



THE OSPREY ORACLE

A Newsletter for the residents of Osprey Landing – December 2021

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step"

Happy Holidays!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing Osprey Landing as your home. We look forward to spending another year with all of you! December is a wonderful month for many reasons. We feel the warmth of the season; our eyes delight to see the first snowfall and all the holiday decorations. We cheerfully respond to the smell of cookies baking and the many yuletide scents that fill the air. We wish all of your families a wonderful holiday season.

Don't forget to Like us on Facebook. There you can get quick updates on things like office hours, snow removal and our monthly newsletter. If you visit our website at <http://www.ospreylanding.com> you may request non-emergency work orders/maintenance for your apartment. There are also updates under the news events page on our website. As always, please call the office with any emergency maintenance.

In observation of the holidays, the office will be closing early on Thursday, December 16 for a company function. Our office will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Friday, December 24 and Monday, December 27 and for the New Year's holiday on Friday, December 31. As always, please call the 24-hour answering service with any maintenance emergencies.

~The Osprey Landing Team

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Several residents of Osprey Landing are unable to physically remove snow & ice from their front entrance, deck and sidewalk leading to the common walkways. They need to be able to get to and from their homes safely. If you are able and willing to assist a neighbor this winter, please contact our office at 436-5713 and we can connect you with those in need.



Community News

Rising Energy Costs

On November 18, Governor Chris Sununu and the New Hampshire Department of Energy announced an increase in benefit amounts for the New Hampshire Fuel Assistance Program due to highly inflated national energy costs. The New Hampshire Department of Energy is increasing benefit amounts by 60% over last winter for most beneficiaries.

"Increased energy costs represent a heavy burden for all Granite Staters, especially for low-income households," said Interim Energy Commissioner Jared Chicoine. "In light of the growing national inflation and dramatic projected increases in heating fuels, the New Hampshire Department of Energy is increasing the benefit ranges for the Fuel Assistance Program."

If you or someone you know is having difficulty paying for home heating fuel or utilities, please call your local Community Action Agency. If you need help locating the agency in your area, click on CAPNH.org/cap-lookup or call 211 for additional information. Portsmouth residents can contact the Southern NH Services Portsmouth Center at 603-431-2911 or find information about the application process online.

Fuel assistance:

<https://www.snhhs.org/services/fuel-assistance>

Electric assistance:

<https://www.snhhs.org/services/electric-energy-assistance>

Free COVID Testing at Fox Run Mall

The State of NH has partnered with Clear Choice MD to offer pop-up PCR testing around the state. The turnaround time for test results is typically 48 hours. Open seven days a week from 9 am – 3 pm.

Location: Fox Run Mall, 50 Fox Run Road, Newington, Take a right at mall entrance. Located on backside of mall, in JCPenney parking lot.



Holiday Events

Illuminated Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting

The tree in Market Square this year was donated from Osprey Landing and JCM Management Company!

Saturday, December 4 in Market Square

4:00 pm - DJ begins playing Holiday Music

5:00 pm - Tree Lighting Ceremony

5:25 pm - Mayoral remarks and Holiday Tree is lit.

6:00 pm - Parade kicks off from Goodwin Park area on Islington St.

Non-perishable food donations are accepted by volunteers walking the parade route.

12th Annual Festival of Trees

Friday, December 3 from 4:00 - 8:00pm

Rivermill at Dover Landing

The Festival of Trees will feature over 35 trees and wreaths elaborately decorated by local businesses and organizations to be auctioned and raffled off. The event will feature live choir performances, raffles, refreshments, Santa, and more!

Candlelight Stroll Under the Stars

Strawbery Banke Museum in Portsmouth
Weekends: December 4-5, 11-12 and 18-19
Bundle up and take a delightful trip back in time as you experience holiday traditions from hundreds of years ago. Strawberry Banke's stroll will focus on the lights, wreaths, roleplayers, and magic on the exteriors of the museum's historic buildings.

Puddle Dock Pond at Strawberry Banke:

The seasonal ice-skating rink will open 7 days a week November 26 through February 28, weather permitting. For more information about schedules and pricing for open skate hours, skating lesson, rentals and specials visit their website at www.puddledockpond.org.

US Marine Corps Toys for Tots

NH State Police are lending their support by collecting toys at events and drop-off locations. The State Police will be hosting events to collect as many new, unwrapped toys to distribute to less fortunate children this holiday season. The collection drive runs through Dec. 10. New, unwrapped toys can be donated at a scheduled toy collection event or Monday-Friday from 8 am - 4 pm at drop-off locations.

For more information, follow New Hampshire State Police on Twitter at @NH_StatePolice, Facebook at @NHStatePolice, and Instagram at @nhstatepolice.

Around NH in December

Frost Fest, Durham

Welcome the winter season with Durham Recreation's annual celebration, which is being held on Saturday, December 4, 2021 from 6-8 pm on Main Street in Durham. Enjoy s'mores, cookie decorating, ice sculpting, a bonfire and a visit from Santa.

LaBelle Lights at LaBelle Winery in Derry

November 18 – February 26

Get into the holiday spirit (and stay there well into the New Year) at LaBelle Lights at the brand-new LaBelle Winery and the Links at LaBelle in Derry. Guests of all ages will enjoy a stunning show comprised of winter-themed lighting displays coordinated with music that will bring a smile to your face and joy to your heart. Special themed nights include: Crazy Christmas hats on December 3, Holiday Pajamas on December 10 and Ugly Holiday Sweaters on December 17.

Gift of Lights

New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon

November 25-January 2

The 11th annual Gift of Lights makes its debut on November 25. This year, the 2.5-mile drive-thru light show will feature 3.5 million lights, a 150-foot RGB (red/green/blue) Tunnel of Lights, new arches, toys, numerous scenes including the popular 12 Days of Christmas and much more. . <https://www.nhms.com/events/gift-of-lights/>

Merry Merry Canterbury

The Village is also hosting several "Merry Merry Canterbury" weekends full of fun festivities. On Dec. 11 – 12 and 18 – 19. Both weekends will feature a "Stairway to the Clouds" event in the Horse Barn. Two magic shows by Magician Andrew Pinard will complement the first weekend, and the world premiere performance of "Birdie" will be offered on the second weekend.

Dance-Artist-In-Residence Lorraine Chapman, inspired by the story of the last girl raised by the Canterbury Shakers, created "Birdie" with a group of six dancer-performers after diving into the Village's rich archives. The piece harkens back to the beloved "Entertainments" produced by the Shakers, which included reading, reciting, singing, playing instruments, and performing scenes from plays. "Birdie" is the first holiday "Entertainment" produced at the Village in nearly 90 years. <https://www.shakers.org/merry-merry-canterbury-december-11-12-18-19/>