# **Gingerbread Houses**

So much fun! What a great job everyone did decorating gingerbread houses!





# **Heart-Healthy Exercise**

Cardiovascular exercise, also called aerobic exercise or simply cardio, is crucial for heart health.

Any physical activity that increases your heart rate and breathing rate for an extended period of time is considered cardio exercise. Walking, bicycling, swimming and many other sports are common examples. During these activities, the lungs take in more oxygen, which goes directly into the bloodstream and the heart. The oxygen makes the heart beat faster, allowing it to pump nutrients throughout the body.

Regular cardio exercise not only makes the heart stronger, but it also sends oxygen to the muscles, where it's used to burn carbohydrates and fat. This is why cardio is so effective at helping a person lose or maintain weight.

Cardiovascular activities are key to preventing heart disease, since they can lower blood pressure and improve circulation. This type of exercise is also helpful in preventing or managing diabetes, osteoporosis, depression and some forms of cancer.

Check with your doctor to see what types of cardio activities are right for you.

# Washington's **Historic Home**

On the banks of the Potomac River in Virginia sits George Washington's Mount Vernon, the historic home of America's first president.

It began as a modest house that Washington's father built in 1735 on his family's land and named Little Hunting Creek Plantation. When Washington's half brother inherited the property, he renamed it Mount Vernon after Adm. Edward Vernon, his commander in the Royal Navy. Washington took over the estate in 1754 and set out to renovate the house and develop the land.

Over the next few decades, he worked on improvements, adding a third story, two wings, a cupola and a spacious porch that overlooked the river. Even when he served as a Revolutionary War general and later as president, Washington personally oversaw all the design and construction, which included intricate architecture and 21 rooms of elegant interior space in which he and his wife, Martha, could entertain guests. Washington also expanded the land to 8,000 acres, with lush gardens, working farms, three fisheries, a gristmill and a 16-sided barn.

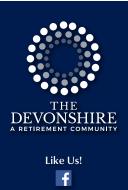
After Washington's death, the estate deteriorated until the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association purchased it and began restorations. The property was opened to the public in 1860 and a century later, it was designated a National Historic Landmark. Mount Vernon receives about 1 million visitors each year.



# **Decorating the Tree**

What a beautiful job our residents did on the tree. You do a great job every year.





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February 2018

## Say It With Heart

With Valentine's Day and American Heart Month, February is focused on the heart. The universal symbol of love is also found in many common expressions.

**Home is where the heart is** — This means that your home is the place where you are the happiest, whether it's an actual location or simply being with people you love. The saying has been attributed to the ancient Roman author Pliny the Elder.

**Young at heart** — An older adult who has a youthful outlook and a zest for life is said to be young at heart, no matter his or her real age.

Follow your heart — Someone who makes a decision based on emotions or intuition follows his or her heart.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder — Being apart from someone special can strengthen your feelings for that person. The idiom is centuries old and was made popular by an 1800s ballad.

Wear your heart on your sleeve — People who express their emotions freely and openly are said to wear their heart on their sleeve. The first written use of the phrase was in William Shakespeare's "Othello."

Heart of gold — Just as gold is valuable, a person who is kind and generous is valued and is described as having a heart of gold.





INDEPENDENT LIVING

## FEBRUARY 2018

#### Locations

Activities Room, AR Court Yard, CY Craft Room, CR Dining Room, DR Game Room, GR Windsor Room, WR

#### Transportation Schedule

Monday, 9:30 a.m. Bank Runs Tuesday, 8:30-11 a.m. Dr. Runs (Hampton Only) Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. Dr. Runs (Newport News Only) Wednesday, 8:30-11 a.m. Dr. Runs (Hampton Only) Wednesday, 1-4 p.m. Dr. Runs (Newport News Only) Thursday, 11:10 a.m. Lunch Outings Friday, 9:45 a.m. Farm Fresh & Aldi Saturday, 10 a.m. Food Lion

### "Be sweet, be good, and honest always."

—Emma	Bunton
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SUND	AY	MONDAY		TUESDAY	١	WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY
							<b>10:15</b> <b>11:10</b> 2:00	Swimmers What's the Buzz, AR Lunch Outing: Captain D's Trivia Hour, AR Corn Hole
9:20 Sunday School, V 2:00 Scenic B 3:00 Resident Game, A 6:00 Super B LII Party 6:30 Bible Stu Group, V	WR us Ride t Card R owl y, AR udy Life 10:1: 10:1: 10:2: 10:2: 10:2: 10:2: 10:3:	5	10:00 1:00 <b>2:15</b>	Swimmers Coffee Klatch, AR Prize Bingo, AR <b>Frozen Yogurt</b> <b>Outing</b> Arts & Crafts, CR February Word Find, AR	10:15 <b>10:30</b> 1:30	7 Forever Fit <b>Resident Chair</b> <b>Exercise, AR</b> Karaoke Hour, AR Scrabble, AR	10:20 <b>11:10</b>	Swimmers Bookmobile, AR <b>Vancosta's Italian</b> <b>Dancing to the</b> <b>Music, AR</b> Jackpot Bingo, AR
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		FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
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	Natio	nal Wear Red Day		Resident		
	9:45	Farm Fresh		Canasta, AR		
		Forever Fit	2:00	Kmart		
	10:30	Resident Chair	6:00	Chosen Generation		
	11.00	Exercise, AR		Ministries Bible		
	11:00	Heart Healthy Silent Auction	6.00	Study, WR		
	3:30	Happy Hour, AR	0:00	Cinema Saturday w/Popcorn, AR		
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	9:45	Aldi Grocery Store				
		Forever Fit		Lidil Grocery Store		
n	10:30	<b>Resident Chair</b>	1:00	Mariners Museum		
		Exercise, AR	3:00	Outing Spades Card		
		Walmart	5.00	Game, AR		
R	3:30	Happy Hour, AR				
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	9:45	Farm Fresh	10.00	Food Lion		
		Forever Fit		Resident		
	10:30	Resident Chair		Canasta, AR		
	2.00	Exercise, AR Chinese New	2:00	Marshall's		
	5:00	Year Party!, AR	6:00	Cinema Saturday		
	3:30	Happy Hour, AR		w/Popcorn, AR		
22	9:45	Aldi Grocery 23		24		
у		Store	10:00	Lidil Grocery Store		
	10:00	Banana Bread		Tortilla Chips		
	10.15	& Coffee, AR		& Dips, AR		
		Forever Fit Resident Chair	2:00	Burlington		
	10.50	Exercise, AR	3:00	Spades Card		
R	12:45	Walmart		Game, AR		
	3:30	Happy Hour, AR				
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