

September Holidays

Labor Day: Labor Day, celebrated on the first Monday of September in the United States, honors the contributions and achievements of American workers. Originating in the late 19th century during the labor movement, it became a federal holiday in 1894. The day recognizes the social and economic impact of laborers and serves as a tribute to their role in building the nation. Traditionally, Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summer, often celebrated with parades, picnics, and community events. It also signals a shift into the fall season, with schools resuming and businesses returning to regular schedules after the summer slowdown.

Patriot Day: Patriot Day, observed annually on September 11, honors the memory of the nearly 3,000 lives lost during the terrorist attacks in 2001. Established by Congress in 2002, it serves as a national day of remembrance for the victims, first responders, and all who showed extraordinary courage. Americans commemorate the day with moments of silence, especially at 8:46 a.m., the time the first plane struck the World Trade Center. Flags are flown at half-staff, and memorial services are held across the country.

Constitution Day: Constitution Day, celebrated on September 17, marks the anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787. It honors the foundational document that established the framework of the American government and the rights of its citizens. Originally known as Citizenship Day, it was renamed in 2004 to emphasize the Constitution’s significance. Schools and federal agencies often hold educational events to promote civic understanding and constitutional literacy. .

How to Age Well

An alert correspondent obtained the following advice:

Grow. Curiosity. Explore a New Area.

At Huntcliff Summit: Take classes, observe celebrations, take lectures and trips.

Adapt. Accept Life’s Changes

At Huntcliff Summit: New environment, new people.

Give: How Can I Help You?

At Huntcliff Summit: Help others with time, attention, patience, wisdom, and kindness.

Connect: Social connections are important for well-being

At Huntcliff Summit: Attend the many social occasions scheduled for being around great people, both residents and staff.

HUNTCLIFF HARBINGER



September 2025

The mission of the Huntcliff Harbinger is to announce planned events and activities for residents and interested parties. Also included are photographs and stories of resident artwork, club reports, and staff and volunteer recognition. The HH is written and developed by the Harbinger Editorial Staff.

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Highlights of September Events

- “The Producers”—live show at Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center
- Group baking for Rosh Hashanah
- Grandparents Day
- Recognition of First Responders who protect us.
- Summit Singers begin preparation of new show.

A Message from Lisa

Beginning in September and lasting throughout the rest of the year, we will have many projects taking place. As mentioned at the Resident Association meeting, we have a new roof going on the pool area, handrails along the walkway being painted, work in the garden area, new a/v equipment for the programs we offer (and you so generously volunteer your time to facilitate), an upgrade to our door entry system, and cosmetic work on some of the apartment balconies.

With all this additional activity, we will keep you informed of the details of each project and how they are progressing. There may be, at times, slight disruptions to your daily routine so we apologize in advance and will do everything we can to minimize the inconveniences.

As always, thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Lisa

Activity Summaries

Huntcliff Players: Come to Huntcliff Players to see their exiting humor-laden show. The particular skits to be performed in September were not available at press time.

Huntcliff Book Club: The Book Club will discuss Fredrik Backman’s most recent novel ,MY FRIENDS, at its regular meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. in the Essex. The book, a New York Times Bestseller, explores the power of friendship through the intertwined stories of four teenagers in a seaside town and an 18 year old artist in the present. Although recommended to read, reading the book is not a requirement for attendance. All are welcome.

Huntcliff Sunrise Singers: Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:30 in the Essex. New members and those interested in singing should be in the Essex by 7:15 to get their song sheets. If you sang with us this Spring, bring your notebooks with you. If you are a new resident or one wanting to join we will have a notebook for you.

Huntcliff Men: Look in your monthly activity calendar for the exciting events planned for September.

Opera—The opera selection this month is George Gershwin’s “Porgy and Bess”. It is set in Catfish Row, a dockside area in 1930’s Charleston. The fusion of opera and jazz took some time to be accepted by devotees of both musical art forms. Also, the producers initially insisted that white singers be hired, to perform in blackface. But Gershwin refused to compromise, and ultimately black singers were hired. Thus, this first great American opera represents two milestones in the evolution of both music and race relations in our culture.

Art Club—Last month the Club held an inspiring look at the life of one of the world’s most iconic female artists—Frida Kahlo. It was enjoyed by some thirty art lovers in the Veranda! Plans are being made for additional exciting programs this month and in the months ahead. Check your monthly calendar and posted announcements and plan to attend.

Knit and Stitch Club—New residents who enjoy all types of needle work....knitting, crochet, cross stitch, needlepoint, quilting.... are invited to join us in the lobby, Mondays from 1 – 2 p.m. Some members of the group provide items for Northside Hospital or shawls to be used on our bus. We can supply yarns, needles, or hooks for the knitters and crocheters who join us.

More Recent Activities

The art club in August featured the photographers Annie Leibovitz and Mary Cassatt to a full house in Veranda.

Recent Activities



HUNTCLIFF DOWNS—The racing music loudly blares out the familiar opening notes. The “expert jockeys”, Jo and Evie, are introduced as the 6 horses are lined up. Each horse has a number and a name for betting purposes.

The race begins.....horse # 4 moves 3 spaces, #6 moves 1 space, #5 moves 1 space... What?...Why aren’t horses #2,#1, and #3 moving, the onlookers cry out?. As a favorite horse nears the finish line, the residents cheer for their horse to win. Whoa....the long shot crosses the finish line and comes in first. Total astonishment or joy envelopes the crowd.

Horse racing is a fun activity with lots of laughs, cheering and camaraderie. Mark your calendars for 3:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Essex.



Ceramic Artistry—Marie Robertson has been a resident of Huntcliff since early 2019. Born and educated in western Maryland, she and her husband moved to middle Georgia in 1960, where they both learned to create ceramic pieces as a hobby. They became pro-

fessionals when they opened a ceramic studio. They produced their own greenware (unfired clay forms), offered a complete selection of ceramic decorating products and lessons to teach hobbyists the basics of creating their own pieces. Marie devised numerous original patterns and decorating techniques and won many Best of Show awards in regional and local competitions. Her students also won many competitive awards. Along the way she has also been a public school teacher, corporate trainer, recruiter, and outplacement consultant.

New Friends



Pat Joyce moved here from Alpharetta, and previously lived in Dunwoody. She has four children, 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She worked as a flight attendant and as an artist. Her hobbies and interests are art, her faith, and making things.



Jerry and Joyce Leeson moved here from Braselton, Georgia. They have three children and six grandchildren. Jerry worked as a director of education, and Joyce was a teacher. Their hobbies and interests are Canasta, Broadway shows, Mah-Jongg, bridge, and fishing.



Bhagwanti Kachoria has joined the Harbinger staff already. She moved here from Pittsford, New York (near Rochester). She has two children and three grandchildren. She worked as a sales clerk at Macy's Department Store. Her hobbies and interests are gardening and walking.



Angie Kempson moved here from Columbia, South Carolina. She has one daughter and two grandchildren. She worked as a teacher of 1st through 6th grades. Her hobbies and interests are crafts, music, theatre, and cards. Her special memories are birth of her daughter, travel in Europe, and holidays with her family.



Jim and Janet Ryan moved here from Westport, Connecticut. They have four children and seven grandchildren. Jim was a banker, and Janet was a secretary/receptionist. Their hobbies and interests are puzzles and reading. They are fans of Mets baseball. Their special memories are their wedding and the birth of their children and grandchildren.

September Birthdays

Barbara Green	September 3	Joel Lerner	September 18
Paul Langevin	September 3	Pep Greene	September 24
Maury Gerson	September 7	Eileen Riesenburger	September 25
Eleanore Schleicher	September 11	Jeanne Bump	September 27
Jerry Leeson	September 16	Don Radman	September 27
Jean Lowry	September 16	Howard Schwartz	September 27
Francine Sinkwich	September 17	Len Dorrien	September 29

September Anniversaries

Horst and Eleanore Schleicher	September 11	Ralph and Barbara Dugan	September 16
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September Service Anniversaries

Maritza Corena	September 1	Dietary Services	21 years
Kathryn Peterson	September 18	Administration	8 years
Keturah Biggins	September 26	Dietary Services	2 years

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