



DECEMBER'S BLAST

VOLUNTEERS – GIFT WRAPPING THANKS: Ken Wing, Life Enrichment Manager, thanked the VTP wrapping volunteers with a Rockingham County mug. He said it was a herculean effort wrapping over 500 gifts for over 125 residents.

GIVING TREE SUCCESSFUL:

Thirty-two VTP families donated to the Giving Tree at the Clubhouse this year to provide gifts for children who otherwise might not receive much for Christmas. The Brentwood Fire Department, working with the nurse at Swazey School, provided gift tags; and residents generously purchased the desired gifts. On December 13, Brentwood Fire Dept EMTs picked up the gifts, which were to be wrapped at the station and delivered to the school.

Brentwood Fire Department EMTs with
Giving Tree Project Chair Jody Phillips



Brentwood Fire Dept EMT Truck loaded with Christmas gifts

GREETING TREE: Now that the VTP Giving Tree is empty; all tags have been collected, and the gifts have been picked up by Brentwood EMTs for distribution to children in need, let's renew the tree as a Greeting Tree. We invite you to decorate the tree with cheery holiday greeting cards wishing each other a wonderful holiday. Please create a holiday card, approximately 4" by 6", and bring it to the Clubhouse to place or hang on the tree.

BOOK CLUB: January's book is *James* by Percival Everett, will be discussed on Tuesday, January 13 at 6:30. Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30-8:00.

BRENTWOOD RECREATION ACTIVITIES: at the Brentwood Recreation Center

A Holiday Luncheon will be held at the Brentwood Rec Center on **December 17, beginning at 11:30 AM**. Enjoy a baked ham dinner with all the trimmings, followed by holiday music sung by the children from Swazey School. As always, the luncheon is free, but donations are welcome.

VTP HAPPY HIKERS: On **Thursday, December 18th** VTP Hikers will meet up at **8:45 AM** at a nearby site. We are planning to lead a short hike (1.2 mi) at Kingston State Park, weather permitting. We will meet at Kingston State Park which one gets to by going south on Rt 125, take a right onto Rt 107 and then a sharp left onto Church St. Go past the gazebo/green, then pull over to the right after the brown sign. Bring poles, boots with good tread and dress warmly. This will be our last hike of 2025

NEW YEAR'S EVE: We'll be celebrating the kickoff of 2026 at the Clubhouse on the 31st from 6 – 9 PM. The Clubhouse Committee will supply food platters from Market Basket. So, sign up at the Clubhouse by December 24th as they need an accurate count for buying food. Those with food restrictions, please bring your own food. BYOB



FOOD PANTRY NEWS: Linda at the Food Pantry at Pilgrim Church was overwhelmed by our generosity last month. She has requested that we concentrate on hygiene and other personal items for December. Soap, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, sunscreen, hand cream, detergent, aspirin, Tylenol and saline nose spray are suggestions. Hearty soups and canned meat are needed as well. Chunky soups, hash, tuna fish and stews are examples. Jody Phillips brings the food donations to the church on Sundays.

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Regards,

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