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# The Village Gazette

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## Upcoming Special Events

**PJ's & Pancakes**  
*January 11<sup>th</sup>*

**Winter Social**  
*January 14<sup>th</sup>*

**Crafts: Snow globes**  
*January 18<sup>th</sup>*

**Cooking Demo at Happy Hour!**  
*January 20<sup>th</sup>*

**January Birthday Party**  
*January 21<sup>st</sup>*

**Lunch Outing to Liberty Park Grill**  
*January 26<sup>th</sup>*

**Paint & Sip at Happy Hour**  
*January 27<sup>th</sup>*

**Villages Pet Parade**  
*January 28<sup>th</sup>*

## Winter is Here

Icy and snowy roads make it easy to slip and fall, often causing major injuries, and as they say, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

It is recommended that you wear shoes with good traction during the cold months. If you use a cane or walking stick, be sure to replace worn-out tips. And finally, avoid walking outside or running errands until walkways and roads are cleared in the event of an ice storm or heavy sleet.

## Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening By Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.

His house is in the village though;

He will not see me stopping here

To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer

To stop without a farmhouse near

Between the woods and frozen lake

The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake

To ask if there is some mistake.

The only other sound's the sweep

Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,

But I have promises to keep,

And miles to go before I sleep,

And miles to go before I sleep.

Betsy was born on October 6<sup>th</sup> in Greensboro, North Carolina. She graduated high school in 1964 from Southeast High School. Following graduation, she went to Lees McRae Junior College where she attained her Associates Degree as a Medical Secretary in 1966. After schooling, she met her husband, who was in the civil service. Her first job she worked as a Medical Secretary for a doctor in Raleigh, North Carolina. During this time, she and her husband adopted their only child, Jeffrey, when he was about 6 months old. Currently, Jeffrey lives in Adams, Tennessee with three children of his own: Lillian, age 13, Landon, age 10, and Elizabeth, age 8.

She and her husband were together for about 12 years. They lived for a time in Goldsboro, North Carolina while he was stationed at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. She worked for another doctor's office doing secretarial work. Her husband got a promotion, and so then the family moved to Newport News, Virginia. It was here that she worked at Virginia Natural Gas as a secretary, answering calls and assisting with customer service questions. While living here, she was a part of the Junior Women's Club and functioned as their President for several terms.

She retired from the Natural Gas company in 2005 and moved back to Greensboro to the house she grew-up in to help care for her ailing parents. Roughly 2 years later, her mother died. She continued to care for her father until his death about 6 years ago. She has a surviving sister, Carolyn, who still lives in Greensboro. Betsy recalls that while living in her hometown again, she was able to rekindle old friendships from High School.

## Resident Spotlight

### *Betsy Peacock*



She enjoyed having lunch with friends, hosting parties, and staying involved in her church. She served in the Food Pantry, nicknamed "the Bag Lady," with the Alamance Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed going to the YMCA and was on a bowling league.

Within the last year, she decided to make the big move to Clarksville to be closer to her son and grandkids. She says she loves living here and can attend church every Sunday with her family. Some of her favorite hobbies include playing putt-putt golf, listening to music, and playing bingo. Her favorite travels have included the Grand Canyon and trips to different antique stores in Pennsylvania. Welcome to The Villages' family Ms. Betsy Peacock!



# Cranium Crunches

**Grimms' Fairy Tales**  
Use the clues to fill in the crossword.

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## ACROSS

- 2. Mean queen's victim
- 8. Wooded area
- 11. Person who makes clogs and boots
- 12. Envious emotion
- 15. She let her hair down
- 17. Little Tom \_\_\_\_\_
- 20. Grimm brothers' language
- 21. Sorceress
- 22. Hansel's sister
- 24. Ball attendee

## DOWN

- 1. Random acts of \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. There are seven of them
- 4. Folk story
- 5. Tall castle part
- 6. The Pied \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Used to poison Snow White
- 9. People who steal things
- 10. Person telling the story in a book
- 13. What Rumpelstiltskin spins into gold
- 14. Monarch's son
- 16. Critters
- 18. Formal dance
- 19. Hocus-pocus
- 22. Really big fairy tale creature
- 23. Wilhelm's brother

## SUDOKU

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| 8 |   |   | 5 |   | 1 |   | 4 | 9 |

## January IQ

True or false? The January zodiac signs are Capricorn and Pisces.

True or false? Only two months have the letter J in their name.

The famous poem "The Raven" was first published in New York's Evening Mirror on January 29, 1845. Who wrote it?

# Meet Our Staff

## Executive Director

*Lucy Townsend*

## Community Relations Director

*Lisa Klasen*

## Director of Maintenance, Housekeeping, & Security

*Doug Tomes*

## Executive Chef

*Katy Heitzenrater*

## Home Care Professional Director

*Tracy Sutton*

## Recreational Director

*Meagan Nay*

## Office Administrator

*Johnnie Friddle*

## Cooks

*Rhonda Orr    Matthew Hamill*  
*Stephanie Bower (Breakfast Attendant)*

## Servers

*Lisa Francis    Caroline Lauvao*  
*Chantel Charley    Fredericka Lewis-Cado*

## Housekeeping

*Shannon Jacobs*  
*Brenda Perkins    Rina Gonzalez*

## Villages at Home

*Gina Thibodeau*

## EmpowerMe Wellness Team

*Courtney Weaver (PT)*  
*Jamie Smothers (Speech)*  
*Kaylin Miley (OT)*  
*Dadrion Richardson (PTA)*

## Security Guards

*Mark Hughes    Keith Stepp*  
*Brenda Baez*

## New Year's Around the World

Americans often use fireworks to celebrate New Year's, while Puerto Rican children throw water out of their windows at midnight on New Year's Eve to rid their homes of evil spirits. In France, a stack of pancakes is eaten for luck and good health. In Spain, it is traditional to eat 12 grapes at midnight—one for each strike of the clock and month of the year. What's your family's New Year's tradition?

## Riddle Me This January

You see me once in New Year,  
twice in January, but not at all in  
winter. What am I?

## Anniversaries

*Bob & Virginia Patterson*  
*January 17<sup>th</sup>*

## Welcome New Residents

*Ilene Blumberg, #417*

## January Birthdays

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Chris Taylor</i>          | <i>Jan. 5<sup>th</sup></i>  |
| <i>Courtney Weaver-staff</i> | <i>Jan. 5<sup>th</sup></i>  |
| <i>Eva Pendergrass</i>       | <i>Jan. 18<sup>th</sup></i> |
| <i>Patricia DeMars</i>       | <i>Jan. 31<sup>st</sup></i> |