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# *Chit Chat*

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*Citizens Care Center Achieves a “5 STAR” Rating*



*Congratulations to all the staff that made this possible. Without you, this would not be attainable! Thank you staff members.*

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## *HAPPY NEW YEAR*

*A bright, shiny new year,  
Empty, neat, pristine,  
waiting, ready  
for us to get it right.  
Another chance  
to love and forgive.  
Another chance  
to make a real effort  
to give more than we get.  
Another chance  
To make a difference.  
A good New Year.  
A Happy New Year!*

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# Karen's Korner



*Holy Cow, it's 2026! Time passes so quickly. Now there are two silly imaginary holidays that will make you smile. I will let you pick your own favorite from the two below.*

*1st — National Hangover day.*

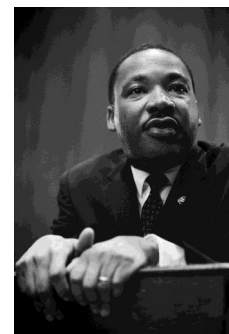
*3rd — Fruitcake toss day*

*The official Holiday for January is Martin Luther King Day on Monday the 19th. We celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. to honor his leadership in the American Civil Rights*

*movement, his dream of racial equality, justice, human rights and his powerful advocacy for nonviolent protest, which led to major legislation like the Civil Rights Act and Voting Right Act. He was a Nobel Peace Prize Winner in 1964 for his nonviolent struggle against racial discrimination. Then ironically on April 4th 1968 he was violently assassinated.*

*"MLK" Information by: Wikipedia*

*I hope that you have enjoyed the Holiday season and are looking forward to the New Years Activity schedule that Activities has planned for our enjoyment. Happy New Year everyone.*



*Karen*

## A Friendly Reminder from the Laundry Supervisor, Theresa

*Attention Residents and Family Members. We need your help to get all your personal items and blankets back to the correct rooms.*

*With everyone receiving Blankets and Clothes for Christmas it is impossible to return your items to you without each of the items being marked and update the personal inventory lists at your nurses station.*

*Please remember to label your new items so we can give them back to you.*

*Thank you for your help in this matter!*



## Christmas Doors For All To Enjoy!

Harborview  
Took 2nd

Nursing and Activities  
Tied for 3rd

Thanks to all who joined in the fun!



1st place  
went to  
Therapy

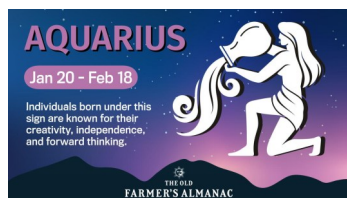




### December 22nd to January 19th

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.



### January 20th to To February 18th

They can either be cold and emotionally detached or extremely emotional. The realest one you will ever meet. They speak fluent sarcasm.

They can see through fake people. Sometimes their mind is too advanced for some people to understand. Masters at hiding their feelings. They have a dark side you don't want to bring out.

## *Happy Birthday, January Residents*



1. Kenny C.	1/1
2. David F.	1/11
3. Mary H.	1/11
4. Katherine G.	1/11
5. Michael S.	1/12
6. Thelma D.	1/13
7. Patricia T.	1/14
8. Jean P.	1/15
9. Carolyn M.	1/15
10. Ronald M.	1/22

### *Staff January Birthdays*

1. Julianne B.	Activities	1/1
2. Fatima K.	Nursing	1/1
3. Mary N.	Nursing	1/2
4. Wanda L.	Nursing	1/2
5. Irene T.	Nursing	1/3
6. Cheyenne W.	Nursing	1/4
7. Brianna H.	Nursing	1/5
8. Patrycja P.	Nursing	1/12
9. Dora A.	Nursing	1/13
10. Shanel G.	Nursing	1/13
11. Hi S.	Med. Dir.	1/14
12. Holly W.	Nursing	1/16
13. Cynthia A.	Acct. Admin	1/22

14. Kahayilia B.	Nursing	1/22
15. Frances J.	Security	1/24
16. Dawn E.	Accounting	1/26
17. Eva T.	Accounting	1/28
18. Pauline J.	Nursing	1/28
19. Michelle C.	Nursing	1/31

*Happy  
New Year!!!*

*Cheers  
to a  
New  
Year  
and  
another  
chance  
for us  
to get it  
right!*

### *Staff January Anniversaries*

1. Brenda J.	Nursing	1/11	31 yrs.
2. Alexander H.	Dietary	1/12	22 yrs.
3. Marylyn Z.	Dietary	1/03	21 yrs.
4. Diana G.	Other Admin	1/23	18 yrs.
5. Katelin B.	Nursing	1/27	10 yrs.
6. Shantell C.	Nursing	1/3	8 yrs.
7. Rosemary A.	Nursing	1/3	8 yrs.
8. Shelia K.	Nursing	1/17	7 yrs.
9. Mamie B.	EVS	1/8	6 yrs.
10. Shanel G.	Nursing	1/12	5 yrs.
11. Edward W.	Administration	1/23	3 yrs.
12. Brittany E.	Nursing	1/16	3 yrs.
13. Hyein K.	Dietary	1/7	2 yrs.
14. Jahasia	Nursing	1/16	2 yrs.
15. Brooke H.	Nursing	1/22	2 yrs.
16. Claudette N.	Nursing	1/21	1 yr.



## Looking Back on December Activities



**Thank you Tracy Kraft and all our friends at HomeInstead for providing gifts from their Santa for Seniors program. Pictured above is only 1/4 of the gifts they provided.**



The residents enjoyed a Cocktail Party with two guests. Thank you Santa and the Grinch for making so many people smile that night. Thank you Darrick and your staff for all the delicious party snacks and help through out the whole party, Theresa for the set up and cleanliness of the room., Brian in EVS for providing our music for the evening including our Sing a Long with Mitch Miller. Ed for helping to serve and our Activity staff for always trying their best to make the residents happy!

Thank you Ellen in Security for bringing in enough supplies for 18 of our residents to make wreaths for their doors.



### Cookie Cut-Outs and Decorating Look at those smiles, the ladies had a great time !





*Know Your Rights! Resident's have the right...*  
*To speak with their Dr. in private if they wish to.*



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# Happy New Year

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CELEBRATE  
GOALS  
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RESOLUTION  
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SPARKLES

# Caring for YOU is our Top Priority!

## Recognize a great caregiver with a **Ceca Award**.

**We've partnered with Ceca Foundation to help celebrate the exceptional acts of care, achievements and successes of our team members in serving you. If anyone on our staff makes your day a little brighter or has a lasting impact on you or your family, we'd like to hear about it.**

All of our team members are eligible for the Ceca Award (which provides public recognition and a \$250.00 award), including staff that are clinical (nurses, physical therapists, etc.) and non-clinical (dining services, housekeeping, maintenance, security, activities, etc.) Thank a team member by telling us who and what they did that made a difference in your experience with us.

Tell us about your experience one of these ways:

- Visit [CecaAward.org/Guest](https://CecaAward.org/Guest) **OR**
- Scan the QR code with your Mobile device **OR**
- Fill out the form below and turn it in to the front desk  
Or Human Resources Department.



Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Who would you like to recognize? Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Why would you like to recognize this person? (If necessary, continue on a separate sheet of paper)

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## Ugly Sweater Day!



Thank you ladies for dressing up in your Ugly Christmas Sweaters to give our residents a good laugh!

# Movie Line Up for January



## 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.*

*2nd 6:30 pm Movie, The Huntsman, The Winter War — The story before the “Snow White” story.*

*3rd 4:00 pm Movie, Hometown Holiday — Some things are worth coming home for. Romance*

*4th 4:00 pm Movie, Ben Hur— This is the awe-inspiring story of Juda Ben Hur, the prince enslaved by the Romans after being betrayed by his adoptive brother Messala.*

*5th 6:30 pm Movie, Dr No—007 This is the film that launched the James Bond saga, Agent 007 battles the mysterious Dr. No.*

*6th 6:30 pm Movie, MIB (Men In Black) Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones keep tabs on the Alien activity on earth.*

*7th 6:30 pm CR Movie, DOLITTLE-Enjoy this epic adventure about the man who could talk to animals.*

*9th 6:30 pm Movie, Country Strong, You don’t have to be a country fan to enjoy this movie.*

*10th 4:00 pm Movie, Finding Dory, This is truly a funny fishy animated movie.*

*11th 4:00 pm Movie, CASABLANCA, This movie continues to get 5 stars and be called the best movie of all time. Casablanca: easy to enter, but much harder to leave, especially if the Nazis are after you.*

*12th 6:30 pm Movie, 007 in SKYFALL, fun, sexy, smart, intense and exciting. A great Bond Movie*

*13th 6:30 pm Movie, My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2, The family you love is back in this funny sequel .*

*14th 6:30 pm CR Movie, Bringing down the house, Outrageously Funny, with straight laced lawyer Steve Martin and Convict on the run Queen Latifah meet up its one hysterical comedy of errors.*

*16th 6:30 pm Movie, Pottersville, (It’s a Magical Life) Struggling store owner Maynard is hit be hard times. The legendary “Bigfoot” is mistaken as being seen in this town and they have to keep up the charade to keep people coming to the town.*

*17th 4:00 pm Movie, Sombrero, MGM’s Musical Adventure! From Mexico via Hollywood comes a Technicolor treat full of stars. They sing, they dance, they romance! It’s wonderful.*

*18th 4:00 pm Movie, FALLOUT, Tom Cruise STARS IN THIS Mission Impossible action movie.*

*19th 6:30 pm Movie, The Watsons go to Birmingham. An African-American family that live in Flint Michigan raising three children in the 1960’s. This movie comes just in time for “MLK day”.*

*20th 6:30 pm Movie, Sully, Tom Hanks brings the flight that had to land in the Hudson River to the Silver Screen. Watch as Sully defends his actions to the FDA that are threatening to ruin his reputation.*

*21st 6:30 pm CR Movie, The Hot Chick, The hottest chick in town just switched bodies with the lickiest loser in the world.*

*23rd 6:30 pm Movie, A Haunting in Venice, Enjoy this terrifying mystery set after World War II.*

*24th 4:00 pm Movie, Show Dogs, A human detective and his 4 legged partner go undercover at the worlds most prestigious dog show.*

*25th 4:00 pm Movie, Downton Abbey, The Motion Picture, The worldwide phenomenon Downton Abby returns in a spectacular motion picture.*

*26th 6:30 pm Movie, The Illusionist, This movie is a blend of suspense and mind bending twists.*

*27th 6:30 pm Movie, Pirates of the Caribbean, The Curse of the Black Pearl, A high-seas adventure.*

*28th 6:30 pm Movie, Family dynamics can be ruff when people can’t see eye to eye.*

*30th 6:30 pm Movie, Elvis—This movie needs no introduction.*

*31st 4:00 pm Movie, The Quiet Man—John Wayne and Maureen O’Hara at their very best.*



## Staff News, Achievements & Announcements

*Welcome Back Tara H.  
We are all glad you decided  
to come back as one of our  
many competent nurses. We  
missed you!*

No picture available.

**Congratulations to the following ladies who increased their education to better themselves and further their careers.**

Diana U., now RN (was LPN).

Irene T., now RN (was LPN).

Rosemond F., now RN (was LPN).

Susan G., passed CRNP boards.

Pauline J., GNA (was GNA Intern).



**Holly Celebrating 10 yrs  
with us here at Citizens.  
Thank you Holly!**



*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.*

## Have You Heard the News?



*Citizens has achieved the coveted  
five (5) STAR rating for Nursing  
Homes. This rating is given by the  
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
Services.*

*The awards for best Service just  
keeps coming to Citizens. We also  
just received the "Best of Harford"  
according from the Baltimore Sun's  
2025 competition.*

*Woo Hoo!, Keep up the awesome  
work Citizens Staff Members!  
Without you, none of this could  
have been achieved.*



*1st in the  
County!*

*7th in the  
State!*

**Citizens Care**  
Care begins with compassion.



**Thank you ladies for  
dressing up and making  
our residents Holiday a  
Happier one!**



## Thank You...

Thank you to all the wonderful people who volunteered their time and talents to help make our residents Holiday Season a happy one filled with music, reminiscing, traditions, talent, visits, gifts and good food. Thank you staff members who brought cheer by dressing up and sitting with our residents oohing and aahing over their new gifts. Thank you everyone.

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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.*

**Our Dietary Department Did Not Disappoint this Christmas Season!**  
From their decorations made out of all the supplies they use on a daily basis to the delicious culinary delights coming from the kitchen!



Remembering  
the real reason  
for the Season!



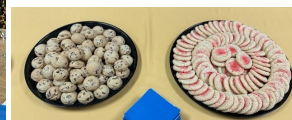
**Our Dietary Department can boast that most of our delicious meals are homemade and served piping hot out of our food carts. CCRC is proud of our Food Service Staff!**

## **Resident Council Dinner**

The Residents dined on Roast Pork, real mashed potatoes, sparkling cider, and homemade desserts! Yum!



**Happy New Year**





## *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. Corrieri, Jr.  
Shobita DuBois  
Mary Jones  
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.