof will cost then!

As we wrap up finalizing our 2020 Budget, we

look forward to another great year at Village Green. We will continue to thrive off of our financial strength.

Also, special thanks to all who volunteer their time (too many to name) to make various things happen throughout the year.

Christmas and New Year's provide a special opportunity to gather with family, friends, and neighbors. Christmas speaks to joy and celebration; with lights, decorations, special music, and warm memories of Christmas' past. New Year's, a fresh start.



So, hurry and fire off your letter to Santa, and then start working on those resolutions!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Welcome New Residents

Welcome Joan Livingston of Unit 302! Joan is just moving in while we are in the process of printing this issue...so we hope to meet you officially soon! Please say hello to Joan when she arrives. We wish you the best here at Village Green.

Announcements!



PACKAGES: The holiday season is here...which means ...LOTS OF DELIVERIES!!!!



If you are expecting a package please make sure that you check your inbox for package pickup slips (regularly) to see if it has been delivered. Be vigilant



and do not leave packages at our Front Desk any longer than needed because it accumulates very quickly around this time of year. Please also remember to sign for your package when you pick it up. *Thank you! -Village Green Management*

DECEMBER Birthdays



Resident's Birthdays

Dorothy Smith 2nd
Rich Joyner 7th
Kathleen Erickson 10th
Eric Fjorloft 14th
Diane Schaefer 16th
Charmaine Mahlman 23rd
Carl Burkholder 24th



Employee's Birthdays

Garfias Angeles 8th
Calendo Marcia 17th
Martinez Edward 27th



Recycling Dumpster: The new large Recycling Dumpster behind the Kitchen is for **card board and paper only**. Do not put cans, bottles, or other trash into it.

Personal cups and mug use in the Social Room is becoming popular these days and we are all grateful that residents are making the conscious choice to limit paper, plastic and Styrofoam use. If you can, think about writing your name on your mug or cup...just in case it is left behind by mistake. Come see Rob at the front desk, he has a permanent paint marker and can write your name on it for you!



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Our Mission Statement: *Village Green of East Dundee is a community which provides gracious independent living for seniors. Services are provided to maximize quality of life in a loving and caring environment.*

Our Core Values: -Belief in God -Good Stewardship -Respect -Hospitality
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How About a Lotta Chicago History?

On Friday, November 8th, book writer and historian Phil Aleo presented "*Chicago, It's First 100 Years*" which covered his limited edition book. We learned how Chicago developed and recovered from the Chicago Fire, many facts on the World's Fair and so much more. The photos were phenomenal to see.



It's a Wonderful Piano Ensemble

Students from Judson University graced us with their wonderful talents on Friday, November 15th. Musical pieces covered hymns, Bach and dances from the Nutcracker.



*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
to all residents!*



*from the
Village
Green
staff*





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30-12:30 Church Trips 11:00 Alt. Catholic Services 11:30 Sunday Social Sign up for Secret Santa today at the Front Desk!	2 10-11:30 Christmas Crafts Time. Social Rm. 1:30 Bean Bag Baseball 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home 7:00 Bible Study in the Social Room	3 10:00 1st American Bank 10:15 Walmart or Fresh Market 10:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Rosary & Prayers, 3rd floor Chapel All are welcome!	4 10-11:30 Christmas Crafts Time. Social Rm. 1:00 Owner Resident Meeting 1:45 Giant Crossword 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home	5 10:00 Jewel / Walgreens 10:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Wii Bowling 3:00 Village Singers 4:15 Happy Hour	6 9:00 Beauty Shop 1:00 BINGO! with Prizes 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home	7 1:00 Social Room Games 1:00 Creative Writing Workshop
8 8:30-12:30 Church Trips 11:00 Alt. Catholic Services 11:30 Sunday Social 2:00 A Christmas Carol Live Radio Play at the Rakow Center. \$6.00 Bus leaves at 1:30	9 1:30 Volleyball 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home 3:30 Nancy's Greeting Cards	10 10:30 St. Margaret Mary Confessions, 11:00 Mass (here at Village Green) 10:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Line Dancing 3:00 Rosary & Prayers, 3rd floor Chapel All are welcome!	11 10:00 Board Meeting 1:30 Wheel of Fortune 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home	12 10:00 Jewel / Walgreens Tai Chi & Wii Bowling Canceled 3:00 Village Singers 4:15 Happy Hour	13 9:00 Beauty Shop 1:00 The Prairie Voices: Christmas Sing Along in the Main Dining Room! 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home	14 1:00 Social Room Games 1:00 Creative Writing Workshop 7:00 BINGO!
15 8:30-12:30 Church Trips 11:00 Alt. Catholic Services 11:30 Sunday Social	16 1:00 Decorate Cookies with In Home Personal Services! In Social Room 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home 7:00 Bible Study in the Social Room	17 10:00 1st American Bank 10:15 Aldi's & Dollar Tree 10:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Book Club Meeting 3:00 Rosary & Prayers, 3rd floor Chapel All are welcome!	18 1:00 Food Advisory Team Meeting 1:30 Activities Advisory Team Meeting All residents are invited. 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home	19 10:00 Jewel / Walgreens 1:00 Resident Christmas Party 3:00 Sing Along with the Village Singers	20 9:00 Beauty Shop 1:30 The Sun-Tones Barbershop Chorus Christmas songs in the Main Dining Room! 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home	21 1:00 Social Room Games 1:00 Creative Writing Workshop 5:30 Christmas Service at Willow South Barrington
22 8:30-12:30 Church Trips 11:00 Alt. Catholic Services 11:30 Sunday Social	23 1:30 Bean Bag Baseball 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 10:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Rosary & Prayers, 3rd floor Chapel All are welcome!	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 11:00 St. Margaret Mary Scripture & Communion (Here at Village Green)	26 10:00 Jewel / Walgreens 10:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Wii Bowling 3:00 Village Singers Village Voice Deadline	27 9:00 Beauty Shop 1:00 Resident's Birthday Party Everyone is invited! 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home 7:00 Movie Nitel Sun Rm.	28 1:00 Social Room Games 1:00 Creative Writing Workshop
29 8:30-12:30 Church Trips 11:00 Alt. Catholic Services 11:30 Sunday Social	30 10:30 Welcome New Residents with coffee & donuts 1:30 Bean Bag Baseball 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home	31 10:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Rosary 3rd Flr. Chapel 7:30 RESIDENT'S NEW YEARS EVE PARTY & White Elephant BINGO	JANUARY 1st Happy New Year	Resident's Birthdays Dorothy Smith 2nd Rich Joyner 7th Kathleen Erickson 10th Eric Fjorloft 14th Diane Schaefer 16th Charmaine Mahlman 23rd Carl Burkholder 24th	Employee's Birthdays Garfias Angeles 8th Callendo Marcia 17th Martinez Edward 27th 	Coffee Available EVERY DAY, 10AM-4PM 1:30 PINOCHLE EVERY TUESDAY!

Writer's Corner "Write" from our residents

JOHN PIERRE



It all started quite innocently at 3 o'clock one morning. Probably many of us wake up in the middle of the night thinking of something we need to do the next day. I get up, make a note, because I may not remember in the morning. That happened that morning. But since I was up, why not go down to our storage locker and get out what we need and be back to sleep quickly.

Did not get back for over two hours. Got the key, went down the elevator, started to our locker...and stopped! Off in a far corner was a large shadow with two eyes looking at me! One completely open and the other just a slit. Scary!



There was a story going around the building about Quasimodo's grandson living in our sub-basement. Somehow I knew who it was. We stood looking at each other for what seemed a long time. Speaking softly, I told him that I knew who he was and not to be afraid. More time went by. When he finally stepped out of the shadow in the corner, it was hard to keep from gasping. One side of his face was completely disfigured, as though it had melted. We both started talking at the same time. He was lonely and wanted someone to talk to, and must have felt safe with me. We found some chairs by the shuffleboard and talked for the next two hours. How he had managed to escape from Notre Dame when it was destroyed, but had one side of his face badly burned. Also, how he stowed away on a ship coming to the U.S.....crossed the country in disguise, and somehow ended up in our building which provides him with all his needs to live out his remaining years.

I finally left, but not before we devised a way to leave a non-descript sign that we wanted to talk to each other.

Saved the best for last. His name is John Pierre. It is another name for Peter. You may remember that John and Peter were two of Jesus's twelve disciples!

-Nick Schick

VG EPISODES

When you need help at Village Green just call our sacred number: 847- 844- 3801. At 6:30 in the morning I had not fallen, but rather gotten myself down on the floor to look for something. With my arthritic knee I could not get to my feet, but Robert and Ed were soon at my elbows to set me aright. The reason for my being floored was this:

The night before I had removed my hearing aids, placing them on a table next to the sofa where I stretched out to watch TV. I fell asleep, of course, waking several hours later, leaving things as they were while I trundled off to bed. Next morning – No hearing aids! But as I surveyed the floor, there on the edge of the carpet, its battery next to the molding was my left hearing aid. The second aid? Nowhere to be seen! *Que pasa!* A Mystery! Nor has it yet appeared..... Since I live alone, what culprit had come as thief?

Well, as near as can be figured, it seems to be this. Here on the third floor of this pristine building, as of late, with the coming of winter all creatures are seeking safe warm havens. A few stink bugs have found their way up here. I seldom see one and have thought them to be rather handsome - until now. Could it be? Perhaps, it could, you know and just might have happened! For the time being, I lend my left ear to supplications, aware some adjustments on the right must be made. Eh?

Martha Bartholomew 11/19



CELEBRATE

So what do we have to celebrate?
 Our Money is worthless
 We are aging—our bodies do not work as well
 The world has gone nuts
 We think we have no future—
 Oh yes we do—
 We have a Lord that loves us—He calls us his children.
 His Son died to “clean us up”.
 His love will make us whole.
 Let us go out and CELEBRATE!

SMILE, LAUGH, LOVE and let it begin with me.

-egf

**BLESSINGS**

Blessings, Blessings, Blessings ,
 Everywhere.

Just like the air.
 The sun's descent expressing the beauty
 of the fall.
 Leaves of red. Yellow and green
 Make a rainbow of it's own.

And the blessings we enjoy
 Love and care that we employ.
 Help us Lord, thus to do,
 For the Master's touch is Yours to give
 Make me your servant now.



-egf

Our Resident of Interest



Our person of interest is Helene Cramm who was born in 1938 and a family of seven. She lived in a lovely house where her father made a dorm in the attic for his four daughters. When she was eleven she worked as a dishwasher, working ten hours a week at fifty cents per hour. She later worked at an ice cream shop working her way up to a car hop. On a good night she netted \$80 to \$90.00. After high school she was employed at a Savings & Loan. Her sister Claudia introduced her to a man named Tom who pursued her and she married him and had four children. Tom passed in 1971 and Helene worked cleaning houses. She was home to get her children off to school and there when they returned. Helene was also a cub scout leader for eight years.

After two years she met Bob who had three children. Together they owned and operated laundries with Bob doing the maintenance and repair and Helene doing the cleaning. Later they purchased a home in Crystal Lake. Upon Bob's passing, Helene moved to Village Green where she has taken on many responsibilities. She is a member of the board, point person for the decorating committee, member of the book club and engaged in many social activities and always ready to lend a helping hand where needed. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful person in our group and hope she has many more years here.

Maureen



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This Month at the Dundee Library...



Fox River Valley Libraries

Dundee Library • Randall Oaks Library

in December



**YOUR
LIBRARY**

...It's All Right Next Door!

Head next door to the Dundee Library for some informational and/or fun adult programs! If you have any questions or would like to register for a program, please call their friendly Information Desk at (847) 428-3661, press 3 or visit their website at www.frvpld.info.

- Radon: How to Have a Safe Home, Tues., Dec. 3, 7 to 8 p.m.
- Adult Bingo, Thurs., Dec. 5, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Blinded by the light** (PG-13; 1hr. 58min.), Wed., Dec. 11, 6 to 8 p.m.
- Make Your Own: Scrabble Tile Ornament, Thurs., Dec. 12, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- Super Spa Gifts, Sat., Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Adult/Teen Game Night: Forbidden Island, Mon., Dec. 16, 6 to 8:30 p.m.
- Dundee Library Book Club: *Seven Days of us*, by Francesca Hornak, December 18, Meets the last Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Copies of discussion books are available for pick up five weeks before meetings. Questions? Call Sean at (224) 699-5837
- Lion King (PG; 1hr. 58min.), Sat., Dec. 28, 2 to 4 p.m.



Visit the Village Green Cupboard! Offering... Soup, salad, sandwiches, etc...**fresh from our kitchen!** Soft drinks, Gatorade, tea, hot cocoa, water, ice-t, milk. Chips, cookies, candy bars. Condiments & crackers. Paper towels, T.P., fabric softener, tissue. Windex, hand sanitizer, hand soap, laundry soap. Hand made greeting cards are also available.

You can visit the Wellness Center if you have any physical difficulty, they are available for assistance. They are located in unit #226 or you can call them at 847-829-8680.

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