

Citizens Care

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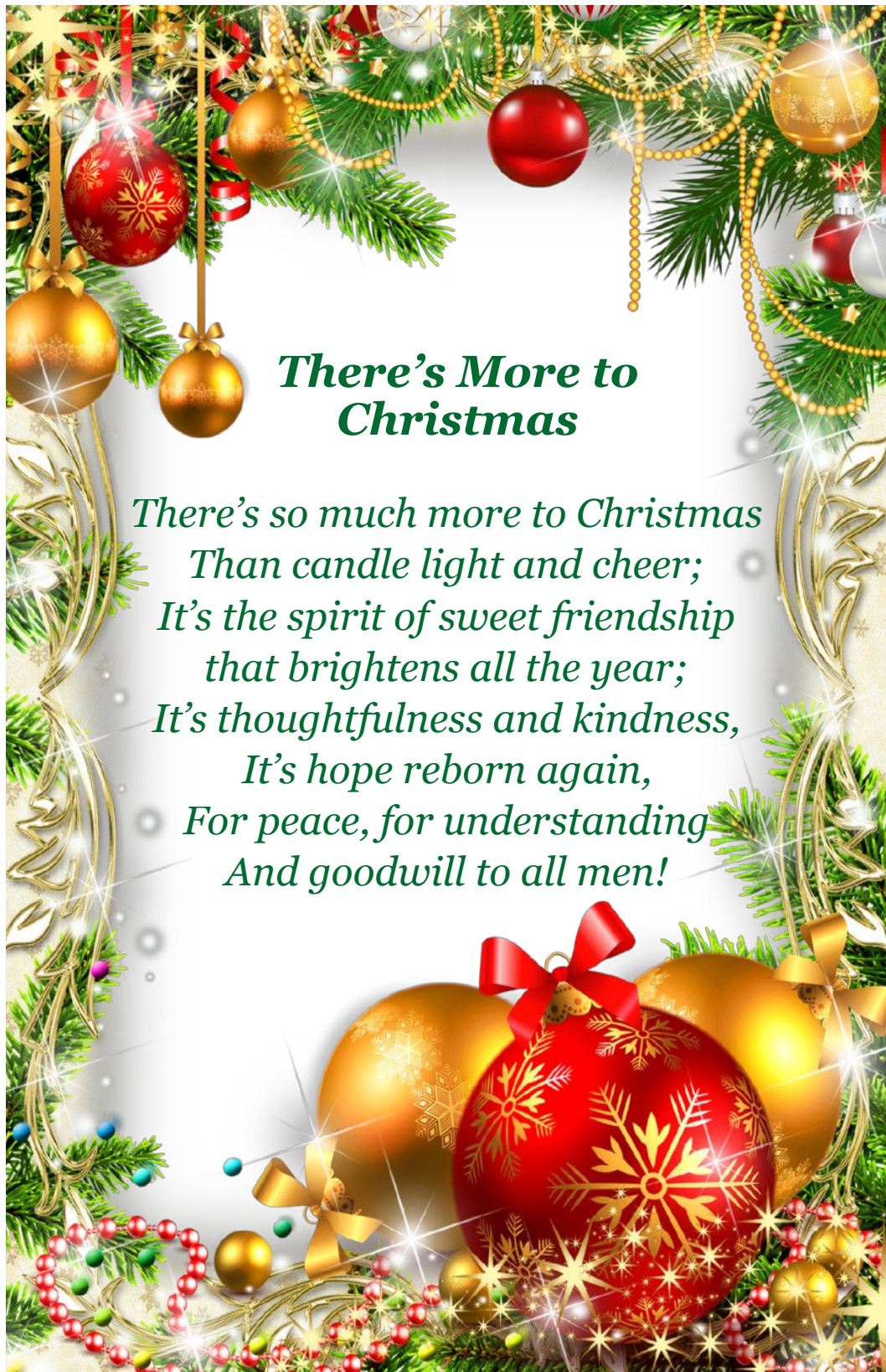
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Chit Chat

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There's More to Christmas

*There's so much more to Christmas
Than candle light and cheer;
It's the spirit of sweet friendship
that brightens all the year;
It's thoughtfulness and kindness,
It's hope reborn again,
For peace, for understanding
And goodwill to all men!*



A Story Written by Our Residents

Christmas Is Not Just For Children

It was a cold and snowy Christmas morning that our 16 residents woke up to. Each of them looked out onto the beautiful winter scene. All of them became excited because you see this was the first snow of the year. Everyone knows that the first snow of the year is magical. Ruby was the first to look out the window and discover that the magic had already begun. There was a frozen pond in the courtyard with snow all around it and a big burn pit just waiting to be lit. Out front of the building there were children sledding on their flexible flyers and saucer sleds on the hill that magically appeared. The children all were waving at the residents in their rooms. This made the residents want to join in the fun with all the children. All of a sudden the call bells were going off like crazy because the residents wanted to get up and get all bundled up to go out with the kids. The GNA's had to get a lot of help from the rest of the staff to get all 16 residents up and dressed for the cold but it happened quick as can be that the residents were ready for their adventure outside. Did I mention that the snow was magical? As they stepped or rolled outside into the snow each resident was transformed with no physical problems at all. They jumped up and started a snowball fight with each other and the kids. They built a fort to protect them from the onslaught of snowballs being hurled at them from the kids. William R. got a snowball to the side of the head by Chris B. William R. sent Chris flying off his feet and into the snow. While there Chris thought I'll just lay here and make a snow angel and so he did, the most beautiful snow angel made by a true Blessing.

On the corner of Market St. our residents notice the Salvation Army Volunteers ringing their bell. They all found their bingo quarters in their pockets and donated them. Boy, those bingo quarters come in handy! Then out of no where Carolers came by sing Christmas carols and asked us to join them. So, we all sang a few carols and ended with Joy to the World. After the carolers were finished they were picked up by a large 4 horse hitch pulling a huge sleigh. Just like in a Currier and Ives picture.

Knowing that it was getting on time to have our Christmas meal with our families it was time to go in rest a bit, get something to eat and then go outside again. Because you know that the first magical snow only lasts for 24 hours. So, out our group went again into the frosty air to ice skate on the pond in the courtyard. They built a 7 foot snowman in the courtyard. And afterwards when they got hungry again they had hot dogs on a stick, hot chocolate and smores around the big burn barrel. Oh, what an exciting day for our residents. That's probably where you think the story would end.

But no, not for our residents who knew the time was running short and the magic would be ending soon. Karen W. was the next person to surprise everyone. She found a piece of mistletoe and tied it on a string at the end of a stick. Then she put it over all the fellas heads and they gave her a kiss. As each person got a kiss on the cheek they vanished! And where do you suppose they went ?

Con't. on page 4

Sagittarius

Sumero-Babylonian name: The Soldier



November 22 - December 21

November 22nd to
December 21st

**Honest and Straight
forward to a fault at
times.**

**Intellectual
Philosophical
Careless &
Irresponsible
Enthusiastic
Optimistic and
Freedom Loving**



CAPRICORN

Dec 22 - Jan 19

Originating from the constellation of Capricornus, Capricorns are considered an earth sign, and are symbolized by the horned goat.

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

December 22nd to
January 19th

**Capricorns are
known for being
ambitious,
disciplined, and
hardworking,
often excelling under
pressure due to the
persistent and
practical nature.**

**They are also
loyal and
dependable friends.
They are cautious,
organized, and have a
strong work ethic.**

Happy Birthday, December Residents



1. Virginia, J.	12/4
2. Mable W.	12/5
3. Ellen H.	12/5
4. William R.	12/5
5. Cheryl R.	12/6
6. Nancy R.	12/7
7. Patricia D.	12/7
8. Mark H.	12/12
9. Nora H.	12/17
10. Judy N.	12/17
11. Anna P	12/24

Staff December Birthdays

1. Kimberly M. Dietary	12/3	9. Sylvia S. Nursing	12/19
2. Jin L. Nursing	12/6	10. Angela G. Nursing	12/24
3. Bethany O. EVS	12/8	11. Victoria S. Nursing	12/24
4. Diana U. Nursing	12/9	12. Sherry V. Dietary	12/24
5. Ann J. Nursing	12/10	13. Dorothy L. Nur. Adm.	12/25
6. Jocelyn S. Activities	12/11	14. Hyein K.. Dietary	12/30
7. Kaitlyn H. Nursing	12/12	15. Hezron N. Nursing	12/31
8. Victoria W. Security	12/13		

Staff December Anniversaries

1. Sharon W. Nursing	12/10	24yrs.
2. Katina C. EVS	12/5	14 yrs.
3. Raymond E. Maintenance	12/4	12 yrs.
4. Dawn E. Accounting	12/10	11 yrs.
5. Holly W. Nursing	12/30	10 yrs.
6. Chris A. Accounting	12/19	7 yrs.
7. Stephanie F. Nursing	12/7	4 yrs.
8. Denise R. Nursing	12/29	4 yrs.

***You have
not lived
today
until you
have
done
some-
thing for
someone
who can
never
repay
you.***



Look close, What movie is this picture from?

Look Back on November Activities

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Why they were transported directly to Santa's Toyland. Where they all got to meet Santa and all his reindeer. After hanging out with Santa for awhile it was time for our story tellers to come back to Citizens. Well how do you suppose they got home? Santa of course gave them a ride on his sleigh with Rudolph leading the way. If Santa can get all those presents in the sleigh he had no trouble taking our 16 residents back home. So Santa gave each of our 16 big kids a candy cane and a present. We heard Santa say "Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night."
Wow! what a day!

Our Proud Veterans being honored by Citizens, the Aberdeen Proving Ground and the members of The American Legion



Thank you to Citizens Care Center, the Colonel from the Proving Ground and members of the American Legion who took the time to remember our military veterans. Also, thank you for recognizing them with Certificates of honor and commemorative coins. A special thanks goes out to our new volunteer Charles Reedy for coordinating our celebration with Janet.



Janet. The Navy, Marines and Army were represented during the celebration. Again, thank you all.

Resident Council News

On Wednesday, December 17th the Resident Council Members are celebrating another year with many accomplishments with the annual Resident Council Christmas Dinner. This celebration is for members of the group that have made most of the monthly meetings. This dinner is by invitation only. Our menu consists of Roast Pork, Darrick's Sauerkraut with apples, real mashed potatoes with gravy, buttered peas, Fresh homemade rolls with butter and a choice of mint brownies alamode or pumpkin roll with cream cheese frosting. If you didn't receive an invitation this year, please come and join us next year so you can be a part of Resident Council too.



Christmas Word Search



CANDY CANE
CAROLS
CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER
ELVES
GINGERBREAD
JINGLE

HOLLY
LIGHTS
MERRY
NORTH POLE
ORNAMENTS
PRESENTS
REINDEER

SANTA
SLEIGH
STOCKING
TREE
WINTER
WREATH



Answers to Movie Questions: by page number. 1. pg. 3...White Christmas 2. pg. 6...Home Alone & 3. pg 8...Max

Attention family members and residents. Below please find a condensed version of the December 1st letter from Administration

Each year you are given a choice to retain your traditional Medicare or enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan. Some of you may choose to change your plans for several different reasons. No matter what the reason, CCRC needs to know about any changes you may make to accurately bill for services you receive. We must have your most current insurance information on file. If any changes have been made please bring your card to the office to be copied or send a photo copy on the front and back of the card to the business office.

Also please keep in mind that CCRC does not participate with all plans. What that means to you is that we may not be able to bill for skilled nursing services you require after you return from a hospital visit. Your Medicare Advantage plan may require you to transfer to a participating care facility to receive the skilled care you need. Before choosing a Medicare Advantage plan, it would be helpful to discuss your options with our billing staff.

If you have secondary insurance that has changed or recently been updated, please be sure to provide a copy of the front and back of those cards as well.

Thank you for your cooperation,

*Sincerely,
Keith Streett
Dir. of Business Operations*



*What
movie is
this
photo
from?*



Families and Residents, You are invited to a Holiday cocktail party.

Residents and three of their family members are invited to join in a holiday celebration on Monday, December 22nd from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be plenty of time to have your pictures taken in front of our Christmas back drop. Santa will make an appearance as well as the mean green Grinch. There will be time for a Karaoke sing a long. Plus a plentiful banquet of hors d'oeuvres, mini desserts and assorted beverages. There is no charge to participate in the holiday cocktail party. Just come enjoy yourselves and enjoy being with your loved ones.

Reservations are a must. You can call Jocelyn Silver at, 410-942 2126. We look forward to celebrating the holidays with you!



Movie Line Up for December

December

1st 6:30 pm Movie, Ocean's 8— Sandra Bullock stars in this Million dollar Heist.

2nd 6:30 pm Movie, The Up Side of Anger— Sometimes in life the very things that pull us apart can also bring us back together.

3rd 6:30 pm CR Movie, Home Alone— Come watch Kevin save his home from two would be robbers when his parents accidentally leave him at home when they went to Paris.

5th 6:30 pm Movie, War Horse— This deeply heartfelt story of loyalty, hope and tenacity between a farm boy and his horse, fighting in World War I and then finding each other again.

6th 4:00 pm Movie, The Dog Who Saved Christmas— Zeus a former K-9 police dog appears to be less than the dependable guard dog the family needs. However he becomes the hero and saves the day when the family is away and their home is burgled.

7th 4:00 pm Movie, SIGHT— There is more to life than what you see. This true story is how an impoverished Chinese prodigy who flees Communist China to become an eye surgeon in the U.S.

8th 6:30 pm Movie, The Pursuit of Happy-ness— Inspired by a true story of a Dad who never gave up on his dreams and a son who never gave up on his Dad.

9th 6:30 pm Movie, Jingle All The Way— Non stop fun as a Dad tries to get his kid a toy that has been sold out for months. Then the hilarity ensues as this Dad goes through everything to please his son.

10th 6:30 pm CR Movie, Home Alone 2— Kevin is at it again getting left behind in New York City while his scatter brained parents go off on another vacation without him. But who does he find in NYC? The same bumbling robbers that he put away the year before. Comedy !!!

12th 6:30 pm Movie, Last Vegas— These 4 best friend seniors decide to go to Las Vegas for one last fling and can't do anything but get into trouble.

13th 4:00 pm Movie, It Happened on 5th Avenue— A Classic Holiday Favorite

14th 4:00 pm Movie, Finding Neverland, Johnny Depp and Kate Winslet star in this tale about how one writer came to write Peter Pan. The imagination is wonderful.

15th 6:30 pm Movie, A Christmas Story 2— Peace, Love and Misunderstanding, Ralphie is a teenager with teen age wants. Unfortunately he gets in to teenage predicaments.

16th 6:30 pm Movie, The Color Purple— A bold new take on the beloved classic. A story of love and resilience.

17th 6:30 pm CR Movie, It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie, An inspirational celebrational Muppets Christmas. Join Kermit the Frog as Fozzy Bear and all the Muppet characters.

19th 6:30 pm Movie, Friday Night Lights— A genuine stand-up-and-cheer movie about a courageous high school football team's fit to fulfill their destiny.

20th 4:00 pm Movie, The Grinch— Jim Carrey as the Grinch is a Mean One this holiday season.

21st 4:00 pm Movie, A Gingerbread Romance, This is wonderful "Hallmark" sappy Christmas romance.

22nd 6:30 pm Movie, Miracle on 34th Street— this is the original film starring Natalie Wood.

23rd 6:30 pm Movie, Christmas in Connecticut— Laughs, romance, holiday cheer: That's the recipe that Barbara Stanwyck follow in this huge Christmas farce.

24th 6:30 pm CR Movie, The Nativity Story— Enjoy the true meaning of Christmas, Jesus' story.

25th 6:30 pm Movie, **White Christmas**— This is the timeless musical classic everyone remembers.

26th 6:30 pm Movie, Jurassic World— Two worlds collide as dinosaurs roam the earth again.

27th 4:00 pm Movie, Our Family Wedding— feuding Fathers threaten to turn a dream wedding into a battle royale. This is laugh out loud lunacy!

28th 4:00 pm Movie, The Hobbit— The adventure continues for Bilbo Baggins.

29th 6:30 pm Movie, Jungle Cruise— Enjoy a rollicking thrill ride down the Amazon river.

30th 6:30 pm Movie, Country Strong— You don't have to be a country fan to enjoy this movie.

31st 6:30 pm CR Movie, The Family Man— A heartwarming holiday comedy. A single, wealthy Wall Street trader wakes up one morning to find himself with a family, married to his college sweetheart.

January 1st 6:30 pm Movie, Thor, The Dark World— Worlds collide when a powerful ancient enemy threatens to plunge the cosmos into eternal darkness. Thor comes to save the earth and Asgard.

Staff News, Achievements & Announcements

Below please welcome the newest members of the CCRC family! We are glad you chose Citizens.



**Cheyenne W.
Nursing,
Hospitality**



**Nancy S.
Security
Service**

**Not Pictured
Ashley G.
EVS**



It's unbelievable that almost a half a year has gone by since the new assignments were opened up for everyone to do. Don't wait till the last minute. Get it done now.



Can you name the dog in this picture?



*1st in the
County!*

*7th in the
State!*

Citizens Care
Care begins with compassion.

***Attention Staff!!! This is the Caroling Schedule
These are the groups that have signed up to sing
through the halls***

Friday 12/5, 10:30 am, Harford Christian School

Saturday 12/6, 12:00 pm John Wesley Carolers

Saturday 12/13, 2:00 pm GCC Carolers

***Sunday 12/14, 6:00 pm Living Hope
Presbyterian***

KUDOS WALL FOR ALL STAFF

***A word from Dorothy Lowman
Nursing Administration, Clerk***

***Has a staff member helped you and
Didn't expect anything in return? Well you need to offer
"Kudos" to them by recognizing them to others on the Ku-
dos Wall in the Nursing Office. These special appreciations
are given to each other. They are not picked by Managers
or Administration.***

The rules are quite simple.

- 1. Only two Kudos per shift, per day can be submitted.***
- 2. Come to the nursing office fill out a starburst.***
- 3. We will place it on the wall.***
- 4. At the end of each pay week all the names will be put
into a drawing.***
- 5. One name will be picked out of a bag to be the winner of
the \$5 dollar gift card.***
- 6. Also the person who recognized the winner receives a \$5
dollar gift card as well.***
- 7. Once the name is drawn than the board is cleared and
the next game begins.***

***The winner of the first drawing was Tikay Sampson and
her sponsor was Jaimie Johnston. Congratulation ladies!***

***Remember, this is not just for nursing.
This is a great way to recognize all co-workers.
Thank you for all you do!***

Volunteer News



Thank You...

Thank you to Young at Heart members for your contribution to our resident bingo. Thank you to those that donated to the Gift shop: Cassie Evering, Sharon Ey & Janice Scott. Thank you to Rick & Tina Ashmun for puzzles & DVDs.

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Reminders about our “Four Legged Friends”

Maryland Visiting Health Certificates are required for all visiting pets.

The certificates are available at the main entrance and RW entrance.

Must be completed by veterinarian and returned to Janet McDonald for approval.

Therapy pets must show therapy identification papers to security and sign in.

Any questions or concerns contact Janet McDonald @410-942-2112

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Think about giving the Gift of Beauty to your resident loved one.

Gift certificates for services are available to purchase at Business Office.

Gift certificates make a wonderful Christmas gift that keeps on giving.

For more information contact Janet McDonald at 410-942-2112.

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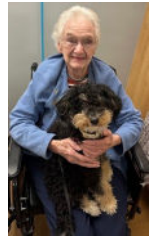
December 2025 the CCRC Walk to End Alzheimer's Team will close their fundraising until next year.

There is still time to donate or support our team by making a flower purchase. Available at the main entrance & RW entrance. Help our team finish strong. Thank you to everyone for helping CCRC team reach their goal.

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Volunteer Opportunities

1. *Bingo Assistants needed Monday during the day and Thursday at night to help the activities staff with resident bingo. This entails helping to set up and break down the bingo game. Helping point out the numbers on the residents cards only after giving them the time to find them on their own.*
2. *Other volunteer opportunities are available: You can pick up a volunteer application packet at the security desk. Hours and Days are flexible. COVID vaccination card and background check is required to become a volunteer at CCRC.*





Citizens and Harford County Helpful People

Citizens is Governed by a Volunteer Board of Directors

Board Members Are:

Wendell G. Baxter

Jacob Bennett

John P. Correrri, Jr.

Shobita DuBois

Carol Lienhard

Rodney Swam

Cathy Vincenti

Andrew Young

Kimberly Zavrotny

Who is your Ombudsman???

*The Harford
County
Ombudsman comes
to Citizens when
help is needed. She
helps' work out any
problems that you
may have that you
have told some one
about but the
problem is on
going. If you need
to get in touch with
her, her name is
Sharon Miller and
she can be reached
at the
Office on Aging at
410-638-3025.*

Managers Ready to Help You , Are:

Administrator
Ed Walter

*Department
Directors*

Activities
Jocelyn Silver, ADC

*Director of
Admissions*
Nancy Bennett

Dietary
Darrick DeBoard Sr.
CDM, CFPP

*Environmental
Services
And Laundry*
Theresa Gebhardt

Facility Operations
Robert Watson

Human Resources
Diana George

Medical Director

H.S. Sim

Nursing
Cassie Evering, RN

*Director of Business
Operations*
Keith Streett

Risk Management
Renata Truant, RN

Social Work
Diane Bruso,

*Volunteers / Public
Relations*
Janet McDonald

Telephone Assurance Program

(T.A.P.) is a free service provided by Citizens Care and Rehabilitation Center and a volunteer who makes the daily person to person telephone calls to individuals who live alone or have medical problems but wish to remain at home. A volunteer with T.A.P. checks on the well-being of the participant daily. T.A.P. operates seven days a week, 9:00 am-11:00 am. All information received by T.A.P. is kept confidential. If interested in this free service in Harford County contact Janet McDonald at 410-942-2112

Citizens Care and Rehabilitation Center is on Facebook!



**Keep up with all that is going on
at Citizens by following our Face-
book page.**

Notice

We wish to reaffirm our policy that all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetics, marital status or sexual orientation are considered for employment or admission to Citizens Care and Rehabilitation Center.