

The Village Voice

JANUARY 2019

President's Message

Susan Holliman

PRESIDENT



Hello friends.

New Year is the time we remember the good happenings of 2018 and forget the rest.

A time to focus on the possibilities of a fresh start.

A time, as you walk through the meadows of life, to choose to either pick the flowers or the weeds.

A time to wish all my neighbors and friends a blessed New Year.

So, Flowers to every one!

Oh yes, and THINK SPRING!

January Is Janus' Month

January is named after the Roman god of doors, Janus, because this month is the door to the year. Janus represents all beginnings

and possesses the ability to see all things past and future.

The months of January and February did not feature in earlier versions of the Roman calendar, which divided the year into 10 months and left 61 days unaccounted for in the winter. They were added around 700 BCE.

January and February were initially the last months of the calendar year, which began in March (Martius). However, in 450 BCE, the beginning of the year was moved to January 1.

January originally consisted of 30 days when it was added to the 10-month Roman calendar. However, a day was added making it 31 days long in 46 BCE by Julius Caesar.

During leap years, January starts on the same day of the week as April and July, and ends on the same day of the week as July.

January's birth flower is the Carnation or Clove Pink.

The birthstone for January is the garnet which symbolizes constancy.

Manager's Message

Christian Penev

MANAGER



Welcome to new owner/residents, Parker Harrison, Jean Harrison (no relation), and Jeffrey Smith who will be moving in over the course of the next few weeks! We know you will feel at home very quickly. I hope you all had a great Christmas, and are looking forward to ushering in the New Year. Our Staff thanks all of you for your generous donations

to the Employee Appreciation Fund. An employee-signed "Thank You" note is posted by the mailboxes. We will be issuing a full "Owner/Resident Handbook" revision in January. It will be updated to include changes made in 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. We will let you know when they are ready for distribution. Just a reminder, starting in January we will no longer offer prepaid Meal Plans. Meals will be billed on a pay-as-you-go basis. More details will be forthcoming. We look forward to making 2019 another great year at Village Green!

Welcome New Village Green Residents!

Village Green would like to welcome Flora Breslich of Unit 238. Flora grew up in Bloomington, Illinois and recently lived in Elgin and Hampshire. She enjoys quilting. Please say hello to Flora when you get the chance. Welcome to our big family!



January Birthdays



Resident's Birthdays

Nick Schick 13th
 Adeline Schwabe 15th
 Dora Killis 16th
 Pat Schue 16th
 Dorothy Teesch 20th
 Charlotte Campbell 28th
 Jeannine Schol 30th

Employee's Birthdays

Don Decker 4th
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 Sofia Serrano 7th
 Mason McGraw 23rd
 Quinlan Kuehl 24th



Announcements!



Check your CO Detectors: The life expectancy of a furnace is 15 to 20 years, water heaters 10 to 15 years. Carbon Monoxide can leak from old equipment. It is imperative to have your CO Detectors working at all times of the year.

Furnaces: Just a reminder to have your furnace professionally checked out for this coming winter, it will be here before we know it.

Smoke Alarm Replacements: Get the *Kidde FireX*, Model # i12040

FREE 411 calls: You can get free 411 (information) calls by dialing **800-373-3411**. Just follow the automated directions and you will be given the residential or business number that you need.

If there are packages arriving at Village Green that you are aware of, please come and pick them up as soon as possible.




Thanks to all the family members who joined us at our Christmas party! We had a great time!




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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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Village Green Resident's Christmas Party 2018

How great it was to share in celebration of the Christmas holidays together! We enjoyed a bounty of wonderful food from our kitchen staff, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Clause (Nick Schick), goodies for all, awarded door prizes and finished with entertainment by our Village Singers and sang carols together. Whew! Thanks to all how helped and those who joined us in the spirit of Christmas.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 8:30-12:30 Church Trips 11:00 Alt. Catholic Services 11:30 Sunday Social 12:30 First Congregational Church DVD Service	7 1:00 Bean Bag Baseball 3:00 Balance with Bowes 7PM Fellowship Bible Study with Rosie	8 10:00 First American Bank 10:15 Walmart or Fresh Market 10:30 Tai Chi 2:00 In Home Services: Chair Football 3:00 Rosary in the Chapel	9 10:00 Board Meeting  2:00 Wii Wheel of Fortune 3:00 Balance with Bowes	10 10:00 Jewel or Walgreens 1:00 Wii Bowling 3:00 Village Singers Practice 4:15 Happy Hour	11 9:00 Beauty Shop 3:00 Balance with Bowes	12 1:00 Johnny Vargas Band Join us for Swing and Dance Music! 1:00 Creative Writing Workshop 7:00 BINGO!
13 8:30-12:30 Church Trips 11:00 Alt. Catholic Services 11:30 Sunday Social 12:30 First Congregational Church DVD Service	14 1:00 Bean Bag Baseball 3:00 Balance with Bowes	15 10:15 Aldi's & Dollar Tree 10:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Book Club Meeting 2:00 Coloring Group 3:00 Rosary in Unit 120	16 10:00 MAT Meeting 1:00 FAT Meeting 2:00 HAT Meeting 3:00 Balance with Bowes	17 10:00 Jewel or Walgreens 1:00 Wii Bowling 3:00 Village Singers Practice 4:15 Happy Hour	18 9:00 Beauty Shop 2:00 Bus trip to the Elgin Fire Barn Historic Tour. <i>Sign Up at front desk.</i> 3:00 Balance with Bowes	19 1:00 Social Room Games 1:00 Creative Writing Workshop
20 8:30-12:30 Church Trips 11:00 Alt. Catholic Services 11:30 Sunday Social 12:30 First Congregational Church DVD Service	21 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY 1:00 Bean Bag Baseball 3:00 Balance with Bowes 7PM Fellowship Bible Study with Rosie	22 10:00 First American Bank 10:15 Out to Brunch at the Manor 10:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Rosary in Unit 120	23  2:00 Wii Jeopardy 3:00 Balance with Bowes	24 10:00 Jewel or Walgreens 1:00 Wii Bowling 3:00 Village Singers Practice 4:15 Happy Hour <i>Village Voice Contributions Deadline</i>	25 9:00 Beauty Shop 1:00 Resident Birthday Party <i>Everyone is welcome!</i> 3:00 Balance with Bowes	26 1:00 Social Room Games 1:00 Creative Writing Workshop
27 8:30-12:30 Church Trips 11:00 Alt. Catholic Services 11:30 Sunday Social 12:30 First Congregational Church DVD Service	28  11:00 Welcome New Residents with coffee & doughnuts 1:00 Bean Bag Baseball 3:00 Balance with Bowes	29 10:15 Goodwill 10:30 Tai Chi 2:00 Coloring Group 3:00 Rosary in Unit 120	30 10:00 BAT Meeting  2:00 Wii Family Feud 3:00 Balance with Bowes	31 10:00 Jewel or Walgreens 2:00 Fox Valley Men of Harmony: Barbershop Chorus. 3:00 Village Singers 4:15 Happy Hour	 Coffee Available M-F 10:00-2:00 PM Sat & Sun 10:00-4:00 PM	Calendar Color Key: Blue- Bus Trip Red- Meetings Black- In building Gold- Activities Violet- Entertainment

Employee Appreciation Christmas Party, Dec. 18th

The staff sincerely thanks our residents for their generosity this holiday season. We had a wonderful Christmas party, celebrated each other's hard work and also our appreciation of you, the residents!



Residents Interview Residents

Harry Kroger

The following is an interview with Harry Kroger.

I'm interviewing Harry Kroger who resides in Unit 310. A very interesting man to say the least. He was born in Riga, Latvia in 1939, moved with his parents and twin brother to Germany when he was three. After the war, his family moved to a farm in Iowa, then on to Chicago where he attended the University of Illinois. He became an architect working for the government on federal buildings and court houses. Harry was a runner and a skier, taking his daughters skiing to Canada and Colorado. He was a member of an "adventure group" taking trips, camping, hiking, and boating in the US and the Caribbean. Per his friend Bonnie, they drove to Virginia, New York and the east coast and Arizona to visit family and friends.

Being an architect, he learned to draw and has done colored pencil drawings of places in Florida and France. Harry taught himself to paint and has done many works, as you can see by his paintings. Harry Loves Wii bowling and bean bag baseball, Balance with Bowes exercise and shopping via the Village Green Bus. He loves "Happy Hour" on Thursdays and still retains his German language speaking to other residents here.

He suffered a stroke approximately two years ago and is slowly recovering. He is a gentle soul and has a great sense of humor. Give him a hi-five when you see him as he is an inspiration to all of us and he is definitely an asset to Village Green. *-Maureen Newell*

Prairie Voices at Village Green

The Prairie Voices graced us again for the holiday season with a variety of Christmas songs!




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Writer's Corner

Following this pattern by Kevin Anderson, DIVINITY IN DISGUISE



On the threshold of the New Year

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On the threshold of the New Year still praying my "Goodbyes"

On the threshold of the New Year, Still, Praying. My good "buys" include *Hope's* purchase of Sunrise. –MB

It's Hard to Believe

It's hard to believe 2018 is gone and we must say good-bye.

It's Hard to believe 2018 is gone and we must say good-bye, but 2019 will bring a change.

It's Hard to believe 2018 is gone and we must say good-bye, but 2019 will bring a change and we will Smile.

HI THERE 2019!

- P, CH, CHA,B. egf



THIRD FLOOR DWELLERS OF VILLAGE GREEN:

RESIDENTS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM THE HOUSE WHEN THEY HEAR THE PATTERN OF REINDEER FEET ON THE ROOF, SIGNALLING THE ARRIVAL OF SANTA.

THIS MAY BE DONE IN A VARIETY OF WAYS, BUT PREFERABLY BY SINGING LOUDLY IN THE HALLWAY, A CAROL OF ONE'S CHOICE.

Signed: by the remnants of the cancelled Tai Chi group



On the threshold of the New Year

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My true love said to me,

What plans will we make to bring us great glee?

Well, I said, let's be more giving in the coming year.

Well, he said, this we can do without any fear.

To start with we could both bring more joy,

To our adorable girls and that wonderful boy

And to friends and to those we do not know.

We could work in ways to help them grow!

Where did this fine plan come from, he said?

From a great place, I said, and not from my head.

It originated with God and His Love,

When He sent His Son from Heaven above,

To be the one who came to save;

For God so loved the world that He gave.

-Charlotte Campbell

Haiku for New Years

New Year's Day is here

Time for those resolutions

How fast we break them

-Charlotte Campbell



This Month at the Dundee Library...



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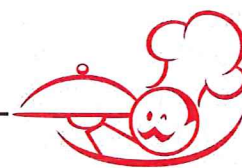
**YOUR
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...It's All Right Next Door!

This Month at the Dundee Library

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.

- Free your spirit with mediation, Sun., Jan. 6, 2 to 3 p.m. at the Dundee Library.
- Introduction to sewing, Mon., Jan. 7, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dundee Library.
- Make your own sugar hand scrub, Thurs., Jan. 10, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dundee Library.
- Introduction to sewing, Mon., Jan. 14, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dundee Library.
- Free Movie with Popcorn: Operation Finale, Wed., Jan. 16, 6 p.m.
- Eleanor Roosevelt- A Living History Portrayal, Sat., Jan. 19, 2 to 3 p.m. at Village Green.
- Adult Bingo, Thurs., Jan. 24, 7 to 8:30p.m. at the Dundee Library.
- Dundee Library Book Club: Jan. 30, My Italian Bulldozer by Alexander McCall Smith



Visit The Village Cupboard at Village Green:

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.

Should you have any difficulty, the Wellness Center is available for assistance. You can either visit at unit #226 or call at 847-829-8680.

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