



Community Connection

New Horizons at Marlborough, LLC
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December 2017

A CHORUS OF JOYFUL MUSIC! We are happy to report that the **New Horizons Community Chorus**, led by Deputy Executive Director **Betsy Connolly**, has found not one, but two piano players. Rehearsals are now being held in the beautiful Chapel of the Good Shepherd. The chorus made its debut during a wine and cheese event, much to the delight of an appreciative audience. Other recent notable entertainers include the **Golden Tones Chorus**, **“The Singing Trooper” Daniel Clark**, and the **String Swing Jazz Trio**. And on **December 7**, don't miss the ever-popular annual holiday music program by our resident piano man, **Ron Barclay**!



Pictured, left to right: O'Connor Town Common is filled with the sounds of the Golden Tones Chorus; “The Singing Trooper,” Sergeant Daniel Clark, engages a rapt Louise Carney; the String Swing Jazz Trio with Rob Natoli heats up the stage with 1920s-era band music (photo courtesy of Elizabeth Gebhard).



SEASONAL CELEBRATIONS You and yours are invited to the **annual resident holiday party, Sunday, December 17, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.**

Enjoy a festive afternoon packed with activities, yummy yuletide treats, traditional music, and a visit from Mr. Claus. Gather your grandchildren and great-grandchildren for Santa's annual reading of *A Visit from Saint Nicholas*. Please provide a wrapped present valued at \$10 or less for each child you invite. Clearly mark the child's name on the package so Santa can pull it from his sack and hand it to the proper recipient. Please drop the wrapped gifts at the Front Desk by **1:30 PM, December 17.**

Prepare to stock up on lovely gift items crafted by our Busy Hands knitters! Their annual holiday sale takes place **December 12 at 1:00 PM** in the lobby. Proceeds will benefit Marlborough-based Special Olympics Massachusetts.



CHRISTMAS BUFFET: If visions of slow-roasted beef tenderloin or Chef Brian's luscious holiday desserts are dancing in your head, be sure to make reservations by **December 15** for New Horizons' annual sumptuous **Christmas Day Buffet!** It will be served in the Atrium **Monday, December 25, from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM.** Reserve places for you and guests by:

- emailing diningservices@cummings.com;
- notifying **Teresa** or **Amanda** in person; or
- calling their office at 508-460-5281.

There is no charge for 400 and 420 residents on lunch or dinner plans. The cost for all other residents and guests is \$20 per person, and \$10 for children under eight years old.



HANUKKAH, the eight-day “Festival of Lights” or “Festival of Rededication,” begins at sundown, **Tuesday, December 12**. All residents are welcome to join the daily **4:00 PM** menorah lighting ceremonies in the Bill Miller Room. Eight candles represent the eight days during which the lamp of a rededicated Jewish Temple stayed alight. It is considered a miracle because the lamp held only a single day’s worth of sacred oil. A ninth candle is used to light the others. The observance dates back to the second century B.C.E., after a small band of Jews defeated the Greek army that desecrated the Temple.

TEMPLE EMMANUEL KIDS’ HANUKKAH PROGRAM: Come to O’Connor Town Common for game and dreidel-playing **Thursday, December 21, 4:00 to 5:00 PM**.



’TIS THE SEASON TO BE SAFE

As you decorate your homes for the holidays, keep in mind that natural trees and greenery are not permitted - they are considered fire hazards by the Marlborough Fire Department. Instead, please use fire-retardant artificial trees and ornaments.

Small decorations may be placed in alcoves, but fire regulations prohibit extending those items into the hallway.

STAFF APPRECIATION FUND: We thank those residents and families who generously contributed to the Staff Appreciation Fund. Donations still may be dropped at the Front Desk through **December 5**. New Horizons staff receive a proportionate share based on their annual number of hours worked. This is the only occasion employees may receive gratuities. Please note: all directors and the rental team are excluded. VNA Care Advantage does not participate in this program.



WE ARE PROUD to be home to so many veterans who answered their country’s call to duty in a time of need. Thank you for your service. *(Pictured above: attendees of our 2017 photo shoot in honor of Veterans Day.)*



BEDECKED: Funny, original, and a little scary, too! **Elizabeth Gebhard’s** jack-o-lantern covered all the bases for our resident Halloween costume contest. For Elizabeth, it was a natural choice

to portray plant life - she is New Horizons’ green-thumbed volunteer greenhouse manager.

Mark Your Calendar!

December 5	Crooner Frank King	2:30 PM
December 7	Ron Barclay’s Holiday Music Program	2:30 PM
December 8	Out to: Wayside Inn Holiday Lunch	11:30 AM
December 8	On Broadway with Jaime Blanch	2:00 PM
December 9	Out to: Reagle Music Theatre	11:15 AM
December 12	Busy Hands Craft Sale	1:00 PM
December 15	Sherborn Musicians	2:00 PM
December 17	Annual New Horizons Resident Holiday Party	2:00 PM
December 18	Pianist Mel Stiller Holiday Show	2:00 PM
December 27	Hearthstone Caregiver Support Group	6:00 PM
December 29	Guitarist Larry Domenico	2:00 PM