

## Resident Highlight of the Month



John was born in Newport News, Virginia and has lived all over the state. Having graduated from UVA with a degree in economics, he continued work and graduate schooling as

a policy economist and has traveled to all but two states in the country. Well-travelled indeed, John lived part time in London for 15 years, forecasting electricity, gas, and district heat consumption for power grids around the world. John then spent a year in Hollywood, looking to break into the screenwriting industry. His true calling ended up in music production. Between 1997 and 2004, John produced a series of 150 folk music concerts and produced two record albums, including a Chad Mitchell Trio Retrospective live at the Birchmere Theater in Alexandria. John's discerning ear and love of music allowed nationally touring artists to break into the Virginia folk music scene with unmatched success. More recently, after moving to Richmond and being unable to find a decent NY style slice of pizza anywhere in town, John and his family created their own restaurant. For eight years now, John has owned Brooklyn Pizza Authority on Hull Street where his son in law continues to run the business. While you might already know John as our resident jigsaw puzzle whiz, he also excels at Japanese Pencil puzzles (a hobby he picked up overseas) such as Sudoku, Hanjie, and Nurikabe.

## January Birthdays

Ritsi Mooradian	January 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Horace Hartley	January 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Eugene Emter	January 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Joan Johnson	January 5 <sup>th</sup>
John Staiano	January 7 <sup>th</sup>
Anna Tarrats	January 7 <sup>th</sup>
Barbara Tibbs	January 8 <sup>th</sup>
Frances White	January 9 <sup>th</sup>
Sally Lou Hundley	January 11 <sup>th</sup>
Vaughn Dunnivant	January 11 <sup>th</sup>
Janet Jessup	January 12 <sup>th</sup>
Elsie Dawson	January 15 <sup>th</sup>
John Marakovitz	January 15 <sup>th</sup>
Patricia Dendler	January 17 <sup>th</sup>
Ann Marshall	January 18 <sup>th</sup>
Jean Wynn	January 27 <sup>th</sup>
Rosemary Wagler	January 27 <sup>th</sup>
Carol Rosko	January 28 <sup>th</sup>
Laura Coleman	January 28 <sup>th</sup>
Marian New	January 28 <sup>th</sup>
Patricia Sheehan	January 31 <sup>st</sup>

## Welcome New Neighbors

Elaine Ruxton	Room 113
Betty Carroll	Room 424
Lura Williamson	Room 335
Sandra Wayland	Room 429
David Shufflebarger	Room 435
Patti Shufflebarger	Room 435



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# The Crossroads at Bon Air

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## Down the Rabbit Hole in January



January is a significant month for *Alice in Wonderland* enthusiasts. Lewis Carroll, born Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, entered the world on January 27, 1832, and passed away on January 14, 1898. His famous tale,

*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, began in 1862, during a boat trip where he entertained the Liddell children with an improvised story. Young Alice Liddell, the inspiration behind the heroine, urged Carroll to write it down. After two years of writing, the book was finished in 1864 and published the following year, quickly becoming a literary sensation.

The book introduced the world to memorable characters like the Mad Hatter, whose tea party never ends, and the grinning Cheshire Cat, who can disappear at will. Carroll even invented a new type of poetry, the "nonsense poem," one of the best examples of which is "Jabberwocky," which appears in *Through the Looking-Glass*, the sequel to *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

What makes *Alice in Wonderland* so fascinating is its mix of wordplay, logic, and fantasy. Carroll was not just a writer but also a mathematician, which explains the whimsical logic and puzzling riddles that fill the story. His love of paradoxes and mathematical theories shines through in scenes like the Mad Hatter's tea party and the Queen's curious rules for croquet. This blend of intellectual play and imaginative adventure is what makes *Alice* a timeless favorite for readers of all ages.

This January, whether by rereading the book or exploring a new adaptation, it's worth revisiting Wonderland to marvel at the unique genius of Carroll and his enduring creation.

## Agecroft Hall Open House



*Our residents enjoying the historical architecture at the Agecroft Hall open house.*

## VCU Basketball Game



*We were invited to Attend the VCU vs. William and Mary basketball game at the Seigel Center. Residents had a great time at the game!*

## Activities to Try

**January 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm**  
Sing Along Group

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup> @ 11:15am**  
Group Crossword Puzzle

**January 4<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm**  
Dog Toy Making

**January 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am**  
Elvis Movie Marathon

**January 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am**  
Kevin Salyer Performance

**January 8<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00pm**  
Elvis Birthday Party

**January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm**  
Violin Performance with Andrew Magruder

**January 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am**  
Dog Treat Making

**January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm**  
Jammin' with Jillson Exercise Class

**January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am**  
Chesterfield Humane Society Outing

**January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm**  
McAllister's Musical Performance

**January 19<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm**  
Downtown Richmond Mural Tour

**January 27<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm**  
National Chocolate Cake Day

**January 29<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00pm**  
New Years Celebration

**January 31<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00pm**  
Joe Loschiavo Piano Performance

## Tacky Sweater Contest



*The three winners of our tacky sweater contest looking festive!*



## Dial Up the Nonsense

While some people believe that Inane Answering Message Day on January 30 is a day to revise any long, annoying, or otherwise inane answering messages, many believe it is the perfect day to put a smile on your caller's face by recording a silly message for their listening pleasure. Below you'll find some wonderfully inane treasures to record on voicemail:

"Hello! You've reached the future. Your call is important, but right now, it's still the past where I am. Leave a message and I'll get back to you when the time's right."

"This is you-know-who. We are you-know-where. Leave your you-know-what you-know-when."

"You've reached [Name], where everything is made up and the points don't matter. Except your message. Your message definitely matters."

## Holiday Crafts



*Residents Hard at work on our Holiday pinecone tree craft!*