# Carlyle Place Independent Living December 2025

# The Carlyle Chronicle

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Carlyle Place





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# **Recurring Activities**

#### **Happy Hour**

Monday - Friday · 5:00 - 6:00 pm · The Pub Saturdays · 5:00 - 7:00pm · The Pub Wed., Dec. 17 · Harmonica Happy Hour · 4:30 pm Fri., Dec. 19 · Ugly Sweater Happy Hour · 5:00 pm No Happy Hour on December 24th, 25th or 31st

#### **Communions**

Episcopal - Mon., Dec. 1 - Act. Rm A · 10:00 am Episcopal - Thurs., Dec. 18 - Act. Rm A · 10:00 am Methodist - Thurs., Dec. 18 - Act. Rm A · 1:00 pm All are welcome to attend these Communions.

#### **Have You Heard**

Tuesdays  $\cdot$  11 am  $\cdot$  The Grande Attend this weekly town hall-style meeting to stay up-to-date on information about what is happening at CP.

#### **Line Dancing**

Mondays · 3:00 pm · Group Fitness Rm Not taking place on December 1

#### **Choristers Practice**

December 3 & 8 · 10:00 am · The Grande December 2 & 9 · 1:30 pm · The Grande December 15 · 1:00 pm · The Grande

#### **Trivia**

Tuesday, December  $9 \cdot 4:00 \text{ pm} \cdot \text{The Grande}$ Trivia is a competitive game where teams of five or less compete for prizes. Sign up on the Uniguest App and note if you are in search of a team.

#### **Coffee & Conversation**

Wednesdays · 9:30 am · The Library Not meeting on December 24 or 31

#### Tie Blankets for Children

Fridays · 10:30 am · Activity Room B This weekly group service project assembles blankets for patients at the Atrium Health Levine Children's Beverly Knight Olsen Children's Hospital.

#### **Bark in the Park**

Friday, December 12 & 26  $\cdot$  10:00 am  $\cdot$  Dog Park Bring Fido to the dog park for a canine meet and greet.

#### **BUMs Breakfast**

Saturday, December 20 · 8:30 am · The Grande All men are welcome to attend this monthly breakfast and hear from Woody Sanderson – as seen on the TV series *The Chosen*.

#### **Catholic Mass**

Tuesday, December 23 · 2:00 pm · Activity Rm A

## **Out & About**

#### **Back Pack Ministry Project**

Thursday, December 4 · Depart Lobby at 1:00 pm Give back to the community by preparing packed lunches for children in need. Sign up on the App.

#### Gala Piano Concert & Cocktail Buffet

Thursday, December 4 · Depart Lobby at 6:30 pm Enjoy fine music, festive fare, and sparkling company as we toast the spirit of the season. All proceeds benefit Partners in Education (PIE). Ticket is required-online purchase. Please sign up on the Uniquest App.

# Choral Society of Middle GA - *Messiah* at St. Joseph Catholic Church

Friday, December 5 · Depart Lobby at 6:45 pm The Choral Society of Middle Georgia, the Mercer University Choir, featured soloists, and orchestra will present Handel's masterpiece. Ticket is required. Please sign up on the Uniquest App.

# **Holiday Tour of Homes** in Historic Vineville

Saturday, Dec. 6 · Depart Lobby at 10:30 am This year's tour will feature 12 of Historic Vineville's homes as well as a visit to The Big House and Allman Brothers Band Museum! Expect uneven surfaces, long standing/walking and potential weather conditions. Tickets can be purchased online at Eventbrite. Please sign up on the Uniquest App.

#### Let's Hang On at Monroe Co. FAC

Saturday, December 6 · Depart Lobby at 6:45 pm **Enjoy the nation's premier tribute to** Frankie Valli & The 4 Seasons. Ticket required. Sign up on the Uniguest App.

### **Out & About**

# 9 Lessons & Carols - Mercer Singers at St. Joseph Catholic Church

Saturday, December 6 · Depart Lobby at 6:45 pm Come experience this beloved Mercer tradition featuring organist Jack Mitchener, Mercer Singers, Mercer Women's Chamber Choir, and Mercer Brass Choir. Ticket require. Please sign up on the App.

# Advent Lessons & Carols at Christ Church

Sunday, December 7 · Depart Lobby at 4:45 pm Join this annual service of Nine Lessons and Carols for Advent. Lessons and Carols is a beloved service of music and scripture for the Advent season in preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Please sign up on the Uniquest App.

# Jubilee Art Series at St. Joseph Catholic Church

Tuesday, December 9 · Depart Lobby at 6:45 pm Live performance featuring Peter Phillips and The Tallis Scholars. Please sign up on the Uniguest App. Ticket is required.

#### Dinner at Bamba Mex Grill

Wed., December 10 · Depart Lobby at 5:00 pm Enjoy dinner with fellow residents at Bamba Mex Grill on Forsyth Rd. Please sign up on the Uniquest App.

#### Shop on Cherry at Marche' de Noel

Thursday, Dec. 11 · Depart Lobby at 3:30 pm Tag along and go shopping on Cherry St. in Downtown Macon!. Please sign up on the Uniguest App.

#### **Christmas Choral e at Pierce Chapel**

Thursday, Dec. 11 · Depart Lobby at 10:00 am
The Morning Music Club invites you to a morning of
seasonal music. Please sign up on the Uniquest App.

# Nutcracker of Middle Georgia at Grande Opera House

Thursday, December 11. Depart Lobby at 6:45 pm The Nutcracker of Middle Georgia Ballet tells a vivid story of Clara's dreams coming to life embodies the magical spirit of the holiday season. Please sign up on the Uniquest App. Ticket is required.

# Shrek The Musical at Macon Little Theatre

Friday, December 12 · Depart Lobby at 7:30 pm Get ready for a magical, laugh-out loud adventure as a grumpy ogre, a chatty donkey, and a quirky princess embark on a journey filled with unexpected friendships and daring rescues Please sign up on the Uniquest App. Ticket is required.

#### Final Wesleyan Market

Saturday, Dec. 13 · Depart Lobby at 10:00 am Enjoy locally crafted and prepared goods by local small business owners at the Wesleyan Market! Please sign up on the Uniquest App.

#### **Christmas at Ingleside**

Saturday, December 13 · Depart Lobby at 2:45 pm See and hear the story that changed the world! Join us for The King is Here, an Ingleside Christmas Celebration. Please sign up on the Uniguest App.

#### Who's Holiday at Theatre Macon

Saturday, December 13. Depart Lobby at 7:15 pm Who's Holiday! tells the story of Cindy Lou Who as she recalls that Christmas Eve she first met the Grinch and the twisted turn of events her life has now taken. Ticket is required. Please sign up on the Uniguest App.

#### **Christmas Light Driving Tour**

Wednesday, Dec. 16 · Depart Lobby at 6:30 pm Take a ride through several of the Christmas light scenes that Macon has to offer with your fellow Carlyle Residents. Please sign up on the Uniquest App.

#### **Breakfast at Toasted**

Thursday, December 19 · Depart Lobby at 9:00 am Enjoy breakfast with fellow residents at Toasted. Please sign up on the Uniquest App.

#### Christmas Concert: John Berry at Grande Opera House

Friday, December 19 · Depart Lobby at 6:45 pm John's special take on the Christmas season mixes many of Berry's classic hits. Please sign up on the Uniguest App. Ticket is required.

## **In-House Events**

#### **Movie Showing**

Saturdays · 7:00 pm · The Grande
December 6 · Miracle on 34th Street
December 13 · Home Alone
December 17 · Sanditon
December 20 · It's a Wonderful Life
December 27 · Sleepless in Seattle

#### **Bark in the Park**

2nd & 4th Friday · 10:00 am · Dog Park

**Tech Tutoring with Caleb** 

Sunday, December 7 & 21 · 4:00 pm · The Parlor Caleb Varnadore volunteers his time to help residents with technology issues or questions. Bring your own device.

#### **BINGO** with Resident Life

Wednesday, Dec.  $3 \cdot 3:00 \text{ pm} \cdot \text{The Grande}$ Bring correct change to "rent" \$1 BINGO cards for cash winnings. Four games will be played.

#### **Healthcare Tour**

Thurs., Dec. 4 · 10:00 am · Healthcare Hallway Sign up on Healthcare Row to tour our Healthcare neighborhoods. Space is limited.

**Employee Gift Fund Party** 

Friday , December  $5 \cdot 2:00 \text{ pm} \cdot \text{The Grande}$  Residents and staff are invited to attend this event where employees will be presented with their checks from the Employee Gift Fund. Food, fun, and fellowship will certainly not be in short supply.

#### **Greenwood School of Music**

Saturday, December  $6 \cdot 3:00 \text{ pm} \cdot \text{The Grande}$  Students from the local music school will be here to perform for you. Come out and support them as they share their talents with us.

**Golfing with the CP Pros** 

Monday, Dec. 8 · 10:00 am · Putting Greens Sign up on the app to compete for bragging rights in this friendly putting competition with our resident pros.

**Arts & Crafts: Holiday Jewelry** 

Monday, Dec.  $8 \cdot 3:00 \text{ pm} \cdot \text{Activity RmA}$ Sign up on the app to create jewelry perfect for the holiday season.

#### **HELP!** How to Get Out of a Chair

Tuesday, Dec. 9 · 10:45 am · The Grande Join Patti and Jai immediately before "Have You Heard," for this quick 5 minute presentation to learn the basics of how to properly get up out of a chair. The presentation will conclude before Have You Heard. No sign up required for this event.

#### **Broad River Rehab Presentation:** Healthy Aging, Staying Strong, & Engaged

Wednesday, Dec. 10 · 11:00 am · The Grande Explore ways to maintain strength, endurance, posture, and independence through safe movement and daily wellness habits that support healthy aging. Sign up on the Uniguest App.

# **Bag Mats for the Homeless: Service Project**

Thursday, Dec. 11 · 2:00 pm · Activity Room A A service project where we prepare bags used to make mats for the homeless.

#### Middle GA Library Representative

Friday, December 12 · 3:00 pm · The Parlor Yufiel Franklin will help residents download books, sign up for library cards, and assist with other needs.

> Christmas Ball with The Little Big Band

Friday, December 12 · 7:00 pm · The Grande Join us in the Grande for our annual Christmas Ball with *The Little Big Band*. Formal attire is requested **but not required**. **Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served**. Please sign up on the Uniquest App.

#### A Festive Christmas, Choristers Concert

Monday, December 15  $\cdot$  7:00 pm  $\cdot$  The Grande Your fellow residents will perform their annual Christmas Concert with holiday songs to put you in the Christmas spirit. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Sign up on the Uniguest App.

**Wrapping Event** 

Tuesday, December 16 · 2:00 pm · Activity Rm B Sign up on the Uniguest App for this Holiday Gift Wrapping event! Drop your presents off in Resident Life - return later to beautifully wrapped items. Your pickup time will be assigned at drop off. Please make sure the items are in boxes.

### **In-House Events**

# Jane Austen's 250th Birthday Party & Movie Showing

Tuesday, December 17 · 6:45 pm · The Grande Celebrate the 250th birthday of Jane Austen with champagne and birthday cake. The movie *Sanditon* will begin at 7:00 pm. Sign up on the Uniguest App.

# **Celebration of Carols with Vineville United Methodist Church**

Thursday, December 18 · 11:00 am · The Grande Theresa and Canon, from Vineville United Methodist Church, will be here to lead you in a Christmas carol sing - along!

**East Wing Open House** 

Thursday, December 18 · 4:00 pm · East Wing Residents of the East Wing are decorating their homes and inviting their friends and neighbors to come and see! Refreshments will be served in the East Wing Knuckles during this late afternoon Open House. Sign up on the Uniguest App.

**Hot Cocoa and Gingerbread Social** 

Monday, December 22 · 7:00 pm · The Pub A hot cocoa bar, coffee station, and fresh baked gingerbread cookies will be set out for you! Come and gather with your friends while you enjoy a festive holiday treat! Sign up on the Uniguest App.

NYE Party with Just Friends Band

Wednesday, Dec.  $31 \cdot 7:00 \text{ pm} \cdot \text{The Grande}$  Join us in the Grande to bring in the New Year of 2026. Appetizers and desserts will be served. There will be a champagne toast at 8 pm to celebrate the end of 2025! Sign up on the Uniguest App.

### **Resident Lead Activities**

### Pickleball Play & Instruction

Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri. at 9:15 am

#### Poker

Mondays • East Wing Game Room • 1:00 pm Sundays • East Wing Game Room • 2:00 pm Facilitated by Walter Barnett: 478-345-9781

### **Resident Lead Activities**

**BYOP (Bring Your Own Project)** 

1, 2, 3, & 5 Mondays · Activity Rm A · 1:30 pm Bring an individual project (craft, painting, needlework, etc.) to work on with friends.

# **Beginners Clogging with Elaine Davies**

Wednesdays · Group Fitness Rm · 3:00 pm

#### Joker

Mondays & Tuesdays • The Pub • 7:00 pm Wednesdays • WW Game Rm • 3:00 pm

#### Rummikub

Tuesdays · East Wing Game Rm · 6:30 pm

#### **Party Bridge**

Tuesdays · The Pub · 1:00 pm

The Harmonica Group

1 & 3 Wednesdays · Back Rm Studio · 4:00 pm Join this group of aspiring harmonica musicians.

#### Sequence

Thursdays • East Wing Game Rm • 6:30 pm

**Duplicate Bridge** 

1 & 2 Thursdays · 1:15 pm · The Pub Facilitated by Rae Scott: 478-474-3116

#### Canasta

Thursdays · East Wing Game Rm · 1:30 pm

**Schwartz Bible Study** 

1st & 2nd Thursday · 2:00 pm · The Grande

MahJongg

Fridays · West Wing Card Room · 1:00 pm

Worship

Sundays · The Grande · 11:00 am

#### **Billiards for Ladies**

Sundays · Pool Table · 2:30 pm Facilitated by Leonora Raggi: 478-993-6014

#### **Mexican Train Dominoes**

Sundays · The Bistro · 6:00 pm

#### **Resident Lead Activities**

#### Ladies & Men's Poker

Sat., Dec. 6 & 20 · E. Wing Game Rm · 2:00 pm Contact Leonora Raggi for information.

#### **STIX Game Night**

Saturdays · The Bistro · 7:00 pm

#### **Chicago Style Bridge**

Wednesdays · East Wing Game Rm · 1:15 pm Facilitated by Rae Scott: 478-474-3116 Fridays · East Wing Game Rm · 1:15 pm Facilitated by Demme Pluta: 770-754-7930

#### **Food Pantry Bag Project**

Thursday, Dec. 4 · Activity Room A · 2:00 pm Help support the St. Peter Claver Food Pantry by volunteering for this worthy cause. Sign up on the Uniquest App.

#### **Paper Craft Workshops**

December 8 & 17 · Back Room Studio · 2 :00 pm Learn new skills and/or complete projects. Contact Magda Morris or Marty Reese for information. Sign up on the app.

#### **Coloring with Debra**

Tuesday, December  $2 \cdot$  Activity Rm A  $\cdot$  3:00 pm No experience is necessary and no supplies are needed. Relax and learn coloring techniques with Debra Collins. Sign up on the app.

#### **Book Club**

Thursday, Dec. 11 · Activity Room A · 11:30 am Bewitching by Silvia Moreno - Garcia

#### Bingo with Bingo Bob

Sat., December 13 & 27 · The Pub · 4:00 pm Join Bob & Demme Pluta for Bingo! \$5 for 5 games, please bring correct change. Bingo cards go on sale at 3:30 pm. The game begins promptly at 4 pm.

# **Pondering the Story** with Elaine Davies

Mon., Dec. 15 · Admin Conf Room · 2:30 pm The Birth of Jesus in the Gospels.

# The Artful Touch with Debra: Watercolor Class

Sunday, Dec. 21 · Back Rm Studio · 2:30 pm Participate in this step by step tutorial project to learn basic watercolor techniques and create a finished painting. No experience or supplies needed. Sign up on the app.

#### The Artful Touch with Debra: Sketchbook

Sunday, Dec. 28 · Back Rm Studio · 2:30 pm Learn creative ways to fill a sketchbook with Debra Collins!

#### **Prepare Lunches for Loaves & Fishes**

Monday, December 22 · 2:30 pm · Activity Rm A Sign up on the Uniguest App to help with this monthly service project.

#### **Democrats Luncheon**

**Tuesday, Dec. 23 · Season's Dining · 11:30 am**Contact Linda Degelmann to RSVP: 222-942-2000
Lunch will count as a meal credit.

## Martha on the Mantle

December 15th - 19th



Martha Stewart is hanging out at Carlyle Place for five days! She does like to be secretive, so you will need to look extra hard to find her. Starting on Monday, December 15th, Resident Life will place Martha somewhere in the building. A clue will be posted on Dalisha's desk each morning at 9:00 a.m. You will have until 3:30 p.m. to locate Martha. Do

not move her, just come down to Resident Life and write down where you found her. Place your entry in the Christmas present for a chance to win a prize! Questions? See Jai or Patti in Resident Life.

## **Movies**

#### Miracle on 34th Street

Approved · 1947 · Drama · 1h 36m Saturday, December 6 · 7:00 pm

After a divorced New York mother hires a nice old man to play Santa Claus at Macy's, she is startled by his Wiracle on claim to be the genuine article. When 34 Street his sanity is questioned, a lawyer defends him in court by arguing that he's not mistaken.



#### Home Alone

PG · 1990 · Comedy · 1h 43m Saturday, December 13 · 7:00 pm An eight-year-old troublemaker, mis-

takenly left home alone, must defend his home against a pair of burglars on Christmas Eve.





Monarch Butterfly Submitted by Bob Pluta

## It's a Wonderful Life

Approved · 1946 · Romance · 2h 10m Saturday, December 20 · 7:00 pm An angel is sent from Heaven to help a desperately frustrated businessman see the value of his own life.



# Sleepless in Seattle

PG · 1993 · Drama · 1h 45m Saturday, December 27 · 7:00 pm

Sam Baldwin, a recently widowed Chicago architect, moves to Seattle with his eight-year-old son, Jonah, to start a new life. A year later on Christmas Eve, Jonah calls in to a nationally syndicated radio talk show and persuades a reluctant Sam to go on the air to talk about how much he misses his wife, Maggie, and how he knew she was the one for him when he first took her hand.



## Old Folks Worth a Fortune

Submitted by Ronnie Knapp

Old folks are worth a fortune: They have silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs. I have become a lot more social with the passing of the years. I'm seeing five gentlemen every day. As soon as I wake, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see John. Then Charley Horse comes along. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day (He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint). After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay. What a life!

# Cannaday's Corner

On the 1st Friday of each month, Troy Cannaday, Carlyle Place Executive Director, hosts a lunch meeting for a small group of residents at 11:30 am in the main Dining Room. If you would like to join Troy to discuss whatever may be on your mind, please contact Troy Cannaday at 478-405-4521 to sign up.

# **Uniguest "Bulletin Board"**

The Uniguest Community App has an interactive module called the Bulletin Board. It is for residents to use to communicate with each other. Within this module, you can post information about items that are for sale, events that are happening around Carlyle Place, or anything that you think might interest others. Using this app is an easy way to share information with the community. If you need help with the Bulletin Board module, ask anyone in Resident Life.

#### **New Residents**

Miles O'Brien Apartment 2103

# Free Transportation to Stores:

(Not occurring on December 24)

#### Kroger

Every Wednesday · Depart Lobby at 9:30 am

#### Walmart & Publix

Alternating Wednesdays · Depart Lobby at 1 pm

#### **Channel 1960 Guide**

#### **Staying Strong**

Mon, Wed, & Fri - 10:00 am Tue, Thu, & Sat - 2:00 pm

#### **Balance**

Everyday - 11:30 am

#### Flex Class

Mon, Wed, & Fri - 2:00 pm

# **Carlyle Place Committees**

**Building & Grounds** Chairperson: George Beck 1st Thursday · 10:00 am · Admin. Conf. Rm

**Development** Chairperson: George Beck

4th Thursday · 10 am · Admin. Conf. Rm Quarterly: January, April, July, October

**Dining** Chairperson: Rose Butler

1st Wednesday • 10:00 am • Admin. Conf. Rm

**Library** Chairperson: Pat McMahon 2nd Monday · 1:00pm · Executive Conference Rm April - July - Oct.

**Marketing** Chairperson: Jim McInerney 3rd Wednesday · 10:30 am · Admin. Conf. Rm

**Programming** Chairperson: Carolyn McInerney 2nd Wednesday · 3:00 pm · Admin Conf Rm

RAC President: Marianna Gebara

2nd Thursday · 10:00 am · Admin Conf Rm

## October 2025 Honorariums & Memorials

#### **Donated in Memory of:**

Donated by:

**Jane Dickey** 

**The Wine Club** 

Memorial and Honorarium gifts to Carlyle Place are posted monthly in the Carlyle Chronicle. They are also updated annually on the Recognition Board. To make a gift, please make your check payable to the Navicent Health Foundation, and indicate if you would like your gift applied to the Carlyle Place Resident Assistance Fund, Watkins Employee Scholarship Fund, or to the Carlyle Place General Fund. Mail to 3330 Northside Drive STE 100, Macon, GA 31294-9646. You may contact Tarver Perry at 478.633.7395 with questions. Postage paid envelopes for the purpose of memorial/honor gifts are available in the Carlyle Place main lobby near the elevator.

# P.I.E. (Partners in Education)

PIE (Partners in Education) is a community outreach program of the Morning Music Club of Macon whose mission is to provide music lessons and scholarships to students throughout the Middle Georgia area. This year, we are thrilled to share two inspiring stories of generosity that have helped further that mission.

According to Jane Bickley, chair of P.I.E., two residents of Carlyle donated musical instruments to their organization. Thanks to their kindness, P.I.E. was able to refurbish a clarinet donated by Dr. Dan Braun and award it to a dedicated student who is now in his fifth cycle of private lessons with Dr. Monty Cole **at Mercer University's Townsend School** of Music. Additionally, P.I.E. facilitated the placement of a piano donated by Mrs. Edith Moye to Hunt Elementary School in Peach County. This wonderful accomplishment was made possible through the efforts of Fran Ryan, with direct coordination from Mrs. Moye.

These acts of generosity not only enrich the lives of individual students but also strengthen the cultural fabric of our community. PIE extends heartfelt thanks to all who support music education and help keep the arts alive in Middle Georgia.



The Becks at the Veterans Day Program



Monarch Butterfly Waystation Signage Event

## **Newsletter Submissions**

Is there something interesting about you that you think other residents would like to know? Have you recently snapped a photo of something special around Carlyle Place? We want your submissions for the Chronicle! Send them to Laney Doster: Laney.Doster@advocatehealth.org

#### December's Pet of the Month: Janet the Cat

Written by Kathy Myers



Hey Carlyle...My name is Janet. I know it's not really a cat's name, but Kathy figured if Mary Louise has a dog named Violet, she could name me whatever she wanted. So, I am named after the person who put us together. I'm young, almost a year old, I have a lot of Siamese in my blood, and I can be very vocal. Very. I like to wake Kathy up early, and I can be persistent. She is trying hard to get to know me, but she's never had a cat before so I'm trying to teach her that this is MY house and she only gets to stay here. I've been here about a month. We can't find one of my favorite toys right now...it's a battery operated mouse...I think it has rolled under furniture somewhere. I've made a few mistakes...I broke a vase when I was jumping on a table. But Kathy says the worst mistake was calling that man who said his name was Security Guard. He explained to me that the cord in the bathroom is not a toy. Say some prayers for

Kathy....she is still learning. I hear she has ordered a tower for me, and I cannot wait!

## November's Employee of the Month: Emma Watson



Carlyle Place was excited to honor Emma Watson as our November Employee of the Month! At just 19 years old, Emma has quickly become a standout member of our Dining Services team. She works both in the Bistro and in the main kitchen, always bringing reliability, dedication, and a cheerful attitude to everything she does. Growing up in Warner Robins, Georgia, Emma has a natural warmth and friendliness that make her easy to connect with, and she truly values the relationships she's built with both staff and residents.

Emma is known for getting along with everyone—her positive energy is contagious, and she has a special gift for brightening someone's day with a smile or a laugh. She loves being around her family and friends, even when they're doing absolutely nothing, and she cherishes the simple comfort of being at home. After

recently moving out on her own, she's especially enjoying the independence and sense of pride that comes with having her own space.

Even so, Emma looks forward to coming to work each day. She takes genuine joy in creating a welcoming, uplifting atmosphere and in knowing she can make a difference in someone's day. Her kindness, sense of humor, and team spirit are just a few of the reasons we're so grateful to have her at Carlyle Place. Congratulations, Emma, and thank you for everything you do!

# Scam Article: How to Protect Yourself Against Ticketing Scams

Originally Written by Ticketmaster Editorial Staff Published on November 12th, 2025 on <u>Ticketmaster.com</u>

Fans who regularly attend live events know one thing is for sure — you can never be too safe when it comes to where and who you're buying tickets from. But time and time again, fans experience the letdown of arriving at an event, only to find out their tickets are counterfeit, whether they purchased them from someone claiming to have legitimate tickets for sale on social media or third-party sites or unofficial marketplaces like Craigslist.

#### **Common Scams**

Always exercise caution when buying tickets on third-party sites, as information and tickets found on another website or via social media may not be legitimate.

Additionally, be careful when dealing with an individual seller who claims they may have tickets for sale, and be wary of the payment method they may ask you to use.

Be cautious when purchasing tickets from unknown individuals — especially if they ask for a method that's a direct transfer of money and doesn't clearly specify you're making a purchase. Same goes for giving someone your credit card information over the phone, which is never recommended.

Another common type of ticket scam occurs when a seller asks you to pay them using a gift card. Ticketmaster will never ask you to purchase a Ticketmaster Gift Card or any type of third-party gift card to use as a form of payment for tickets. Learn more about common gift card ticket scams here.

Don't purchase tickets before a tour has gone on sale. Third-party sites or individual sellers often list tickets for sale when they don't actually have them — a rampant practice also known as speculative ticketing.

#### **Best Practices**

When protecting yourself during the ticket-buying process, here are three main tips to keep in mind:

- When possible, buy tickets from official sources. With any event, the official primary ticketer, like Ticketmaster, is the best place to buy tickets. Ticketmaster is the safest and most secure marketplace to buy tickets, including resale tickets.
- Always double-check your URL, and beware of clicking through to sites from Google search results that may look like Ticketmaster! When buying tickets, make sure you're visiting ticketmaster.com, or are using the official Ticketmaster App. When fans share ticket listings on social media, links may also begin with my.ticketmaster.com.
- Be careful when buying from individuals on social media or other unofficial platforms. If you choose to purchase tickets from individual sellers, social media, third-party online exchanges, auction sites or bulletin boards, use extreme caution.
- Don't purchase resale tickets before an event sale has started. These "speculative tickets" may not be real, leaving fans disappointed.

## **Celebrating December**

#### **Bingo Month**

Mistletoe Day
December 1

International Day of Persons with Disabilities December 3

Naughty or Nice Day December 4

**Anniversary of Attack on Pearl Harbor**December 7

Poinsettia Day December 12

Cocoa Day December 13

Chocolate-Covered Anything Day December 16

**Go Caroling Day** December 20

Merry Christmas
December 25

#### **Trivia**

Trivia takes place every 2nd Tuesday for teams of five or less. To receive a bonus point for Trivia for the month of December, a member of your team must take a picture of themselves participating in one of our many service projects (like Back Pack Ministry, Tie Blankets, Food Pantry Bag Project, Loaves & Fishes Lunches) and email it to laney.doster@advocatehealth.org.

# Carlyle Place Important Phone Numbers

Accounting	478-405-4505
Carlyle at Home	478-405-4563
CGR Credit Union	478-745-0494
Concierge	478-405-4500
Housekeeping	478-405-4590
Maintenance	478-405-4528
Physical Therapy	478-405-4545
Resident Life	478-405-4525
Salon	478-405-4564
Security	478-405-4568
	Cell - 478-972-8557
To Go Orders	478-405-4569
Transportation	478-405-4515
Wellness Nurse	478-405-4537

# **Famous December Birthdays**

Richard Pryor (comedian) – December 1,1940
Ozzy Osbourne (musician) – December 3,1948
Ira Gershwin (lyricist) – December 6, 1896
Sammy Davis Jr. (entertainer) – December 8,1925
Dame Judi Dench (actress) – December 9,1934
Emily Dickinson (writer) – December 10, 1830
Dick Van Dyke (actor) – December 13,1925
Patty Duke (actress) – December 14, 1946
Édith Piaf (singer) – December 19, 1915
Diane Sawyer (newscaster) – December 22,1945
Ava Gardner (actress) – December 24,1922
Steve Allen (entertainer) – December 26,1921
Marlene Dietrich (actress) – December 27, 1901

# **Eyeglass Collection**

A Carlyle Resident, Frank Anderson, takes donated eyeglasses to The Lions Club every other week.

The Lions Club is an international group that serves the community in various ways: from disaster relief to collecting donated items.

If you are interested in donating your eyeglasses, please leave them at Concierge desk anytime of the day/week.

# Macon - Mercer Symphony Orchestra Savings

The Macon - Mercer Symphony Orchestra is unique; it pairs musicians from the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra with string students from the Macon center.

MMSO is happy to offer a savings of 30% off per ticket by using code "OVATION" at checkout.

And to my children, I leave my filing cabinet full of warranties for appliances we no longer own

#### Submitted by Holly Ertel

## November Employee Anniversaries

#### 1 Year

Jason Biek Tiyana Jones Eric Rogers

#### 2 Years

Latoyia Corbett
Heather Davis
Freddie Watkins
Demontez Watson
Candice Willis

**3 Years**Martina Bass

# 4 Years

Vicki Mills Sherella Mays

#### **5 Years**

Mike Brown Angelette Whipple

**12 Years**Dominique Leary

13 Years Kenyetta Smith

**15 Years**Stacy Pritchard

# **December Library Display**

Written by Library Committee

December is a month of joy and remembrance. We have so man thigs to be grateful or, and the Christmas themed books in your library are just waiting to be read. So, pick a wonderful book to read and enjoy.



Everyone knows Charles Dickenson's A Christmas Carol, but how many of you have actually read his amazing book? Take a few hours to read the original.



A Texas Hill Country Christmas by William W. Johnstone with J.A. Julistone takes place in 19th Century Texas as a family struggle against a Camanche killer.



Anne Perry's A Christmas Deliverance is another of her holiday mysteries that bring a bit of suspense, espionage and good old fashion British hugggermugery to the holiday.



Silver Bells is a four in one novel of Christmas tales all bringing together true sense of the wonder of the holiday season. A delightful tour de force.



Debbie Macomber's Twelve Days of Christmas adds a little romance and cheer to the reader's delight. Enjoy a light hearted romp while reading this delightful novel.



Leslie Meier's Yule Log Murder combines cookies, pies, and cakes in a Christmas murder novel that will keep you wondering what will come



The Gift is actually two novels in one by the very prolific Nora Roberts. Home for Christmas and All I want for Christmas bring the joys of Christmas to the reader with delightful eloquence.



Jacqueline Frost continues her Christmas Tree Farm Mystery genre with I'll be home for Mischief. This novel traces the Maine town of Mistletoe's 150-year celebration. But bodies show up.



Debbie Macomber's Angels at the Table is an angelic tale of love, laughter and charm.



Murder Most Merry, edited by Abigail Browning, provides 32 Christmas crime stores by the world's best mystery writers.



Another novel with Angels by Debbie Macombe is The Trouble with Angels. A celestial trio answer the prayers of the many who cannot experience the meaning and joy of Christmas.



Christmas magic and romance are combined in Market RaeAnne Thayne's The December Market. Heartwarming stories are RaeAnne's forte'



There's Something About Christmas is another charming Christmas tale by Debbie Macomber. She follows Emma Collins on a quest for Holiday Fruitcake delight..



A Year-Round Christmas Mystery awaits you in Vicki Delalny's A Slay Ride Together with You. The author continues the Year Round Christmas mystery series with this seventh installment.

# **December Library Display Continued...**



Mark Twain's Christmas brings surprise and emotional delight to the Christmas season. Discover a Mark Twain you never knew.



James Patterson's The Christmas Wedding is a fresh look at the magic of the season.



Fifteen Christmas stories that bring the true meaning and wonder of Christmas to light are in This Year Will Be Different by Maeve Binchy.



Love, misunderstandings, and wonderment are all entwined is Debbie Macomber's Alaska Holiday. Follow Josie Avery as she finds love in Ponder, Alaska.



Richard Paul Evans wrote The Christmas Box for his daughters. He wanted them to experience love as expressed through Christmas.



Stories behind the Great Traditions of Christmas lets you know why we kiss under the mistletoe, why there is a Christmas Tree and many other imponderables.

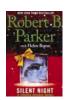


Home for the Holidays is a Poetry and Prose Anthology we hope you will enjoy.



Kristin Hannah's Comfort & Joy shows how a Christmas miracle impacts the lives of six-year-old Bobby O'Shea, his father Daniel, and Joy Candellaro is the pacific northwest.

# Your Library also has books with Large Print. Below, you will find a few of the Christmas Themed books we have with Large print.



Robert Parker's Silent Night is a tale showing how the Christmas spirit can move mountains and save a small enterprise.



Sally Goldenbaum continues her A Seaside Knitters Mystery series with A Holiday Yarn. The disruption of the holiday is shattered by the murder of a family member.



Mary Higgins Clark has amateur sleuth Regan Reilly again sorting the clues to find the kidnappers in Deck the Halls.



Blue Christmas by Mary Kay Andrews brings by the winning characters from Savanah Blues and Savannah Breeze for Southern Cheer.



Kissing Christmas Goodbye is an Agatha Raisin Mystery. What more can be said to delight readers who wish a good read.

#### ISPY - December 2025

"I Spy" showcases a resident who makes a difference in our community, someone who brightens other's days or someone who has done something extra special to benefit others.

I spy a a fun-loving resident who has quite a talent for storytelling, and woodworking! Doug Scharp has certainly mastered his woodworking craft, and you may have even seen some of his work around Carlyle Place without realizing it. He has created wooden exercise equipment for the gym, various shelves, and most recently the beautiful star atop the Angel Tree in the Post Office area. In years past, Mr. Scharp has provided beautiful works of art for a silent auction to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. In addition, he is regularly involved in a number of activities at CP, serves on various committees, and was elected as a member of the Resident Advisory Council earlier this spring — at each of which, he often brings a smile to the faces of those around him. If you happen to see him about, be sure to thank him for the warmth he brings to our campus.

#### Have You Heard Format

#### Tuesdays at 11:00 am in the Grande

Various weeks of the month feature a specific topic or group, in addition to the weekly items (I'd Like to Hear, Leadership Reports, and any New Resident introductions). The formats are:

#### Week 1

Connect to Purpose—Employee Anniversaries Resident Life Monthly Activities

#### Week 2

Rehab Updates/Reminders Committee Report

#### Week 3

RAC Report
Take 3 for Wellness

Snapshot (Quarterly: Jan, Apr, July, Oct)

#### Week 4

Committee Report
New Employee Introductions/Employee of the Month
Marketing Minute

#### Week 5 (January, May, August, October)

Healthcare Updates/Reminders CP at Home Updates/Reminders

#### 2025 Committee Report Schedule:

Dining: 12/9 Programming: 12/23

# December Birthdays

Penny Courreges	12/01
Margie O'Shaughnessey	12/03
Eleanor McGarity	12/07
Mary Freeman	12/08
Emory Johnson Jr.	12/10
Mavis Trice	12/12
Magda Morris	12/15
Anne Hanse	12/17
Bill Scott	12/18
Kathy Marbut	12/19
Fred Reese	12/19
Holly Ertel	12/21
Allen S. Murray	12/23
Frank Anderson	12/25
Rita Hale	12/27
Doug Cole	12/27
Jody Lewis	12/28
Art Butler	12/30
Barbara Di Sauro	12/31

#### Carlyle-at-Home

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Mary Katz	12/04
Suzanne Cassidy	12/18
Joe Timberlake	12/20
Linda Harris	12/21
Sidney Middlebrooks	12/23
Merry Faulk	12/23
Brenda Mallary	12/28
Dale Nance	12/31

# A Message From Dining: December Engagement Highlights

December is packed with exciting events, themed celebrations, and opportunities to connect. Here's what you can look forward to this month!

#### **Recurring event:**

Coffee & Conversations – Every Wednesday at 9 AM in the Library, sponsored by Dining (Not occurring on December 24th).

#### **Special Food - Themed Days:**

- Dec 4: National Cookie Day Fresh baked cookies for dessert in the Dining Rooms.
- Dec 8: National Brownie Day Fudgy brownies for dessert in the Dining Rooms.
- Dec 9: National Pastry Day Fresh pastries at Have You Heard.
- Dec 13: National Cocoa Day Hot cocoa in the Dining Rooms.
- Dec 16: National Chocolate Covered Anything Day Assorted chocolate-covered treats for dessert in the Dining Rooms.
- Dec 17: National Maple Syrup Day Maple-flavored dessert in the Dining Rooms.
- Dec 19: National Fried Shrimp Day Pub Happy Hour special.
- Dec 24: National Eggnog Day Eggnog-themed dessert in the Dining Rooms.
- Dec 26: National Candy Cane Day Peppermint dessert in the Dining Rooms.
- Dec 27: National Fruit Cake Day Slice of fruit cake in the Dining Rooms.
- Dec 30: National Bacon Day Bacon cheeseburger in the Bistro.
- Dec 30: National Bake Day Variety of baked goods in the Dining Rooms.

Don't miss out on these festive opportunities to connect and celebrate!

#### **Ticketed Event Information**

Cultural events around Macon that require tickets are easy to purchase by phone or online. For most ticketed events, it is your responsibility to purchase your event tickets and sign up for transportation on the Uniquest App. Below are the phone numbers and websites for the most frequently visited venues:

**BLP - Backlot Players** 

(478) 994-0443 Website: thebacklotplayers.org

CP - Centreplex

(478) 803-1593

www.maconcentreplex.org/coliseum/ticket-office/

**DT- Douglass Theatre** 

(478) 742-2000

Website: douglasstheatre.myboxoffice.us

FH - Fickling Hall at Mercer University

(478) 301-5470

Website: www.mcduffie.mercer.edu

**GOH - Grand Opera House** 

(478) 301-5470

Website: www.thegrandmacon.com

MCA - Macon City Auditorium

(478) 803-1593

https://www.maconcentreplex.org/auditorium/

**MLT – Macon Little Theatre** 

(478) 471-7529

Website: www.maconlittletheatre.org

TM -Theatre Macon

(478) 746-9485

Website: www.theatremacon.com/tickets

## **New Resident: Marty Dodd**

Written by Ian Davies



It has been my very distinct pleasure and privilege to interview Marty Dodd, and pen her personal biography; to introduce her to our community and for its inclusion within the Carlyle Chronicle. Welcome, Marty!

After spending almost 5 years as a "Carlyle at Home" resident, she and her husband Mike moved into Apartment 1216 in the West Wing. January 2025. They had relocated from Fieldstone (just 3 miles from Carlyle Place). Their Fieldstone home was built in 1975 by their old friends Bebe and Albert Reichert Jr. (who also were "Carlyle at Home" members). It was later owned by Carlyle Place residents (Janet Walthall Beatty and her husband Don); and was subsequently purchased from Marty and Mike by the granddaughter of our own long-

time, much-loved Carlyle Place 'icon' (the one and only Jane Dickey) – and that was Marjie Dickey Roquemore, her husband Tray and their family! Quite a continuum of Carlyle Place "Connections" (!) – so it was probably not a total surprise when Marty and Mike opted to move here!

Mike was born and raised in Macon and was a graduate of Lanier School for Boys, where he was named 'Best Athlete'. He attended UNC at Chapel Hill and graduated with a BA (Eng) before seeing active duty in the USMC, which included a tour in Vietnam. He later served as an FBI Special Agent for 24 years, prior to retiring to his boyhood home in Macon.

Marty was born in Abington, PA and grew up in Gwynedd, PA in an old stone farmhouse (built in 1808)! Her initial career was dedicated to the nursing profession, and she graduated from UConn in 1967 with a BS in Nursing. As an RN, she pursued this career for over 10 years as a practicing Cardio-Thoracic and General Surgery nurse at hospitals including Chestnut Hill in PA, Yale-New Haven Hospital in CT, Mass General in Boston MA, and Park View Hospital in Nashville TN – before coming to Macon in 1978. Deciding to change career paths, Marty made a quantum leap to return to her 'former life' in an old farmhouse when she became the co-owner of a large farm in Barnesville, GA - and spent the next 9 years raising 300 head of cattle! She is convinced that "This career shift necessitated a lot of learning and working REALLY hard – but in many ways was quite like a large Obstetrics Ward (!) - and many valuable lessons can be learned from being a farmer/cattleman"! .. (or should that be cattlewoman?)! And although Marty loves almost everybody, she told me that she totally hates coyotes and Army Worms! Ask her yourself if you need an explanation!

## **New Resident: Marty Dodd Continued...**

Marty and Mike met in 1998, and eloped in 2003. They loved to spend much of their time traveling; especially enjoying 12-day rafting trips down the Colorado River – including when they had to be helicoptered out of the Grand Canyon! Additional adventures included trips to Panama, Alaska and Hawaii. The family holidays were invariably unique and exciting. On one momentous occasion they announced that they had decided to "skip Christmas for the year"! Well - this they duly did, and spent 2 weeks cruising to the Hawaiian Islands for the holiday!

Between the two of them they loved and cared for 6 children, their spouses and 13 grand-children. Marty really treasured her life alongside her very best friend and 'the man of her dreams'. She kept herself busily employed at several part-time jobs after she married Mike; inclusive of working at Stein Mart for 15 years, supporting Mercer Medical School in the Standardized Patient Program for 6 years, and another 14 years as a Master Gardener caring for Native Plant Gardens at the Museum of Arts and Sciences. In fact, she is still actively involved in Master Gardeners.

Then on January 2nd of this year, Marty and Mike finally moved into Carlyle Place to enjoy the remainder of what truly promised to be a blissful retirement together. But this was taken away from them, when Mike passed on March 1st, 2025. She will tell you how good and brave a man he was, and how he never complained about his hospitalization. A lesser person than Marty could have been really destroyed by this devastating catastrophe, and it is a glowing example of her courage, strength, and faith that she has recovered to the extent that she can speak freely about this chapter of her life.

This very special lady now thoroughly enjoys being here at Carlyle Place and truly believes that she and Mike picked the 'perfect place' for them. She is ever thankful to all her neighbors and the staff here for all the love and support she has received, now that Mike is no longer here. She takes early morning walks and greets all the dogs (and Smokey the Cat) and their moms. She says, "This is my personal quiet time, when the campus is at its most peaceful and beautiful." Marty really enjoys the relaxation of Coffee and Conversation mornings in the Library, Bingo(!), dinners with friends/neighbors (old and new), Mexican Train Dominoes, and preparing for the Carlyle Cruise down the Mississippi!

She also enjoys multiple craft activities; like sewing, quilting, smocking, x-stitch, and painting, and she still loves anything "outdoorsy". Marty and Mike formerly owned a small Lake House at Lake Sinclair with a pontoon boat, where they loved their fishing/swimming and sunset cocktail cruises. Yes indeed, Marty Dodd is quite a lady; she's fun, intelligent, and motivated. So do yourself a favor and (if you've not yet gotten to know her) make a point of getting to know her soon. You'll be glad you did. Thank you, Marty!



Winners of the Fall Fitness Challenge



Representing the Orange Team in the November Fall into Fitness Challenge.



Representing the yellow team in November's Fall into Fitness Challenge.



Shirley Laffrey at the Monarch Waystation Submitted by Bob Pluta



Mr. Davies at the Veterans Day Program



Carlyle Place Putters - Submitted by Bob Pluta