

**LEADERSHIP TEAM**

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To reach our  
Leadership Team  
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**December Horoscopes & Birthdays**

In astrology, those born between December 1–21 are known as the Archers of Sagittarius. Archers are exciting and independent. Their positive attitude, sense of humor, and kind heart make them excellent friends. But get ready for an earful—they often speak their mind.

Those born December 22–31 are Goats of Capricorn. Goats are the most stable and sure-footed of

astrological signs. Reliable, practical, economical, and organized, they make good multitaskers and politicians.

- Bette Midler – Dec. 1, 1945
- Eli Wallach – Dec. 7, 1915
- Sonia Gandhi – Dec. 9, 1946
- J. Paul Getty – Dec. 15, 1892
- Ty Cobb – Dec. 18, 1886
- Ray Romano – Dec. 21, 1957
- Maggie Smith – Dec. 28, 1934
- Bo Diddley – Dec. 30, 1928

**December Birthdays & New Hires**

**RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS**

- Diane L. – Dec 3
- Jack D. – Dec 7
- Lillian T. – Dec 9
- Gene N. – Dec 10
- Ted B. – Dec 15
- Jack D. – Dec 7
- Marie R. – Dec 19
- Mary Ann N. – Dec 22
- Karen K. – Dec 30
- Carolyn D. – Dec 30
- Maria B. – Dec 31

**STAFF BIRTHDAYS**

- Amy C. – Dec 28

**NEW HIRES**

- 11/07/25 - Sandy V. – Cook
- 11/10/25 – Flora B. – Cook
- 11/24/25 – Olivia H. – Med Tech
- 11/28/25 – Larry R.- Server

**December Facts**

December was originally the tenth month, which is why its name comes from the Latin word "decem," meaning ten.

It is the first month of winter in the Northern Hemisphere and the first month of summer in the Southern Hemisphere.

The attack on Pearl Harbor -December 7, 1941.

The Wright Brothers made the first successful powered flight on December 17, 1903.

"Jingle Bells": The song was originally written as a Thanksgiving song in 1857 and was called "One Horse Open Sleigh".

The birthstone for December is Turquoise, Zircon, or Tanzanite.

**December Newsletter**

December 2025

**Celebrating December**

**PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW RESIDENTS!**

- 10/31/25 – Linda F.
- 11/11/25 – Donald F.
- 11/25/25 – Marjorie T.

**Christmas Dinner**  
*Wednesday,*  
**December 17, 2025**

**Memory Care – 4:00pm**

**Assisted Living – 4:30pm**

**ONLY (2) GUEST PER APARTMENT**

Sign-up sheets are located at the front desk.

**We will not be accepting any RSVP's AFTER DECEMBER 7, 2025.**



**New Hope White Lake**  
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**A Message from the Executive Director**

As we enter the month of December, I am reminded of what a meaningful time of year this is for our community. The holidays bring warmth, reflection, and togetherness, and it's a privilege to share this season with our residents, families, and team.

December often inspires us to look back with gratitude and look forward with hope. I want to thank our dedicated staff for their compassion and hard work throughout the year—your commitment ensures that our residents feel valued, supported, and truly at home. To our families, thank you for your continued trust and partnership. Your involvement enriches the lives of your loved ones and strengthens our community as a whole.

This month, we have many festive activities planned—music, crafts, seasonal outings, and special celebrations. We encourage everyone to join in as they are able; these moments bring joy, spark memories, and create connection during the holiday season.

As we celebrate, we also remain focused on safety, comfort, and personalized care. Our team is here every day to ensure that residents feel secure, engaged, and surrounded by kindness.

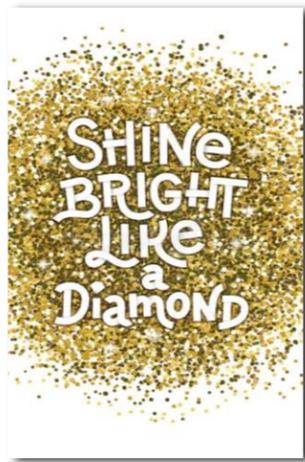
Wishing each of you a joyful December filled with peace, good health, and the warmth of community. May the holiday season remind us of the simple gifts that matter most—laughter, love, and moments shared together.

**REMINDER: DO NOT FLUSH ANY TYPE OF WIPES DOWN THE TOILETS. OVER THE COUNTER MEDS MUST GO THROUGH THE WELLNESS DIRECTOR. PLEASE CALL 248-886-6700 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.**

Warmest wishes,  
**Shannon Snapp, Executive Director**



## Amy Coutelle



Congratulations  
Amy Coutelle –  
Med Tech



## Toy Donation



**Toy Donation**  
Please bring a new,  
unwrapped toy before  
December 4<sup>th</sup>.

This holiday season, New Hope White Lake has partnered with our local VFW Hall 1008 to host a **Toy Donation** to support children and families in our community. The goal of the toy donation is simple: to help ensure every child experiences the joy and magic of Christmas morning. We invite you to donate **new, unwrapped toys** for children of all ages. Gifts may include games, dolls, books, puzzles, sports items, art supplies, or any other fun, kid-friendly items. Every contribution—big or small—makes a meaningful difference.

Donations can be dropped off to New Hope White Lake **before December 4<sup>th</sup>** during normal business hours. All donated toys will be distributed to local families in need before Christmas.

By working together, we can bring hope, happiness, and holiday cheer to children who need it most. Thank you for helping us make this season brighter for our community!

## Holiday Spirit Week



Holiday Spirit Week

December 14<sup>th</sup> –  
December 20<sup>th</sup>.

### What Is Holiday Spirit Week?

Holiday Spirit Week is a fun, festive week leading up to Christmas where everyone is encouraged to participate in themed days that celebrate the season. Each day features a different holiday-inspired activity or dress-up theme designed to spread cheer, bring people together, and create a joyful atmosphere throughout the community.

**Sunday – Dec 14<sup>th</sup>** – Flannel/Plaid Day

**Monday – Dec 15<sup>th</sup>** – Ugly Holiday Sweater

**Tuesday – Dec 16<sup>th</sup>** – Santa Hat/Elf Ears

**Wednesday – Dec 17<sup>th</sup>** – Holiday Sweater

**Thursday – Dec 18<sup>th</sup>** – Green like the Grinch or Red like Santa

**Friday – Dec 19<sup>th</sup>** – Holiday Pajamas

**Saturday – Dec 20<sup>th</sup>** – Dress like a Snowman

## Christmas Door Decorating Contest

To spread holiday cheer and brighten our community, we will be hosting a **Christmas Door Decorating Contest!**

This fun and friendly competition invites residents, staff, and families to get creative and transform doors into festive displays that celebrate the spirit of the season.

### How It Works:

**Who Can Participate:** All residents and staff are welcome to join. Families may help decorate resident doors.

**Theme:** Christmas and winter holiday themes. Decorations can be traditional, whimsical, or completely unique!

**Safety First:** Please use only non-flammable, lightweight decorations. Do not block doors or handles.

### Judging Criteria:

- Creativity
- Festive appearance

**VOTING BOX: Located at the front desk**

The winner will be announced on **December 22, 2025**.

### How to Enter:

Simply decorate your door —no sign-up required!

Let's make our halls shine with holiday cheer and create a fun, joyful environment for everyone.

We can't wait to see your wonderful creations!



**Christmas Door Decorating Contest.**  
Voting Box located at the front desk.  
Winner to be announced on December 22, 2025.