

## DECEMBER 2020

## VICTORIA PARK STAFF

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|
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| Bus Driver                    | RON HARPER      |
| Bus Driver                    | PAUL PONAK      |

### TRANSPORTATION

Monday - Thursday: Medical Appointments Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.: Resident Outing (Suspended) Thursday, 1:30-5 p.m.: Resident Outing (Suspended) Friday - Sunday: No Bus

## MISSION STATEMENT

At Victoria Park Personal Care Community, our caring concern for our residents is the foundation that leads to outstanding resident services. As contributing members of the communities we serve, what is most important is that "We Love Our Residents."



# 2020 Secret Santa Gift Exchange

If you would like to participate in this fun event, here is how it works:

- 1. Enter your name in the "Secret Santa" box at the front desk by Tuesday, December 8th.
- 2. On
  Wednesday,
  December 9th,
  names will be
  drawn and you
  will receive the
  - name of the person you will be Secret Santa to.
- 3. Gifts are not to exceed \$15.
- 4. Please leave your gifts at the front desk by Tuesday, December 22nd.
- 5. The Secret Santa gift exchange will take place during the Social Hour on Thursday, December 24th.
- P.S. For those who do not have family here to shop for them, please let us know. We'd be happy to do the shopping for you.





# Spooktacular Halloween!

We captured a few familiar faces that had fun clowning around and bewitching us on Halloween.









# Celebrating New Year's Eve

The final night of the year is coming up. Count down with some festive facts about the revelry of New Year's Eve.

- Ringing out the old year and ushering in a new one is a custom that goes back at least 4,000 years to the ancient Babylonians.
- The first places on the globe to greet the new year are the island nations of Kiribati, Samoa and Tonga, located in the South Pacific Ocean.
- Just across the international date line, American Samoa, a U.S. territory, is the world's last inhabited locale to welcome in the year.
- New York City's Times Square ball drop is a celebration that began in 1907.
- Singing "Auld Lang Syne" at midnight has grown into a worldwide tradition. The words roughly translate to "times gone by."
- Puckering up for a New Year's Eve kiss is said to bring good luck to a relationship and has roots in German and English folklore.
- Those novelty eyeglasses with frames shaped into the numbers of the coming year were invented in 1990 by two friends in Seattle.
- Causing a ruckus with noisemakers began as a way to chase off bad luck.
- Some don't stay up to celebrate; in a survey, over 10% of people said they fall asleep before midnight.
- That cute little guy decked out in a diaper, top hat and sash is known as

Baby New Year. He's been a symbol of the holiday since the days of ancient Greece.





# In the Kitchen With Chef Wendy

Thanks to Chef Wendy and some helping hands, nougats were enjoyed by everyone during the Social Hour.









# Holiday Spirit Week

December 14th-18th: The week leading up to the holiday season, let's have some fun and dress to the theme of each day below. The more who participate, the more fun and entertaining it will be!

**Monday, December 14th:** Red and Green Day. Such appropriate colors for the holiday season.

**Tuesday, December 15th:** Blast from the Past Day! Time to throw it back and dress to one of your favorite decades: '20s, '50s, '70s — you pick!

**Wednesday, December 16th:** Santa Hat Day! Don that Santa Hat and spread some cheer.



**Thursday, December 17th:** Pajama Day! What a great way to reminisce waking up on Christmas morning. **Friday, December 18th:** Ugly Christmas Sweater Day. Break out that Christmas sweater and flaunt it!

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# **Birthdays**

Elsie McCaw, 4th
Patricia Debolt, 12th
Don Stewart, 26th
Evelyn Greggan, 31st

# Locations

Activity Room, AR
Chapel, CH
Dining Room, DR
Library, LB
Outing, O
Patio/Outdoors, P/O
Pool Room, PR
TV Room, TV

"Time together as a family is a gift."

-Joanna Gaines

|         | SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
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| n<br>st |  |  | 10:00 Aerobic Exercise, AR 10:45 Grandma's Kitchen, AR 2:00 Christmas Craft, AR 3:00 Social Hour, DR 4:00 Cribbage & Whist, DR                            | 10:00 Gentle Exercise, DR<br>10:45 Choir, DR<br>2:00 Armchair Travel, AR<br>3:00 Social Hour, DR<br>4:00 Bingo, DR                        | 10:00 Stretch Fitness, DR 10:30 Library Exchange, DR 11:00 Wii Bowling, AR 2:00 Decorate the Tree, DR 3:00 Ice Cream Social, DR 4:00 Cribbage & Whist, AR  | 10:00 Aerobic Exercise, DR 10:45 Wheel of Fortune, DR 2:00 Bingo, DR 3:00 Social Hour, DR                              | 10:00 Gentle Exercise, DR 10:45 Manicures: Polish Only, AR 2:00 Cards & Board Games, AR 3:00 Social Hour, DR 7:00 Polkarama, AR                         |
|         | 10:00 Gentle Exercise, DR 11:00 Coloring & Puzzles, AR 2:00 Bingo, DR 3:00 Social Hour, DR 7:00 Baptist Church, DR | 10:00 Stretch Fitness, DR 11:00 Wheel of Fortune, DR 2:00 Wii Bowling, AR 3:00 Social Hour, DR | 10:00 Aerobic Exercise, AR 10:45 Gingerbread Houses, AR 2:00 True or False Trivia, AR 3:00 Social Hour, DR 4:00 Cribbage & Whist, DR 6:15 Sparkle Tour, O | 10:00 Gentle Exercise, DR 10:45 Choir, DR 2:00 Gingerbread Houses, AR 3:00 Social Hour, DR 4:00 Bingo, DR 6:15 Sparkle Tour, O            | HANUKKAH BEGINS AT SUNSET 10  10:00 Stretch Fitness, DR 10:30 Library Exchange, DR 11:00 Wii Bowling, AR 2:00 Christmas Craft, AR 3:00 Ice Cream Social, DR 4:00 Cribbage & Whist, AR 6:15 Sparkle Tour, 0 | 10:00 Aerobic Exercise, DR 10:45 Wheel of Fortune, DR 2:00 Bingo, DR 3:00 Social Hour, DR                              | 10:00 Gentle Exercise, DR 10:45 Manicures: Polish Only, AR 2:00 Cards & Board Games, AR 3:00 Social Hour, DR 7:00 Polkarama, AR                         |
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# **Ugly Christmas Sweater Day**

That humorous, unofficial holiday of National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day falls on the third Friday of December every year. To participate all that's required is an ugly ol' Christmas sweater!

So, don that sweater on Friday, December 18th, and meet us at 3 p.m. for

the Social Hour. You just might win a prize!



# Searching for Santa

Santa's elves will be busy hiding pictures of Santa throughout the building. Find a photo of Santa and you can choose one of the many gifts on the prize table.

Now, before you head off on your search for Santa, you must stop by the Activity Room and register your name on Wednesday, December 23rd, at 2 p.m.



# Sparkle Tour Bus Ride

You won't want to miss the annual Sparkle Tour Bus Drive. As always, Ron has planned a route to ensure you will enjoy some beautiful Christmas lights around the city.

Be sure to get your name on the list for this outing and don't be late ... meet us at the main front entrance at 6:15 p.m.

Tour dates are as follows: December 8th, 9th, 10th, 15th, 16th, and 17th.



## Deck the Halls of Vic Park

On Monday, December 3rd, come out and help us spread the holiday cheer as we decorate the tree!

We'll be breaking out all of the Christmas décor and we'd absolutely love your help!

Meet us in the Dining Room, at 2 p.m.





# Puppies' Christmas

It's the day before Christmas And all through the house The puppies are squeaking An old rubber mouse.

The wreath which had merrily Hung on the door Is scattered in pieces All over the floor.

The stockings that hung In neat little rows Now boast a hole in Each one of the toes.

The tree was subjected To bright-eyed whims, And now, although splendid, It's missing some limbs.

I catch them and hold them. "Be good," I insist.
They lick me, then run off
To see what they've missed.

And now as I watch them The thought comes to me, That theirs is the spirit That Christmas should be.

Should children and puppies Yet show us the way, And teach us the joy That should come with this day?

Could they bring the message That's written above, And tell us that, most of all Christmas is love.

Anonymous



# A New Adventure Begins

It's coming up to that time of year again, when Hawthorn kicks off a new travel adventure (virtual, of course). Given that we are in a deep freeze. you'll be pleased that we are heading off to tropical climates in New Zealand. Hawaii, and the Fiji Islands. Think sun, sand, and surf!

The adventure starts in New Zealand, then Hawaii and finally



Where do you think this fellow calls home?



Guess which country this bird belongs to?

Fiji. We'll explore the landscapes, cultures, music, history, and food of these exotic locales.

At the end of our tour, you will know what the favourite foods in each country are, as well as what their wildlife is like (be prepared for some strange and wonderful creatures) and their vegetation: think lush and colourful.

So pack your virtual bag, get out your virtual passport and get ready for our upcoming adventure!



Beautiful Fiji





