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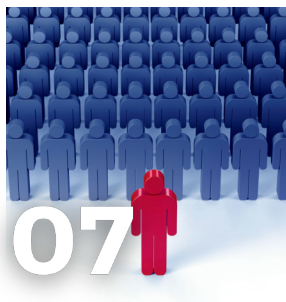
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*Happy Holidays WAL Residents! Photo by Brianna Hawkins*



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# PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By Rudnaldo Hodges, Board President

Happy Giving Season! Regardless of one's belief systems, it is the time of year when those inclined can enjoy the spirit of giving to others, whether they be family, friends, loved ones or those in need. We are fortunate to live in a land where giving and sharing is highly celebrated. Past Wheel articles lauded our Watergate at Landmark (WAL) staff for their role in taking care of our facilities and providing a wide range of services to our residents. We've recognized our hardworking committees and their members for volunteering their time and unselfishly contributing their skills and knowledge to enhance our well-being, our living conditions, and our community overall. Of course, our Board Members volunteer their time to take the "ball across the goal line," to use an American football analogy.



The celebration of generosity and community spirit during this special season. "Photo: Getty Images"

In this article, I would like to thank our residents, who are too many to name even if I could. These citizens are the unsung heroes who lend a hand to other residents; they notify our staff of spills, impatient pets who cannot get to the pet area in time, car lights left on, and any other discrepancies needing to be addressed.

They react positively when told their TV or music is too loud and turn it down to acceptable levels. They kindly remind others who unknowingly contravene our rules and bylaws. Furthermore, they are respectful of their neighbors and demonstrate goodwill. Thank you for these and your many other acts of kindness offered without expectation of compliments or reward.



Photo: Getty Images

Finally, I would like to alert resident owners of three board of directors openings that need to be filled in March of next year. Our Elections Committee will be soliciting candidates for those positions in early January. The Board of Directors is an elected group of resident owners that meets monthly at a minimum to create community management and oversight policies. Its members play a huge role in formulating decisions on behalf of unit owners and perform fiduciary responsibilities through budgetary, capital, and expense-related decision-making. If you believe WAL is a wonderful community, know we will need good leadership to keep it that way. If not, then we will need great leadership to improve. You can make a difference!

Get your official nominating petition package from Resident Services in the Community Center shortly after the New Year!

## 2023 - 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors	Terms Expires
Stephen Allenbach	2026
Barry Crosby	2026
Alex Davila	2024
Patricia Espinet	2026
Eileen Greenberg	2025
Theresa Mulrane	2025
Gregory Wade	2025
Board Elected Officers	Terms Expires
Rudnaldo Hodges, President	2024
Joseph Vecchio, Vice President	2024
Susan Bouldin, Treasurer	2024
Vivian Moran, Secretary	2024

# COMMUNITY SING-ALONG

By Brianna Hawkins, Communications Manager

Get ready to deck the halls with joy and laughter in the Town Square and Terrace Lounge transforms into a musical wonder for a community sing-along event on December 12. This celebration invites residents of all ages to unite, raising their voices in unison for a spirited holiday gathering. It's the perfect opportunity to mingle with neighbors, share the holiday cheer, and create lasting memories with friends old and new.



Board Member, Eileen Greenberg, will be singing in this year's event with accompanist, Thomas Conroy. Bring the whole family to our festive celebration, where a special guest reader will read a holiday poem and additionally, there will be holiday arts and crafts.

*We express our gratitude to Edward Kausouf, our resident pianist extraordinaire. After many years of filling our lives with music, Edward is embarking on a new venture – retirement in piano playing!*

Capture the event's magic with a special photo opportunity featuring none other than Santa himself. Children of all ages are welcome to bring excitement and cameras to capture the moment.



And what's a holiday celebration without a touch of sweetness? Be sure to contribute by bringing along some delectable treats to share in the Terrace Lounge for a delightful holiday reception following the musical program. Remember, let's keep it nut-free for everyone to enjoy!

Join us for an evening of songs and activities as we celebrate the holidays in the Terrace Lounge at 7 p.m. for free. Sports Jam LLC contributed holiday gifts for WAL children.

## UPCOMING HOLIDAY OPERATING HOURS

### Christmas Day, December 25

All Offices Closed  
No Shuttle Service  
Fitness Center: 4 AM – 12 AM  
Indoor Pool: 10 AM – 10 PM  
Library: Closed  
Racquet Club (FOB Only): 6 AM – 11 PM

### New Year's Day, January 1

All Offices Closed  
No Shuttle Service  
Fitness Center: 4 AM – 12 AM  
Indoor Pool: 10 AM – 10 PM  
Library: Closed  
Racquet Club (FOB Only): 6 AM – 11 PM

### Dr. Martin Luther King, January 15

All Offices Closed  
No Shuttle Service  
Fitness Center: 4 AM – 12 AM  
Indoor Pool: 10 AM – 10 PM  
Library: Closed  
Racquet Club (FOB Only): 6 AM – 11 PM

Photos provided by Paul Sonnhalter  
Krystle Branksy and Susan Day

2023 Gift  
Wrapping Event  
hosted by WAL's  
Senior Committee



# 'Tis the Season to be Jolly



American Legion  
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removing Flags



The Hero Banner in Terrace  
Lounge honors WAL veterans.

# A CALL TO LEAD

## BOARD CANDIDATES WANTED

By Elections Committee 47



*“Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers, who can cut through argument, debate and doubt to offer a solution everybody can understand.”*

—Gen. Colin Powell, former U.S. Secretary of State

On Monday evening, March 4, 2024, Watergate at Landmark (WAL) condominium unit owners will elect three board members. The three candidates with the highest percentage of votes will be elected to fill three-year terms on the WAL Board of Directors. Any qualified resident unit owner may run for one of these positions.

**The 2023 election had the highest quorum rate ever, with forty-seven percent of unit owners participating.**

We attribute the convenience and ease of our electronic voting web service as the key to our past success. Hence, we are planning to employ the same voting service next year through [Vote HOA Now](#). More information on electronic voting including instructions on how to use the service, will become available as the election season nears.

### **What is the Board, and why do we need Directors?**

The WAL Board of Directors (BoD) is an elected group of unit owners that meets monthly, at a minimum, to create community management and oversight policies. Its members play a huge role in formulating decisions on behalf of unit owners and performing fiduciary responsibilities through budgetary, capital and expense-related decision-making. Competing needs for limited resources require board members to establish priorities for purchasing materials and vendor services on behalf of the community.

The Board as a unit is dependent upon the knowledge, skills and judgement of its elected members who aspire to achieve a majority decision on contractual, managerial, and other substantive activities.

**WAL UOA owners will be allowed, as an option, to vote online through [Vote HOA Now](#).**



### **How can you become a candidate?**

After 1 p.m. Thursday, January 4, 2024, pick up and complete an official nominating petition from Resident Services in the Community Center. Petitions must include your name, building and unit number, phone number and signature. At least 10 unit owners must endorse your petition; however, you are encouraged to get more signatures in case some signatures are later proven to be invalid. Only one owner’s signature per unit is allowed. With your petition, attach two documents, a signed autobiographical statement, and a campaign statement. Neither document should exceed 300 words.

In addition to the above, send to Board of Directors Executive Assistant, Christina Clark, [ea2bod@watergateatlandmark.com](mailto:ea2bod@watergateatlandmark.com), a 2x2 photograph of yourself in either “JPG” or “TIF” digital image format, and a YouTube™ link to a maximum two-minute long .mp4 formatted campaign video (optional) via email attachments. The Elections Committee will forward the video link advocating your candidacy for posting on the [Vote HOA Now](#)’s built-for-WAL e-voting website.

### **What is the Deadline to File?**

File the papers with the Elections Committee by handing them to Christina Clark in the BoD Administration Office in the Community Center or, in her absence, give them to any of the Resident Services Representatives. Papers are due no later than 12 p.m.

noon, Thursday, February 1, 2024. Early submissions are appreciated, as they help avoid the risk of errors due to processing time compression.

### 47th Annual Meeting Timeline

#### Saturday, February 3, 2024:

Candidate Petition packets will be available for pick-up at the Resident Services Office after 12:30 p.m.

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to become a candidate for the Board of Directors is at 12:00 noon.

#### Saturday, February 3, 2024:

Candidates meet with Elections Committee to determine name sequencing on ballots.

#### Monday, February 12, 2023:

Candidates will meet the League of Women Voters at 7 p.m. and with WAL committee representatives at 7:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, February 15, 2024:

Elections Committee will sponsor a “meet the candidates” virtual Town Hall. This event will provide owners an opportunity to hear all candidates present their platforms and views.

#### Monday, March 4, 2024:

The 47th Annual Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Election results will then be tabulated, and the future Board Members will be announced.

### Leaders Needed

Candidates don't necessarily need to be “great” leaders. But those who endeavor to take on leadership challenges and evolve through their experiences have the potential to become “good,” if not great. Our Watergate at Landmark community has had and still needs engaging, aspiring leaders to help us maintain a well-defined, established governing process. Residents are encouraged to sign up to become a candidate. If this challenge matches your aspirations, consider this a call to lead.



*Embrace community leadership by signing up as a Board Member candidate.*

## NEW ELECTION MATERIAL PREFERENCES!

As we gear up for the much-anticipated 2024 Election, we're introducing a new and convenient way for you to tailor your experience with election materials. Your preferences are crucial, so take a moment to consider these options.

### How to Make Your Voice Heard on VHN:

Voting begins December 5. Your response is needed by Friday, January 12, 2024. Simply check the appropriate box below, hit **SUBMIT**, then the **LOGOUT BUTTON**, to record your preference in your 2024 election ballot envelope.

If you did not receive the election material via mail, visit WAL's website. Access the website by visiting <https://watergateatlandmark.ivotehoa.com/register>.

### 2024 Annual Meeting Election Opt-in Form

#### 2024 Annual Meeting Documents

Dear Unit Owner:

For the upcoming 2024 Election, we would like your preference for receiving election materials that are sent about the Annual Meeting. Please check the appropriate box below then hit **SUBMIT** to record your preference. Your response is needed by **January 12th, 2024 at Noon ET**.

Thank you,  
Watergate at Landmark Unit Owners Association

#### 2024 Annual Meeting Electronic Opt-in

I wish to receive ONLY electronic copies of election materials including, Annual Meeting notification, Ballot, and Candidate information.

I wish to continue receiving paper copies that will be MAILED and includes the above information.



### QR Code Link

- Step 1:** Open the Camera App or Google Lens
- Step 2:** Align the QR Code
- Step 3:** Wait for Recognition
- Step 4:** Tap the Notification or Follow On-Screen Prompts:



# NEW COMMUNITY CHANNEL NAME: WCN

By Brianna Hawkins, Communications Manager

After approval from the Board of Directors, the previous name, CCTV, no longer accurately aligns with the channel's core mission of disseminating updates, sharing event information, and providing rule reminders. The rebranded channel is now the Watergate Community Network (WCN).

This revised title not only echoes our commitment to transparency but also underscores the dynamic network we've cultivated within our community.



Would you like to sign up or update your communication preferences?

Fill out the form using the QR code or link below to share your WAL related communication references with the Communications Manager.

Link: <https://forms.gle/QN3nZXCURoxcAEqK7>

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## ESSENTIAL TIPS FOR A THEFT-FREE RIDE

By Javier Ortiz, Chief of Patrol Services

Bicycle theft is unfortunately, a common occurrence, with almost 200,000 reported cases each year. To safeguard your two-wheeled investment, consider these tips and best practices:



*D-locks are generally smaller and more compact than chain locks, which means they tend to be lighter to carry. Photo: Rei.com*

**Storage:** Bikes may be stored/secured in assigned basement storage locker, bicycle racks or in your unit (not on balcony) or storage unit.

**Full Frame Security:** Don't just focus on wheels – secure the frame, especially if your bike has quick-release levers. Thieves can easily swipe a bike by detaching the wheel, so lock the frame securely.

**Garage Safety:** Residents desiring to store their bicycles in their garage parking spaces can have a D-ring installed by the association at no cost to them. Residents are not allowed to install heavy-duty eye bolts or similar apparatuses.

**Find the Right Lock:** The best lock is the one you always carry. Choose from fingerprint locks like the BenjiLock, foldable locks such as the FoldyLock Classic for day use, or heavy-duty options like the Hiplok Gold chain lock for bike commuters prioritizing safety.

**Insurance:** Your bicycle(s) may be covered by renters, or condo insurance. If your bike is stolen or damaged, your renter or condo policy may pay to replace your bicycle, up to your coverage limit.

**Police Report:** Be certain to file a report yo give authorities a chance to track down thieves.

# IT'S ANNUAL REGISTRATION TIME!

By Jene Lyons, Deputy General Manager



WAL's Annual Registration verifies residents living in Watergate units, contact information, emergency contacts, vehicle, bicycle and pet information for every resident. Once the process is completed, residents will receive amenity passes, ID stickers, decals and/or pet tags for the new year.

### Why Do I Have to Re-register?

Accurate and updated information helps you as a resident access all amenities, provide standard service requests (e.g. maintenance requests, lockouts) and alerts you in case of an emergency. Annual Registration began on **Monday, November 13, 2023** and ends on **Saturday, January 13, 2024**.

### Required Documentation

Documents may be printed out as well as photographed or scanned electronically. You may also copy them at no charge on the copy machine set up for this purpose only near the Resident Services window during office hours.

### Valid Driver's License or State Issued ID

The process requires residents to provide a copy of your driver's license or state-issued ID reflecting a WAL address.

### Current DMV Registration

Provide a copy of all vehicle and/or motorcycle registrations associated with your residence.



### Digital Photo

All residents must provide a recent digital photo or selfie. Please do not attach

### Emergency Contacts

Please designate your emergency contact(s) and contact information (e.g. name, phone, email).

### WAL ID Card(s)

These are issued for each unit occupant over one year of age. Provide copies of all the current WAL IDs associated with your unit. **Please do not send actual WAL ID cards.**

### Pet Owners

If your dog or cat is four months of age or older, you will need to complete the pet registration. Submit the following with your re-registration packet:

- Copy of Current Pet License
- Completed Watergate Pet Registration form available to download online at [www.watergateatlandmark.com](http://www.watergateatlandmark.com) or at the Resident Services office.

(Residents → Resource Documents → Other Helpful Documents)

It can also be emailed to you upon request.

- Full-Body Photo of Your Pet via email to: [pets@watergateatlandmark.com](mailto:pets@watergateatlandmark.com).

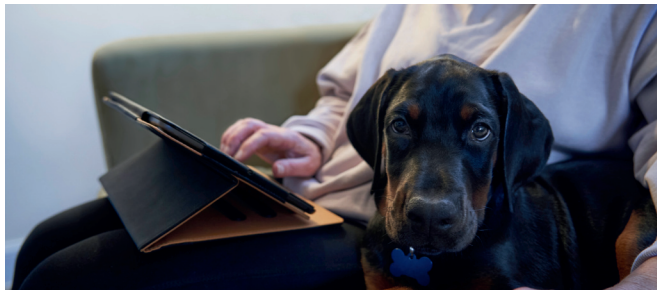
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## Have a Dog?



In addition to the general requirements for all pet owners, dog owners (except those designated as Assistance Animals) must pay an Annual Registration Fee of \$25.00/dog residing at WAL. Failing to register a dog may subject you to a late registration charge.

- Credit card payments may be made on the form enclosed in the Reregistration packet or by phone via calling Resident Services (703-370- 7000).
- Payments made by check should be made out to Watergate at Landmark and may be placed in an envelope along with your required documents.
- Assistance Animals are exempt from this fee. However, applicable records and pet licensure are still required. Residents must complete an application for the Reasonable Accommodation Committee's approval.

The City of Alexandria Pet Registration is required. If you haven't registered your pet with the City of Alexandria, please visit:

<https://alexandrianimals.org/licensing-your-pet/>.

### License Your Pet

- **Online:** Visit our [pet licensing page](#). All major credit cards are accepted, and a small convenience fee will apply per transaction.
- **By Mail:** Send [required documentation](#) and checks to the City in care of its third-party processor:  
City of Alexandria Animal Licensing  
% PetData  
PO Box 141929  
Irving, TX 75014-1929
- **In Person:** Visit the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter at 4101 Eisenhower Ave.

For more information about animal licensing in the City of Alexandria, visit [petdata.com/for-pet-owners/alx](https://petdata.com/for-pet-owners/alx) or call toll-free 855-884-9553. For general questions, call 703.746.4774.

## Returning Completed Packages

Once you've gathered the required documents, review your Unit Profile Sheet. If needed, make corrections directly on the form and sign it when finished. Then, choose one of the following submission options.

### Building Lobby Drop Box

Place the Unit Profile Sheet with copies of supporting documents into the return envelope provided and drop them into the black drop boxes located in your building.

### Email

Scan documents or take electronic photos of such. Then email the corrected and signed Unit Profile Sheet and supporting documents to [reregistration@watergateatlandmark.com](mailto:reregistration@watergateatlandmark.com).

### U.S. Mail

Return your Unit Profile Sheet (corrected and signed) and copies of supporting documents to Watergate at Landmark: **Attn: Resident Services, 211 Yoakum Parkway, Alexandria, VA 22304.**



*Make copies of your supporting documents for Annual Registration at Resident Services. Photo: Brianna Hawkins*

### Physical Drop Location

Place the corrected and signed Unit Profile Sheet with copies of your supporting documents in an envelope and drop it in the Resident Services GOLD Mail Slot. It's located on the left side of the Resident Services window under the granite ledge.

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## IT'S ANNUAL REGISTRATION TIME! (CONTINUED)

### What Happens If I Miss the Registration Deadline?

The Association will take the following steps prior to assessing a Late Registration Service Charge:

#### Monday, January 8 – Sunday, January 14, 2024

Reminder notices placed on vehicles with expired decals.

#### Monday, January 15, 2024

Starting on this date, any resident not re-registered will incur a Late Registration Service Charge of \$50/unit.

At midnight, vehicles not displaying current WAL decals risk vehicle immobilization. There is a \$100 Booting Fee that is in addition to the Late Registration

*[Submit your completed and signed Unit Profile Sheet and copies of applicable supporting documents to the Association on or before January 20, 2024.]*

Service Charge. Don't delay; please complete the annual registration process ASAP!



### BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

First Wednesday of Each Month  
7:30 PM in Conference Room 2 and Virtually

#### January 3

*Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

#### February 7

*Tell Me What Really Happened* by Chelsea Sodoti

#### March 6

*In Order to Live* by Yeonmi Park

For additional information or Zoom information, Contact Diane Parker Mullens at [dpmullens@comcast.net](mailto:dpmullens@comcast.net).

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By WAL Management



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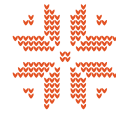
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## KNIT AND STITCH CLUB WINTER DRIVE



By Diane Mullens, Bldg. 3 Resident



The Knit and Stitch Club is collecting hand-made and purchased winter scarves, mittens, gloves, and hats in all sizes for those in need in coordination with Alexandria's Community Lodgings. This nonprofit's mission is to lift families from homelessness and instability to independence and self-sufficiency through Transitional Housing, Affordable Housing and Youth Education Programs. This is the second year Watergate's Knit and Stitch Club of 20+ years has donated items.

Donations may be dropped off during Knit and Stitch meetings on Friday, December 1 and Friday, December 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Conference Room 2 or by contacting Diane Parker Mullens for pickup through Dec 9 at [dpmullens@comcast.net](mailto:dpmullens@comcast.net) or 703-973-4373. Items may also be dropped off at the Information Desk in Beatley Library, through December 10. Give the warmest of holiday greetings to those in need.



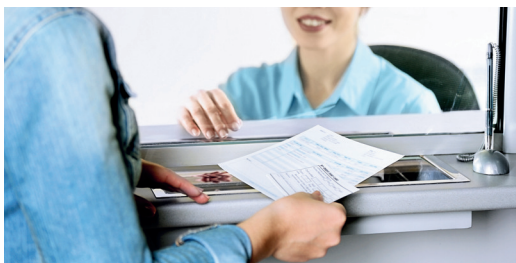
Photo provided by Diane Mullens, Bldg. 3 Resident

# HALLWAY DESIGN SURVEY AND DISPLAY

By Greg Gardner, General Manager

Have you selected your preference for a new Hallway Design? In 2007, the WAL Board approved a resolution to standardize all lobbies and hallways in the interest of saving tens of thousands of dollars in future design fees and economies of scale.

This year, the Board of Directors approved two designs to be considered for the renovation of our hallways and will soon decide on the final design that will be implemented in all four buildings. To this end, two designs will be on display in the Town Center and Building Lobbies 1, 2, 3, and 4. Owners are encouraged to comment and express a preference.



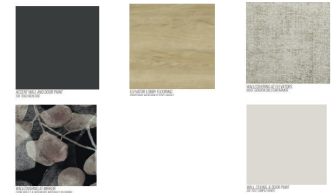
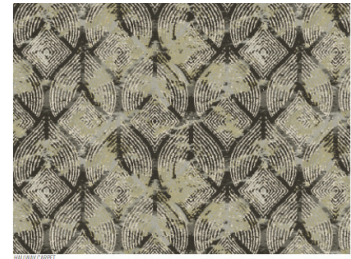
Only one survey form per unit will be permitted to owners. Lockboxes will be placed in each lobby where owners can submit a completed form. The survey forms can be obtained from the Resident Services Office. Please bring your WAL ID.

The two designs included in the survey were available for viewing in the Town Center until Saturday, December 2. Subsequently, for the convenience of those homeowners unable to visit the RSO, nonresident owners may request a survey form and photos of the design boards via email to: [ea2bod@watergateatlandmark.com](mailto:ea2bod@watergateatlandmark.com), and completed forms will only be accepted from registered email addresses.

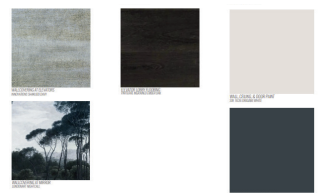
The design boards will be available in Buildings 1, 2, 3 and 4 in accordance with the following lobby schedule:

**Building Lobby Display Schedule**  
**Building 1 Lobby:** Monday, December 4, - 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Building 2 Lobby:** Tuesday, December 5, - 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Building 3 Lobby:** Wednesday, December 6 - 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Building 4 Lobby:** Thursday, December 7 - 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Brown Sugar Option



## Fresh Forest Option



*Design option created and provided by Wingate Hughes Architects.*

Make your selection and turn in your survey forms and give them to RSO personnel at the office or turn them into the lock box in your building lobby before December 11. Only one completed survey form per unit; duplications will void a unit's survey form. The tallied results of the survey forms will be shared at the Board meeting on December 19, at which time the Board of Directors will make their decision for approval of the final design.

# MARY TODD AND BAIRSTOW

## PETS OF THE MONTH

By Derek Greten-Harrison, Bldg. 3 Resident

Meet Mary Todd, affectionately known as “MT” or “The Todd,” a spirited 15-year-old Yorkipoo, and her lively 2-year-old Westie brother, Bairstow, fondly called “Bair.” This dynamic duo proudly calls Building 3 their home and relish every opportunity to mingle with human and canine companions.



Bairstow and MT. Photo provided by Derek Greten-Harrison

Despite her limitations, MT exudes an undeniable charm. Deaf and with limited vision, she may not initiate greetings, but her playful spirit shines through. Most of her days are spent in peaceful slumber, yet after a brisk walk, she sprints down the hallway with surprising agility, eager to return to her cozy bed. On the other paw, Bair embraces the vibrant side of life with enthusiasm. His solo walks around the neighborhood are a joyous affair, and when meeting friends—both old and new—he can't resist dancing on his hind legs.

Bair's love for play knows no bounds, from spirited games of soccer to lively rounds of fetch with tennis balls. When the day winds down, both MT and Bair find solace in cuddling on the couch, captivated by TV shows featuring their fellow furry friends. Jason and Derek, their devoted dads, ensure these two adorable canines are spoiled rotten with love and care.

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# UPCOMING Events

December

**5** LOBBY TREE TRIMMING  
TUESDAY  
7:30 PM • Bldg Lobbies  
• Free

Get into the holiday spirit! Join your neighbors to decorate your lobby Christmas tree. You can bring a dessert to share while decorating. Call the Activities Office at 703-370-7092 to volunteer, or simply show up at the event!



December

JUNIOR SENIOR  
HAPPY HOUR PILOT  
FRIDAY

5 PM • Terrace Lounge • Free

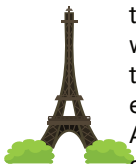
The *Youth Committee* proudly presents a new initiative - a dedicated space for Watergate's vibrant youth and wise seniors to unite, share stories, and forge connections. The gatherings will begin with small group discussions, leading to lively full-group conversations. Sessions will touch on activities, from engaging art workshops to intriguing explorations of various topics. Please register with the Activities Office at 703-370-7092 or at [activities@watergateatlandmark.com](mailto:activities@watergateatlandmark.com).



December

**31** MIDNIGHT IN PARIS  
(NEW YEAR'S EVE  
EVENT)  
SUNDAY  
7 - 9:30 PM • Terrace  
Lounge • \$55 (No Refunds)

Experience the Midnight in Paris event on New Years Eve, hosted by the *Social Committee*. Tickets are \$55 with no refunds. Tickets are available through December 24. Guests are encouraged to bring their beverages. Attire is jacket and tie for men, and cocktail attire for women.



**6** December

WAL BOOK CLUB  
WEDNESDAY

7:30 PM • Conference  
Room 2 + Virtual • Free

The Watergate Book Club meets Wednesday, December 6, to discuss *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. For any club meeting inquiries, contact Diane Mullens at [dpmullens@comcast.net](mailto:dpmullens@comcast.net).



December

**9** YOUTH STORY TIME  
SATURDAY  
10:15 - 10:45 AM •  
Lower Terrace • Free

The *Youth Committee* invites WAL little ones and caregivers for a story time event designed exclusively for aged 0-3 years old! Join us in the Terrace Lounge for captivating tales and a special experience that will spark their imaginations and love for reading. The second event of the month is on December 23.



**3** January

WAL BOOK CLUB  
WEDNESDAY

7:30 PM • Conference  
Room 2 + Virtual • Free

The *Watergate Book Club* meets Wednesday, January 3, to discuss *Demon Copperhead* by *Barbara Kingsolver*. For any club meeting inquiries, contact Diane Mullens at [dpmullens@comcast.net](mailto:dpmullens@comcast.net).



December

**7** HOLIDAY DINNER  
SHUTTLE TRIP

THURSDAY

11:30 AM Pick up •  
Lower Terrace • SOLD OUT

Join the *A&E Committee* on a shuttle trip to Old House Cosmopolitan Grill for a festive Holiday Lunch. Lobby pick-ups begin at 11:30 a.m., lunch will be served from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m., and residents will return back to WAL by 3 p.m.



December

**12** WAL ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS TREE  
LIGHTING & SING  
ALONG  
TUESDAY

7 PM • Town Square/Terrace  
Lounge • Free

Sing along and mingle with neighbors for a holiday celebration! CHILDREN of ALL ages! Bring your camera for a photo with Santa! Please bring sweets to share (no nuts) in the Terrace Lounge for the holiday reception following the program.



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January 18

MARINE MUSEUM IN QUANTICO

THURSDAY

9:30 AM Pick up • Lunch at the Museum • Free (RSVP Required)

Join the A&E Committee for a trip to the Marine Museum in Quantico. Departure at 9:30 a.m., residents can explore the museum at their own pace and lunch at the museum.



January

19

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

FRIDAY

7:30 PM • Terrace Lounge • Free (RSVP Required)

Coming soon, a Sip & Listen Special Event., "Gianni Schicci," A One-Act Comic Opera by Giacomo Puccini to be introduced by a special guest and Puccini Aficionado. A synopsis of the opera will be provided. This free event will last 1 hour and 15 minutes. We anticipate selling out! Residents need to RSVP in the Activities Office.

Register with the Activities Office at 703-370-7092 or email [activities@watergateatlandmark.com](mailto:activities@watergateatlandmark.com).

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## LOCATION KEY

BL=Building | BP=Billiard & Ping-Pong | BR=Blue Room | CF1=Conference Room | CF2=Conference Room 2 | CR=Card Room | FC=WAL Fitness Center | GZ= Gazebos | IP=Indoor Pool | LB=Library | LD=Loading Dock | LT=Lower Terrace | M=Market | MA=Multi-purpose Area | ME=Meadow | OP=Outdoor Pool | OT= Outdoor Tennis Court | P=Playground | PA=Picnic Area | PG=Putting Green | PR=Party Room | RC=Racquet Club | TL=Terrace Lounge | TS=Town Square | TV=TV Room | UT=Upper Terrace | VI=Virtual |

3	Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL	4	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Mahjong - 10 AM - CR Seniors - 2 PM - TL Covenants - 7 PM - VI Lobby Tree Trimming - 7 PM - Bldgs. 1-4 Election Opt Out Voting Begins	5	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Bridge - 2 PM - CR Tone/Balance/Stretch - 12:15 PM - TL Recreation - 5 PM - VI WAL Book Club - 7:30 PM - CF2 / VI	6	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Cards - 4 PM - CR Aqua Zumba - 6 PM - IP Holiday Dinner Shuttle Trip - 11:30 AM Pick up - SOLD OUT	7	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - CF2 Junior Senior Happy Hour - TL - 5 PM	8	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR	9	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Story Time - 10:15 AM - TL
10	Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL Communications - 1 PM - LB	11	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Mahjong - 10 AM - CR WAL Annual Holiday Tree Lighting & Sing Along - TS/TL - 7 PM	12	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Tone/Balance/Stretch - 12:15 PM - TL Bridge - 2 PM - CR Landscape - 11 AM - CF2	13	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Cards - 4 PM - CR Aqua Zumba - 6 PM - IP	14	Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - TL - CF2 Employee Holiday Banquet - 1 - 4:30 PM - TL	15	Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - TL - CF2	16	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR
17	Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL Budget - 7 PM - VI	18	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Mahjong - 10 AM - CR Board Meeting - 7:30 PM - TL/VI	19	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Tone/Balance/Stretch - 12:15 PM - TL Bridge - 2 PM - CR	20	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Cards - 4 PM - CR Aqua Zumba - 6 PM - IP	21	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - CF2	22	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Story Time - 10:15 AM - TL	23	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Story Time - 10:15 AM - TL
24	Christmas Day All Offices Closed Hours of Operation No Shuttle Service Fitness Ctr: 4 AM - 12 AM Indoor Pool: 10 AM - 10 PM Library: Closed Racquet Club (FOB Only): 6 AM - 11 PM	25	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Mahjong - 10 AM - CR	26	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Tone/Balance/Stretch - 12:15 PM - TL Bridge - 2 PM - CR	27	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Cards - 4 PM - CR Aqua Zumba - 6 PM - IP	28	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - CF2	29	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Story Time - 10:15 AM - TL	30	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Story Time - 10:15 AM - TL
31	Midnight in Paris (New Year's Eve Event) - TL - 7 - 9 PM (doors open at 7 PM)												

Note: Additional Election meetings will be shared at a later date.

# JANUARY

# 2024

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>New Year's Day</b> All Offices Closed Hours of Operation No Shuttle Service Fitness Ctr: 4 AM - 12 AM Indoor Pool: 10 AM - 10 PM Library: Closed Racquet Club (FOB Only): 6 AM - 11 PM	1 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Mahjong - 10 AM - CR Seniors - 2 PM - TL A&E - 5 PM - CF2 Covenantants - 7 PM - VI	2 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Bridge - 2 PM - CR Tone/Balance/Stretch -12:15 PM - TL Recreation - 5 PM - VI Infrastructure - 7 PM - VI WAL Book Club - 7:30 PM - CF2 / VI	3 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Cards - 4 PM - CR Youth - 6 PM - VI Pet - 7:30 PM - VI Aqua Zumba - 6 PM - IP Board Candidate Packets available at RSO @ 12:30 PM	4 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - CF2	5 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR
7	Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL Communications - 1 PM - LB	8 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Mahjong - 10 AM - CR Social - 6 PM - CF2	9 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Bridge - 2 PM - CR Tone/Balance/Stretch -12:15 PM - TL Landscape - 11 AM - CF2 CRC Meeting (Prev. PRC) - 7 PM - VI	10 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Cards - 4 PM - CR Reasonable Accommodation - 4 PM - CF1 Aqua Zumba - 6 PM - IP	11 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - CF2 Junior Senior Happy Hour - TL - 5 PM Election Opt Out Voting Ends	12 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Story Time - 10:15 AM - TL 2024 Annual Registration Ends at 3 PM	13
14	<b>Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL</b> <b>Martin Luther King Day</b> All Offices Closed Hours of Operation No Shuttle Service Fitness Ctr: 4 AM - 12 AM Indoor Pool: 10 AM - 10 PM Library: Closed Racquet Club (FOB Only): 6 AM - 11 PM	15 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Mahjong - 10 AM - CR	16 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Tone/Balance/Stretch -12:15 PM - TL Bridge - 2 PM - CR	17 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Cards - 4 PM - CR Marine Museum in Quantico - 9:30 AM Pick up Aqua Zumba - 6 PM - IP	18 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - CF2 Youth Indoor Pool Party - 7 - 10 PM - IP A Night at the Opera - 7:30 PM - TL	19 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR	20
21	<b>Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL</b> <b>Budget - 7 PM - VI</b>	22 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Mahjong - 110 AM - CR	23 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Tone/Balance/Stretch - 12:15 PM - TL Bridge - 2 PM - CR	24 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Cards - 4 PM - CR Aqua Zumba - 6 PM - IP	25 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - CF2	26 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Story Time - 10:15 AM - TL	27
28	<b>Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL</b>	29 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Mahjong - 10 AM - CR Board Meeting - 7:30 PM - TL/VI	30 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Tone/Balance/Stretch - 12:15 PM - TL Bridge - 2 PM - CR	31			

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