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#### **Hilltop Commons Phone Numbers**

Office: (530) 272-5274 Kitchen: (530) 272-2854 Fax: (530) 272-5275

Laundry Room Hours: Daily: 7:00am-9:00pm

Please remove all items from washers

and dryers by 9:00pm

Van Schedule

Van leaves at 10:00 am Tuesday: Brunswick Area

Wednesday: Medical Appointments

Thursday: Pine Creek Area

**Beauty Salon Hours:** 

Tuesday - Friday
By appointment only

Please call (530) 271-5958

**Important Phone Numbers:** 

Gold Country Lift: 271-7433 (271-RIDE) Post Office: 273-3429

The Union: 273-9565

Comcast Cable: 1-800-266-2278 (Mike at Comcast: 530 570-9230) Gold Country Cab: 274-8294

Fast Taxi: 477-7766 Grass Valley Police 477-4600 (non-emergency)







#### **November Birthdays**

Dorothy Barrick......11/10
Jan Leonhard......11/10
Bob Whitney......11/15
Mary Putnam......11/21
Ellie Saunders......11/25
Dee Sutton.......11/27
Darlys Jacoby......11/28

#### **November Anniversaries**

Susan Laureyssen
Joan Elmore

1 year 2 years

#### **Welcome New Residents**

Jeanette Haire Marilyn Bishop







# November Newsletter

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# **Celebrating November**

# Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> (2am)

Daylight Saving Time Ends Turn Clocks Back 1 hour

#### Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

Veterans Day Celebration Music "Sister Swing"

#### Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup>

Speaker Lauren Homick Brain Fitness

#### Thursday, November 21st

Outing Lunch and Wine Tasting

#### Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving Day

#### **Every Sunday**

Treat Social in the Common Area

# From the Desk of Terri Howell Community Administrator

#### **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Is there any bigger spectacle than the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade marching down Broadway in New York City? And this big spectacle requires big balloons to capture the attention and dazzle the imagination of millions of onlookers.

The Thanksgiving Day parade did not always boast larger-than-life balloons. The first parade was held in 1924 when R.H. Macy & Co. decided to celebrate the opening of its new flagship store on 34th Street in Manhattan. This massive parade was not meant to celebrate Pilgrims and a feast of turkey but to usher in the Christmas shopping season. During its first three years, the parade featured live animals from the Central Park Zoo, including tigers, elephants, camels, and donkeys. However, the children lining Broadway were so scared by these beasts that parade organizers decided to feature some "lighter" entertainment: giant balloons in the shape of beloved cartoon characters.

The first inflatable star of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was Felix the Cat, the preeminent cartoon megastar of the silent era. In those early days, the balloons were built by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Plant Company. They were not filled with helium, but with air, and wranglers propped them up with long sticks. In 1929, balloons were filled with helium and wranglers had to both wrestle the gargantuan cartoons and keep their own feet firmly on the ground. Between 1929 and 1932, the balloons were released into the air at the finish of the parade. They could float to the ground anywhere in Manhattan, and the lucky ones who found them needed only return the tag attached to the lost balloon to Macy's for a \$25 gift certificate. For over 90 years, balloons have floated through New York's skyscraper canyons. Felix the Cat has stepped aside for Raggedy Ann and Andy, Popeye, Snoopy, Woodstock and current favorites like Iron Man and Pikachu, but the sense of wonder these balloons inspire carries on.



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#### Marketing Minutes By Sue Hudson Marketing Director

Unfortunately, Bingo Bonanza was cancelled due to the power outage, but I am thrilled to announce we have rescheduled it! We are moving the Bingo Bonanza to March near Saint Patrick's Day, hoping everyone will have the luck of the Irish! As time gets closer, I will keep you posted on the date and details, it will be a lot of fun!!

This month, we are hosting a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vendors will be setting up in the common area between 8:30 - 9:30am and the Craft Fair is from 10:00pm – 2:00pm. This is a fundraiser for Interfaith Food Ministries, a local non-profit that helps feed hundreds of people every week. I hope you can take a few minutes and stroll through the booths, welcome the crafters to Hilltop and perhaps do some holiday shopping! We will also be selling \$1 raffle tickets for some amazing prizes! Each vendor has donated items for the raffle and ALL proceeds will be donated to Interfaith Food Ministries.

I want to thank **everyone** for sharing their Hilltop home for these events! I hope you enjoy them as much as I enjoy bringing them to you!

I so appreciate my Hilltop family; I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

With a **very** grateful and thankful heart,

Sue

Activity Corner
By Sabrina Busher
Activity Director

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite days of the year because it reminds us to give thanks and count our blessings. Suddenly, so many things become so little when we realize how blessed and lucky we are.

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be putting out the Interfaith food barrel in front of the office. If you would like to donate, we will give you a raffle ticket. At the end of the month we will have a drawing.

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, the Cowboy Poetry & Storyteller will be here. We are having a Veterans Day celebration with the fabulous Sister Swing. On the 7<sup>th</sup> we are going to Benihana's on the bus for lunch. Benihana's is a fun experience. In Concert Sierra is on tour and will be here on the 16<sup>th</sup> to sing to us. As you asked, we will be going wine tasting and lunch on the bus to some of our great wineries in Grass Valley.

Please check your calendars so you don't miss out on the fun.

I want you all to know how blessed I feel to be a part of your lives.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

#### **Culinary Corner**

It's the holiday season again and here

comes Thanksgiving right around the corner. I know a lot of you go to see your family and enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with them. You are more than welcome to invite your families to come to your home here at Hilltop to our Thanksgiving feast. As you know, we have our feast early. We will be serving from 10:30am to 12:30pm. If you would like your family to join you, please make reservations ahead of time so we can accommodate you and your guests. We would like to know by Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, if you will be joining us and if you will be having any quests so we can get an accurate count of how many people we will be serving on Thanksgiving Day. This is considered a special event and each guest will be \$12.00. I will have a sign-up list ready for you at the entrance of the dining room. I will need to know if you will be here for the Thanksgiving feast (10:30am -12:30pm) and if you will be having guests. Also, sign-up if you would like a box dinner for that evening. Please be sure to sign up! It is a half day for the kitchen staff. We will all be leaving at 2:00pm Thanksgiving day. You can pick up your box dinner in the dining room before 2:00pm, or you can ask the office staff after 2:00pm and they will be happy to get a box dinner for you.

If you have any questions, or would like to make reservations, please give us a call in the kitchen.

Happy Thanksgiving my Hilltop family!



Sincerely,

Jammie Barquilla (Chef)

Kitchen # 272-2854

Letter from the Editor Traci Gelgood Assoc. Marketing Director



Happy November, everyone!



Stay happy, healthy, and safe! With warm hugs and gratitude, Traci

"Smile lines are wrinkles!
Therefore, I have smile lines
all over my body"

Submitted by Jayne Brown Hilltop Resident

