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THANK YOU! Mary Jo Reinke for writing the feature article.

THANK YOU! Karen and Aaron Matuszak for sharing Landon's story with us.

SAVE THE DATE! Our winter get together will be on **March 3, 2018.** More details to follow closer to this date on Facebook and in the February newsletter.

We are looking for help pulling this Newsletter together, please contact Andy Bath if you are interested in helping out.

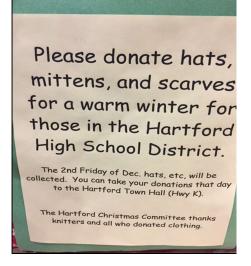
Thinking about selling your house? Though we would hate to see you go, there are friends of current members looking to move into our neighborhood. Consider posting a message on Facebook prior to hiring a realtor and see what happens.

If you have suggestions, comments, or would like to help the HOA, please visit our website or send us an email. Also, don't forget to join the Summer Wind Group page on Facebook.

THANK YOU! Steve Ross for jinxing the Packers with your last article. Just kidding...

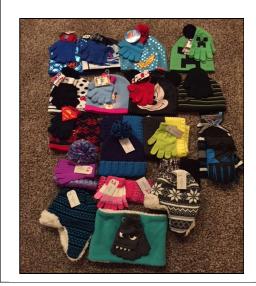
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The Season for Giving





One of Summer Wind's newest members, Landon Matuszak, put others needs ahead of his own after reading the sign pictured above at the Hartford Rec Center. He and his mother Karen came up with the idea of making and selling pine cone bird feeders to the neighborhood. Priced 3 for \$1, Landon was blasted with a wave of orders after his Facebook post went viral in our subdivision. His hours of work making and delivering bird feeders, in addition to feeding our birds, raised \$70 that he used to buy the gloves and hats for over 12 children. Well done Landon! We are all very proud of your act of kindness.

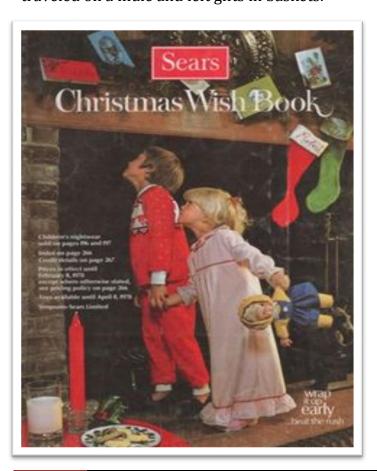




Merry Christmas - Season's Greetings - Happy Holidays

By: Mary Jo Reinke

No matter how you say it, the season has come around again, and so have the many ways in which we celebrate. Do you have a special Christmas tradition that has been handed down through the generations? Perhaps you have changed up the old or started a new family tradition? How would it be now if we continued all the long-forgotten Christmas traditions? Our jolly old elf Santa Claus may be the wandering gift giver St. Nicholas who roamed the earth on his feast day (December 6) and left treats and small gifts in children's shoes. Or maybe our nighttime visitor would be the English Father Christmas, who was cloaked in fur, crowned with holly, and carried a bowl of wassail. Or perhaps he could be the German Christkindl, "little Christ child,"-his name was Americanized to Kris Kringle-he traveled on a mule and left gifts in baskets.





The Christmas carols we sing would be accompanied by a circle dance, but you could forget rock'n around the Christmas tree; even though carols are considered secular, the solemn words are from liturgical music to celebrate Christ's birth. If you decided to raise your voice and "make a joyful noise," you'd have to take it outside-noise making was done in the streets with horns and whistles to scare away evil spirits.

When "decking our halls" instead of tinsel and all that glitters, we would use evergreens that originated from pagan rituals. It was believed that evergreens had magical powers; when all other plants around them died, they continued to thrive though out the cold winter months, a symbol of life in the mists of death. Mistletoe was believed to protect from evil and promise fertility. Holly was also believed to have magical powers of protection-the Church associated the red berries to symbolize the suffering of Christ and the crucifixion. The ivy was, and still is, the symbol of love.



Our beloved "holiday" certainly has changed since the years of its origin, and depending on your age...ahem... you don't need to know mine... your memories of Christmas' past will vary. Some of my favorites are rushing home to watch the specials on TV-yes, we only had three channels, yes, you had to get up to change the channel, and yes, our shows were in black and white! The commercials were just as cuteremember Santa riding on the Norelco electric razor? Trips to the kooky cooky house at Capitol Court, Billy the brownie on the radio, old fashioned ribbon candy, white flocked Christmas trees, and the Sears and Roebuck Christmas catalog.

If our old traditions continued today, we wouldn't see stores displaying Christmas trees before Halloween. Instead, we would be putting up small, fresh cut evergreen trees that would fit on a tabletop, and our trees would go up the evening of December 24th after the children were asleep. Candles would be clipped to the branches and lit to represent starlight. The gifts would be small packages-candies, fruits, and nuts. These were hung in the tree branches. Our trees would stay up until January 6th - the full 12 days of Christmas (also known as Epiphany).



However you say it, however you celebrate it, however you remember it, may all the blessings of this holiday season be yours!



Member Spotlight

Meet the Gritt's



Q: Family member names, including pets?

A: Adam, Shannon, Samuel (10), Connor (7), Alexander (6 on January 11), Oliver (Shih Tzu/Bichon mix)

Q: How long have you lived here and where did you move from?

A: We moved here from West Allis on July 14, 2017

Q: What's your favorite band(s)?

A: Aerosmith & Theory of a Deadman

Q: If you had a time machine, what era would you travel back to?

A: Ancient Egypt

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Meet the Rehlinger's



Q: Family member names, including pets?

A: Dan, Sarah, our 4 month old daughter Aubrey, Piper (dog) Ace, and Milo (Cats)

Q: How long have you lived here and where did you move from?

A: We moved to Summer Wind in June of 2017 from Hustisford.

Q: Hobbies?

A: Going on walks together. Sarah likes shopping and Dan likes hunting and softball

Q: What's your favorite destination?

A: Grand Cayman Islands





Community Announcements

Beginner Piano Lessons Available in Our Neighborhood



Hi! I'm Abbi Block a 16 y/o Junior at Hartford Union High School who lives in the subdivision. I have been playing piano since 2nd grade and love kids! I would love the opportunity to teach you or your child(ren) beginning piano lessons either in my home on our piano or if you have a piano I can come to your home. A little bit more about my musical background, music is very important to me. I have been in Band since 6th grade and play the clarinet. I was 1st chair clarinet in Middle School and have been the past 2 years at HUHS. This year I am also the Drum Major for the HUHS marching band. I am also in concert choir at HUHS and have been in several musicals.

If you would like to meet me to discuss lessons for you or your child(ren) please contact me at 414-333-7746. (Please note: I will be unavailable from December 13 – January 4). The HUHS band is performing in London for the New Year's Day Parade! Please leave me a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

I look forward to the opportunity to work with you!

Summer Wind Sheepshead?????



Is there any interest from the guys in the subdivision for having a monthly Sheepshead and Beer night?

If you're interested, please email me ccreinke3@gmail.com.

Once I get responses we can work out some of the particulars.

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Community Announcements





Alexander turns 6 on January 11th!

Happy Birthday Makayla Bartlien!



Alexander turns 11 on January 14th!

Happy Birthday Garrett McFarren!



Garrett turns 13 on December 29th!

Happy Birthday Brooke McFarren!



Brook turns 11 on January 16th!

If you think you're in the market to buy a new car or maybe just selling yours, I'm always looking for cars to buy no matter what condition they are in. Stop by or give me a call; I can provide an expert opinion on its value even if I don't buy it.



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Happy 50th Birthday Victoria Lindner!



Victoria turns a young 50 on December 18th!

Happy Birthday Chris Peterson-Bartlein!



Chris turns 13 on December 16th!

Happy Birthday Andy Bath!



Andy's 39th Birthday is on January 30th!

Happy Birthday Alex Peterson-Bartlein!



Alex turns 13 on December 16th!

Happy Birthday Terri Burns!



Terri's Birthday is on December 26th!

Happy Birthday Tim Burns!



Tim's Birthday is on December 29th!

Happy Birthday Charlotte, Juliet, and Lisa Seidler!



Charlotte turns 10 on February 22nd!

Juliet turns 8 on January 11th!

Lisa's Birthday is on January 29th!





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Welcome Sign to be Installed Soon!





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