



# Villa View



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## December Newsletter 2023

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Where did the year go? The Holiday Season is upon us and there are still gifts to buy, greeting cards to send and preparation for festive meals with family and friends.

With the hustle and bustle of the season, please remember the reason for the season. A time for peace, joy and happiness! From our staff to you and your family....We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Please welcome our new Villa residents. They are: Shirley Howard, Mattie Calhoun, Darlene Jennings and Marie Murphy

The luncheon was changed and will be held here in the Villa Community room. There is a much smaller seating capacity in our Community room, therefore, participation is for residents only.

As a follow-up to the Public Advisory notice you received on November 1<sup>st</sup>, Redford Water Department will be inspecting the water service lines on Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup>. The inspections will be conducted outside and will not involve entrance to anyone’s homes. You will be advised of the results when they become available.

The week of December 4 - December 12, the Library will be occupied by staff members from the Corporate Office. For security reasons, the Library will remain locked at all times during this period.

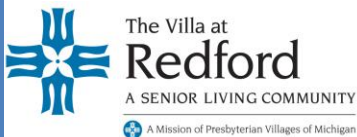
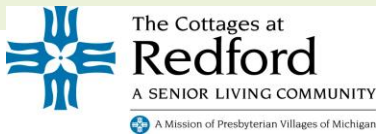
### Safety and housekeeping tips for the holidays and beyond.....

Should you accidentally press the emergency button in the elevators, please respond by letting the operator know that you are” not trapped” in the elevator and simply pushed the button by mistake.

Meals on Wheels – If you are not at home when meals are delivered please check the resident refrigerator when you return.

We are saddened to announce that our beloved receptionist, Gina Herron will be leaving us at the end of the month. We wish her all the best as she returns to a life of leisure.

*Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with me.....*



## Service Coordinator Corner

By Anita Stephens  
December 2023



**Quote of the Month: “You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.” ~Amy Carmichael**

**Tuesday, Dec 5, 2023@ 2:00pm.** Join us for information on possibly cutting your cable bill with **Spectrum**. Pizza & Pop served in the Villa dining room. Signup sheet is located on the table in the main hallway. **FREE** to all residents.

**Thursday, Dec 6, 2023 12:00-3:00pm.** Trip to the DIA for Musical Performance sponsored by Commissioner Monique Baker-McCormick. If you signed up, please be ready to depart to the DIA @11:30am in the lobby area. Seats are still available; contact your service coordinator @313-541-6450. **FREE** to all residents.

**Thursday, Dec 7, 2023 1:00-3:00pm.** The Village of Redford Christmas Luncheon in the Villa dining room. You must sign up for this Luncheon. Space is limited. \$5.00 refundable fee assessed. Open to Cottage & Villa residents only. No, guest please.

**Friday, Dec 15, 2023 @1:00pm.** Come have a full Luncheon date with Ms. Joan Merriweather, candidate for Wayne County Sheriff’s Office in 2024. Located in the Villa dining room. You must sign up to attend. Signup sheet on the main hallway table. **FREE** to all residents

Do not forget **COFFEE & DONUTS HOUR** every Thursday @10:00am



## Resident Spotlight December/ 2023



### *Mrs. Maria. L. Hemphill*

**Maria has been a resident at The Village of Redford since April 2023. Maria's husband Mr. Charles Hemphill resides at The Orchards Nursing Center next door on campus. The Hemphill's have been married for 45 years. They share 2 daughters Maria, Nataya and one son Harry. They also have 11 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren with one on the way! It is all about family and friends!**

**Maria worked in retail for over 32 years. In positions of cashier, sales rep and floor manager. Maria has various hobbies, such as, dancing, bingo, card games, word search and listening to music. I love to read the Bible daily.**

**Motto: "When I wake up in the morning, I thank God for another day of life and keeping me in my right frame of mind with good health and strength."**



## *From Your Residents' Council*

### *December is a Waiting Time*

*When we think December, we often think Christmas, Decorations are going up, presents are being bought, every club has a Christmas party, families are planning to get together, and we are exhausted!*

*But this December is a time of heightened violence: Israelis versus Hamas (did you know, a large number of Palestinians are Christians?), Ukrainians versus Russians, Eritreans versus Ethiopians, and even groups in our own country so insistent on their own version of truth that they can become violent toward those who don't agree with them.*

*All this makes December so important as a time for waiting, for preparing, not just our surroundings, but our lives, our hearts. Actively waiting for peace by being peaceful, by not returning insult with insult, but by letting go even of the hard ones and being thankful for the good around us: for warmth, for food, for beds and medicine and friends. Those of us who are Christian are waiting for the coming of Jesus, not just 2000 years ago, but today, on December 25, and at the end of time. We call it "Advent".*

*Make in each day a time of being quiet, of opening ourselves up to listen to the peace within you, there, deeper than any turmoil. It is also a time of giving for the needs of others. Do join us in this waiting: do take yourself so seriously that you tend to your spirit in the midst of the clamor that surrounds us. Then your spirit will be able to tend to the spirit of those you encounter, without your even knowing it's happening.*

### *A Peaceful Advent, everyone Residents' Council News*

*The Residents' Council held our Fall Forum on November 13. About 50 residents came. Thank you for your input. Among the issues we discussed were; lead in the water-we expect the Water Department to hold their inspection on December 5; sinkholes-the two under PVM control should be fixed by now; and fire drills: **If You Hear an Alarm, Get Out of the Building!! It isn't a drill!!** There were no suggestions for things that you could do, only for field trips, and those weren't signed.*

*The Council is here for you, to help with issues that impact many residents. We can sometimes make things a little better. Contact your representative, the Chair or Vice - Chair. Leave us a note in the box in the mail room (please sign it).*

*Caroline Jonah, Chair, Village Green Cottages, (313) 617-2100;*

*Quillie Ealy, Vice Chair, Villa, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor South, (313) 535-1082*

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*Ernestine Pecte, Villa, 1<sup>st</sup> floor South, (313) 766-4527*


*Gloria Whittington, Villa, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor North, (313) 286-3004*

*Tamela Waymer, Villa, 1<sup>st</sup> floor North, (313) 204-7302*


# The Redford Township District Library Newsletter

## December 2023

- Holiday Hours
- Knitting & Crochet
- November Craft Days
- Book Club
- Homebound
- Tech Tutors
- Hoopla and Kanopy

 (313) 531-5960

 [rtdl.org](http://rtdl.org)

 25320 W. Six Mile  
Redford, MI

**Monday - Thursday**  
10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
**Friday - Saturday**  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Sunday**  
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Redford Township  
**RTDI**  
District Library

## December Hours

With the holidays right around the corner and some planned construction, the library will have adjusted hours on the following days:

Construction	Holiday
12/4 CLOSED	12/23 CLOSED
12/5 CLOSED	12/24 CLOSED
12/6 OPEN but no public computers	12/25 CLOSED
12/7 OPEN but no public computers	12/30 CLOSED
12/8 OPEN but no public computers	12/31 CLOSED
	1/1 CLOSED

## Knitting & Crochet Drop-In

Saturday, December 7 & 16 from 11:00-1:00 PM

Join us twice a month for our drop in Knitting & Crochet club.

There will be no instructor present at these sessions but we will have books and videos available for check out.



## November Crafts

We will be making holiday ornaments! We will supply all of the materials.



**Wednesday, December 6**  
7:00-8:00 PM

OR

**Thursday, December 7**  
10:30-11:30 AM

Sign up online at [rtdl.org/events](http://rtdl.org/events) or by calling (313) 531-5960

# Future Reads Book Discussion Group

## December 21st at 6:30 PM



Are you interested in joining a book club? The Redford Township Library is forming a book discussion group just for you! We will discuss **How High we go in the Dark** by Sequoia Nagamatsu in December.

Sign up online at [rtdl.org/events](http://rtdl.org/events) or by calling (313) 531-5960

## HOME DELIVERY

Call (313) 531-5960 if you're interested in having your books, CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks delivered to your door via our Homebound Delivery Service.



## TECH TUTORING

Schedule a one-on-one, 30-minute session with one of our Technology Assistants for help with:

- Basic use of computers, phones, and tablets.
- Setting up e-mail.
- Microsoft Office basics.
- Downloading eBooks and digital audiobooks with Libby and Hoopla.

For an appointment or more information, visit the Adult Reference Desk or call (313) 531-5960, extension 600.

# Digital Collection Feature

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## December Movie List



### Jingle All The Way

Starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sinbad as two rival fathers, mattress salesman Howard Langston and postal worker Myron Larabee, both desperately trying to purchase a Turbo-Man action figure for their respective sons on a last-minute shopping spree on Christmas Eve. The film's title is borrowed from the lyrics of the popular Christmas song "Jingle Bells".

### The Polar Express

The film features human characters animated using [live action](#) and [motion capture](#) computer animation, with sequences for the latter taking place from June 2003 to May 2004. Set on [Christmas Eve](#) in the 1950s, it tells the story of a young boy who sees a mysterious train bound for the [North Pole](#) stop outside his window and is invited aboard by its conductor. He joins other children as they embark on a journey to visit [Santa Claus](#) preparing for Christmas.

### Jack Frost

*Jack Frost* is a 1998 American [Christmas fantasy comedy film](#) directed by [Troy Miller](#) and starring [Michael Keaton](#) and [Kelly Preston](#). Keaton plays the title character, a father and musician killed in a car accident, only to be brought back to life in the form of a snowman via a magical harmonica.

### Fatman

Chris Kringle and his wife Ruth operate a Christmas present workshop on an old isolated farm near the small town of North Peak, Alaska. Struggling with declining income over the years due to children becoming increasingly vicious [Mel Gibson](#) as [Chris Cringle](#), who is frustrated with the world turning into an unruly place and not above wielding guns to defend himself

# DECEMBER

Jocelyn Frazier	12/04
Eugene Robinson	12/07
Joseph Plesuchenko	12/07
Robbieten Simmons	12/09
Betty McDowell	12/12
Imogene Pruitt	12/13
Shirley Jackson	12/16
Quillie Ealy	12/17
Margaret Whitaker	12/17
Debbie Byles	12/18
Angela Wiggins	12/26
Wanda Jones	12/28
Catherine Johnson	12/29
Carolyn Ford	12/30



Jean little

11/30





## Maintenance Musings

**RE: What is a valid call to the Emergency maintenance line**

**No heat in the winter**

**No A/C in the summer**

**No electricity**

**Water that's running that can't be contained**

**There should be no calls for non emergency maintenance for:**

**Plugged up toilets, you should have a plunger**

**Any type of lightbulbs that have burned out.**

**These are just a couple of examples that can be called in during regular hours**

**RE: Do Not Use Stove As A Source Of Heat**

**In a best-case scenario, using your oven for supplemental or emergency heating is very inefficient, and at worst highly dangerous. Ovens are just not designed for heating a space over time.**

**If the electric oven is left on, and the door is left open for too long, the heat from the resistors will build up and may damage the wiring or other electrical components in the oven.**

**This can cause the oven knobs and temperature dials to melt and catch fire.**

**Repairs can be costly! A cost which will be passed on to you**

**Please do not leave pots unattended while cooking and remember to turn on the exhaust fan to prevent excessive steam setting off the smoke alarm**

**Reminder: PLEASE TIE YOUR TRASH BAGS UP BEFORE SETTING THEM OUT**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>DECEMBER</b> <b>2023</b>						
					1 2-4PM MAINTAIN YOUR BRAIN 6PM BINGO VILLA DINING RM	2 1PM BINGO
3 4PM GAME DAY	4 10AM VILLA STORE PANTRY 6PM BINGO	5 2PM MOVIE TBD	6 12:30-3PM CROCHET	7 12:30-3PM CROCHET	8 2-4PM MAINTAIN YOUR BRAIN 6PM BINGO	9 1PM BINGO
10 4PM GAME DAY	11 10AM VILLA PANTRY 6PM BINGO	12 2PM MOVIE TBD	13 12:30-3PM CROCHET 1PM BID WHIST 6PM BIBLE STUDY	14 12:30-3PM CROCHET PRO-	15 2-4PM MAINTAIN YOUR BRAIN 6PM BINGO	16 1PM BINGO
17 1PM WORSHIP IN (VILLA DINING RM) 4PM GAME DAY	18 10AM VILLA STORE PANTRY 6PM BINGO	19 2PM MOVIE TBD.	20 12:30-3PM CROCHET 1PM BID WHIST 6PM BIBLE STUDY	21 12:30-3PM CROCHET 1pm BOOK CLB FIT/FLEX CHAIR EXERCISE	22 2-4PM MAINTAIN YOUR BRAIN 6PM BINGO	23 1PM BINGO
24 4PM GAME DAY	25 	26 2PM MOVIE TBD	27 12:30-3PM CROCHET 1PM BID WHIST 6PM BIBLE STUDY	28 12:30-3PM CROCHET	29	30
31						

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*Maintenance Technician*

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(313)541-6450

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**(313)387-2500**

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**(313)662-4648**

**Phyllis @ the beauty salon**

**(313)541-6077**



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