

THE VILLA VIBE

Union Villa Residents' Newspaper

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE RESIDENTS' COUNCIL PRESIDENT



We saw our first snow fall last week but winter officially starts on December 21st. December will be a busy month for us all. Thank you to all the staff who bring us exceptional care.

We'll have our next Resident Council meeting on Thursday December 8th at 10:15. Hope to see you there!

Best wishes to you and your family for the holiday season.
God Bless You All, George French



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM RECREATION

It was great seeing you all down at our Smoothie Bar this week. It was fun creating the menu and seeing what items were the most popular.

We will continue our lounge cafes in January. December will be a busy month, from tree trimming, photo shoots and lots of holiday cheer.

On Friday December 2nd we will be having our resident workshop session in the lounge. There will be a gingerbread house & soap making workshop. It will be a full day event, please mark your calendars!

I look forward to seeing you all during the holiday festivities. Please see your activity calendar for full details!



Wishing you and your family a very Happy Holiday Season!

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



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.

Christmas Lights Bus Tour –

- December 1st- 2nd Floor & Union Mills
- December 15th- 3rd Floor

Villa Holiday Workshops -Gingerbread House

Making & Soap Making

- Friday, December 2nd

Resident Photo Shoot -

- Monday, December 5th &
- Tuesday, December 6th

The Villa Voices are going on Tour!

- December 8th - 2nd Floor
- December 9th - Union Mills
- December 13th - 3rd Floor

The Markham Federation of Filipino

Canadians Dance Group

- Friday, December 9th

Holiday Dollar Store Auction

- Monday, December 12th

Resident Holiday Luncheon with special

entertainment on each floor

- Wednesday, December 14th

Resident Birthday Party with Emilio

- Wednesday, December 21st

Rockin' New Year's Party

- Saturday, December 31st

Celebrating BIRTHDAYS

Kenneth	03-Dec
Joan	05-Dec
William	05-Dec
Kapusikkuge	06-Dec
Anna	10-Dec
Alberto	11-Dec
Marie	12-Dec
Christina	15-Dec
George	16-Dec
Antonia	16-Dec
Martha	16-Dec
Milagros	23-Dec
Jean	24-Dec
Chris	25-Dec
Rasiah	28-Dec

Happy
Birthday

to all our residents who are
celebrating this month!

DECEMBER QUOTES

To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold. - *Aristotle*

Kindness is like snow—it beautifies everything it covers. - *Kahlil Gibran*

Some people are worth melting for. - *Frozen, Olaf*

MEMORIES FOR NOVEMBER



FAREWELL DEAR FRIENDS

Rosa A.
Jean L.
Bettina R

REMEMBER ME Poem

Don't remember me with sadness,
Don't remember me with tiers,
Remember all the laughter,
We've shared throughout the years.
Now I am content
That my life it was worthwhile
Knowing that I passed along the way,
And made someone smile
When your walking down the street
And you've got me on your mind,
I'm walking in your footsteps
Only a half step behind.
So please don't be unhappy,
Just because I'm out of sight,
Remember that I'm with you
Each morning, noon and night
~Unknown



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS

Khatun D.
Lina D.
Jui Yun.
Carmela L.
Delia R.
Mufideh S.

DECEMBER DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

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



December 8th - Hanukkah

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).



December 25th - Christmas

Christmas was 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:

The Unionville Home Society sits on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe Peoples and of the Haudenosaunee Peoples, and is also situated in Markham, one of the most diverse municipalities in North America.

All of us at Unionville Home Society take pride in that legacy and look forward to building a brighter, more honest, more inclusive future.