

The Laurelmead Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, November 30 - Saturday, December 6

11/30/2025 - Sunday

7:30 p.m. Movie

Just Mercy

The Conference Room

12/1/2025 - Monday

There is no Duplicate Bridge today.

12:30 p.m. Departure

CVS/Bank

The Main Lobby

1:30 p.m. Departure

Shopping at Seekonk Square

The Main Lobby

7:30 p.m.

Bingo

The Card Room

12/2/2025 - Tuesday

Election Day in Odeon:

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. Departure

Stop & Shop

The Main Lobby

7:30 p.m.

Sharon Music Academy

The Great Room

12/3/2025 - Wednesday

10:00 a.m.

General Residents Meeting

The Odeon

1:30 p.m.

Decorate the Christmas Tree

The Main Lobby

7:30 p.m. Movie

The Last Word

The Conference Room

12/4/2025 - Thursday

1:00 p.m.

Art For Your Mind

The Odeon

2:15 p.m.

Activities Committee Meeting

The Conference Room

2:30 p.m. Departure

Market Basket

The Main Lobby

7:30 p.m.

The Greg Abate Jazz Quartet

The Great Room

12/5/2025 - Friday

11:40 a.m. Departure

Foundry Artists Association Holiday Show

The Main Lobby

2:00 p.m.

Great Decisions

The Odeon

7:30 p.m. Movie

Meet Me in St. Louis

The Conference Room

12/6/2025 - Saturday

9:30 a.m.

Morning Social

The Great Room

7:30 p.m. Movie

Life is Beautiful

The Conference Room



THIS WEEK'S MESSAGES

MEDITATION

Wednesdays

2:00 p.m.

The Odeon

Meditation practice and discussion.

Materials provided.

Mondays and Thursdays

3:30 p.m.

In the back of the Library.

Meditation practice.

ESSAY DISCUSSION GROUP

A monthly meet-up to discuss essays on a variety of topics that will encourage lively conversation.

The purpose of this new group is conversation, the chance to use our wonderful brains, diverse opinions, and just have FUN!

3 – 4 pages. Group is limited to 8 members. It will be held on

the first Tuesday of each month

at 1:30 p.m. in the Library.

The first meeting will be Tuesday, January 6.

Facilitator, Betsy Shea-Taylor is happy to answer any questions.

More information and sign-up sheet are in the Mail Room.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ART COMMITTEE

The next Resident Art Exhibit will feature new acquisitions by the Laurelmead Wall Art Group. The Exhibit will open in the Ping Pong Gallery on Wednesday, December 3rd.

This is a chance for all residents to see and enjoy the selections before they are hung on the floor walls where some might be enjoyed mostly, or only, by residents on those floors.



This Week's Movies

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 AT 7:30 P.M.

Just Mercy (2019) 2 hrs., 16 mins.

(Starring: Walter McMillian, Bryan Stevenson, Jamie Foxx, Michael B. Jordan, Brie Larson, Tim Blake Nelson, etc.) After graduating from Harvard, Bryan Stevenson heads to Alabama to defend those wrongly condemned or those not afforded proper representation. One of his first cases is that of Walter McMillian, who is sentenced to die in 1987 for the murder of an 18-year-old girl, despite evidence proving his innocence. In the years that follow, Stevenson encounters racism and legal and political maneuverings as he tirelessly fights for McMillian's life.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Last Word (2017) 1 hr., 47 mins.

(Starring: Shirley MacLaine, Amanda Seyfried, Anne Heche, Thomas Sadoski, Philip Baker Hall, etc.) Harriet, a controlling unloved business retiree, hires a young journalist to write her obituary and then enlists her help in reshaping her legacy.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 7:30 P.M.

Meet Me in St. Louis (1944) 1 hr., 53 mins.

(Starring: Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien, Vincente Minnelli, Lucille Bremer, Mary Astor, Leon Ames, etc.) "Meet Me in St. Louis" is a classic MGM romantic musical comedy that focuses on four sisters on the cusp of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. The film spotlights the sisters' education in the ways of the world which includes, but isn't limited to, learning about life and love, courtesy of the prototypical boy next door. In the end, love, accompanied by song, dance, and period costumes, all in glorious Technicolor - conquers all.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 7:30 P.M.

Life is Beautiful (1957) 1 hr., 58 mins.

(Starring: Roberto Benigni, Nicoletta Braschi, Giorgio Cantarini, Horst Buchholz, Giustino Durano, etc.) A gentle Jewish-Italian waiter, Guido, meets Dora, a pretty schoolteacher, and wins her over with his charm and humor. Eventually they marry and have a son, Giosue. Their happiness is abruptly halted, however, when Guido and Giosue are separated from Dora and taken to a concentration camp. Determined to shelter his son from the horrors of his surroundings, Guido convinces Giosue that their time in the camp is merely a game.



December Upcoming Events

Evening Programs

All programs begin at 7:30 p.m.

Sharon Music Academy
Tuesday, December 2 in the Great Room

Greg Abate Jazz Quartet
Thursday, December 4 in the Great Room

Rhode Island Gay Mens Chorus
Tuesday, December 9 in the Great Room

Ocean State Ballet
Thursday, December 11 in the Odeon

RI Philharmonic Music School
Thursday, December 18 in the Great Room

The Voices of Christmas
Tuesday, December 23 in the Odeon

Holiday Events

Decorating the Christmas Tree
Wednesday, December 3 at 1:30 p.m.

Resident/Staff Holiday Party
Friday, December 12 at 3:00 p.m.

Lighting of the Menorah
For Eight Nights Starting
Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Hanukkah Service
Friday, December 19 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Holiday Sing-A-Long
Thursday, December 25 at 4:00 p.m.

New Years Eve Cocktail Party
Wednesday, December 31 at 4:30 p.m.

Upcoming Trips & Afternoon Programs

Shopping at Seekonk Square
Monday, December 1 at 1:30 p.m.

Jill Sanford: Art for Your Mind
Thursday, December 4 at 1:00 p.m.

Foundry Artist Show
Friday, December 5 at 11:40 a.m.

Great Decisions
Friday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Aurea Presents: A Child's Christmas in Wales
Sunday, December 7 at 2:15 p.m.

Connecting with Ourselves and Each Other
Monday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m.

PPAC: The Snow Must Go On
Wednesday, December 10 at 11:00 a.m.

Pretty Things Jewelry Show
Wednesday, December 10
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Aging with Intention
Friday, December 12 at 11:00 a.m.

December Meeting Schedule

General Residents
Wednesday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Activities
Thursday, December 4 at 2:15 p.m.

Building and Grounds
Monday, December 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Dining Services
Wednesday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m.

In our ongoing efforts to support The RI Community Food Bank

December is “Children Month”



Let's donate food to help families feed their children and for children to be able to celebrate the happiness and warmth of the holiday season.

PACKAGED OR CANNED ITEMS SUCH AS:

- **Meals:** macaroni and cheese, pancake mix, cups of soup, PB&J
- **Snacks:** granola bars, fruit strips, peanut butter/Ritz crackers, pretzels
- **Desserts:** pudding, applesauce, cookies
- Toddler or infant foods
- Hot chocolate, marshmallows
- Cereals, Carnation Instant Breakfast, Pop-Tarts
- **Fun food:** Candy canes, animal crackers, graham cracker bears, small boxes of raisins, snack size chocolate treats
- *Any other ideas you may have*

The December drive will begin on
Monday, December 8 – Friday, December 12.



RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY
FOOD BANK

SHOPPING AT SEEKONK SQUARE

WALMART
KOHL'S
HOMEGOODS
TARGET
T.J. MAXX

Monday, December 1
1:30 p.m. Departure
The Main Lobby

Please sign up in the Activities binder in the Mail Room.
A minimum of 6 residents are required for the trip to go.



LAST CALL FOR SIGN UP IN THE ACTIVITIES BINDER IN THE MAIL ROOM:

Aurea: A Child's Christmas in Wales:
Sunday, December 7. Departure is at 2:15 p.m.

Providence Performing Arts Center:
The Snow Must Go On: A Seasonal Sing-Along:
Wednesday, December 10. Departure is at 11:15 a.m.

Aging with Intention: Friday, December 12 at 11:00 a.m. in the
Conference Room.



Sharon Music Academy has been teaching children and adults how to love, understand, and enjoy music since 1990. They don't just teach how to play a song; they teach how to master an instrument. They have a track record of providing high quality music education for all ages and levels. Their students have won many local, national, and international music competitions. Many of them have been awarded Official Citations by the Massachusetts State Senate for their achievements and community work. Their students play in prestigious youth orchestras, are featured in local and national newspapers and magazines, and have their performances broadcast by local TV stations.



Program:

- F. Chopin. Etude A Flat Major, op. 25#1
William Zelevinsky
- F. Liszt. Gnomenreigen.
Brooke Zhang
- M. Glinka / M. Balakirev. Lark.
Katherine Zhang
- F. Liszt. Hungarian Rhapsody # 11
Matthew Popescu
- F. Chopin. Nocturne in C Minor.
Olivia Yu
- L. Beethoven. Sonata 23, op. 57. Movement 3.
Sophia Popescu
- F. Chopin. Andante Spianato.
- A. Scriabin. Etude in D Sharp Minor . Op. 8#12.
Agnus Cai
- P. Tchaikovsky. Pas de deux from The Nutcracker. Piano Duet.
WilliamZelevinsky, TanyaSchwartzman



Tuesday, December 2

7:30 p.m.

The Great Room

Laurelmead

Presents



Children in Art

Enjoy images of childhood from a variety of cultures and time periods. Renew your appreciation of the creative choices artists made as they approach this universal subject.

Art For Your Mind is an engaging, educational, art observation experience designed to broaden the minds of its participants. Presentations are for people of all backgrounds—artists and non-artists alike.

In just one hour you'll discover ways to get more out of looking at art. The guided format and carefully selected images reveal clues and meaningful connections.



Enrich Your Mind...

Join local art historian Jill Sanford for an enjoyable hour of challenging yourself to see in new ways!

Thursday, December 4, 2025

1:00-2:00 PM

The Odeon

Creative Thinking Through Art Observation

artforyourmind.com



The Greg Abate Jazz Quartet

*Playing the Classic American Songbook
with passion and a swing groove!*

Greg Abate, jazz saxophonist, flutist, and composer, continues as an international jazz/recording artist with 225 days a year touring the globe. In the mid 70's, after finishing a four-year program at Berklee College of Music, Greg played lead alto for the Ray Charles Orchestra for 2 years.

In 1978 Greg formed his group Channel One, which was a favorite in the New England area. From there we had the opportunity to play tenor sax with the revived Artie Shaw Orchestra under the leadership of Dick Johnson from 1986 to '87. Following this experience, Greg ventured out as a post hard-bop soloist playing jazz festivals, jazz societies and jazz clubs throughout the U.S., Canada, and abroad, including most of Europe, UK, Moscow, and Georgia Russia. Greg's newest release, *The Greg Abate Quintet*, features Phil Woods, Jesse Green, Evan Gregor, and Bill Goodwin.



Greg recorded his first CD, *Live at Birdland NYC*, in 1991 on the Candid Jazz Label with the trio of James Williams, Rufus Reid, and Kenny Washington. To this date Greg has recorded over seventeen other recordings and was nominated for a Grammy for his 2004 recording, *EVOLUTION*, in four categories. James Williams, Harvie S., and Billy Hart comprised the trio. Greg is also an adjunct professor of Jazz Studies at Rhode Island College and is an active jazz clinician with co-sponsorship from the Conn-Selmer Instrument Co., conducting workshops and master classes through the U.S and abroad. Tonight's performance will include Chris Taylor on piano, Todd Baker on bass, and Gary Johnson on drums.

Tuesday, December 4
7:30 p.m.
The Great Room



Great Decisions 2025

DISCUSSION LEADER:

Dr. John Dietrich

Professor of Political Science, Chair of the History
Department, Bryant University

***TOPIC: American Foreign Policy in the Middle East:
Taking Stock and Looking Ahead**

The war in Gaza has brought the region to a crossroads. What are the possible outcomes of the war, and how might the United States use its influence to shape a long-term settlement that leaves both Israel and the Palestinians in a better position? How might Arab states in the wider region be brought into a settlement? What are America's interests in the Middle East and how can it advance them?



Friday, December 5

2:00 p.m.

The Odeon

Please join us for the documentary film and discussion.

**Please read the FINAL chapter if you
purchased the book.**

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Hanukkah Dinner and Brunch **Reservations**

Brunch served from 8 am ~ 1:30 pm

Dinner served from 5:00 ~ 6:30 pm

*If you are entertaining guests
for either brunch or dinner today,
please make reservations in advance
for kitchen and dining room purposes.*

Reservation Policy

Place your reservation

by Thursday December 11th

with a Dining Services Representative.

Please, no online or voicemail reservations accepted.

**Requests for specific times will be taken
on a first come, first serve basis.**

**To place dinner orders for Take Out / Room Service,
call the front desk between 3:30 and 4:30 pm
on the day of the event. Pick up/delivery at 5:30 pm**