

THE VILLA VIBE

Union Villa Residents' Newspaper

GREETINGS FROM THE RESIDENTS' COUNCIL PRESIDENT



December is a month to be with family and friends. Take advantage of this time and be together.

We thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication to keeping us well cared for.

Merry Christmas to you all.

George French

MONTHLY CHECK IN FROM RECREATION

Season's Greetings! December is upon us and we have had such a great year. I can't believe it's coming to an end but not before some holiday cheer and festive fun!

We welcome several community groups this month to our line up of special programming. The Cubs Scouts will be visiting on Monday December 18 and Taylor Academy will be here to perform for us on Sunday December 17.

We also have our Holiday Marketplace on Saturday, December 9 with lots of great vendors coming. Come out to shop and support this event.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Holiday Season and Happy New Year.

If you need to get in touch, please email me at lbailey@uhs.on.ca or reach out to the Recreation Therapist on your unit.

Lindsay Bailey



FUN FACTS

Birth flower of December - Holly and Narcissus

December Birthstones - Turquoise and lapis lazuli, were the traditional birthstones for December. Today, the more brilliant blue topaz and zircon have become the most popular modern gemstones for December birthdays.

December Astrology Signs -

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21) & Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

DECEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

There are so many exciting activities planned this month. so mark you calendars and join us!

LIST OF EVENTS:

See Calendar for full details and times.

Christmas Lights Tours – 6:30 to 9:00 pm

- Monday, December 4
- Friday, December 8

Villa Voices on Tour

- Tuesday, December 5
- Sunday, December 16

Holiday Auction

- Wednesday, December 6, 2:00pm - Heritage Lounge

Resident Birthday Parties

- Thursday, December 7, 10:30am - Union Mills
- Thursday, December 7, 2:30pm - Heritage Lounge

Holiday Marketplace

- Saturday, December 9, 9:30 to 3:00pm Heritage Lounge

Villa Bell Choir Concert

- Wednesday, December 13, 2:30pm - Heritage Lounge

Resident Holiday Party Luncheon

- Friday, December 15, 12:00pm on your Home Area

Taylor Academy Music Performance

- Sunday, December 17, 10:30am - Heritage Lounge

Holiday Cub Scout Visit

- Monday December 18th 7:00pm - Heritage Lounge

Christmas Concert

- Wednesday, December 20, 2:00pm -Heritage Lounge

Holiday Mega Bingo

- Saturday December 30th 10:30 am in Heritage Lounge

New Year Eve with the Sparklettes

- Sunday, December 31, 10:30 am - Heritage Lounge

Happy Birthday

Residents celebrating this month

Kenneth	3 December
James M.	3 December
Joan	5 December
Bill B	5 December
Kapusikkuge	6 December
Anna	10 December
Alberto	11 December
Martin	12 December
Marie	12 December
Christina	15 December
George L.	16 December
Antonia	16 December
Martha	16 December
Milagros	23 December
Rasiah	28 December



- Beat the Winter Blues
- Wine & Cheese Social



FAREWELL DEAR FRIENDS:

Patricia E. Miu Ngan C. Lila E.

POEM: Till We Meet Again

*We think about you always,
We talk about you still,
You have never been forgot,
And you never will.
We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you will remain,
To walk and guide us through our lives,
Until we meet again.*

NOVEMBER 2023 MEMORIES

Enjoying Cultural Celebrations & Reflections of Remembrance Day



WELCOME NEW FRIENDS TO UNION VILLA:

Wanda Ann & Bruce



DECEMBER DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

We are proud to share these upcoming special days and holidays with our residents. Acknowledging and celebrating these days of significance supports a sense of community through inclusion.



Hanukkah - December 7 - 15

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday, often referred to as the "Festival of Lights." Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days and nights, starting on the 25th of the Jewish month of Kislev, which may fall anywhere between late November and early December on the secular calendar. For eight nights, families say prayers and then light candles in an eight-branched candelabra called a menorah. Most families also serve special holiday foods, sing songs, play games, and give gifts including Hanukkah gelt (chocolate coins).



Christmas - December 25

Christmas is traditionally a Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus, but in the early 20th century, it also became a secular family holiday, observed by Christians and non-Christians alike. Popular Christmas traditions are exchanging gifts, decorating the tree, baking Christmas cookies, singing carols, hanging lights outside and building gingerbread houses.



DECEMBER 26TH- KWANZAA

Kwanzaa is an annual celebration of African-American culture from December 26 to January 1, culminating in a communal feast called Karamu, usually on the sixth day. It was created by activist Maulana Karenga, based on African harvest festival traditions from various parts of West and Southeast Africa. Kwanzaa was first celebrated in 1966

UNIONVILLE HOME SOCIETY LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Unionville Home Society acknowledge the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe Peoples, the Haudenosaunee Peoples and the Huron Wendat and recognizes their stewardship of the land and its resources. This territory is covered by Treaty 13 and the Williams Treaty and according to the "one dish, one spoon" concept of environmental stewardship, all people living on this land have the responsibility to ensure that the dish will never be empty.

All of us at Unionville Home Society take pride in the rich indigenous history of the land and are committed to building a brighter, more honest, more inclusive future where Indigenous perspectives are recognized within Markham's diverse tapestry of communities.