

# MPC Living

Margaret Pratt Community's Monthly Newsletter



December 2023

## Seasons Greetings and Welcome to the Month of December!

December is a month full of wonder and excitement, but before we honor this most-honored month, let's give a shout-out to Thanksgiving, and the month of November. What a special time it was at Margaret Pratt on Thanksgiving Day! Residents and families were treated to a lovely dinner which was prepared by our talented kitchen staff. Many helping hands went into the preparation and serving of this special meal. Thank you to all of you!

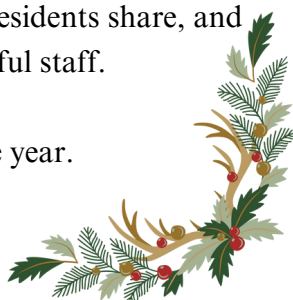
So, let's continue this community cheer with the arrival of the Happy Holiday month of December. It has certainly begun with a burst of excitement with the ever-popular Evergreen Singers performance on December 6th, then followed on the 7th by the decorating of doors, lighting of trees, and placing of garland, ornaments, and traditional symbols both inside and outside the community. And let's not forget to mention the annual raising of the outside tree-light display placed at our hilltop vista. I won't tell you about how much of an effort our Facilities Director, Fred, had to put into this, but kudos to him for a fine job!

The celebrations continued with a December BONUS event: The Margaret Pratt Community 5th Anniversary Party! The residents and staff welcomed our Board of Directors, the Grand Senior Level management team, and many other honored guests from our storied past.

As the month continues to unfold, our spirits will continue to rise with many scheduled activities and special surprises, all teeming with the joy of the season. Thanksgiving may be past, but we can still give thanks for the gift of love and friendship that our residents share, and the services rendered so endearingly by our wonderful staff.

May you all have a joyous and delightful end of the year.

Michael



## 5th Anniversary Party

Earlier this month we celebrated our 5th anniversary. The heartwarming event, attended by residents, families, staff, and board members, marked a significant milestone. We introduced our new management team and took a moment to honor Jamie Rogers and Norma Blake for their outstanding 5 years of service. Additionally, we celebrated our residents who have called Margaret Pratt Community home for a remarkable 5 years. We're grateful to everyone who joined us in marking this memorable occasion. Here's to five years of cherished moments and the promise of many more to come!





# Life Enrichment News

We will have a holiday reminiscences discussion later this month. If you have a special memory or a fun story about a holiday with a resident, please email Lindsay at [lbigelow@margaretpratt.org](mailto:lbigelow@margaretpratt.org) so we can share it with everyone.

Interested in joining our residents in some of the fun they have? Contact Lindsay about participating in any of this month's events.



# Kitchen Corner

## Easy Peanut Butter Fudge (no boiling!)

### Ingredients:

- 18 oz unsalted butter
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 LB powdered sugar

Before starting, line an 8" x 8" pan with parchment

Combine the butter and peanut butter in a large microwave safe bowl. Microwave for 1 minute and stir, repeat. If mixture is completely melted and smooth, move on, if not work in 30 second increments until melty smooth.

Add vanilla, stir.

Add all the powdered sugar and work in until a smooth batter forms. It will be quick thick.

Spread fudge into prepared pan. Refrigerate 2 hours or more. Cut into small squares and enjoy the deliciousness within a week.



# Bulletin Board



## Welcoming Our New Management Team



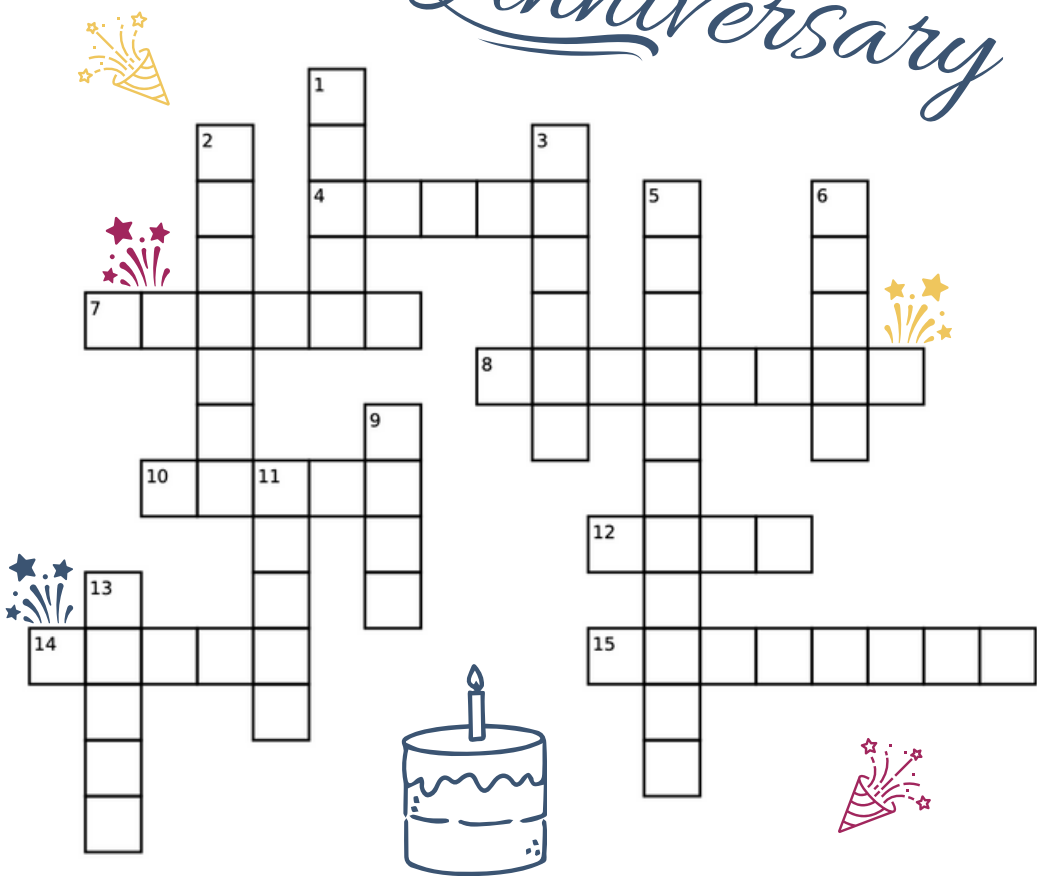
We're delighted to introduce our talented new management team, each dedicated to making Margaret Pratt Community an even better place for our residents.

- **Michael Flournoy**, Executive Director: Leading with experience and commitment.
- **Suzette Barbour**, RN, Health Services Director: Ensuring resident well-being with expertise and compassion.
- **Jamie Rogers**, Sales & Marketing Director: Driving growth and success with dedication and connection.
- **Norma Blake**, Dining Services Director: Enhancing the dining experience for delightful meals.
- **Heidi Lashway**, Business Office Director: Ensuring smooth operations with a focus on financial and administrative aspects.
- **Fred Ulery**, Facilities Director: Taking care of our physical space for a safe and comfortable environment.
- **Lindsay Bigelow**, Resident Services Director: Dedicated to enhancing the overall living experience.
- **Haley Derosia**, RN, Assistant Health Services Director: Bringing nursing expertise to support health and well-being.
- **Dorothy Frazier**, LPN, Care Manager: Providing personalized care for each resident.

Here's to a future filled with growth, happiness, and shared memories.

# Puzzle

# HAPPY Anniversary



## Down:

1. The most attended weekly activity.
2. The only triple threat (HSA, RSA, Kitchen) helper from the beginning.
3. This club became official this year.
5. We celebrated the 5th one in 2023.
6. The most popular activity.
9. MPC is well known for its fabulous tasting\_\_\_\_\_
11. How many Christmas trees are there on display inside?
13. \_\_\_\_\_new year!

## Across:

4. The only food services director in MPC history.
7. The man with the idea.
8. This can help pay for your stay when you are unable to.
10. The biggest project in 2023.
12. Each year MPC lights a giant \_\_\_\_\_ made of lights.
14. She moved in your friend or family member.
15. This festival lasts 8 days.

(1) Bingo (2) Theresa (3) Garden (4) Norma (5) Anniversary (6) Music  
(7) Barton (8) Medicaid (9) Food (10) Patio (11) Tree (12) Tree  
(13) Happy (14) Jamie (15) Hamukkah



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