

Algonquin House Newsletter

Around the House

Best Wishes for a happy, safe Holiday season, whether it be Chanukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, or others.

Social Events...

- The monthly TGIF will NOT be held in December. Instead, **the Algonquin House Residents Annual Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, December 14, 6:00pm until...** Tickets cost \$25 each and are on sale through December 7. Please pay for the tickets in cash at the front desk.
- December's movie is "**Megan Leavey**", starring Kate Mara. This is the true life story of a young Marine corporal whose unique discipline and bond with a military combat dog saved many lives during her deployment in Iraq. It will be shown on **Tuesday, December 19th at 1:30pm.** The movie runs about an hour and a half.
- The **Holiday Tree** will be ready for decorating in early December. Barbara Romeo will head the decorating committee, and welcomes all volunteers. Please consider **donating** an ornament (or more) to add to the beauty of the tree.
- The **Belly Dancing Class** meets **Mondays** at 10:30am and **some Wednesdays at 10:00am** in the Algonquin Room. **The cost is \$5.00 per session.** New members are welcome! This is more of an exercise class than a dance class, and stresses building up core strength. There is no class on a holiday (Christmas, New Year's Day).
- A Hanukkah Menorah lighting ceremony will be held in the lobby **Wednesday, December 13,** around sundown, followed by a social in the library.
- The Second Presbyterian Church Choir will be presenting a carol sing-along in the Algonquin Room **Wednesday, December 20, from 6:45-7:15 p.m.** All are invited!

Mark your Calendars...

- **The monthly Board Meeting** will be held on **Monday, December 18th,** starting at **5:30pm** for the Homeowner's forum. **The formal meeting starts at 5:40pm.** An additional 10 minute



homeowner's forum will be held immediately following the Board meeting. Board meetings for 2018 are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month, with the March, June, and September meetings to be held in the evening.

- Start 2018 right! **A New Year's Day Brunch** hosted by Vicki & Joe Hansen and Joan & Don Hammer will be held in the Algonquin Room on **Monday, January 1, 2018.** Beginning at **10:30am,** enjoy brunch while sipping a mimosa or Bloody Mary. Watch the Rose Parade as you chat and share New Year's Resolutions with your neighbors. Tickets cost \$10.00 each, and will be on sale later this month. Look for a notice on the front desk and an email with more information.
- The next quarterly **Riverfront Civic League** meeting will be held here in January, date not yet announced. Toni Pridgen, 2F (408-1817) has volunteered to represent the Algonquin House. All residents are welcome to attend to hear the latest news about our neighborhood and have input on upcoming projects. Contact Toni if you have a question/concern for the Civic League to address.

Around the Corner...

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| • Pearl Harbor Day | Dec. 7 |
| • Chanukah Begins at sundown | Dec 12 |
| • Menorah lighting ceremony | Dec. 13 |
| • Holiday Party | Dec. 14 |
| • Carol sing-along | Dec. 20 |
| • Chanukah Ends | Dec. 20 |
| • Winter Solstice | Dec. 21 |
| • Christmas | Dec. 25 |
| • Kwanzaa Begins | Dec. 26 |
| • New Year's Eve | Dec. 31 |
| • New Year's Brunch | Jan. 1 |

Helpful Hints...

- With the holidays here, many of us will have company visiting. **Please remind your guests of parking restrictions, using the trash chute, trash and laundry room hours, and so forth.** If you're not sure of protocol, refer to your condo documents or call the Front Desk at 423-5151.
- Please remember to pick up packages from the front desk promptly. If you know you will be receiving a very large item, please give them a head's up.

From the Board...

- The Board has approved a service dog to accompany a resident's guest upon receipt of a request and proper documentation, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Have you noticed that the ballot box has been turned into a "Homeowner's Forum Input" box? It will be stationed at the front desk two weeks prior to each Board meeting, earlier if there is room. The Board and manager will soon be discussing ways to improve building security. If you have suggestions, questions or concerns about that topic or others, please write them down on the index cards provided and deposit into the box, or you may e-mail Susan at manager@algonquin.hrcoxmail.com.

Trash Chute Tales...

Oh, how we wish it could talk! Please don't stuff oversized bags in the chute. 13 gallon "kitchen-size" bags are just right. **Glass items are prohibited, whether bagged or not.** No jars, no bottles, no lightbulbs, etc. It is dangerous to residents or others who might be in the receiving room when a glass item misses the dumpster or explodes out of it and shatters on the receiving room floor. Also, no unbagged items, and your leftovers in clear plastic "clamshell" containers are not recyclable!

Library Committee News...

A Message from Barbara Klear, Library Committee Chairperson: Thinking of becoming a member? Want to know what we do? We restock borrowed books and audio/video CD's/DVD's. We evaluate, check-in, and shelve new donations. Each member is assigned a week at a time, rotating through all members. Once a year we meet for a couple of hours to cull through the books to make shelf space for new donations, and always enjoy lots of lively

discussions! We will be doing the 2018 weekly assignments before the year of the end, so please let me know if you are interested in joining us. We would love to have you! Also, we are always looking for donations of large print books.

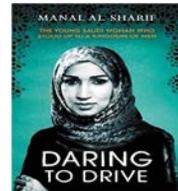
Did You Know...

- *Gone With the Wind* premiered in [where else but?] Atlanta, Georgia, on Dec. 15, 1939.
- Bill of Rights Day is on Dec. 15. Every year on this day we celebrate the 10 amendments to our original Constitution that added specific guarantees of personal freedoms and rights and were ratified on Dec. 15, 1791.

December Quote...

- "The gardening season officially begins on January 1st, and ends on December 31."
- Marie Huston

Book Review...



"Daring to Drive – A Saudi Woman's Awakening" by author Manal al-Sharif - After reading this autobiography you will be very thankful you are an American, especially if you are a woman. As late as 2016 a Starbucks in Riyadh posted a sign on its door in both Arabic and English, "Please no entry by ladies only send your driver [who would be male] to order. Thank you." This story provides a better understanding of the Muslim religion. The Muslims who follow the extreme beliefs in jihad are "brainwashed" from childhood, and unless they are fortunate enough, as Manal was, to become educated, their lives are changed forever. Manal is an inspiration to all women. She exemplifies how important education can be in making life's choices. There is a copy of this book in our library and additional information can be found on google.com.

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Please contact Newsletter editor Sally McPhillips if you have any information you'd like to share in an upcoming newsletter.

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