

# Ivy Creek

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FEBRUARY 2021

## IVY CREEK STAFF

Managers.....RONALD & KAREN TOMASETTA

Assistant Managers ..... DENNIS  
MILLER & MARLO HEAGY

Executive Chef.....AMANDA MUSTO

Activity Coordinator ..... RACHAEL NOECKER

Maintenance ..... MIKE GARCIA

Transportation ..... KEITH MOYER

## TRANSPORTATION

**Monday, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.:**

Shopping and Errands

**Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.:**

Medical Appointments Only

**Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.:** Outing Day

**Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.:**

Medical Appointments Only

**Friday, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.:**

Shopping and Errands

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## Wintertime Fun!

On a chilly Friday morning we made snowmen! Since we did not have any real snow to work with, we decided to fill socks with rice! We filled up the socks, added eyes, smiley faces, and orange noses to our snowmen. We used baby socks for their hats and gave them scarves. Everyone adored our sock snowmen! We had so much fun making our snowmen and the best part of it all, they will never melt!







## Ugly Christmas Sweater Cookies!

We celebrated Ugly Christmas Sweater Day by decorating sugar cookies to look like ugly Christmas sweaters! Executive Chef Amanda made these delicious sugar cookies into sweaters for us to decorate with different colored frosting, candy canes, snowflakes, sprinkles and even hearts. We all had a blast designing our ugly Christmas sweater cookies! Our favorite part about designing them was when we were all done, we then got to eat the yummy sugar cookies! Thank you, Executive Chef Amanda, for making the sweater cookies for us!



*Thank you, Amanda!*



*Cute or ugly?*



*Rita, with her ugly sweater cookie*



*Betty, designing her ugly sweater cookie*

## Special Visitors!

On Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. Claus paid a visit to Ivy Creek! They walked throughout our Community delivering beautiful wine glasses filled with candy to all of our Ivy Creek family. Everyone was excited to see them! Many thanks to residents Bruce and Karen for dressing up like Mr. and Mrs. Claus and for delivering these special gifts to everyone!







## Homemade Christmas Ornaments

We decided to be crafty and make our own Christmas ornaments! We put our reindeer antlers on to get into the holiday spirit and got to work! We made ornaments using cinnamon and applesauce. Using cookie cutters, we made snowmen, Christmas trees, bells, snowflakes, stars and mittens out of the homemade dough. We then painted them and covered them in glitter! If it wasn't for the paint and glitter, we would have eaten them because they smelled amazing!

We also crafted these cute little snowmen out of wooden beads. We weaved twine through the beads, painted them white, gave them eyes, a carrot nose, and a little scarf. Our little snowmen turned out so cute!

We then placed our homemade ornaments along with Christmas balls and icicles on our tree. We sang Christmas songs as we decorated our tree. Maintenance Man Mike put our beautiful angel on top of the tree to add to the final touch! Making homemade ornaments and decorating our Christmas tree was a fun way to spend our morning together!



## “Fly Ivy Creek” Gingerbread Houses

Last month's newsletter featured a sneak peek of our gingerbread houses. Our theme for this year's gingerbread house competition was “Fly Ivy Creek.” We designed each gingerbread house based on the many activities that take place both within and outside our Ivy Creek home that make for a one-of-a-kind experience! Hop on Keith's bus and “Fly Ivy Creek” with us so you can see all that makes our home and area truly unique and special!

### The Ivy Creek Choir Gingerbread House

Strolling through the neighborhood? Make sure to stop by and listen to our Ivy Creek Choir exercise their vocal cords! Choir Director Jean is always putting together beautiful programs for our choir to perform. Our Ivy Creek performances are like none other! We have solo artists and even a flute player in our choir. Interested in becoming a member? Come check us out Monday and Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Main Dining Room!

Our Ivy Creek Choir Gingerbread House is elegantly done in white, red, and black frosting. The house sits on the keys of a piano! Music notes decorate the roof of the house, the sides, and the front and back of the house. Choir Director Jean loves our Ivy Creek Choir Gingerbread House!



*Fly Ivy Creek!*

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Keith Moyer, 3rd (Employee)  
Phyllis Albany, 27th

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## Mealtime

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	<div>9:30 Balance Class, ACT</div> <div>11:00 New Zealand Long Word Game!, ACT</div> <div>12:30 Traditional New Zealand Dinner</div> <div>2:00 Movie Matinee, TH</div> <div>3:00 Choir Practice, MDRFP</div> <div>4:00 Floor Meeting with Managers (1st Fl), MDR</div> <div>7:00 Evening at the Movies, TH</div>	<div>9:30 Chair Drumming, ACT</div> <div>10:15 Cardio Workout, ACT</div> <div>10:30 Bridge, GR</div> <div>11:00 Craft: Hobbit Homes, ACT</div> <div>2:00 Movie Matinee, TH</div> <div>3:00 Knitting Club, ACT</div> <div>4:00 Floor Meeting with Managers (2nd Floor), MDR</div> <div>7:00 Bingo, ACT</div> <div>7:00 Evening at the Movies, TH</div>	<div>9:30 Weight Lifting Class, ACT</div> <div>11:00 Let's Make Kiwi Smoothies, RK</div> <div>12:00 Juliet Outing: Firebirds, \$</div> <div>2:00 Movie Matinee, TH</div> <div>2:30 One Act Comedic Play with Bruce, TV</div> <div>3:00 Mineral Hand Soak, ACT</div> <div>4:00 Floor Meeting with Managers (3rd Floor), MDR</div> <div>7:00 Evening at the Movies, TH</div>	<div>9:30 Theraband Exercise, ACT</div> <div>10:30 Chef Chat with Amanda, ACT</div> <div>11:00 New Zealand Maori Symbols, ACT</div> <div>12:30 Traditional New Zealand Dinner</div> <div>2:00 Movie Matinee, TH</div> <div>3:00 Choir Practice, MDRFP</div> <div>3:30 Ivy Creek Store Open Until 4 p.m. (4th Fl)</div> <div>4:00 Floor Meeting with Managers (4th Floor), MDR</div> <div>7:00 BIG Bingo, ACT</div> <div>7:00 Evening at the Movies, TH</div>	<div>9:30 Cardio Workout, ACT</div> <div>11:00 Bird Brain Word Challenge!, ACT</div> <div>2:00 Movie Matinee, TH</div> <div>2:00 Scenic Drive</div> <div>3:00 Kiwi Bird Feeders and Craft!, ACT</div> <div>4:00 Happy Hour!, ACT</div> <div>7:00 Evening at the Movies, TH</div>	<div>10:00 Coffee &amp; Doughnuts with Marlo &amp; Dennis, ACT</div> <div>11:00 Walking Club</div> <div>2:00 Movie Matinee, TH</div> <div>3:30 Word Games with Marlo, ACT</div> <div>7:00 Bingo, ACT</div> <div>7:00 Evening at the Movies, TH</div>
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## “Fly Ivy Creek” Gingerbread Houses (Continued)

### **The City of Brotherly Love Gingerbread House**

Want to take a trip to a bigger city? Hop on Interstate 95 and head north to the “City of Brotherly Love”! Philadelphia is the largest city close to Ivy Creek. Take in the sights of Old City and receive a history lesson on William Penn and the Liberty Bell from resident Jody. On your way home, make sure to pick up some french fries from Chickie’s and Pete’s. They’re delicious!

Our City of Brotherly Love Gingerbread House is made with crushed ice cream cones, frosting and Christmas candies to represent the Philadelphia Art Museum. Rocky Balboa stands at the top of the stairs to the museum, the Liberty Bell and the famous LOVE sign, are attached to the roof of the house. We all sang the theme song to “Rocky” while designing this house!

### **The Conowingo Dam Gingerbread House**

Would you like to have bald eagles fly over your head? Grab a camera, a pair of binoculars and take the hour-long drive south on Route 1 to Conowingo Dam. Located in northern Maryland, Conowingo Dam is known for its beautiful scenery and its bald eagles. It is also one of our favorite destinations! Executive Chef Amanda always fills our coolers with a delicious lunch to enjoy while we patiently wait for the eagles to fly by. We all agree it is quite the sight to have the majestic birds fly over your head!

Our Conowingo Dam Gingerbread House is made with blue frosting to represent the water of the dam. There are pretzel goldfish swimming in the water and we used lentils and rice to represent the stones of the dam. On the roof, you will find an eagles’ nest made out of pretzels along with Skittles dipped in white frosting to represent eggs. Feathers are woven into the nest and an eagle figurine is perched on the nest. Trees are on the top of the roof to represent the wooded area of the dam. If you’re ever in the area, make sure you take a trip to see Conowingo Dam and the eagles!

### **The Ivy Creek Phillies Gingerbread House**

Want to meet someone famous?! How about a whole team of baseball players? Ivy Creek is home of the famous World Series Ivy Creek Phillies! Each Friday the Ivy Creek Phillies defend their bean bag baseball championship against the Ivy Creek Yankees. Both teams consist of talented baseball players ranging in age from the early 70s all the way to 95! It’s amazing to watch these sluggers hit home runs and run the bases!

Our Ivy Creek Phillies Gingerbread House is made out of white frosting and candy canes! The Phillies logo is written on each side of the roof and the Philly Phanatic greets you at the front door! The baseball field is done in green frosting, and includes all the bases and even a baseball, glove and bat!

### **The Coffee & Doughnuts Gingerbread House**

Do you like doughnuts? How about homemade doughnuts?! Wake up Saturday mornings to the mouth-watering aroma of homemade doughnuts from the Amish Market. Catch up with friends while you enjoy an assortment of doughnuts. Choose from warm apple fritters, salted caramel glazed doughnuts or doughnuts topped off with strawberries to name a few. Served with love by our Assistant Managers Marlo and Dennis every Saturday morning at 10 a.m. in the Activity Room!

Our Coffee and Doughnuts Gingerbread House is done up in pink frosting and coffee beans! Cheerios on the roof represent the doughnuts enjoyed by all on Saturday morning. Little coffee mugs with hearts line the roof and are placed in the windows. Saturday morning doughnuts are always enjoyed by all!

### **The Cookout Gingerbread House**

Do you like walking through nature? Check out the numerous state parks in our area! There is Ridley Creek State Park, Marsh Creek State Park and Brandywine State Park. We love going to these beautiful parks and having cookouts! Bus Driver Keith always does a fine job firing up the grill and cooking up delicious hamburgers and hot dogs for us!



Our Cookout Gingerbread House is done up in green frosting to represent grass, along with crushed gingerbread and ice cream cones for the dirt. Gummy hamburgers and hotdogs sit on the roof of the house. The picnic table is made out of pretzel rods and gingerbread. A little grill sits in the dirt with hotdogs roasting on it. Cooking out is a favorite summertime activity for us here at Ivy Creek!

### Our Ivy Creek Gingerbread Home

Welcome to our Ivy Creek Home! If you look closely, you will see the names of everyone who lives here along with all who work here, written on the roof of our home. Our Managers Karen and Ron always look after us and are the best! Ron likes to sing to us over the loudspeaker and Karen always helps decorate and makes our home very warm and welcoming.

Our Ivy Creek Gingerbread Home is made out of white frosting and coconut! Little cinnamon hearts outline the windows and ivy is wrapped all around the house. Executive Chef Amanda even helped us make our Ivy Creek bus out of gingerbread! If you look closely enough, you will even see Keith driving the one bus; he's a gingerbread man! He is always thanking us for Flying Ivy Creek. Finally, there are little gingerbread men lights all throughout our creation; these little lights represent the warmth you will find here in our Ivy Creek Home! We hope you will Fly Ivy Creek with us soon!



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The gingerbread house  
construction crew!



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Thanks, Executive Chef  
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