### **December 2017 Photos**



#### Snapshots from this past month at





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# **Gresham Farmington Square Newsletter**

Farmington Square Assisted & Memory Care Newsletter — December 2017

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# **Wintertime Wellness**

Winter is often a time of great joy. For some, it can also bring on sadness or depression. Factors such as low vitamin D, Seasonal Affective Disorder, and other sources may be to blame. Thankfully, there are ways to address them and get on track toward feeling the merriment of the season.

#### Low Vitamin D:

Winter blues at older ages could be brought on by a vitamin D deficiency, according to Agingcare.com. People naturally get vitamin D from sunlight, and decreased exposure could lessen the ability to get enough. A deficiency could also result from medications affecting vitamin D production and metabolization, and aging skin decreasing vitamin D3 production.

Vitamin d levels can be increased with safe sun exposure and consumption of supplements, salmon, tuna, cod liver oil, egg yolks, mushrooms, oatmeal, cereal, soy milk, and cow milk. As for how much should be consumed daily, the National Institute on Aging recommends at least 600 IU, but not more than 4,000 IU, for those 50-70. At least 800 IU, but not more than 4,000 IU, is recommended for those 70 and older.

#### Seasonal Affective Disorder:

Another source for wintertime mood change could be Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), a form of depression that cycles seasonally. SAD is a temporary condition that can be due to a lack of sunlight or hormone disruption with season changes. Signs of SAD include loss of



interest in things once enjoyed, changes to appetite or sleep, sadness, anxiety, tiredness, increased sensitivity, and feelings of hopelessness, according to Interim Healthcare.

Treating SAD may include light therapy, talk therapy, aromatherapy, physical activity, and/or doctor-prescribed medications, to name a few options.

#### Other sources of sadness or depression:

Winter sadness or depression could also result from poor dietary choices and/or lack of exercise—both which can be helped with lifestyle changes. Holiday stress, nostalgia, and social isolation may also bring down one's mood during winter.

Check out our suggested Mood Boosters to help with wintertime wellness. Remember that you are not alone!

**Note:** Each individual should follow the advice of their medical professionals or doctors and speak with them before making changes to diet and/or exercise.



#### Here are some tips to help brighten those long winter days:

- Bundle up and head outside for sunshine or sit by the window with a book and let the sun stream through if it's sunny
- Grab a friend for a game of cards or a talk
- Try to eat balanced meals all day
- Get exercise, even if it's a short walk
- Spend time with a furry companion.
- Enjoy some music or some dancing
- Have a cup of tea or cocoa to warm you and bring joy

We asked residents and staff to share their favorite wintertime traditions.

> "Sweet Treats!" Jean K.

### Wintertime Mood Boosters!

- Take part in a cooking project
- Join in on karaoke with a group
- Play a board game with friends
- Brighten someone else's day by engaging with them and seeing how they are doing
- Build a model airplane
- Lead a Bible study group
- Knit, crochet, or cross stitch a gift
- Make a scrapbook or journal
- Have a puzzle competition with others
- Try to learn a new skill, like a language
- Watch a movie and have a snack
- Unclutter your space
- Go on an outing or shopping trip with a group when one is planned
- Make cards for family or friends
- Paint a picture of a scene outside
- List three good things from today
- Meditate or practice deep breathing
- Sign up for an activity for tomorrow
- Get a good night's sleep (you will be less sensitive to negative feelings)
- Practice smiling for an instant lift in mood



# **December Highlights — You're Invited!**

12/6 Visit to the Gresham Fire station to tour the firehouse @ 1:30pm

12/13 Join for an afternoon of Bowling at Mt. Hood Lanes @ 1:30pm

12/16 PCC Carolers coming to spread Christmas cheer @ 2:30 in Emerald House

12/22 Dickens Carolers coming to sing Christmas carols and spread holiday cheer @ 2pm in Emerald House



12/19 Join us for our annual Christmas Social @ 2pm in **Emerald House! Refreshments** will be served

#### 2017 was a great year here at Gresham!









We've been sharing more and more on our Facebook page and would love to have you join the conversation! LIKE our Facebook page today!

www.Facebook.com/FarmingtonSquareGresham

## What are your favorite winter traditions?

"Holiday Movies" Lisa D.

"Drinking hot drinks" Joanne V.

"Christmas Lights" Melia

"Ice Skating" Martha



# **MEMORIES!**







# See ya in 2018!

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Joyce S.

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**Florence C.** 

Dec.18th

**Charles Y.** 

Dec.24th



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