

Willow Creek

Gracious Retirement Living

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WILLOW CREEK STAFF

Managers.....GLENN & VALERIE CAMPBELL
Assistant Managers...DALE & MARILYN WRIGHT
Executive Chef..... TONIA JOYNER
Activity Coordinator MEREDITH TYSON
Maintenance D.J. RALSTON
Bus DriverAPRIL OUTLAND

TRANSPORTATION

Monday, 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.:

Shopping Day — Front Lobby

Tuesday: Doctor Appointments — Front Lobby

Wednesday: Weekly Outings — Front Lobby

Thursday: Doctor Appointments — Front Lobby

Friday, 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.:

Shopping Day — Front Lobby

Christmas Open House

December 12th, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Resident and Staff Christmas Party

We wish you all a very Happy Holidays! To celebrate the season we welcome you to invite your families and join us for the Annual Christmas Party. You and the family can take photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, fill up with a variety of hors d'oeuvres, mingle and dance the night away.

Veterans Day

It was a pleasure honoring all of our WC vets.

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Fall Dessert Extravaganza



Val, Earlene, Virginia W.



Flourine, Glenn and guest



Meredith and Shirley S.



Patricia, Betty M., Shirley J. and Fannie



Chef Tonia with her amazing dessert spread

English Rose Tea Room



Ladies, it was a lovely Tea Party: Barbara M., Jean, Audrey, Marge, April, Betty B., Dolores, Meredith

November's Artist Spotlight

Carol Finlay, Acrylic Painter

If you would like to share some of your work, see Meredith, we would love to display it and share with everyone here as we dedicate each month to one person at a time.



Happy Birthday!



Claudia C. and Charles W. we loved having you!



November Party: Joan K., Sandi, Shirley J., Jeanette V., Sandra R.



Culinary Corner Came With A “Latte” Laughs

Chef Tonia and Meredith failed their first attempt at making pumpkin lattes, but the residents saved the day and stepped in for the second batch, giving it extra love as they added every component to the mix. The final outcome was taste-test approved with all thumbs up!

In November, Chef Tonia worked with the group to make a tasty cranberry sauce that they were able to add to Friendsgiving Feast.



Chef Tonia mixing up some pumpkin spice and everything nice

Welcome to Willow Creek



Sandi Randle, who goes way back with Shirley S.! She is so bubbly and sweet, stop and introduce yourself. We are happy she's part of our WC family.

What the Fitz Is All About

Join us on the Gingerbread committee with Ed Fitzgerald. After Meredith's new resident interview with Ed, she was intrigued by his hidden talents. After years of coaching track with high school teams, then moving up to college level teams, he is a man with many stories and finds enjoyment working on new projects in his apartment. His completed projects are simply breathtaking and it all began when he moved to Virginia in the 1990s. Ed's hobby started with a fascination for bonsai trees. He had multiple bonsai trees displayed on his front porch while living in Virginia Beach. He has taken care of them for many years without any disturbance of nature until he moved to Chesapeake! The day he moved to Chesapeake was when the war against the squirrels began. It didn't take long before the squirrels destroyed all of his precious bonsai trees. The squirrels won the battle and so he decided to create his own bonsai tree. It is made out of real wood tree roots or limbs which are indestructible and he could keep inside. From there his creative side went in many directions, creating all kinds of sentimental pieces of work. Each piece has many details and not one is alike. We hope to show some of his work as our Spotlight artist in the future, so everyone can see his beautiful work. He looks forward to a new challenge helping out with the Gingerbread Contest. We look forward to everyone's participation in this annual contest.



Ed working on the technical building model for the gingerbread



Flashback photo from his track coaching days



The first bonsai tree he made by hand

Daily Trivia

To start our daily Trivial Pursuit and earn \$10 in Funny Money, answer the following question: On December 2nd, 70 years ago, what famous holiday song was sung by Gene Autry?

Look at the Activity Board for the Daily Trivia Question. Be the first one to have the correct answer and win \$5 in Funny Money! The first trivia question will be posted on December 5th.

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about services you can
receive without having
to leave home. Legacy
is practicing out of
room 127, located on
the first floor. Drop in to
see Jessica and Ron.



Carousel Park Take Two

It was a great day, low humidity and beautiful blue skies. The carousel ride was so much fun, we rode it twice! Afterwards, we sat outside at the Carousel Park and enjoyed a picnic lunch by the water.



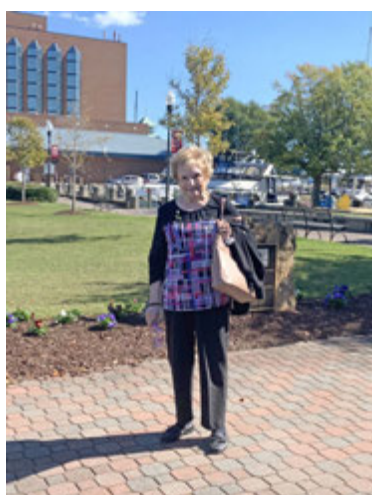
Group picture! Thanks for coming everybody, we had so much fun with you all!



*Velma, Helen G. and
Velma's son Thomas*



Yee-haw, Natalie B.



*Nancy D. enjoying
the great day!*



*Double trouble, Barbara
S. and Ruth K. Looking
sweet as can be!*

Mystery Resident

First to guess wins
funny money!



Ceramics Class With Angela

A new class will be offered! Angela will be sharing her talents with us every other month. Family and guests are welcome.

There is a \$10 guest joining fee, but free to all residents! Due to the busy holiday season, Angela will be back for the next class in January.



*Sandra R., Marge, Mae Marie,
Joann J., Rita and Jessica*



*Carol, Shirley F., Wilma, Betty
H., Helen G., Gail H.*



Employee Spotlight

Introducing the dream team! Frankie has two new sidekicks, Dominique and Jennifer. We are so grateful to have them on board. After quickly learning the ropes, it is easy to see their 110% is put into everything they do. Here are some things you may not know about these fabulous gals ...

Dominique is a mother of four, which includes a set of twins and her oldest child is 23 years old. If she had more time to spare, one of things she enjoys in life is roller skating. Her favorite holiday tradition is to dress up in ugly Christmas sweaters. When it's time to open Christmas presents, her family puts on their footie pajamas and enjoys time together as a family.



Dominique, Jennifer, and Frankie

Jennifer also has a son who will be 23 a month from now. One of her hidden hobbies is oil painting, particularly landscapes. During the holidays she loves decorating her home and getting creative each year to make the best stuffed stockings.

Frankie has been at Willow Creek for two years now. Her kindness continues to radiate and she has been such a great team leader. This Christmas she looks forward to the excitement of the holiday as they set out their Elf on a Shelf. The elf watches over her seven-year-old daughter and reports back to Santa, and of course they cannot wait to make more memories together as a family of four!

Up, Up, And Away!

April will be dashing us away in our Willow Creek Sleigh, the Willow Creek bus.

This month we have added all kinds of fun trips to the mix.

Wednesday the 4th: Our wonderful volunteer Wendy will be joining us as we dash away to Smithfield for shopping at two lovely stores that have cute finds to give to loved ones for the holidays. Then you will have lunch at The Smithfield Inn. A reservation for 20 has been made. Please notify the office the day before the trip if you cannot go.

Thursday Evening the 5th: Our 1st Tacky Light Tour takes a turn to a classier one! We are going to visit CBN's Christmas Village. Admission is free and they have all sorts of beautiful sights to see, carriage rides, lights, decorations, and of course, Santa Claus.

Saturday Night the 7th: We will be participating in the annual Great Bridge Christmas play. If you or family members would like to walk alongside our Willow Creek sleigh, please inform the office staff. This year's theme is dedicated to those who have served. We encourage our vets to ride the bus so we can share them with the community! We will be selling Christmas Willow Creek sweatshirts again. See office or Meredith for more details.

Monday the 9th: Tacky Light Tour #2. Bring money for supper and we will then go to the amazing variety of decorated homes on 34th Street in Virginia Beach.

Wednesday the 10th: Hip, Hip, Hurrah Players Show: "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." The last performance they put on was excellent and made everyone feel happy. Get your tickets ahead of time for \$10. The show starts at 10 a.m. and we will be back in time for lunch.

Monday the 16th: Tacky Light Tour #3 isn't so tacky at all. We will drive to Deep Creek Baptist Church to see the live Nativity. Admission is FREE.

Wednesday the 18th: Stay tuned for more details about a full day of shopping at a variety of stores.

Acrylic Painting With Artist Vicki

December's paint project is a Christmas wreath on Tuesday, December 3rd at 10:30 a.m.



Wilma, Inez, Audrey, Mikey, Jim L.

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Leave Your Winter Worries Behind

Enjoy the winter season by joining us for hot chocolate and homemade treats around a warm and cozy fire. You can count on things really "heating up" with our packed winter activities calendar. Please call for more information on any of the activities you'd like to participate in, or stop by for a complimentary meal and tour.

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