

### December Birthdays:

- Mary Ann Parker 1
- Donald Friend 3
- Lori Seely 4
- Diane Williams 5
- Betty Weier 5
- Audrey Jirjes 5
- Alice Lane 5
- Debra McMasters 7
- Robert Jordan 10
- Carol Lewis 12
- Patricia Lewis 12
- Anne Frasard 13
- Linda Davis 14
- James Harris 14
- Anthony Stuckey 14
- David Girard 15
- George Winder 16
- Angela Allor 20
- Robert Pocock 20
- Joyce VanDenabeele 22
- Felicia Simmons 24
- Cheri Bishop 24
- Catherine Hyde 26
- Mardy Cotton 29
- Diane Droege 31



### Holiday Traditions Around the World:

Learning about another culture's traditions can be fascinating!

~**The Night of the Radishes:** This is a tradition in Mexico where every Dec. 23rd, participants carve nativity scenes into the skin of sizeable radishes. These radishes are then put on display at the Christmas market for all to see.

~**Exchanging Books:** In Iceland, families have a tradition where they exchange books, then spend the rest of the evening cozied up by the fire with sweet treats reading.

~**Brooms & Mops:** The hiding of brooms and mops have become a tradition in Norway. It is believed that hiding brooms and mops prevents evil spirits and witches from using them to fly through the sky.

~**Roller Skates:** In Venezuela, residents don't head to church services in a car, but rather on roller skates. So many people participate in this tradition that several city streets are closed to traffic.

~**Shoes by the Fire:** Instead of milk and cookies, children in the Netherlands place their shoes by the fire for Santa and fill them with tiny gifts.

### Let's Welcome Our New Friends:

- Kathleen Kozlinski~127**
- Patricia Leonard~204**
- Karen Carpenter~6013**



### Happy New Year!



May every great new day bring you sweet surprises and when the New Year is done may the next year be even better, full of pleasure and joy!

**The St. Clair Shores Housing Commission wishes a happy and healthy New Year to our residents!**

# Leisure Manor Gazette

What's New in Our Community December 2024 Edition

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#### December Dates of Importance:

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### St. Clair Shores 2024 Annual Holiday Luncheon

We will be having our annual holiday luncheon again this year!

**ALL TENANTS WELCOME!**



Luncheon will take place on Thursday, December 19th at the Blossom Heath Inn from 2-5pm.

Buses will pick up from both buildings starting at 1pm.

Children from St. Isaacs Jogues will be perform Christmas carols and Santa will be there to hand out raffle prizes.

A wonderful lunch will be provided promptly at 3PM.

**We look forward to celebrating with you again!**

### Spreading Holiday Cheer:

Sometimes a simple act of kindness is the best way to spread holiday cheer. Below are some ideas to brighten someone's day.

~Scatter anonymous kind notes. Leave friendly notes for others to find.

~Greet everyone you meet. Offer a holiday greeting to cashiers, waiter/waitress, bank teller, the mail carrier, etc.

~Check up on a neighbor. Drop off baked goods or handmade cards.

~Put a festive holiday wreath on your door.

~Give someone a hug. Tell them how much they mean to you.

~Hold the door open for others.

~Pick up the phone. Let friends and family know you are thinking of them.

~Offer a helping hand. Help a friend with a task such as putting away groceries or folding laundry.



**The Cozy Cupboard has NEW Hours of Operation:**

**Tuesday: 11am-1pm  
Thursday: 11am-1pm  
Saturday: 12pm-2pm**



**Your one-stop shop for groceries, toiletries, stamps and more!**

**Tenant Council Catered Dinner**

The Housing Commission would like to thank the Tenant Council for all their hard work in planning and preparing the catered dinner. We, along with the residents, appreciate your efforts and dedication in sponsoring wonderful events for the residents.

**Thank you for all that you do!**



**After Dinner Social:**

**Join your friends for coffee and conversation!**

**Details: December 5th from 6-7pm in the LMI Community Room.**

**Tenant Council will supply the coffee and treats will be provided by other residents. Feel free to bring a goodie to share!**



**Senior Center Day Trips:**

The Senior Center has some exciting trips planned for the month of December.

**The Ardmore Restaurant:**

**When: Tuesday, December 5th**

**Time: 10:45am-2pm**

**Price: \$10 plus lunch on your own**

Enjoy a delicious lunch in a festive atmosphere. Reservations are set for 11:15am.

**Holiday Lights Tour:**

**When: Friday, December 13th**

**Time: 5:15pm-8pm**

**Cost: \$10**

Take a holiday lights tour around St. Clair Shores! Dinner on your own after at Gilbert's Lodge. Spots fill up quickly.



**MGM Casino:**

**When: Tuesday, December 17th**

**Time: 9:30am-3pm**

**Cost: \$10**

Grab a friend and test your luck! Lunch on your own at the Casino.

**De-Stressing During the Holidays:**

The holiday season doesn't have to be all hustle and bustle. Plan time for simple, relaxing activities like listening to holiday music, reading a book, or assembling a gingerbread house. This can help avoid feeling overwhelmed, so instead you can enjoy peaceful moments throughout the season.



**Winter Snow Removal:**

**During the winter months, please remember, your safety is our number one priority.**

To ensure our residents safety, staff does the following to keep everyone safe:

- Keep parking lots, entrances and sidewalks clear of snow.
- Salt parking lots, entrances and sidewalks.
- Clear empty parking spaces as availability allows.

Staff may request tenants to move their cars to the Blossom Heath Parking lot to allow for clearing of several parking spaces. If asked to move your vehicle, we appreciate your cooperation. Please utilize cleared parking spots.

Please know that staff is doing the best job they can to make all areas clear and safe.

Patience is appreciated on snow days, as it takes time for the maintenance crew to clear parking lots and walkways after a significant snow fall.

**Thank you for your patience and cooperation!**



**Upcoming Holiday Events:**

**December 6th-Christmas Tree lighting at St. Clair Shores City Hall at 7pm.**



**December 7th-January 26th-Tunnel of Lights at Blossom Heath Park from 5-9pm.**

**December 14th-Holiday Market at Blossom Heath Park from Noon-9pm.**

**Reminder to our Tenants:**

**2025 Social Security Benefit**

statements should be arriving in the mail within the next few weeks. Please make sure you put it in a safe spot as you will need it for your next annual recertification!

**Holiday Décor Safety Tips:**

Decorating for the holidays is a great way to get in the festive spirit. To ensure your safety and the safety of others please follow these fire safety guidelines:

- ◆ Do not overload electrical circuits.
- ◆ Use a power strip instead of an extension cord for added safety.
- ◆ Always turn Christmas lights off before leaving home or going to sleep.
- ◆ Carefully inspect light strings, cords, plugs & receptacles and dispose of any damaged items.
- ◆ Keep decorations & presents away from heat sources.

**Remember, real Christmas trees are NOT permitted!**

Please be safe this holiday season!

