

# Golden Outlook...a publication for Senior Citizens

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## Editor's Message

I hope this last newsletter of the year finds you well and keeping your spirits up. I am also hopeful that 2021 will be a much better year and we will resume our in-person gatherings!

Please note in this newsletter cost savings programs that may be helpful and information on donating to charities safely.

With the COVID pandemic surging once again, we will be limiting our transportation until it is safer to resume multiple passenger trips. Until further notice, our grocery run will be cancelled, however, if you are in need of groceries, please call our office and we can make arrangements to deliver groceries to you.

We wish you a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Stay well!

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Director, Community Services

Mayor Mike, our Village Council & all of us in Community Services wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!



### Wisdom from a snowman

- \* It's okay to be a little bit bottom heavy
- \* Don't get too much sun
- \* Everyone nose carrots are good for you
- \* Be a jolly happy soul
- \* It takes a few extra rolls to make a good midsection
- \* It's fun to hang out in your front yard
- \* Remember, we're all a bit flakey
- \* White is always appropriate

### Community Services Department

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Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday  
Be sure to leave messages in the General Mailbox, Ext. 0



## HOLIDAY SENIOR DRIVE-THRU EVENTS FOR SENIORS!

The Thanksgiving Drive-Thru Event was again successful and we had over 45 seniors participate. Each received a huge bag of goodies (chicken soup, pumpkin roll, cider and candies) for Thanksgiving!

Our next drive-thru event is **Wednesday, December 16th**. If you originally signed up for all three, you do not need to call again - you are on the list! If you haven't called or participated yet, please do so by December 10th! It only takes a few minutes to drive thru and receive a nice holiday-themed gift. Drive thru for a holiday poinsettia!!



Vehicles should enter from Schaaf Road and drive towards the community center entrance, then exit to Tuxedo. The drive thru is at 1:00 p.m. These events are thanks to the generosity of Daniel P. Seink Co., Ltd., Ohio Elder Law and Brooklyn Pointe Assisted Living & Memory Care.

You MUST sign up by calling call 216.739.3713 and leave your name. Note that this phone number is only used for specific purposes and is not monitored for day-to-day department calls. Please continue to call 216.739.3702 for regular department business.

If you cannot drive, please ask for delivery of the gift and give us your address when you call to sign up.

Please note the **deadline for the Christmas drive-thru event is December 10th!** We have to abide by these deadlines due to the number of people involved in the planning!

*Many thanks to Daniel P. Seink Co., Ltd., Meridian Senior Living, Progressive Quality Care and Attentive Home Health Services for making this possible!!*



It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of long time resident and Brooklyn Heights Patrolman Dennis Derbin. Dennis passed in the early morning hours of December 2nd. Dennis retired from the Brooklyn Heights Police Department after serving for 27 years. Dennis loved our community, wore his badge proudly and his heart on his sleeve. He was dedicated to our village and will be missed. He was 69 years young. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. The Village flew flags at half-staff in his honor and memory.



In 1961 Santa visited the residents in Brooklyn Heights riding in a sulky pulled by a pony! Some children asked where the "reindeer's" antlers were!!



## **GIVING WISELY DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON: TIPS FOR SAFE DONATING**

### **If you're donating to a charity:**

**Review the website carefully.** A responsible charity will include the following facts on its website: its mission and programs, measurable goals, and concrete criteria that describe its achievements. You should also be able to find information on their finances. Keep in mind, the type of work a charity does will affect its costs.

**Avoid on-the-spot donation decisions from unfamiliar organizations.** The holidays bring a higher frequency of donation requests outside public locations. Don't succumb to pressure to make an immediate giving decision. Responsible organizations will welcome your gift tomorrow as much as they do today.

**Watch out for name similarities.** When charities seek support for the same cause, their names are often similar. Before you give, be sure you have the exact name of the charity to avoid a case of mistaken identity.

### **If you're donating to a crowdfunding campaign:**

**Give to individuals and organizations you know personally.** Charities can be vetted, but it is much harder to verify the trustworthiness of individuals who have posted a request for financial help. The safest way to donate on a crowdfunding platform is to give to someone you already know.

**Photos don't mean a campaign is legitimate.** Con artists often use pictures of victims without their permission to make donors believe the campaign is legitimate. Your first line of defense against a crowdfunding scam is a reverse image search. Cross check any photos used in the campaign to see if they have been lifted from another website.

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## **NEORSD COST-SAVING PROGRAMS**

### **Homestead Rate Program**

Available to customers aged 65 or older, or customers under 65 who are totally disabled. Total household income must not exceed \$33,500 (effective January 1, 2018). Enrollment is valid for a three-year period.

### **Crisis Assistance Program**

Available to customers affected by a major event in their life (such as sudden medical expenses, job loss, separation, or divorce) offering financial assistance of 50% of sewer balance (up to \$300) toward your account. Administered by CHN Housing Partners. Verification documents required.

### **Wastewater Affordability Program**

Rate reduction of 40 percent available for customers whose annual income is at or below 200 percent of the poverty level. Customers can be enrolled in either the Homestead program or the Affordability program, but not both. The reduced rate is the same for both programs.

### **Plumbing/Sewer Repair Program**

Eligible homeowners may receive emergency service line replacements and other plumbing repairs. You must be a homeowner in the Sewer District's service area and meet income guidelines. If you qualify, CHN Housing Partners will send a plumber to make the necessary repairs. You may use this program to assist with repairs once every two years. Contact CHN Housing Partners "Energy Services" line at 888.377.3774.

**For all programs, you can call CUSTOMER SERVICE: 216.881.8247 or LEARN MORE: [neorsd.org](http://neorsd.org)**

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## **BROOKLYN HEIGHTS HIRES THREE OFFICERS**

Brooklyn Heights welcomes three new police officers to our Police Department. Jaclyn Marie Sampson, Frank William DiFranco and Meghan Rene Blair were sworn in at the council meeting on Tuesday, December 1st. First women on our police force! All are highly qualified and will begin field officer training. Welcome Jaclyn, William and Meghan!



## NURSE / SOCIAL WORKER ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS



Do you have any questions on COVID-19, such as Where can I go to get tested? Or, I'm having surgery, what should I do after?

**Pearlview Rehab & Wellness Center** is holding a "call in" on Wednesday, January 13th from 1-3:00 p.m. Call 330.225.9121, Ext. 329 with your questions!

**Pearlview** is a post-hospital rehabilitation and skilled nursing care facility that offers comprehensive Post-Acute Recovery programs in a quaint, home like atmosphere. They are one of the sponsors of the Senior Drive Thru Events.



Santa says do your best this month keeping up with moderate exercise! Here's what he's doing!!



# December Word Search

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 T H I S S N O I T A R O C E D H Y  
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ANGEL MANGER  
 BELLS MARY  
 BETHLEHEM MISTLETOE  
 CANDLES MYRRH  
 CANDY CANE ORNAMENTS  
 CAROLS POINSETTIA  
 DECORATIONS SANTA  
 EGGNOG SHEPHERDS  
 FAMILY SKATES  
 FRANKINCENSE SLEIGH  
 FRIENDS SNOWFLAKES  
 FRUITCAKE SNOWMAN  
 GABRIEL STABLE  
 GIFTS STAR  
 GOLD STOCKING  
 GREETING THREE WISE  
 CARDS MEN  
 HOLLY TOBOGGAN  
 ICICLES TOYS  
 JESUS TREE  
 JOSEPH WREATH  
 LIGHTS



## CHS PRESENTS "Aladdin Jr"

The Cuyahoga Heights Schools proudly presents "Aladdin Jr" for you and your family to enjoy from home. The students did a phenomenal job! Watch their performance by going on to You Tube and searching "Cuyahoga Heights" or log into: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?=LCOD2VVg5Zs&feature=youtu.be>

# CHRISTMAS Trivia!



1. Who is the singing chipmunk known for his Christmas songs?
2. What do Christian churches call the 28 days before Christmas?
3. What is the magic signal Santa gave before he went up the chimney in the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas?"
4. What is another name for the log you put on a fire at Christmas?
5. Who is "nipping at your nose" when you go outside in winter?
6. Name the three spirits who visited Scrooge on Christmas Eve.
7. Name two food items that people often string together to make Christmas tree garland.
8. In 1895, Ralph E. Morris, a New England telephone company employee, was inspired by his switchboard to make what popular Christmas decoration?
9. In 1939 Robert May created this Christmas figure as a Christmas promotion for Montgomery Ward Department store in Chicago.
10. What are the names of Santa Clause's eight reindeer as named in Clement Moore's poem "The Night Before Christmas?"
11. What was the name of the dog that belonged to the Grinch in Dr. Seuss' book "How the Grinch Stole Christmas?"
12. What Christmas picture book of a little angel first appeared in 1946?
13. What best selling Christmas song did Gene Autry record in 1951?
14. What hotel is mentioned in "It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas?"
15. In the 2nd verse of the song "Jingle Bells" who was "seated by my side?"
16. In "The Holly and the Ivy" what color is the blossom?
17. In A Charlie Brown Christmas, what winter recreation is the cast of characters doing in the opening scene?
18. In the song "Silver & Gold" how do you measure its worth?
19. Who wrote all the music for Holiday Inn?
20. In Frosty the Snowman (movie), what were Frosty's first words?
21. What type of poultry does Scrooge send to Bob Cratchit on Christmas?
22. What carol contains the threat "We won't go until we get some?"
23. What day is the most popular for watching holiday football on TV?
24. Which reindeer's name is also the name of a kitchen cleanser?
25. According to Buddy the Elf (from the movie Elf), what are the four main food groups?



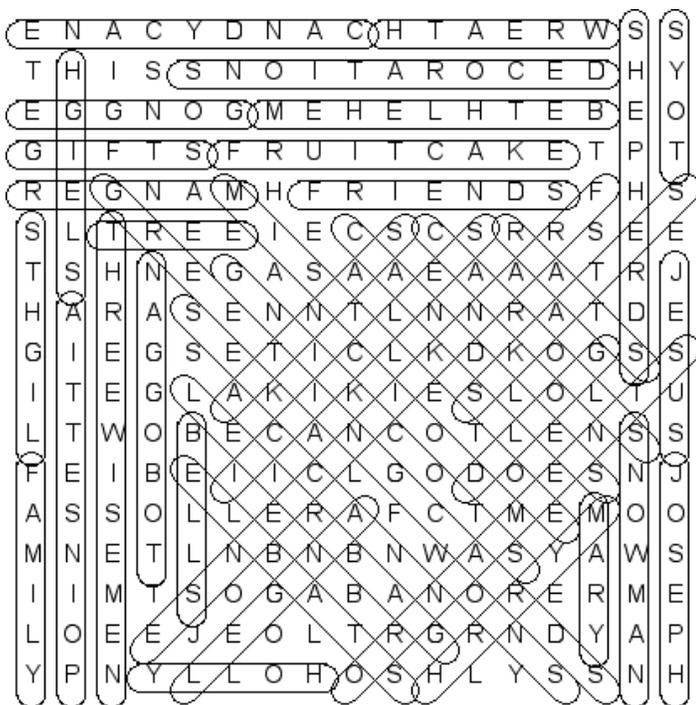


## MEALS ON WHEELS

Our Meals on Wheels program continues to grow as more and more seniors have signed up! The food comes from Lori's Custom Catering and are generous servings of delicious and senior healthy meals! Dietary restrictions can be requested if needed. The cost is \$5 per day. You can sign up for 5x per week or 2x per week (M-TH).

If interested, please call our office and we'll get you signed up! You can't beat the quality or the price!!

## December Word Search Solution



## CHRISTMAS Trivia! Solution

- Alvin the Chipmunk
- Advent
- Laid a finger beside his nose.
- Yule log
- Jack Frost
- Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present & Future
- Popcorn & Cranberries
- Christmas lights
- Rudolph
- Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen
- Max
- The Littlest Angel
- Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
- The Grand Hotel
- Miss Fanny Bright
- White
- Ice Skating
- By the "pleasure it brings here on Earth"
- Irving Berlin
- Happy Birthday!
- Turkey
- We Wish You A Merry Christmas
- New Year's Day
- Comet
- Candy, Candy Canes, Candy Corns and Syrup

## SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL



Any calls for the senior snow removal program should be made to the Community Services Department by calling 216.739.3702 and leaving a message in the main mailbox (not in staff extensions). We will respond as soon as possible if we are not in the office.

Still not signed up? Applications can be found on our village website, and at the Community Services and Municipal offices and can be dropped off or mailed to Community Services, 233 Tuxedo Avenue, Brooklyn Hts., 44131.

## SENIOR ZOOM SESSIONS



Just a reminder that we have cancelled all ZOOM sessions until after the first of the year. We will be working on getting this or another means set up to connect with you virtually. If you have family visit over the holiday season, you could ask if they can help to get you set up!! Many people have been using ZOOM for work and/or social reasons!

## REMEMBRANCE ORNAMENTS



It is unfortunate that we're unable to hold our annual Remembrance Celebration in person this year although we're happy to have created memorial ornaments for you! All ornaments will be delivered on Thursday, December 10th. The ornaments will be in bags and hung on your front doorknob.