
Village Press



The Newsletter for Village Apartments

Celebrating January

Glaucoma Awareness Month

Blood Donor Month

Soup Month

Cuddle Up Day

January 6

Fruitcake Toss Day

January 8

Letter Writing Week

January 8-14

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 17

Tu B'Shvat

January 20

Fun at Work Day

January 28

**Bubble Wrap Appreciation
Day**

January 31

**Inspire Your Heart with Art
Day**

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A Beary Good Month

No matter the weather in January, just don't call it unbearable. That's because two English authors were born in January who created some of the most beloved bears of all time. A. A. Milne, the creator of Winnie-the-Pooh, was born on January 18, 1882. Michael Bond, author of the Paddington Bear series, was born on January 13, 1926.

A. A. Milne was an accomplished novelist and playwright long before he created Winnie-the-Pooh. He conceived the idea of a loveable live teddy bear for his son, Christopher Robin Milne, whose name was given to the boy in the books. Many of the story's characters, Pooh, Tigger, Piglet, and Eeyore, were modeled after Christopher Robin's real-life stuffed animals. The toys have been preserved and can be seen today at the New York Public Library. Milne was actually very annoyed by the success of Winnie-the-Pooh. Audiences were suddenly clamoring for more Pooh stories, while his audience for adult writing disappeared. But Milne always claimed that the Pooh stories were not entirely for children, but for the child that lives on in all adults.

Michael Bond based his stories about Paddington Bear on a lonely stuffed bear he saw on a toy store shelf on Christmas Eve in 1956. He felt so sorry for it that he bought it as a gift for his wife. From that inspiration he developed the story of a bear from Peru who journeys to England and is found at Paddington Station by the Brown family. The bear wears a tag on his coat that says, "Please look after this bear. Thank You." He has a battered suitcase, a floppy hat, and loves marmalade sandwiches. The Browns adopt him and name him Paddington after the station. No matter how hard Paddington tries "to get things right," he always manages to get into delightfully mischievous trouble. Bond's books have sold more than thirty-five million copies worldwide and have been translated into forty languages. Paddington remains one of the most loved characters in children's literature.

The Crime of the Century



It has been called the “crime of the century,” the “perfect crime,” and the “fabulous Brinks robbery.” It is also one of the FBI’s most famous cases. On the night of January 17, 1950, armed gunmen wearing Halloween masks and chauffeur

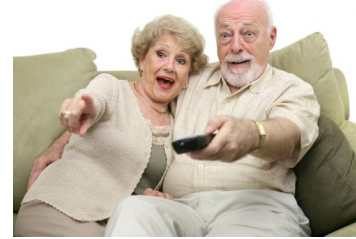
hats in the style of Brinks employees entered the Brinks Building in Boston, Massachusetts, and walked out with 2.8 million dollars. At the time, it was the biggest robbery in history.

The Brinks gang had planned the robbery for over a year. They spent months observing the building and learning the workers’ daily routines. Somehow they managed to remove locks from many of the doors and have keys made. Using their new keys, gang members entered the Brinks building after hours to rehearse their robbery and getaway. All the preparations paid off. It was years before the FBI was able to put the pieces together.

The robbery was front-page news across the country and the FBI was flooded with tips from anonymous callers. None of these tips, however, led to the robbers. The FBI had almost no evidence – just some adhesive tape, a rope, a hat, and an eyewitness who noticed the getaway car. They questioned many of the meanest local hoodlums, but none of these had any helpful answers. Fortunately for the FBI, the robbers would soon rat on themselves.

Over the next six years, the gang members became increasingly hostile to one another. Each led a life of crime and was constantly running into problems with the law. Distrust grew and some even attempted to murder the others. Finally, on January 6, 1956, after almost losing his life, a gang member by the name of O’Keefe decided to admit everything to the FBI. Soon all the gang members were arrested, but only fifty-eight thousand of the 2.8 million was recovered. The rest is rumored to be hidden in the hills of Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

SENIOR TV



Village Apartments has a private cable TV system with an in-house DVD Message channel. Imagine how nice it will be to turn on your own television at any time, night or day, and see the Village Apartments activity schedule and menus. You will even see your name on the television wishing you a happy birthday. For a low monthly fee you will receive channels 1 through 13 along with the History channel, Discovery channel, A&E, MSNBC, CNN, AMC, TNT, USA, HBO, HBO2, HBO Comedy and many more.

Senior TV at Village

Calling all trivia buffs...During the month of January, Village Apartments Senior TV station will feature trivia questions. There will be two mind boggling trivia questions every two weeks. If you are stumped, feel free to discuss possible answers with other residents. You may also feel free to come to the office to find out if your answers are correct.

Words of the Week: During January, we will also feature several words each week. It will be fun to see how many of these words you can incorporate into your daily vocabulary.

Additionally, Senior TV, channel 55 will be playing the New Sherlock Holmes movie, starring Robert Downey, Jr. and Jude Law on Monday, January 10 at 12:00 PM. This movie will also be broadcast in the main dining room for anyone who does not have the Senior TV network.

A Day for the Birds

Take a seat by the window. Do you see any birds? Close your eyes. Do you hear them singing? Can you identify them by their feathers or by their song? Each day we live side-by-side with hundreds of these magnificent animals. You can enjoy them on a casual stroll through the park or spy them with binoculars and check them off a list. On January 5, be sure to take notice of our feathered friends for National Bird Day.



Birds are so captivating that many countries take pride in choosing its national bird. Birds often reflect the country's character and are protected as cherished

national symbols. The bald eagle is the national bird in the United States. It was officially adopted in 1787, although some voted for the turkey. Below, challenge your knowledge of other national birds by matching each bird to its home country. Good luck!

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| 1. Rooster | a. Austria |
| 2. Peacock | b. Bahamas |
| 3. Toucan | c. France |
| 4. Flamingo | d. Canada (unofficial) |
| 5. Common Loon | e. India |
| 6. Barn Swallow | f. Belize |
| 7. White Stork | g. Germany |

Answers: 1. c; 2. e; 3. f; 4. b; 5. d; 6. a; 7. g

“If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the host of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.”

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

Kid's, Cookies N' Concerts

We would like to thank the children of Oheb Shalom. On December 12th, who graciously provided a morning of entertainment for the residents of Village Apartments.



Red Hot Momma's & Sob Sisters

On December 22nd, Hirschhorn speaker Edith Sobel presented a spirited presentation about the life and times of several dynamic women including: Sophie Tucker, Fannie Brice, Edna Ferber & Fannie Hurst.



Happy Birthday


Mildred Budin: Jan 4
 Davis Yolleck: Jan 18
 Edwin Lewinson: Jan 19
 James Barrie: Jan 20
 Leo Wortman: Jan 22
 Simon Gang: Jan 26
 Olia Robinson: Jan 27

Highlight of Important January Events:

Jan 06 Trip to Newark Museum,
Jan 10 Trying Criminal Cases @ Village
Jan 19 Harp Melodies by Faye
Jan 20 Chess Lecture & Exhibition @ Lester
Jan 24 Preventing Falls @ Plaza

Items in blue represent free JCHC University Courses. Transportation will be provided. Please sign up in advance with the office.

January 2011 Village Calendar is subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 NEW YEAR'S DAY HAPPY NEW YEAR
2 1:30 MOVIE 7:00 MOVIE	3 10:30 Livingston & Shorthills Mall 1:30 BINGO 4:30-6:00 DINNER	4 9:15 Exercise 10:45 Shopping 12:00 Congregate Lunch 1:00 Bridge 7:00 Movie	5 10:15 Kohls & Rt 22 11:00 Trivia 1:00 Linus Knitting Project 2:00 CURRENT EVENTS 4:30-6:00 DINNER	6 9:15 EXERCISE TBA: Newark Museum & Lunch at Hobbies 12:00 Congregate Lunch 7:00 BINGO	7 10:30 Crazy for You with Robin Raskin 1:30 RELIGIOUS SERVICE 4:30-6:00 DINNER	8
9 1:30 MOVIE 7:00 MOVIE	10 1:30 JCHC University "Trying Criminal Cases" @ Village 4:30-6:00 DINNER	11 9:15 Exercise 10:45 Shopping 12:00 Congregate Lunch 1:00 Bridge 7:00 Movie	12 10:30 Willowbrook Mall 11:00 Crossword Fun 1:00 Linus Knitting Project 2:00 CURRENT EVENTS 4:30-6:00 DINNER	13 9:15 EXERCISE 10:30 Trader Joes 12:00 Congregate Lunch 7:00 BINGO	14 10:30 Accordion Music with Eric 1:30 RELIGIOUS SERVICE 4:30-6:00 DINNER	15
16 1:30 MOVIE 7:00 MOVIE	17 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OFFICE & KITCHEN CLOSED NO DINNER TONIGHT	18 9:15 Exercise 10:45 Shopping 12:00 Congregate Lunch 1:00 Bridge 4:30-6:00 DINNER 7:00 Movie	19 10:15 Walmart Rt 22 11:00 Hirschhorn Harp Melodies by Faye 1:00 Linus Knitting Project 2:00 CURRENT EVENTS 4:30-6:00 DINNER	20 TU B'SHVAT 9:15 EXERCISE 12:15 JCHC University "Chess Lecture & Exhibition" @ Lester 12:00 Congregate Lunch 7:00 BINGO	21 10:30 "Winter Months" with Karen Frank 1:30 RELIGIOUS SERVICE 4:30-6:00 DINNER	22
23 1:30 MOVIE 7:00 MOVIE	24 1:30 BINGO 1:30 JCHC University "Preventing Falls @ Plaza 4:30-6:00 DINNER	25 9:15 Exercise 10:45 Shopping 12:00 Congregate Lunch 1:00 Bridge 7:00 Movie	26 10:30 Livingston & Shorthills 1:00 Housecalls Program with Marnie 1:00 Linus Knitting Project 2:00 CURRENT EVENTS 4:30-6:00 DINNER	27 9:15 EXERCISE 10:430 Essex Green & Kmart 12:00 Congregate Lunch 7:00 BINGO	28 10:30 Historical Music with Linda Russell 1:30 RELIGIOUS SERVICE 4:30-6:00 DINNER	29
30 1:30 MOVIE 7:00 MOVIE	31 10:30 Rt 10 Farmers Market Lunch @ Irving's 1:30 BINGO 4:30-6:00 DINNER					