

Village Voice

December 2007

Welcome to the December issue of the Village Voice

We have all the news from Hillside Village, Woodside Village, the Love House and Aidylberg.

We send well wishes to all residents who are in the hospital or have returned home. Our very best wishes for a speedy recovery and good health to all during this holiday season.



Birthdays to Celebrate

Woodside Village

12/2 Mary Chomitz
12/3 David Dube
12/3 Lillian Ludwig
12/7 Anne Luedeman
12/13 Lucy Munafa
12/14 Jeannette Bigelow
12/19 Susan Jenkinson

Love House

Happy Holidays!

Aidylberg

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Hillside Village

12/1 David Grey
12/3 Elizabeth Searle
12/10 Isabelle Walker

WOODSIDE TWO'S VIEWS

Marge Chesnard, WV2

There was small crowd for the Thanksgiving Dinner. You missed a good dinner if you didn't come. The food was excellent. Things have been pretty quiet around here the past month. Everyone is now getting ready for Xmas. Remember that Kevin is driving the Blueberry Van. Come ride with him and you will enjoy yourself. There is a lift for the ones who cannot do the stairs and wheelchairs.

answer: Bill Brown

Who Am I?

I am ALWAYS cheerful, both on and off the job. I am well-groomed and efficient at all times. I know many residents very well and all residents somewhat. I am indispensable to IEH, they say, and all women adore me. Who am I?

HILLSIDE VILLAGE

Joan McDonough, President

The Hillside Village Tenant's Association will hold their monthly meeting on Dec. 8th at the Community Center at 11am. We would like to see more Tenants attending the meeting. Please put it on your calendar. At the November meeting it was voted to re-elect the current slate of Officers:

Joan McDonough	President
Betty Searle	Vice President
Joan Porter	Treasurer

All Candidates accepted.



We are having a Christmas Ham Dinner on Saturday, December 15th at 1pm also at the Community Center. The fee will be \$3.00. Bring a gift of \$5.00 or under for a Grab Bag. Watch for Sign-up sheets on your Bulletin Board.

MUSINGS FROM WOODSIDE 3

Nancy Luedeman, WV3 After Thanksgiving

Driving around the Island this past month - and from my window -- was like going into entry-ways lighted through stained-glass, or by having an oriental rug or a glorious hanging tapestry showing the rich colors with the sun shining on them, or against the sharp shadows. It must be this way every year, but I don't recall so great an extent and richness as in 2007.

Thanksgiving Day was its earliest which made the onset of "Black Friday" and other sales pitches hard for me to take. I like to enjoy the time, the gratefulness for family and friends - the reaching out over the internet and by telephone. It rounds out my year nicely before the hustle and bustle of December. (continued)

Continued - Nancy Luedeman, WV3

Look in the MV Times for notice of all the special concerts, art shows, openings and other events on that will fill up the season. We are fortunate in having the High School Performing Arts Center just across the road. Sometime it seems as if there's just one too many things going on at the same time, but I will find time for the Minnesingers, and the Community Chorus - Also for long naps in the short afternoons. Let's just face it, I hibernate! I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful full moon this month. It was fabulous. Happy holidays to one and all.

WOODSIDE VILLAGE I

Norman Ethier

Halloween was successful with 22 children receiving candy and an apple. Adult party followed with prizes for best costume. Winners were Lucy Roy and George Thibault tied for 1st and 2nd place. Ann Hearn got 3rd place. Refreshments and dancing rounded out the evening. Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings plus pie and cheesecake with strawberry topping. What can I say but "delicious", which was echoed by those attending.

Association Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 12/15/07 at 6pm at Woodside 2. Please bring finger food and a gift for our "Yankee swap" around the tree. Come and help us celebrate this beautiful holiday. Christmas music will be provided by Norman.

December Calendar

Blood Pressure Clinics

- Hillside: Wed., Dec. 5 @ 10:30am (first Wednesday of the month)
- Aidylberg: Thurs., Dec. 20 @ 10:30am (third Thursday of the month)
- Woodside 1: Mon., Dec. 17 @ noon (last Monday of the month)
- Woodside 2: Mon., Dec. 17 @ 1pm (last Monday of the month)

Rosary – Thursdays at 3:30pm at WV1

Prayer Service/Discussion Group – Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 11:30 am – Aidylberg 2

Bingo – Tuesdays at 6:30pm at WV2

Movies – temporarily on hold – call Marge Chesnard at 693-2531 if you are interested in starting them up again.

- AA Weekly Meeting for IEH Residents – Fridays at 3:30pm at WV1



Christmas at Woodside

Roberta Mendlovitz

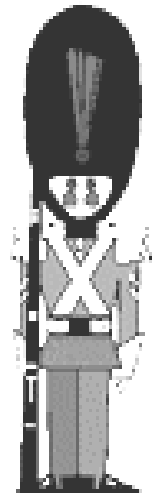
I can honestly report that Woodside is happily approaching the holidays. The Tenants Association is humming along with all kinds of plans for the season and for the coming year. Many people are looking forward to attending the Annual Meeting and the Christmas Party which will include a tribute to our long-time Executive Director, Carol Lashnits. At these times, if you come, and I hope you will, you will meet the people who have been looking after us for several months now. The Board Prez, our “Energizer Bunny”, will be present with his spirited humor at the Annual Meeting so I hope many of you who have not come in the past will make a real effort to attend on December 5. And you can’t pass up a chance to meet Ann Wallace, our super-duper Interim IEH Director.

It is only fair to give the present Board of Directors a big round of applause for all the hard work and thoughtful planning they have put into this interim period of looking for a permanent Executive Director. The hours that have been spent cannot be adequately conveyed. Spirits are high both for the coming Holiday Season and the people they serve in the various part of our quite large campus.

One of the happiest discoveries I’ve made is the special room at Woodside I, next to the Laundry Room. Usually called “The Crafts Room”, it is really more than that. It is a bright place to get ideas for your idle hands – all kinds of yarn and sewing materials. The days I went I noticed Jeannette Bigelow working on her Genealogy project. It prompted me to make a couple of Memory Books for Christmas presents. Give it a try and see if you can find inspiration. We all get the boredom-blues days and as my Mother used to preach: “ Happy little hands make happy little hearts!”

By the time this reaches you, Norman Ethier, President of the Woodside Tenants Association, will have led his group of merry little elves, the paid-up resident members of the Association, to a wonderful performance of THE NUTCRACKER at MVRHS on December 2, kicking off our party season!! So with all these festivities coming our way it pays to be Nice and not Naughty. We are truly lucky to have all these treats to brighten our lives. Good show, Norman and Thanks!

Wishing you Holiday Peace and Love



“Dinner at 5”

Please make your reservations at least one week in advance.
Help your neighbors come to the dinners by offering a ride and carpooling.

December Menu

Monday, Dec. 3	Baked Stuffed Bluefish	Monday, Dec. 17	American Style Meal Loaf, Gravy & Mashed Potatoes
Tuesday, Dec. 4	Boneless center-cut Roast Loin of Pork and Potato	Tuesday, Dec. 18	Shepherd's Pie
Thursday, Dec. 6	Old Fashioned Beef Stew	Thursday, Dec. 20	Holiday Dinner 6pm See upcoming announcement for reservations
Monday, Dec. 10	Virginia Baked Ham and Sweet Potato	Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24 and 25	- Holiday -
Tuesday, Dec. 11	Beef Stroganoff & Noodles	Thursday, Dec. 27	Roast Chicken, Gravy, Potatoes, Stuffing & Cranberry Sauce
Thursday, Dec. 13	Chicken Pot Pie	Monday, Dec. 31	Spinach Lasagna & Sausage

Remember to call Ann Baird to sign up for the dinner



Important Phone Numbers

Dorothy Young, Property Manager	508-693-7555, ext. 14
Victoria Haeselbarth, Site Manager Hillside	508-693-7577
Ann Baird, Service Coordinator	508-693-7009
Will Carter, Maintenance Director	508-693-8318
Daytime cellphone	774-563-2149
Emergencies Nights and Weekends	774-563-2148

A Plea for Music

The Piano in WV II has been returned for the Holiday season.

Please come play

Practice

Take lessons

Have sings

Play with others

Entertain us

Invite others to play for us

!! Enjoy !!



Reminders/Notes from Staff

Happy Holiday Wishes to all ! This is a special time of year. We hope everyone will have a very happy holiday season with friends, family, and neighbors.

Some reminders for holiday safety:

- **Christmas Trees:** Christmas Trees are beautiful and festive! Please remember that they need to be watered regularly as they can become a fire risk if they dry out.
- **Christmas lights and other electrical decorations or appliances:** This is also a time to enjoy holiday lights and other electrical decorations – please remember not to overload circuits.
- **Candles:** candles are very beautiful, but also very dangerous. We would prefer that candles not be used because of the extreme fire risk. If you do use a candle, please never leave it unattended.