



## TABOR HILLS INDEPENDENT LIVING COMMUNITY

Semerad Pavilion - 1327 Crystal Ave.  
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Tabor Hills is celebrating excellence, as the proud recipient of the following awards & recognition:



The entire Tabor Hills team is honored to be 'home' for so many seniors - we would not have achieved these distinctions without our dedicated team across all communities!

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### CELEBRATE!

#### Happy Birthday

12/3	Josephine Lewis
12/6	Keith Venoy
12/6	Linda Loukota
12/6	Ellen Wier
12/7	Sally Kopp
12/7	Rich Murawski
12/7	Jim Nelson
12/13	Mary Ellen Barry
12/18	Garry Morten
12/19	John Eckman
12/22	Bob Chaplin
12/26	Jay Rowlee
12/28	Holly Peters

#### Happy Anniversary

12/15	Mary & Judy Langsam
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jingle  
and  
mingle

at our Holiday Brunch!  
December 17<sup>th</sup> | 10:00 AM

#### Menu:

scrambled eggs w/ cheese; loaded tater tot casserole  
blueberry French toast bake; bacon  
fresh fruit; rigatoni in vodka sauce; chicken limone

Diva Montell to perform!

\$18 per person | sign up by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, please!



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**INDEPENDENT LIVING**  
**COMMUNITY**

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**Book Club**

Tabor Hills Book Club will meet on Tuesday, December 16th at 1:30 pm in the Game Room at the Pavilion. We will discuss The December Market by RaeAnne Thayne. The Holiday Giving Market is the setting for this multi-generational romance - grandparents dating, grandkids dating ... and happy times are still hard to find! Sound like the holidays? Join us for our discussion and year end "happy time". Copies of the book are provided to us by Naperville Public Library. You may ask Gabriella for one of our library copies but be sure to return it at or before our meeting.



# THE WEEK AHEAD:

**Monday, December 1st**

10:30 AM Balance Boosters  
 1:00 PM UDECIDE Game  
 1:30 PM MahJongg

**Tuesday, December 2nd**

*\*GIVING TREE DEBUT!\**  
 10:30 AM Fitness Fusion

**Wednesday, December 3rd**

10:10 AM Yoga Class  
 10:30 AM Stretch & Flex

**Thursday, December 4th**

10:30 AM Core Builders  
 1:00 PM Dominoes/Pinochle/Games

**Friday, December 5th**

10:30 AM Super Circuit  
 1:00 PM Game Time

## Giving Tree

Will debut on  
*Giving Tuesday* – Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
*Giving Tuesday* is a 'global generosity movement unleashing the power of people & organizations to transform their communities & the world.' Our Giving Tree features tags that correspond to each community's activity fund. You can turn your tags + donation into Gabriella through the end of the year. Tabor Hills thanks you for your generosity.

## Cocoa & Carols

This fun and memorable event returns for Year 2!  
 The Naperville Chinese Choir will join us December 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM to share the gift of music and community. If you have your songbook they provided last year, be sure to bring it with! There will be sing-a-longs, plus a chance to sing karaoke-style to many popular holiday tunes! The group requested a participant count, so please sign up for the event by Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.

# Tabor Hills Independent Living Community

## Town Hall Meeting – Independent Living Community, at 1PM, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Attendance at Semerad Pavilion at 1:00 PM: Tony Harvat, Chief Executive Officer; Robin Mikel, Executive Director; John Lawler, Environmental Services Director; Gabriella Di Pillo-Morrow, Social Media & Life Enrichment Director; and approx. 20 residents from the Independent Living Homes.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Mr. Harvat provided his report:

- Remarkd that it was great to see so many residents at the Thanksgiving Luncheon event
- Gave a rundown of all three communities:
  - Healthcare Facility (HCF)
    - The HCF has earned four different awards – something only 1% of long-term care facilities can say they achieved
      - CMS 5-Star Rating
      - Newsweek: America's Best, ranked 11th in the state
      - US News and World Report – the HCF once again achieved both the Long-Term Care Performance and Short-Term Care Performance Awards
    - Currently the 2W wing is under a 'beautification' project. The updates selected were needed to remain competitive in the long-term care industry, especially here in Naperville
      - Mentioned that the next 'beautification' project will most likely be focused on the Pavilion – but did not want to promise anything specific
  - Supportive Living Community (SLC)
    - Staff Change: Leslie Davies has departed Tabor Hills for an opportunity out-of-state. A new Move-In Coordinator has been hired: Jennifer Little. Ms. Little previously worked at Heritage Woods – a for-profit Supportive Living facility.
  - Independent Living Community (ILC)
    - Recognized and celebrated the efforts of Executive Director, Robin Mikel and Life Enrichment Director, Gabriella Di Pillo-Morrow – mentioned how they both work hard for the organization and for the residents. Noted that these ladies are self-sufficient and that is something he, as CEO, appreciates!
- General updates:
  - From a financial perspective, 2025 was a good year for the organization. Revenues are up (because census is up). Increasing the number of residents whilst lowering expenses was one of Mr. Harvat's goals when he stepped into the CEO position. The company has implemented smarter spending practices and is more efficient with spending. Tabor Hills has also improved marketing efforts, which in turn captures more residents. Two years ago, the HCF census was averaging 89 residents – now they are consistently seeing a census of 105-110. Supportive Living's census has hovered around 76-82, staying consistent. Mr. Harvat mentioned that the biggest driver of increased census and revenue has been the ILC and the work of Executive Director, Robin Mikel.
    - Mr. Harvat ensured residents that their investment in Tabor Hills is safe.

- Future and goals for the campus:
  - Asphalt, including leveling around the lake (Summer 2026)
  - Seal-coating (Summer 2026)
  - Continued landscaping projects and improvements
  - Entrance-way pavers
- Annual Audit
  - Tabor Hills is required, as a non-for-profit, to go through a third-party audit annually, to confirm best practices are being implemented. Mr. Harvat will share results when the audit is completed.

Ms. Mikel shared:

- Returned Mr. Harvat's kudos and shared that he is great to work with.
- Successful few months!
  - 5 waitlist deposits in September
  - 4 waitlist deposits in October
  - 5 waitlist deposits in November
- Move-Ins
  - Already have moved in 12 residents/units and there will be 3 more coming in December, making a projected total of 15 new move-ins for 2025
- Open Units
  - Only 3 units unspoken for
  - The 1-bedroom on Cermak has been accepted as a temporary unit
- Waitlist
  - Has seen movement (the 12+ move-ins) and have already added on 14. There are about 25 future residents on the waitlist, most waiting for a Jefferson-style unit

Ms. Di Pillo-Morrow provided her report:

- Thanked residents for attending the Thanksgiving Luncheon. Feedback seemed positive regarding food, and everyone enjoys having Rick Pickren entertaining!
- Shared some information regarding the partnership with Santoshland – the local company Tabor Hills has partnered with for therapeutic massages on-site. Their doctors will be coming for the second time in December. All spots for December 8th are full, but a few afternoon times for December 4th may be open, still. Reach out to the Pavilion office if you would like to book a session. They are only charging \$1 per minute, and the resident gets to choose the length and style of the massage (ex: 30-minute neck and shoulders or 60-minute full body). They should be back in January if their scheduling pattern continues.
- Noted that the Naperville Chinese Choir will return for the second year, to come sing with residents at a 'Carols and Cocoa' event December 8th at 1:00 PM. The group is requesting a headcount and for any residents who may have their songbook from last year to bring it with this year.
- December 17th – get ready to Jingle and Mingle at the Holiday Brunch! This event will be catered; there will be a full breakdown of the menu in the December Newsletter and flyers at the Pavilion. The cost is \$18 per person and sign up is due by December 8th. Diva Montell will be performing.
- Remarked that plans for 2026 are underway, including welcoming back Al and Guy for a 'Cheer in the New Year' party in January.

- Ms. Di Pillo-Morrow also provided a few updates regarding social media and marketing:
  - The website will be slowly getting updated with better information and photography. Tabor Hills has contracted a professional photographer, Joni, to take exterior, interior, panoramic, and drone imagery for all marketing materials.
  - Social media content will also benefit from these updated photos, as content is shared across three Facebook Pages and an Instagram page, plus the company's LinkedIn profile

Questions asked during meeting:

Q: Any news or updates on McDowell Point?

A: Management keeps changing so it's hard to get a read on any updates. Mr. Harvat did stress the private property aspect of Tabor Hills. He believes the building to be less than 25% occupied.

Q: I was charged for a smoke detector battery – I haven't seen this charge before?

A: Tabor Hills has always charged for batteries for alarms, thermostats, etc. Tabor Hills does not charge for the service of replacing the batteries, but the product does incur a charge. This also includes light bulbs. Furnace filters are included and not charged.

*Note: Mr. Harvat mentioned he would conduct a pro forma to see what's been charged and what the output is for the organization to see if it's a possibility for Tabor Hills to absorb these fees (batteries, light bulbs).*

Q: Not a question, but a compliment. Grateful to see that the increase in our monthly fee was below the inflationary increase seen on so many other products and services. Kudos to the team behind putting forward a well thought out financial plan.

A: Mr. Harvat responded to this commendation – and shared that it is important for all involved in these financial decisions to be good stewards of the organization and ultimately, they do try to give the best product of the best price possible. Noted that Tabor Hills has seen pricing increase from vendors 5-12% depending on the product or service. The organization continues to find creative ways to keep costs as low as possible and not pass on these increases to the residents – while not changing the quality of service and care they know and expect.

Meeting concluded at 1:33 PM

Submitted by:  
Gabriella Di Pillo-Morrow | Secretary





*A Safer*  
**NAPER**

*Sharing timely crime prevention information relevant to residents to improve awareness and crime prevention efforts throughout the City of Naperville. Please pass this information on to your fellow neighbors through your HOA's newsletter, email distribution list or social media sites.*

**December 2025**

## How to Prevent Skids

Rain, snow and ice can make roads slippery and dangerous to navigate. Skidding can occur when a vehicle's tires lose traction on the road surface and too much brake or acceleration is applied.



While you cannot prevent every skid situation, minimize the chances of it happening by following these tips:

- Reduce your speed on wet roadways and especially when navigating turns.
- Do not brake fast by increasing the distance at which you follow other vehicles.
- Have your tires properly inflated. Tires that are over or underinflated can increase the risk of skidding because they don't grip the road properly therefore reducing traction.

Even careful drivers can experience skids. Here are some steps to take when skidding:

- Stay calm: Avoid panicking and making sudden movements.
- Avoid slamming on the brake. Let off the gas and brake pedals.
- Steer in the direction of the skid: Look where you want the front of the car to go and turn the steering wheel in that direction.
- Counter-steer: As the vehicle straightens out, you may need to steer in the opposite direction to prevent over-rotating and fishtailing.
- Return to center: Once the vehicle is moving in the correct direction, straighten the steering wheel.
- Resume control: Gently and gradually apply the accelerator or brake as needed once you have regained traction.

For more information on winter roadway safety visit <https://www.naperville.il.us/ASaferNapier>.



## DECEMBER

Find the words in the grid . When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.

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Card  
Christmas  
Cider  
Coal  
December  
Family  
Fireplace

Gift  
Hanukkah  
Holly  
Joy  
Lights  
Music  
Peace

Poinsettia  
Shovel  
Snow  
Tree  
Turquoise  
Winter  
Wreath





# DECEMBER

Hidden Quotation:

"Chill December brings the sleet, blazing fire, and Christmas treat." - Sara Coleridge



## DMV: New Location

Naperville's Secretary of State DMV has moved locations. As of Friday, Nov. 21, the Department of Motor Vehicles in Naperville will now operate at 1771 W. Diehl Road as an appointment-only location, with hours of operation from 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Monday through Friday and 7:30 AM to noon Saturday. The move from the old location on 75<sup>th</sup> Street is reported to be part of a broader effort by the Illinois Secretary of State's office to update and modernize DMVs throughout the state, including reducing time for people waiting in line.



# December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> 10:30 AM Balance Boosters 1:00 PM U DECIDE Game 1:30 PM MahJongg	<b>2</b> 10:30 AM Fitness Fusion	<b>3</b> 10:10 AM Yoga Class 10:30 AM Stretch & Flex	<b>4</b> 10:30 AM Core Builders 1:00 PM Dominoes/Pinochle	<b>5</b> 10:30 AM Super Circuit 1:00 PM Game Time
<b>8</b> 10:30 AM Balance Boosters <b>*1:00 PM Carols &amp; Cocoa with the Naperville Chinese Choir</b>	<b>9</b> 10:30 AM Fitness Fusion 1:00 PM Bingo	<b>10</b> 10:10 AM Yoga Class 10:30 AM Stretch & Flex 1:00 PM Bridge	<b>11</b> 10:30 AM Core Builders 1:00 PM Dominoes/Pinochle	<b>12</b> 10:30 AM Super Circuit 1:00 PM Game Time
<b>15</b> 10:30 AM Balance Boosters 1:00 PM U DECIDE Game 1:30 PM MahJongg	<b>16</b> 10:30 AM Fitness Fusion 1:30 PM Book Club	<b>17</b> <b>*10:00 AM Jingle &amp; Mingle Holiday Brunch!</b>	<b>18</b> 10:30 AM Core Builders 1:00 PM Dominoes/Pinochle	<b>19</b> 10:30 AM Super Circuit 1:00 PM Game Time
<b>22</b> 10:30 AM Balance Boosters 1:00 PM U DECIDE Game 1:30 PM MahJongg	<b>23</b> 10:30 AM Fitness Fusion 1:00 PM Bingo	<b>24</b> 10:10 AM Yoga Class 10:30 AM Stretch & Flex 1:00 PM Bridge <b>-PAVILION TO CLOSE AT 3PM-</b>	<b>25</b> <b>CHRISTMAS DAY PAVILION CLOSED</b>	<b>26</b> <b>PAVILION CLOSED CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>



**DIRECTIONS - PLEASE READ:** All menus, submitted in any fashion (email, phone, or paper copy) are to go through the Pavilion. Please **do not** bring your paper copy to the Healthcare Facility or leave it with your tray. Email menus to Gabriella.Dipillo@TaborHills.org AND Robin.Mikel@TaborHills.Org

***THE DEADLINE FOR ALL MENU ORDERS IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH.***

***YOU CAN CALL IN YOUR ORDER IF IT IS EASIER & QUICKER, GIVEN THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!***

Patio Home Resident

Name:

Address:

Phone:

## Healthcare Facility Dining Menu November 30th - December 6th \$15 - Delivered ~12PM

SUNDAY 11/30	MONDAY 12/1	TUESDAY 12/2	WEDNESDAY 12/3	THURSDAY 12/4	FRIDAY 12/5	SATURDAY 12/6
Barley Soup Saltine Crackers 1.Roast Beef w/Gravy Roasted Baby Potatoes 2.Grilled Bratwurst Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Cucumber Salad or Blue Lake Green Beans Bread/Margarine Chocolate Cream Pie or Sliced Peaches	Tomato Soup Saltine Crackers 1.Chicken Drumsticks Au Gratin Potatoes 2.Meat Lasagna Garden Salad w/ Ranch dressing Key West Blend Vegetables Bread/Margarine Red Velvet Cake Roll Red Grapes	Chicken Noodle Soup Saltine Crackers 1.Beef Stir Fry Steamed Rice Winter Blend Vegetables 2.Pork Fritter Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Winter Blend Vegetables Bread/Margarine Apple Cobbler or Sliced Pineapple	Potato Soup Saltine Crackers Roasted 1.Turkey/Gravy & Cranberry Sauce Corn bread Stuffing Oven Roasted Vegetables 2.Italian Sausage on Bun w/ Green Pepper & Onions Oven Roasted Vegetables Bread/Margarine Chocolate Cake Tropical Fruit	Mushroom Soup Saltine Crackers 1.Chicken Fajita Spanish Rice Broccoli Florets 2.Cabbage Roll Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Florets Bread/Margarine Angel Cake w/Strawberry Apricots	Chicken Rice Soup Saltine Crackers 1.Fried Fish Seasoned French Fries Coleslaw 2. Salisbury Steak w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Prince Charles Vegetables Bread/Margarine Boston Cream Pie or Green Grapes	Creamy Vegetable Soup Saltine Crackers 1.Homemade Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Peas and Carrots 2.Chicken Cordon Bleu Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Peas and Carrots Bread/Margarine Banana Cake or Fruit Cocktail

*The deadline for all menu orders is WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH.*

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