

October Holidays

Yom Kippur --- The Day of Atonement—is the holiest day of the year in the Jewish faith. Falling in the month of Tishrei (September or October in the Gregorian calendar) it marks the culmination of the 10 Days of Awe, a period of introspection and repentance that follows Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. According to tradition, it is on Yom Kippur that God decides each person’s fate, so Jews are encouraged to make amends and ask forgiveness for sins committed during the past year. The holiday is observed with a 25-hour fast and a special religious service, usually at Synagogue, and sin confessions. Some minor Jewish denominations such as Reconstructionist Judaism, focus less on sins and more on one’s goals and accomplishments and setting yearly intentions. Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah are known as Judaism’s “High Holy Days” with Yom Kippur being the most sacred day of the year. Yom Kippur 2025 begins October 1, 2025 at sundown and ends at nightfall on October 2, 2025.

Halloween—Halloween is a well-known holiday observed on October 31. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, a time when people believed that the souls of those who had died returned to visit their homes. The people would light bon-fires on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits and sometimes wore costumes to avoid being recognized by the ghosts thought to be present. It was in those ways that beings such as witches, goblins, vampires, and demons came to be associated with the day. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities, one of which is the practice of pulling usually harmless pranks. Celebrants wear masks and costumes for trick-or-treating, and go from house to house with the threat that they will pull a trick if they do not receive a treat, usually candy. Unfortunately, in some places, warnings became necessary about adulterated Halloween candy and apples being given. Along with skeletons and black cats, the holiday has incorporated other scary beings such as the Jack-o’-lantern. ALL FOR FUN!!



Artist of the Month

Pat Joyce, a Detroit native, has been drawing most of her life. She creates her art using ordinary pencils that most of us think of as strictly

utilitarian. Her professional career started when she volunteered to contribute pencil sketches of houses for the brochures of a real estate company. Now, the walls of her apartment are covered with her artwork, both pencil and acrylic. Pat has many fond memories of life as a stewardess for Braniff Airways right after college. And more memories from raising four children while watching the northern suburbs of Dunwoody and Sandy Springs develop from rural areas into the modern communities they are today.

HUNTCLIFF HARBINGER



October 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.

Erma Davis, Marvin Fellner, Dixie Lampert, Marie Robertson, Marcia Swanson, Art Schultz, Dawn Hamer, Lila Nathanson, Daneille Grimes, and Ray Bowyer all contributed to the writing and distribution of this month's issue.

Huntcliff Residents Website: www.huntsumres.org

Highlights of October Events

- Mimms Museum of Technology in Roswell, featuring Salvador Dali
- Oktoberfest celebration in Helen, Georgia
- Burt’s Pumpkin Farm in Dawson County, Georgia
- Visit by Arts Group to Savannah College of Art and Design in Atlanta
- Kol Nidre service for Yom Kippur
- Yizkor service for Yom Kippur
- Meet and Greet session with Rusty Paul, mayor of Sandy Springs
- Dr. Dan Schrage on Viet Nam War (He is a Viet Nam Veteran.)
- Special events for Halloween—watch for details.

Black and White

The September issue was in black and white, because of equipment failures. We apologize. We hope the failures have been repaired, so you are seeing this issue in glorious color.

Electronic Distribution

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Activity Summaries

Hal Parker Players: A wise man once observed that Man is the only Animal with a sense of humor. The Players continue to demonstrate this truth for us to enjoy every month. Come laugh with us - the more the merrier!

Huntcliff Book Club: Several weeks ago Book Club members and other residents received in their cubbies a list which included the names of books and dates the books will be discussed from September 2025 through June 2026. The list was distributed so that members have advanced notice and other interested residents may decide to attend the meetings. The October meeting on Thursday, October 9th will feature the book **The MAID** by Nita Prose. Join us at 2:30 pm in the Veranda. NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION.

Sunrise Singers: An organizational meeting for the 2005 presentations was held on Tuesday, September 9th with some thirty members in attendance. Rehearsals began on Tuesday, September 16 and continue each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Essex in preparation for the Fall/Winter concerts to be held November 18 and November 22. Watch for further information in posted announcements.

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

Blackjack: Blackjack has returned. Check your monthly activity calendar for specific dates and times

Opera: October's opera is Giuseppe Verdi's "Aida", a masterpiece so popular that it is performed consistently every year around the world. According to the story, ancient Egypt is at war with Ethiopia. Aida is the daughter of the Ethiopian king, captured and enslaved by the Egyptians, who are unaware of her royal status. She and the Egyptian General Radamès, who is waging war on her country, are secretly in love. Their story of conflict between patriotism and treason, secrecy and guilt, reaches a gruesome conclusion.

Art Club: The Art Club at Huntcliff presents prominent artists, including men and women, each week on Wednesdays 2:00 p.m. in the Veranda. Painters, sculptors, printmakers, and photographers are showcased in one hour episodes. Whether you are a new resident or a long-time resident, and are interested, please join us. October programs will appear in elevator signs and in your monthly activity calendar. We look forward to welcoming all.

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.

CuriosityU Early in 2025, Sunrise Corporate purchased a series of education and entertainment programs for senior residents which provides a wide variety of topics. Some of the available programs are music, theater, faith, fitness, travel, and learning. Huntcliff Summit has chosen to present CuriosityU, a series of lectures by college professors on hundreds of different topics. These include material on history (both ancient and modern), science, stage and screen, religion, literature (classical and contemporary), and social issues. Some examples have been on Harry Houdini, The Pope's election, Shakespeare, the Pyramids, Beethoven's Ninth, and Henry VIII's wives. Each presentation is about 50-60 minutes, followed by a discussion of the material, CuriosityU videos are presented on Sunday at 2:30 PM in the Veranda Room,

Recent Activities



Delta Museum—Seventeen residents of Huntcliff Summit enjoyed a visit to the Delta Flight Museum at the Atlanta Airport. Some were entranced by visiting the cockpit, some loved seeing the outside of planes they had flown in as passengers, and some were fascinated by the historical uniforms worn by Delta employees over the years. The group enjoyed a Chick-fil-A lunch before returning

home.

Grandparents Day—Beautiful weather welcomed grand-children, great-grandchildren, and casual visitors to Grandparents Day. The jumping-jack house, slide, and live animals had their usual attraction to the little people who attended. The lunch served by Huntcliff kitchen staff was delicious.



OUTLET STORES BEWARE! On Friday, September 1st, a group of determined Huntcliff women went on an excursion to the North Georgia Premium Outlet Mall in Dawsonville, GA. It is a Georgian-style open air complex featuring 140 designer and name-brand outlet stores.

The stores definitely benefited from our visit as we purchased an array of goods ranging from clothing to household accessories and candy. A cheerfully decorated Mellow Mushroom restaurant was our luncheon destination. It felt good to sit and relax after walking in the refreshing cool air and checking out the stores. The weather was perfect for our outing.

We returned home, a little tired, but with lots of packages to show for our lucrative bargain shopping.



Booth Museum A group of Huntcliff residents visited the Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville, GA to view the Museum's exhibit, WESTERN COSTUMES FROM THE SILVER SCREEN: The Davey Collection. The collection of John H. Davey's Hollywood clothing worn by movie greats in mostly Western movies included John Wayne's coat from "Dakota", Robert Mitchum's coat from "A Man with a Gun", Leslie Benedict's jacket from "Giant", Gene Tierney's blue riding habit worn in "Southern Belle" and many other costumes and objects from Western movies and television programs. It was fascinating to see these items up close. Afterwards, lunch was enjoyed in downtown Cartersville. .

New Friends



Howard and Laura Schwartz moved here from Dunwoody. They have three children and six grandchildren. Howard was a builder, and Laura was a secretary. Their interests are clay molding and swimming.



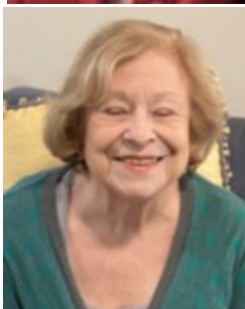
Judy Taylor moved here from Marietta. She worked in sales, selling cleaning equipment. Her hobbies and interests are gardening and crafts. Her special memories are beating breast cancer and watching nephews graduate from college.



Daneille Grimes is already on the Harbinger staff. She moved here from Norcross, Georgia. She has two daughters and four grandchildren. She worked as an elementary teacher and had a Kindermusik business. Her hobbies and interests are volunteering with music, reading, genealogy, crochet, knit, and teaching phonics. Her special memories are road trips with her husband and church activities.



Mary Derbes moved here from Vinings, Georgia. She has two children and one grandchild. She worked as a teacher and as a computer programmer. Her hobbies and interests are reading and knitting. Her special memories are travel to Russia, Paris, Florence, and China.



Dixie Lampert moved here from Miami, Florida. She has two children and three grandchildren. She worked as an investigative analyst and mediator for the consumer protection division of Miami/Dade County, Florida. Her hobbies and interests are baking, cultural activities, mahjong, and book reviews. Her special memories are being honored for 50 years of service to Temple Sinai in North Miami, Florida.



Joan Lear moved here from the west coast of Florida. She has two children, five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. She worked as a hospital social worker. Her hobbies and interests are jewelry making, card games, and exercise. Her special memories are 33 trips to Israel, her marriage, and birth of her children.

October Birthdays

1	Natine Rosenzweig	18	Bunny Maron
5	Lynn McCoy	19	Bob D'Agostino
5	Hal Parker	21	Olive Ellner
7	Jackie Pierce	21	Adele Weinstein
11	Ruth Deason	25	Ron Kolze
14	Peter Caldwell	27	Suzie Shewmaker
16	David Skolsky	28	Gale Nagao
16	Cathy Cayce	29	Ann TerWeele

October Anniversaries

7	George and Carol Gill	30	Gabe and Rima Elissa
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October Service Anniversaries

Jeffery Roberts	October 12	Dietary Services	2 years
Twana Y Green	October 24	Housekeeping	29 years
Ryan Holeman	October 31	Dietary Services	2 years

A Message from Lisa

I want to thank all of you who participated in the U.S. News and World Report "Best Senior Living" survey. This was the fourth consecutive year Sunrise Senior Living communities were able to participate in the survey. To even be considered for recognition, we needed a participation rate of 55% or better. I am pleased to share that we narrowly hit that target by having a 56% response rate. This initiative helps gather valuable customer insights across all senior living communities in the United States. The results of the survey will be available in the spring of 2026.

In addition to the surveys, I want to reinforce our open-door policy. You don't have to wait for a survey to voice suggestions, concerns, or ideas. As a team, we recognize we come into your home each day and our goal is to provide you with excellent service. We won't always be perfect, but we will strive to provide you with a pleasant experience and satisfactory service. If something isn't up to your expectations, please let us know so we can act to make improvements. If something is meeting or exceeding your expectations, please let us know that as well! We like to recognize those team members who are our shining stars!

Thank you again for your on-going feedback! **Lisa**