



**McFARLAN  
VILLAGES**

MCFARLAN HOME  
COURT STREET  
VILLAGE

[mcfarlanvillages.org](http://mcfarlanvillages.org)



Managed by  
Presbyterian Villages of MI

## December 2019



### Remember When: Red Pistachios

Snacking on pistachios used to leave folks seeing red—their red-stained fingers and lips. Before the 1980s, most of America’s pistachio supply was imported from the Middle East, where the nuts were dyed bright red to cover blemishes caused during harvesting. Improved production methods eliminated the need for dyeing, and today, nearly all the pistachios sold in the U.S. are grown in California. Red pistachios can still be found as a novelty item, especially during the holidays.

### Embracing the Connectedness of the Holidays

The holidays are a time for us not only to step back and reflect on past traditions and memories but also to create new ones. We are reminded to cherish our time with loved ones despite the rush of the season shifting our focus away from each other. Often we become focused on the giving of presents, but what our loved ones really need is our presence.

At McFarlan Villages, we encourage everyone to spread some holiday cheer by sharing stories, looking back on your family’s holiday traditions, and participating in some of the festive activities happening around our community. You might even make a new friend!

Whether it is starting a new tradition or remembering an old one, everyone is invited to join

our McFarlan Villages community celebration this holiday season.  
Tabatha Dolan  
Wellness Coord.



### Happy Holly-days

Haul out the holly! For thousands of years, people from different cultures have used branches of holly, full of glossy green leaves, to decorate their homes in wintertime. Birds like to feast on the foliage’s bright red berries. Of the 400-plus varieties, English holly and American holly are most commonly associated with the holiday season.

### December Days to Remember

- 12/3 Giving Tuesday
- 12/4 National Cookie Day
- 12/12 Gingerbread House Day
- 12/20 Ugly Xmas Sweater Day
- 12/21 First Day of Winter
- 12/21 Crossword Puzzle Day
- 12/25 Christmas
- 12/31 New Year’s Eve

**McFarlan Home**  
Front Desk Phone  
810-235-3077

**Court Street Village**  
Office Phone (East) 810-239-4400  
Office Phone (West) 810-239-4700  
**Salon (Court Street Village)**  
810-814-1666  
(By Appointment Only)

**After-Hours Emergency  
Maintenance (Court  
Street Village)**  
(810) 938-3273

**After-Hours On-Site  
Emergency (Court  
Street Village)**  
700 Building (810) 938-0392  
800 Building (810) 938-3272



# WELCOME

## McFarlan Villages is Online!

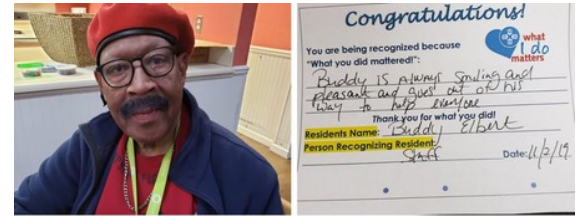
There are many ways to connect with us:

1. Visit our website for information about our properties at [mcfarlanvillages.org](http://mcfarlanvillages.org).
2. We post a lot of pictures and videos of our amazing residents on our Facebook page. We just passed 200 likes—like us to join the fun!
3. Our newsletter is now digital! If you'd like to receive this newsletter (and other great content) via email, please send your email address to [jwamsley@pvm.org](mailto:jwamsley@pvm.org).



## Mix and Mingle

Holiday gatherings can be a merry way to catch up with loved ones and meet new people, and all that socializing can be good for your health. Experts say mingling with others can help lower stress, boost confidence, and improve physical well-being.



Resident Shining Star

# Buddy Elbert

McFarlan Villages

## MTA Bus Schedule (Court Street Village)

Meijer ..... Mon, 12:45pm  
 Walmart (Belsay) ..... Thurs, 10am  
 Kroger/Walmart (Corunna) ..... Fri, 9am

## Frankie's Place Convenience Store (Court Street Village)

Mon, Wed, and Fri ..... 11:30am-2:30pm

## Volunteer Feature

### Resident Liaison

Florence Taylor, James Riley, Roosevelt Mitchner, Shane Dawson, Thelma Mull, Wendall Moore

### Indoor Beautification

James Humpert, Kathleen Knott, Lillie Green, Louise McCorry, William Wanbaugh

### Outdoor Beautification

Annie Wilson, James Humpert, James Riley, Jeanette Johnson, Thelma Mull, William Wanbaugh

### Coffee Baristas

James Humpert, Richard McCoy  
Community Improvement Research

Karen Lyons

### West Office Volunteers

Angela Barrett, James Humpert

### Resident Event Volunteers

Betty Lott, Bettye Brown, Charles

Henderson, Florence Taylor, Jeanette Johnson, Karen Johnson, Shane Dawson, Sharla Wilbanks, Thelma Mull

### Condolence Angels

Herosa Simon, Willie Jo Foote

### Community Flyer Distribution

Helen Hodorovich, Linda Morris,

Richard McCoy, Lavena Colley

### Community Closet Staff

Helen Hodorovich, Lavena Colley, Ruth Youngs, Lois Eaker, Floradine Taylor

### Children Center Staff

Cindy Duffie, Lavena Colley, Ruth Youngs, Lois Eaker, Floradine Taylor







## Employee of the Month



Congratulations to Allen Hamlett, our November Employee of the Month! Allen has been a Maintenance Tech with McFarlan

Villages for over two years and continually strives to provide excellent service to our residents.

We asked Allen to share a little more about himself!

*What do you love most about your position here?*

The residents at Court Street Village.

*What motivates you?*

Making sure that I do a good job for the residents.

*What do you like to do outside of work?*

I like to attend sporting events.

*What have you learned most in your position here?*

I have learned the importance of having patience.



## Positive Thought

"Time is not measured by clocks, but by moments." —Susan J. Decuir



## Wreaths Across America

Every year on a Saturday in mid-December, the sacrifice of U.S. veterans is remembered and honored on Wreaths Across America Day. Wreaths are placed at veterans' graves at Arlington National Cemetery and more than 1,400 locations in all 50 states and abroad.



## Wit & Wisdom

"He who marvels at the beauty of the world in summer will find equal cause for wonder and admiration in winter."  
—John Burroughs

"Always be on the lookout for the presence of wonder."  
—E.B. White

"Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale."  
—Hans Christian Andersen

"Life has loveliness to sell, all beautiful and splendid things, blue waves whitened on a cliff, soaring fire that sways and sings, and children's faces looking up, holding wonder like a cup."  
—Sara Teasdale

"It is a wholesome and necessary thing for us to turn again to the Earth and in the contemplation of her beauties to know the sense of wonder and humility."  
—Rachel Carson

# December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Smith (East)	2 Earley (East)	3	4 Wilbanks (East)	5 Richmond (East)	6 	7 Saucier (East)
8	9 Brown (West)	10 Sutton (East)	11 Daniels (East)	12 Forte (West) Mitchner (East)	13	14
15 Thompson (East)	16 Bell (West)	17 Neeley (East)	18 Goforth (McFarlan)	19	20	21 Blakley (East)
22	23 	24 Roberts (West)	25 Christmas McCoy (East)	26	27 Brown (East) Taylor (West)	28 Kelly (West)
29	30	31 Simon (East)	 <h1>December</h1> 			

## Crossword Puzzle

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### ACROSS

- Accumulate
- \_\_ machine
- Common contraction
- Adhesive
- Become fatigued
- African flower
- Map within a map
- Consulates
- Hair covering
- Ripped
- Pares
- French mother
- Adventuresome
- Word of warning
- Facts and figures
- \_\_ smear
- Islamic nation
- Family reunion attendees
- Francois' friend
- Former Claudia Alta Taylor
- Resident's suffix
- One married by  
Friar Lawrence
- Capital city
- To be in Madrid
- Summers abroad
- Window covering
- Peruse
- Bridge term
- Stationed
- Tiny particle
- N.L. or A.L. employee

### DOWN

- Neat as \_\_
- Horse's feature
- Right-hand man: abbr.
- Sault \_\_, Marie
- Hunting dog
- Cubic meter
- Fruit
- Globe
- Beverage
- Boxed
- Tell \_\_; prevaricate
- Coward, for one
- Hardy heroine
- Noisy dive
- Unrefined material
- Lots
- Stringed instrument
- Prince \_\_ von Bismarck
- Liver secretions
- Wipe out
- Egret or stork
- Urbanites on a ranch
- No longer fashionable
- Soap plant

- Small evergreen: Sp.
- Ready for combat
- Animal classes
- Slightest amount
- Schwarzkopf, for short
- \_\_-pitch softball
- Trailer
- Della \_\_
- Eyelid troubles: var.
- Big party
- Piece of land
- Disfiguring mark
- Garfunkel and others
- Preposition
- Ancient Persian
- Lincoln or Ford: abbr.
- Gullible person
- \_\_ whim; capriciously
- Wrath

