



As we step into March, we welcome the first signs of spring—a season of renewal, warmth, and fresh beginnings. This month brings opportunities to embrace the beauty of nature, celebrate meaningful traditions, and connect with our neighbors both new and old.

This month we will celebrate the story of Purim, and get into some shenanigan fun with St. Patrick's Day!

Everyone at Hollander is wishing you a joyful and refreshing March!



BIG THANKS to all our residents, board members, staff and community, who take the time to show

their support to the Friends of Hollander House.

We appreciate your donations, both monetary and by way of bottle & can donations. All donation proceeds go directly to our Hollander Community Events. Your time and efforts never go unnoticed, so thank you very much!

✚ Friends of Hollander House Donations: In memory of Shaaron DeNitto: Sue Cazary & Sandy Small

✚ Bottle donors: Jean Hermele, Bob & Jane Hillman, Or Hadash

REDEEMABLE BOTTLES FOR FEB: \$145.30

Renter's Rebate Preparation

If you intend to apply for the Renter's Rebate this year, please plan to attend this invaluable information session. On **Tuesday, March 4, 11:00**, in the Community Room with Vivian Hernandez.

Vivian Hernandez, who will be processing your applications off-site this year, will tell you everything you need to know, and list all items you are required to bring off-site to your appointments. Unless you drive there yourself, we will arrange busses to take you to your appointments. Gwen will **NOT** have the documents you will need to provide this year, which is why it will be very important that you attend this information session.

Purim: A Celebration of Courage and Joy

Purim, celebrated on the 14th of March this year, is a festive Jewish holiday that commemorates the survival of the Jewish people in ancient Persia. The story, found in the **Book of Esther**, tells how **Queen Esther** and her cousin **Mordechai** courageously saved the Jewish people from the evil plot of **Haman**, the king's advisor.

Purim traditions include reading the Megillah (Book of Esther), giving gifts of food (Mishloach Manot), donating to the poor, enjoying a festive meal, and dressing up in costumes. It's a time of joy, gratitude, and community celebration!

Join us Thursday, at 12pm, March 13th for a Purim & Clovers Lunch Celebration. Please sign-up by 3/10/25 Hope to see you all at the party!





Hartford Healthcare APRN House Calls

How would you like to be seen by an Advanced Practice Nurse (APRN), offering high quality medical care, in the comfort of your own home? Hartford HealthCare would like to offer that benefit to you.

The nurse would provide care you need without leaving your apartment. It would be especially beneficial if you have a hard time getting to your doctor's office. The nurse would work closely with your doctor, make sure you are seen by a healthcare provider in a timely manner, help prevent trips to the emergency department and prevent admissions to a hospital, and decrease length of stay in short-term rehab.

This service would be covered by Medicare, Medicaid and Advantage Plans. To learn more, please come to the community room on **Thursday, March 27, 11:00**. The nurse will be here to answer your questions. Please watch for the flyer in your mailbox for more details.

Kohls Trip, Hawley Lane

Thursday, **March 6**, pick-up 12:30, return 2:30. Please be sure to sign-up by the 3rd.

St. Patrick's Day Craft

Come have some fun with a craft project! Please join your friend and neighbor, Charlene, as she helps you create your own pot of gold. No experience needed and no



cost to you! **Tuesday, March 11th, 10:30**. Sign up deadline extended to March 6th.



Blood Pressure Checks

On **Thursday, March 13th 10am**, with Nurse Lee. Please sign in when you arrive, and she will take you in order.

Mandala Coloring

Friday, February 14th 11AM in the community Room. Mandala coloring can have many benefits, including improved focus, reduced anxiety, and increased creativity. Why not give it a try?

Pest Control

On **Tuesday, March 18th 10AM** FMG exterminator will inspect and treat all **FIRST-FLOOR units**. Please have your bare mattress exposed and closet floors cleared.

Shopping Trips

12:30 pick-up, 2:30 return

-  3/5 Stop & Shop, Villa Ave.
-  3/12 Big Y, Hawley Lane
-  3/19 Stop & Shop, Main St.
-  3/26 ShopRite, Shelton




Movie Club Fridays

Bring a snack and come down and watch with friends and neighbors in the Community Room. Then discuss the movie afterwards. Shows start at **2:45pm** unless otherwise noted:



- 3/7 Dolce Villa
- 3/14 Heart of Champions
- 3/21 Trial by Fire
- 3/28 The Exchange

St. Patrick's Day Jokes!

-  **Why don't you iron four-leaf clovers?**
Because you don't want to press your luck!
-  **What's a leprechaun's favorite type of music?**
Sham-rock and roll!
-  **Why do leprechauns love to garden?**
Because they have green thumbs



Contacting GBT

When you take a trip on the Greater Bridgeport Transit busses, you are not guaranteed that the bus will be on time. Please keep their phone number handy if you need to call to find out when your bus will arrive. You also need to wait 15 minutes beyond the pick-up time before calling them. **203-579-7777**

Work Order

Work Order Policy Change

We have changed the policy for the non-emergency work orders. We now require the tenant to be present when the Hollander Staff is working in your apartment.

You will notice we have revised the work order, it now asks, when you will be home for the work to be done, please make sure to fill this out.



Reminders, Requests & Announcements

Communication: When you leave a message or make a request to one of the Office staff, please allow 2 working days for us to get back to you. While we try to respond to all requests as soon as possible, sometimes the number of residents that have made requests is very high and we try to work on the issues in the order they are received. And sometimes, there are urgent matters that take precedent over more routine questions.

Similarly, emergency repairs get the priority over the routine work order requests. Thanks for filling out the work orders, we feel that the process is going more smoothly now that everything is being put on a work order. Thanks in advance for your continued cooperation and patience!



Daylight Savings

Remember to set your clocks *ahead* one hour before going to sleep on Saturday, March 9. Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 10.**

Food Pantry

In February the non-perishable foods donated by the residents were donated to *nOURish Bridgeport*, a food pantry on North Ave in Bridgeport. The coordinators were very thankful for all of your generosity (two large very heavy bags of canned goods, cereal, toothpaste, etc. We will be supporting this food bank regularly going forward, along with Mercy Learning Center. This month we are asking for personal hygiene items, whatever you can give is appreciated.



Other language translations available upon request. Staff cannot guarantee accuracy, but we would love you to have the information

Otras traducciones de idiomas disponibles bajo petición. El personal no puede garantizar la exactitud.

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Перевод на другие языки по запросу. Персонал не может гарантировать точность.

Ngôn ngữ bản dịch khác theo yêu cầu. Nhân viên phục vụ không thể đảm bảo độ chính xác

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MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SAT/SUN

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<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11pm Renters Rebate Education Session</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12:30pm Stop & Shop, Villa Ave</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:30pm Kohls Trip</p>	<p>7</p> <p>2pm Chair Exercise 2:45pm Dolce Villa</p> <p>Candles 5:33pm</p>	<p>8/9</p> <p>Daylight Savings- Spring Ahead 🕒</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30 St. Patrick Day Craft</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12:30pm Big Y, Hawley Ln</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10am Blood Pressure Checks 12pm Purim & Clovers Party! 🍷</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11am Mandala Color 2pm Chair Exercise 2:45pm Movie-Heart of Champions</p> <p>Candles 6:41pm</p>	<p>15/16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Happy St. Patty's Day!</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10am Exterminator 1st Floor</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12:30pm Stop & Shop, Main St</p>	<p>20</p> <p>First Day of Spring 🌈</p>	<p>21</p> <p>2pm Chair Exercise 2:45pm Movie-Trial by Fire</p> <p>Candles 6:49pm</p>	<p>22/23</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12:30pm ShopRite, Shelton</p>	<p>27</p> <p>11am Q&A APRN Hartford Healthcare</p>	<p>28</p> <p>2pm Chair Exercise 2:45pm Movie-The Exchange</p> <p>Candles 6:56pm</p>	<p>29/30</p>
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