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December 2017

THE HIGHLANDER

Are you “turkeyed out”??? I bet most of you are! Time to shift gear and get in the true holiday spirit now. The Resident Council is trying to harness everybody’s support to deck the halls and spread holiday cheer. Please join and have a part in it, this is your home.

If you have not already done so, please sign up for the annual end of year holiday party on December 15th. It will be an afternoon packed with good music, fun, scrumptious food and lots of holiday cheer.

We are still looking to hire a few more people for snow clearance under the supervision of our maintenance staff. Please call the office if you are interested.

Please stop in the office to make your appointments to see Kettly on Thursdays and Fridays of every week. If you need more help or a house visit, Kettly will devote her afternoons to do this, so please do not feel that you will not be serviced. She will make every effort to reach out to you.

Wishing you and yours a very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

RUNI SRIWARDENA

It’s finally December, which means the holiday season is in full swing!

Christmas trees, menorahs, chocolate coins, lights, holiday cookies, holiday movies, and holiday songs, everywhere you turn you’re bound to see some holiday cheer (perhaps, even too much). This season Highland Park residents can do their holiday shopping at a variety of craft fairs, flea markets, and fairs held around town. Just this week, I learned of a few that would be happening along Raritan Avenue, so if you have a few minutes to spare, check them out and support our local businesses. If the local ones don’t suit your fancy, there are a host of others taking place across the state.

Personally, I love shopping for holiday gifts. The process of choosing a gift for someone allows me to show them how much I understand them—how well I’ve gotten to know them—during the course of our friendship or relationship. When I choose a gift for another person, I am not just saying ‘happy holidays’ or giving them another meaningless object, but rather I am recognizing the person for who they are and how they enrich my life.

I am saying: “I recognize you and honor you, for all of your quirks, all of your weirdness, all of your joy.”

One of my favorite things to do during the holidays is read holiday stories. Romances, poetry, traditional holiday lore, I love it all. A few years ago, I read a Young Adult novel by author David Levithan. A particular quote stuck with me:

“He says presents aren’t important, but I think they are—not because of how much they cost—but for the opportunity they provide to say I understand you.”

I hope that, as you spend this holiday season with the people you love, you take the opportunity to show each other your levels of understanding. Whether you do that through a store bought or home-made gift, or through creating memories and experiences, remember to recognize and honor the people by your side.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes!

--Allison Baldwin, 1B

RENT

Rent is due on the 1st.



If you are using the rent box, your check must be in the box before 4 PM on December **7th**.

After 4 PM it is late—No exceptions!

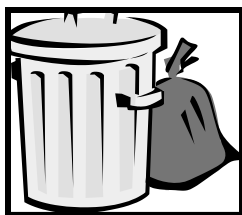
*** **Important*****

- ♦ Do not post-date your checks. When a check is received by the Housing Authority, it must be deposited within 48 hours. We cannot deposit checks that are post-dated and cannot hold them until the following month. If you have a third party paying your rent please make sure your name & apartment number is on the check or money order.

ATTENTION

ALL RESIDENTS!

**THE NEXT BULK
PICK-UP IN
HIGHLAND PARK IS
ON DECEMBER 13TH**



THIS MONTH IN MUSIC HISTORY

1941 Chattanooga Choo Choo—Glenn Miller
 1944 Don't Fence Me In—Bing Crosby/Andrew Sisters
 1946—The Old Lamplighter—Sammy Kaye
 1950—The Tennessee Waltz—Patti Page
 1952—I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa—Jimmy Boyd
 1957—April Love—Pat Boone
 1958—Chipmunks—The Chipmunk Song
 1961—The Lion Sleeps Tonight—The Tokens
 1963—Dominique—The Singing Nun
 1964—I Feel Fine—The Beatles
 1966—Good Vibrations—The Beach Boys
 1969—Someday We'll Be Together—The Supremes
 1960—The Tears of a Clown—Smokey Robinson
 1972—Papa Was a Rolling Stone—The Temptations
 1974—Cat's in the Hat—Harry Chapin
 1978—You Don't Bring Me Flowers—Streisand/Diamond

Submitted by: **Bonnie Bonanno, 2-F**

REMEMBERING PEARL HARBOR.....

Sure, we all know the date and famous quote (Dec. 7, 1941, "a date which will live in infamy") and that more than 2,000 Americans were killed in the attack which launched the U.S into World War !!). But below are 7 facts which may not be so well known about Pearl Harbor:

1. Most of the battleships sunk that day were resurrected.
2. Veterans of the attack can be laid to rest at Pearl Harbor.
3. The USS Arizona **still** leaks fuel.
4. Service members stationed in Hawaii took care of the memorial during the 2013 government shutdown.
5. Many tourists from Japan still come to visit the memorial.
6. A baby girl's remains still lie entombed within a sunken battleship.
7. There's a huge oil plume beneath the harbor.



**GOOD ADVICE FROM OUR TENANT SERVICES COORDINATOR /
SOCIAL WORKER, KETTLY GILLES**

General Winter Prep Safety Tips



Plan for Weather

- Regularly check weather forecasts
- Stock up on non-perishable food and water
- Keep cell phones charged
- Keep shovels and salt/sand handy for clearing snow or icy walkways
- Invest in a generator for when the power goes out

Prepare Your Car

- Check your tire treads, install snow or all-terrain tires
- Check and refill antifreeze and windshield washer fluid
- Keep an emergency kit in case you get stranded. Include: first-aid kit, car phone charger, jumper cables, and flash light

Prepare Your Home

- Check your heating system to ensure it's running properly
- Make sure you have enough heating fuel if applicable (Maintenance)
- Check and replace batteries in smoke detectors and CO alarms (Maintenance)
- Insulate water line to avoid pipes freezing and/or bursting (Maintenance)

Service Coordinator's Schedule

Tuesday & Wednesday – Woodbridge Housing Authority

Thursday & Friday - Highland Park Housing Authority

(Please make your appointments at the office)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ♦ Wednesday, December 13th—Tenant Meeting at 2:30 pm
- ♦ Wednesday, December 13th—HPHA Commissioner Meeting 6:30 pm
- ♦ Friday, December 15th—Annual Holiday Party for Samuel Kronman 12 noon
- ♦ Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays—SK Café at 10:30 am

GOODBYE.....

We say goodbye to Bobby Gates who was transferred to a nursing home. Bobby, we wish you good health, peace and happiness. Stay in touch!

**Resident News**

- Our heartiest congratulations to Justine Boyd of Park Terrace on the birth of her beautiful baby boy.
- Our prayers are with Marta LeRoy who is back in the hospital.
- Clara O'Neil is enjoying a nice visit with her daughter from Florida.
- We are relieved to see Linda DeGenova mend fast and well after her recent hip surgery. You are a trooper, Linda, proud of you! Keep up with that re-hab!
- We must thank Daniel Beckenstein who keeps bringing the most delicious bread, rolls and bagels for the residents. They go like "hot cakes"!



**THE SK CAFÉ CELEBRATING
DEE SUGLERIS' BIRTHDAY!**

CHEF'S CORNER**Kielbasa, Pierogis and Cabbage****Ingredients:**

1 pkg. sliced cole slaw mix (no Mayo)
 1 red onion cut thin
 1-2 rounds of Hillshire kielbasa
 Box of frozen pierogis

Method:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Thaw pierogis on counter. In a skillet sauté onions and cole slaw mix in olive oil until tender. Slice kielbasa into bite sized pieces. Layer oblong pan with slaw and onion mix, place kielbasa on top and pierogis on top of kielbasa. Drizzle with a little bit of olive oil on pierogis, cover with foil and bake for approximately 45 minutes, remove foil and return to oven until pierogis are a little brown.

**Special Days of December**

7th Pearl Harbor Day
 12th Chanukah lasts 8 days
 21st Winter Solstice (Shortest day of the year)
 25th Christmas
 26th Kwanzaa
 27th National Fruitcake Day
 31st New Year's Eve

Quotable Quotes

:Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

- Mahatma Gandhi

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." - Theodore Roosevelt

National Month of: Write a friend, Bingo, Drugged and Drunk Driving Prevention and Aids.

Full Moon: December 3, 2017

Known as the Full Cold or Full Long Night Moon

**SMILE AWHILE.....**

- What do you have in December that you don't have in any other month?
 - The Letter "D"!!
- Two old gents and their nurse were sitting on the lawn at an assisted living community enjoying the afternoon when a little bird flew over and dropped a load on the bald head of one of the men. The nurse got all flustered and said, "Don't you go anywhere, I'll run in and get some toilet paper," and off she ran. The two men looked at each other and one of them said, "Are we crazy or is she crazy? By the time she gets back with the toilet paper, that bird will be half a mile away."



MEET THE RESIDENTS.....

JOHN McNULTY
SAMUEL KRONMAN, APT. 6-K

John McNulty grew up in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He is one of five boys in a family of eleven children that also included six girls. His father and grandfather spent many years in the Navy and the Merchant Marines, and John followed in their footsteps when he joined the Navy from 1973-1976. Additionally, he also graduated from New Brunswick VoTech where he earned his cosmetology license. Afterward, he spent ten years as a barber within the New Brunswick and Rahway areas.

John moved to Samuel Kronman building in 2012 and says that he likes it because it is quiet. In his free time, he enjoys reading, relaxing by the water, fishing, and spending time at the park.

AN OPEN LETTER TO KETTLY GILLES

Kettly, we thank you for so many years of outstanding service to the Highland Park Housing Authority through the Bridges Grant. You have built up a solid rapport with so many of the residents and have assisted them in innumerable ways. You have spent countless hours doing extra things and going over, above and beyond what was expected of you.

We are sad that you will no longer be a fulltime employee due to our RAD conversion but we are yet very grateful that you will continue to be with us part time on Thursdays and Fridays of every week. We know that you will continue to find a way to serve your residents to the fullest and continue to be an integral part of their lives. We are also excited for you as you explore a new world working part time with the Woodbridge Housing Authority. They are sure lucky to have you.

Wishing you continued success,

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**TENANT MEETING**

Our last quarter tenant meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13th at 2:30 pm. This is your opportunity to discuss issues, complaints, suggestions and solutions with Management and Maintenance. Please take these meetings seriously and make an effort to attend.

**HOLIDAY PARTY**

The Resident Council is hosting their year end holiday party for Samuel Kronman on Friday, December 15th. Don't miss the fun, non-stop music by Tom Domke, Scrumptious food by Apostle's, the fun, games and revelry. Please sign up QUICK! See Bonnie for more details.

**SNOW HELP**

We are still hiring a few more people for snow clearance. You will work under the supervision of our maintenance. Please stop in the office for an application.

PHOTO GALLERY

GRAND SIT DOWN THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON !

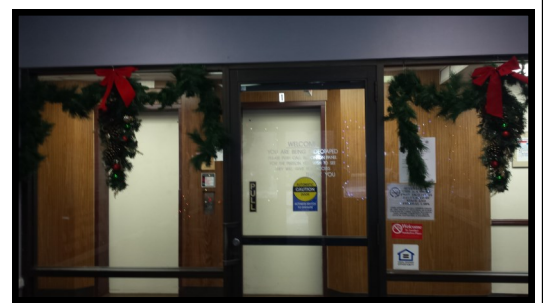




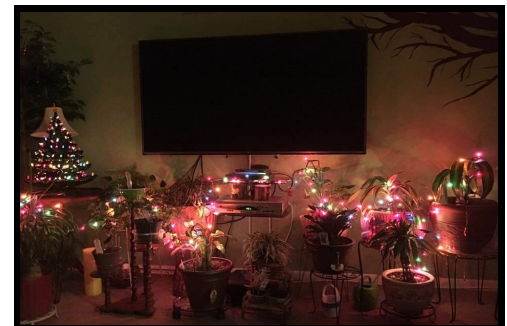
**THE GENEROUS
HOSTS, THE
BRIDGES ORG.**



THE HALLS ARE DECKED!



**ARONA & JUAN DECORATING
THEIR BALCONY!**



**BONNIE'S APARTMENT
LOOKING EQUISITE!**



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Take a heap of child-like wonder
That opens up our eyes
To the unexpected gifts in life
Each day a sweet surprise.

Mix in fond appreciation
For the people whom we know;
Like festive Christmas or Hanukkah candles,
Each one has a special glow.

Add some giggles and some laughter,
A dash of Holiday Food,
(Amazing how a piece of pie
Improves your attitude!)

Stir it all with human kindness;
Wrap it up in love and peace,
Decorate with optimism, and
Our joy will never cease.

If we use this healthy recipe,
We know we will remember
To be in the holiday spirit,
Even when it's not December.

-Donna Brightman

