

# CITYVIEW

Community Newsletter | December, 2025



*Wishing you a joyful,  
peaceful holiday  
season and a bright  
year ahead!*



# Resident Spotlight



## MEET ALVIN MEARS!



Alvin is originally from Smyrna, Delaware. He worked as an engineer and later owned his own computer company. Some of his fondest memories are of spending time with his grandmother, who had 11 children. Growing up next to a train track sparked a lifelong love of trains.

He is the proud father of four children, grandfather to three, and great-grandfather to two. Alvin is especially proud of his daughter, who has cerebral palsy—defying early predictions, she is now thriving in her 60s. His favorite treat is strawberry shortcake, and his guiding principle is simple: “Honesty is the best policy.”

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

**Kaylee Martinez**  
Caregiver



Kaylee’s respectful attitude and genuine kindness make her an exceptional team member. She treats everyone with compassion and professionalism, consistently creating a positive and supportive environment for residents and staff alike.

### DECEMBER HOLIDAYS

**Chanukah:** Dec 14–22

**Christmas Eve:** Dec 24

**Christmas Day:** Dec 25

**Kwanzaa:** Dec 26 – Jan 1

**New Year’s Eve:** Dec 31

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

12.01 – Mary R.

12.03 – Wade W.

12.03 – Hannah A.

12.13 – Abby J.

12.19 – Faigy A.

12.20 – Noel T.

12.20 – Marty W.

12.25 – Mary Beth S.

12.26 – Daniel W.

12.31 – Nikolai O.

12.31 – Dobrila D.

## Christmas Chuckles!

**What do Santa’s helpers learn in school?**

The elf-abet.

**What’s Santa’s favorite type of music?**

Wrap music!

**What do you get if you cross a Christmas tree and an iPad?**

A pineapple!

## TRANSPORTATION AND CONCIERGE

We provide transportation Monday through Friday for scheduled appointments, outings, and shopping trips organized by our community. Residents must sign up in advance. Weekly sign-up sheets are available with Concierge at the start of each week.



# CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS



## THE MADRIGALS CAROLERS

Tuesday, 12.23

A talented mixed choir of high school students from Beverly Hills Unified School District will fill our halls with beautiful carols and holiday cheer.

## DIY CHRISTMAS STOCKING!

Monday, 12.22

Break out the glitter, paint, and imagination! Create a stocking that's totally your style—perfect for Santa to fill.

## HOLIDAY CHEER!

Saturday, 12.13

Ingrid — daughter of Priscilla on the 4th floor and Oscar on the 3rd — will be visiting with friends from her church to share songs, smiles, and surprise holiday gifts!

## HOT COCOA TO GO

Wednesday, 12/24

Pick up a cozy cup of hot cocoa to kick off Christmas Eve. (Marshmallows included, of course!)

**ITS THE MOST  
WONDERFUL TIME OF  
THE YEAR...**



## SANTA IS COMING!

Wednesday, 12.10

*Santa, and maybe his Mrs., is taking time out of his busy schedule to visit our facility. Do you think you'll get a gift for being good this year, or is it coal for you?*

# CHANUKAH HIGHLIGHTS

## LATKE DEMO WITH CHEF ROEI

12.17 - 2:00 PM

Join Chef Roei in the dining room as he shows us how to make delicious, crispy Chanukah latkes from scratch. Enjoy a taste of the finished latkes with a variety of toppings.



## SUFGANIYOT AT CITYVIEW

12.16 - 2:00 PM

If you are in Assisted Living, you're invited to help prepare fresh donuts for the community Chanukah Party later that day. If you are in SOUL, enjoy warm sufganiyot as a special afternoon treat.



## Daily Candle Lighting

Each evening during Chanukah, families from the community will join us at dinnertime to light candles together.

Many will bring their children, and we'll enjoy singing traditional songs as we welcome the light each night.

## YOU'RE INVITED!

**What:** Chanukah Party

**Where:** The Dining Room

**When:** Monday, Dec. 12  
at 5:00 PM

Join us for a festive evening filled with great food, lively music, and the warm spirit of Chanukah.

Eliyahu Krause and his sons will be performing live, bringing energy and tradition to this special celebration.





# *My Favorite Holiday Gift*

We asked some of our residents to share a favorite holiday gift or memory, and their answers were heartfelt, funny, and full of nostalgia:

*"My favorite gift was spending time with my kids and grandkids in Big Bear."*

**– Mary R.**

*"The very best gift I could ever receive is simple: a kiss from my kids."*

**– Nell W.**

*"My favorite gift? A whole case of beer!"*

**– Phil F.**

*"I love getting money. Simple and practical!"*

**– Lida J.**

*"When I was 13, I got a Schwinn bicycle, and I still remember how exciting that was. This year, I'm hoping Santa brings puppies!"*

**– Mr. Watts**

*"At the top of my current wish list are books – especially history related."*

**– Larue B.**

*"When I was 12, I received an electric train set, and it became one of my favorite memories."*

**– Alvin M.**

*"A 1962 Volkswagen Bug, my pride and joy when I was 18."*

**– Timothy R.**

*"I've always loved receiving beautiful clothes."*

**– Faigy A.**

*"When I was 11, I got a racing car set."*

**– Oral B.**

*"On my wish list this year: cooking a soup or stew to share with my friends at CityView."*

**– Queen Esther R.**

*"I received a Peugeot bicycle when I was 13."*

**– Albert E.**

*"In 2005, I got my Harley Davidson... which I proudly gifted to myself."*

**– Victor R.**

*"The greatest gift of all – surviving a serious bus accident on New Year's Eve in 2012."*

**– Sara A.**

*"Most memorable gift: Went to a car show in New York with my father who then bought me one of the cars from the show which I loved (a Jaguar)."*

**– Judy B.**

*"On my current wish list: having outings on both Thursday and Friday!"*

**– Wilma D.**

*"Best gift: A 1996 Ford automobile. On my wish list today: good health."*

**– Ollie T.**

*"A Ballerina Barbie from my childhood—a magical memory that has stayed with me."*

**– Heidi S.**





Ready for a walk!



DIY Beeswax Candles



Fruit Skewers Turkey Art



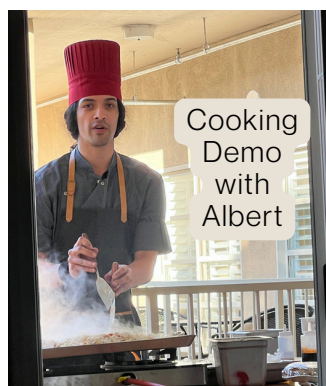
Baking Pie Pockets



Snuggles with Kaiyo



Pumpkin Patch Outing



Cooking Demo with Albert



Rooftop Workout



Dylan Efron Visits Cityview

Reach out to our Family Specialist, **Dawna Butala**, to arrange for a tour today!  
**(323)-938-2131**

### OUR SERVICE PLEDGE

We understand that we are responsible for the delivery of excellent Resident service. We represent our company, our communities, and ourselves. At each "service moment", we will initiate a warm and friendly greeting, treat residents with care and understanding, and communicate clearly. We will do our part to implement the essentials of service excellence.

## MEET OUR TEAM

**Mendy Ginsburg**  
**Dawna Butala**  
**Amelia Hernandez**  
**Marcia McKay**  
**Vanita Harris**  
**Hannah Mousa**  
**Flor Rodas**  
**Rolando Marin**  
**Priya Perkins**  
**Tanna Leap**  
**Irene & Malou**

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AL Activities Director  
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