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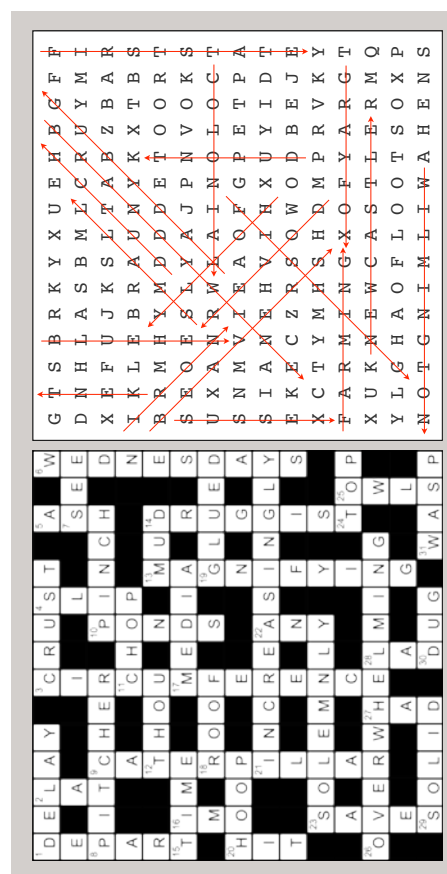
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# LEGACY VILLAGE OF ATHENS

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Christmas lights are twinkling, to-do lists seem to keep growing, and sometimes it feels like the whole world is rushing to do and buy “more.” But as December settles in, I find myself thinking

about how the heart of the holidays isn’t found in all the hustle, but in the quiet, meaningful traditions we create and share.

It’s easy to be swept up by the season—big store displays, the pressure to have the perfect gift, the calendar that fills itself. Yet when I look back on holidays past, what stands out aren’t the gifts themselves, but the memories shaped by time spent together. We remember the homemade jar of jam given and received, the laughter at the kitchen table while baking cookies or making cards, and the small, thoughtful acts that showed care and connection.

This season, I encourage us all to find moments to return to those simpler joys. Maybe try your hand at an “old-fashioned” tradition—make something from scratch, whether it’s jam, cookies, a warm scarf, or even a card written by hand and given with love. Better still, invite a friend or family member to join you in the making; the time spent side by side is often the greatest gift of all. These gifts, shared from the heart, are what we remember and carry with us long after the wrapping paper is gone.

Amidst the busy days and competing demands, I hope you’ll pause when you can—savor the music, take in the scent of pine, share a story, or sit quietly with someone you care about. Sometimes the most meaningful holiday “more” is simply more presence, more laughter, more kindness.

And if you’re able, we would love for you to join us throughout December for the celebrations and fun we have planned here in our community. All of our upcoming events and activities can be found on the calendars inside—so you can easily find the moments that fit your schedule. Even if you can only drop in for a short hello or a cup of cocoa, you are always welcome—we know the month pulls people in many directions.

However you celebrate, and wherever you find yourself this December, I wish you peace, warmth, and all the joy that comes with moments shared and memories made. Here’s to the simple things that matter most—this season and always.

Merry Christmas!

**Allen Chambers**  
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# Holiday Food Drive

During this holiday season, support our community by donating food to those in need. Legacy Village of Athens is partnering with the Northeast Georgia Food Bank. Please support our community and drop off food items from November 18 to December 18.

When you donate, enter our drawing for a chance to win one of four prizes: a griddle, dinner for two at Legacy Village of Athens, a dessert prepared by Chef Parker, or a mystery gift.

Entering is optional, thank you for your participation.

The grand finale and winner selection will occur at 3:00PM on December 18.

### Most Requested Items:

- Instant grits/oatmeal
- Trail mix
- Fruit snacks
- Cereal
- Granola/breakfast/protein bars
- Meal prep kits
- Canned meals with pop-tops
- Microwaveable meal cups
- Canned meats
- Peanut butter
- Jelly/Jam
- Applesauce pouches
- Shelf-stable juices or milk

\*\* NO GLASS JARS. \*\*



Donate virtually at: [classy.org/fundraiser/6828980](https://classy.org/fundraiser/6828980)  
All proceeds will go directly to Food Bank of Northeast Georgia.

## Celebrations & Milestones

### Welcome to our newest residents!

- Susan Mercer
- Nanette Haggerty

### Let's celebrate everyone marking a special moment this month!

#### RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

- Dec. 18: Annie Salerno
- Dec. 25: Benjamin Pope
- Dec. 27: Katherine Williams

#### RESIDENT ANNIVERSARIES

- Betty Anderson – 4 years
- Martha Collier – 4 years
- Carolyn Carlisle – 2 years
- Terrell Knight – 2 years
- Veronica Clay – 1 year
- Kenneth Cox – 1 year
- Pamela Forehand – 1 year
- Jimmie Jones – 1 year
- Carol Stearns – 1 year

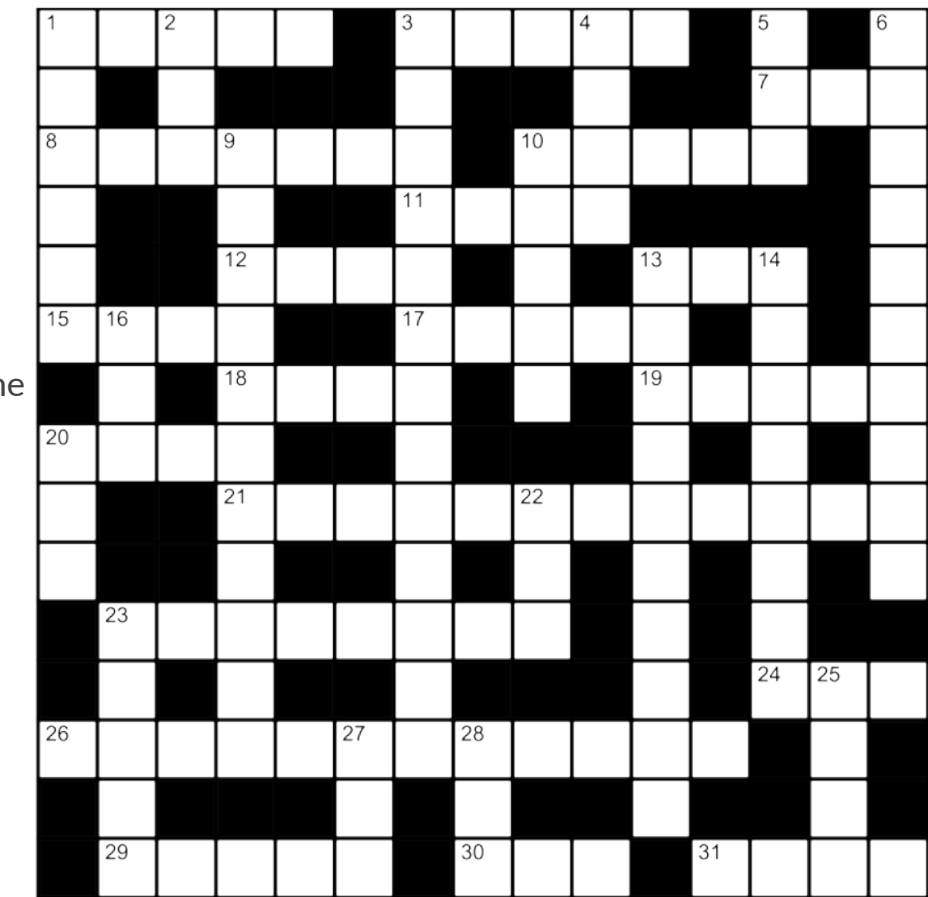
*Here's to friends, milestones, & memories!*

### ACROSS

1. Traveler's headache
3. Pizza feature
7. Envision
8. Baseball player or large jug
10. "\_\_\_\_\_ me! I must be dreaming!"
11. Word after karate or pork
12. "Wherefore art \_\_\_\_\_ Romeo?"
13. Kind of pie
15. Jim Croce's "\_\_\_\_\_ in a Bottle"
17. Broadcasters & news people are some
18. It may be pitched
19. Pasted together
20. Hula \_\_\_\_\_ (it gets around)
21. More and more
23. How to swear?
24. Apex
26. Completely overpowering
29. \_\_\_\_\_ as a rock (well built)
30. \_\_\_\_\_ up, unearthed
31. Mud dauber, for one

### DOWN

1. Leave; go away
2. Global positioning meas.
3. Distance around the Earth, say
4. "Mom, please sign my permission \_\_\_\_\_ for the school trip."
5. Cigar residue
6. Midweek days
9. Butterfly-to-be
10. Koi containers



13. Increasing (optically)
14. Pharmacist
16. In My Opinion, abbrev.
20. Billboard listing
22. "\_\_\_\_ questions?"

23. Reserves
25. Birds in barns
27. "I've been \_\_\_\_!" (fooled)
28. Little shaver

## HELP WANTED: SANTA'S WORKSHOP ELVES

Seeking enthusiastic elves for the North Pole's busiest season! If you enjoy spreading joy, eating cookies, and working with a high-energy team (of reindeer and humans), we want you on our squad.

### Ideal Candidates Will Have:

- Pointy shoes (curly toes preferred)
- Passion for cookie tasting and candy-cane sampling
- Gift-wrapping skills—or just enthusiasm for tangled ribbon
- Experience dodging rogue toy trains

- High tolerance for glitter in unexpected places
- Ability to sing "Jingle Bells" on repeat with a smile
- Friendly wave for all reindeer, even grumpy ones
- An unlimited supply of holiday cheer

### Perks include:

- Unlimited cocoa breaks
- Sleigh ride commute
- Lifetime supply of candy canes

Apply in person at the North Pole—no experience necessary!



May the joy of Christmas fill your heart and home with happiness.

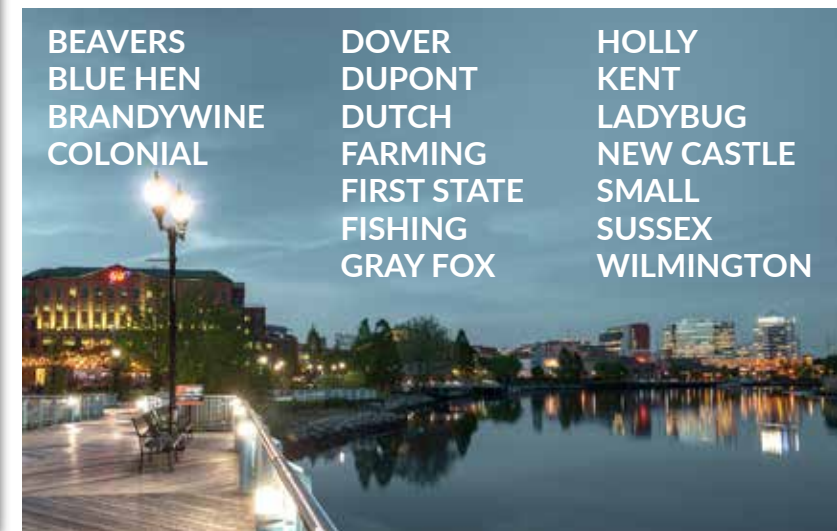
## Delaware

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DOVER  
DUPONT  
DUTCH  
FARMING  
FIRST STATE  
FISHING  
GRAY FOX

HOLLY  
KENT  
LADYBUG  
NEW CASTLE  
SMALL  
SUSSEX  
WILMINGTON



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