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**Next Community** Meeting July 30, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Waugh/Mt. Meigs Fire Station

Deadline to submit information for the October issue is September 1, 2013

#### **Community Update**

#### Launch of KHOA Newsletter

The Knollwood Homeowners Association newsletter, "The Knollwood As you may have seen, the Tire Voice," is published as a vehicle to keep residents informed of community activities. The activities include bi-monthly community meeting notes, news from neighbors, recognition of achievements in the community, reminders and notices of coming events. The newsletter will be published quarterly with some sections recurring in each issue. Ideas and suggestions for newsletter topics are appreciated. To submit a topic munity; release of hazardous for a future publication, contact your block captain or send an email to milledge6@aol.com.

#### Tire and Service Center on Highway 80

and Service Center located on Highway 80 adjacent to the BP gas station has placed several mounds of tires in the rear of the building in possible violation of the Code of Alabama 1975, §22-40A-1 et seq. regulated by Alabama Department Of Environmental Management Land Division - Scrap Tire Program. This collection of tires poses health and environmental hazards for the surrounding comchemicals into the environment, a breeding ground for mosquitoes, and a harbor for rodents and

snakes. The KHOA contacted the **Montgomery County Commission** in an effort to address this concern and the work to resolve it continues.

## **Drainage Concern on Cotton-**

The drainage problems identified on Cottonwood Drive are being addressed with Montgomery County officials. The Knollwood Homeowners Association has been informed of plans to have a county engineer review the condition of the drains and determine the appropriate solution for the problem.

Community Update continued below.



A man has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when he plants shade trees under which he knows full well he will never sit.

D. Elton Trueblood

Have you noticed the new neighbor- June. Pinetree Drive was the sole location in the neighborhood that had a sign prior to installation of the additional signs.

#### In Appreciation of Service

Mr. John Summers, Mr. Jimmie Horton, Mrs. Mavis Dudley, Mr. James Grant, Mr. Taylor Hough, Mrs. Norma Summers, Mrs. Fannie McDade, Mrs. Bernice Ballard

Thank you for your dedication and the hard work you provided to the Knollwood Community during your tenure as members of the Executive

#### **Community Update Cont'd** vides a collective voice for the com-

#### **East Montgomery Neighborhood** Alliance

The Knollwood Homeowners Association is a member of the East Montgomery Neighborhood Alliance. This membership affords the community an opportunity to align with other communities that seek to maintain safe and pleasant neighborhoods for the families they represent. It promunities in its membership. Meetings are held quarterly.

#### **Neighborhood Watch Signs**

hood watch signs at the entrance on Knollwood Blvd. and Elm Drive? The KHOA worked with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department to have the signs installed in

# Knollwood Homeowners Association

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We're on the web!

www.knollwoodhomeownersassociation.org

#### **Covenant Corner**

#### **HOA Dues**

The Knollwood Homeowners Association By-Laws, Article III, Dues, Section 1 states: "Conditions peculiar to the community (cost of street lights), maintenance of the Common Areas, the necessity of income for community improvement, and the cost of other approved expenses deemed necessary for the Association, dictate policies regarding financial obligations. Therefore, membership dues shall be assessed, and amended from time to time."

A memo was issued January 7, 2013 outlining HOA dues of \$200.00 for the current year. "Payments in any amount and as often as you would like may be made Vision—We welcome all to our thriving community with love, courtesy, and respect.

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#### **Around the Corner (News and Notes)**

#### Thinking of You—A Ray Sunshine For Your Day

Mrs. Mayme Vancleve, Mrs. Jean Malden, Mrs. Clara Clark, Mr. Willie Walton, Mrs. Mary Tumlin, Mr. Charlie Stallworth, Mr. Third Stallworth

**Congratulations** to Jimmie & Glenda Horton on becoming the proud grand-parents of Alexandra Noel, born May 26 weighing 7lbs. Ioz.

Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Jackson, Pinetree Drive, on their grandchildren's graduation: Deidre Jackson from Lawson State Community College, Birmingham; Aurial Gaston form Walton High School, Georgia

Mr. & Mrs Leo Allen, Ash Drive, on their daughter, Shauntice Allen, on receiving a Doctorate from The University of Alabama Birmingham

#### Class of 2013 Graduates

Jerome Dees (Cottonwood Drive) from the University of Alabama School of Law Joy Dees (Cottonwood Drive) from Loveless Academic Magnet Program (LAMP) Dontoria Kenise Mitchell (Old Elm Drive) from Jefferson Davis High School Kirby Fields (Pinetree Drive) from The University of Alabama

## Our Condolences—In Recognition of Families Whose Loved Ones Have Passed (January 2013—June 2013)

Mrs. Johnnie Burney, brother; The Daniels (Willie), father; The Howzes (Brenda), mother; The Jacksons (Georgia), sister-in-law; The Hortons (Jimmie), brother-in-law; The Johnsons, Mr. Paul Johnson, a former resident of Elm Dr. (January 14); The Weatherlys, Mr. Luther Weatherly, a former resident of Elm Dr. (June 20)

Welcome to Our New Neighbors on Cottonwood Drive—Mr. & Mrs. Eric Lewis, Mrs. Eva Goodwin, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Gaines, & residents of 154; Pinetree Drive—Mrs. Heidi Craig-Sanchez



by June 15, 2013 total \$100.00. The same applies for payment for the other \$100.00 before December 15, 2013."

All payments by check or money order should be sent to:

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#### **Property Maintenance**

The up-keep of Knollwood Subdivision properties is essential to the attractiveness of the community, the maintenance of property values, community pride, and promoting desirability for family living.

Standards have been identified for the maintenance of properties.

All property owners/occupants must adhere to all standards. Non-conformity to the standards will be a violation of the Covenants and Restrictions.

The Executive Council will enforce standards for property maintenance. It will monitor properties for compliance with standards and send written notices of violations to property owners/occupants. Neighbors may report to the Executive Council any properties or problems that need attention.

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#### Special Dates/Events:

Next Community Meeting November 26, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Waugh/Mt. Meigs Fire Station

Columbus Day, Oct. 14

Veterans Day, Nov. 11

Thanksgiving, Nov. 28

To submit a topic for a future publication, contact your block captain or send an email to milledge6@aol.com. Deadline to submit information for the January issue, December 15, 2013

# Voice

#### BONDS—Building Our Neighborhoods For Development and Success

BONDS is a program of the City of Montgomery Department of Planning. BONDS' mission is to strengthen neighborhood associations by acting as a resource center and providing training, networking opportunities, and financial assistance (grants) in a effort to improve the overall quality of life throughout the city and county of Montgomery.

Knollwood HOA participates in the BONDS Program. BONDS has provided funding (grants) for these community projects:

- 1) Installation of electrical outlets along the median at the entrance.
- 2) Rebuilding of the gazebo
- 3) Cementing the area around the gazebo
- 4) Landscaping service (seasonal flowers) at the Entrance.

BONDS hosts Gathering of Neighborhoods (GON) and BONDS After Hours (BAH). GON is an one hour forum held at noon for neighborhood association members to meet and greet that includes representatives from local non-profits, businesses, and government.

All sessions are free and open to the public but required for those that participate in the grant process. Upcoming sessions: 1) GON-Oct. 15th, 12 noon, Location TBA, 2) Training Session—Oct. 29th, Neighborhood 101, 6pm-8pm, City Auditorium 3) BAH-Nov. 21st-5:30pm-Tipping Point, 5014 Hampstead.

For information contact:

Regina Berry-Meadows, Program Director, 625-2207 Cynthia McCollister, Program Assistant, 625-2126

Community contact: Brenda Savage, 277-3010

#### Community Update

#### Tire and Service Center

The KHOA contacted Montgomery County Commissioner Reed Ingram to address the tires behind the Tire and Service Center on Highway 80 adjacent to the BP gas station. Subsequently, the tires have been removed.

#### **Tree Removal and Drainage**

The roots of a large pine tree located in the easement on the rear of the property between 137 and 143 Cottonwood Dr. had broken the curb and formed a mound in the pavement. This problem was not addressed with resurfacing of the street. The tree was cut and stump ground by Vogel Tree Company, LLC to prevent further damage to the street and curb.

Measures to improve the drainage problems identified on Cottonwood

Drive continue. An independent construction company has been contacted to review the condition of the drains and determine the appropriate solution for the problem.

#### **Insurance Services Office, Inc** (ISO) Rating

The Waugh/Mt. Meigs Fire Station recently improved its ISO rating to "6"; previously "9". This improved rating should impact homeowners' insurance with lower premiums.

The system ISO uses to determine the rating of a fire department is called the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule -- a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the best score. This ISO rating schedule examines many factors relating to local fire departments, especially training and equipment,

as well as the locations of fire stations within the community.

Congratulations and many thanks to Mrs. Alma Bowens, President, and other volunteers for the many sacrifices they make to serve the Montgomery County communities.

Reference: http://www.ehow.com/ info\_7908750\_iso.html#ixzz2g9XcL 10T

#### **Homeowners Association** Insurance

The Knollwood Homeowners Association has obtained general liability insurance for the common areas and officers from Association's Insurance Agency, Inc.. The policy is effective from April 2013 through April 2014.

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# The Starfish Story—Original Story by Loren Eisley

One day a man was walking along the beach, when he noticed a boy hurriedly picking up and gently throwing things into the ocean.

Approaching the boy, he asked, "Young man what are you doing?"

The boy replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out, If I don't throw them back, they'll die."

The man laughed to himself

and said, "Don't you realize there are miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make a difference!"

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said,

"I made a difference to that one."

You make a difference, every day.



# Making A Difference

Financial Assessment is vital for the upkeep of the neighborhood; it is necessary for the maintenance of the Entrance, the cost of street lights and other expenses for the operation of the Knollwood Homeowners Association.

Many thanks to those of you that encourage, take time to send notes or telephone, and help to keep us informed. The names listed represent households that have paid financial assessment (\$100.00) for the first half of 2013. The (\*) denotes those households that have paid full assessment (\$200.00) for 2013.

- 1. Leo Allen
- Thomas Anderson\*
- Bernice Ballard
- 4. Herbert Bell
- 5. Brian Bennett\*
- Johnnie Burney
- Virginetta Cannon\*
- Clara Clark
- Rov Comer\*

- 10. Franklin Cook\*
- 11. Evelvn Cravton\*
- 12. Katie Daniel
- 13. Howard Daniels
- 14. Jocelyn Dervin\*
- 15. Mavis Dudley\*
- 16. Annie Fields
- 17. Ethelrene Franklin
- 18. Dawn Frazier
- 19. Michael Frazier
- 20. Grace Glaze
- 21. Eva Goodwin\*
- 22. James Grant\*
- 23. Lucinda Harden\*
- 24. Annie Harris\*
- 25. Benny Harris
- 26. William Harrison
- 27. Ahmad Hasan\*
- 28. Glenda Horton\*
- 29. Carnell Hough
- 30. Brenda Howze\*
- 31. John Ivery
- 32. Clyde Jackson\*
- 33. Garland Jackson\*
- 34. Samuel Jackson
- 35. Adrian Levett\*
- 36. Edwin Lewis
- 37. Katrice Lewis
- 38. Sylvia Long
- 39. Jean Malden
- 40. Fannie McDade

- 41. Tonva McDade
- 42. Denise Milledge
- 43. Victoria Mitchell
- 44. Mamie Muse
- 45. Benny Newton
- 46. Linda Overton
- 47. Johnny Raines\*
- 48. Ollie Robinson
- 49. Justin Patterson
- 50. Latreta Pearson
- 51. Heidi Craiz-Sanchez\*
- 52. George Savage\*
- 53. Kim Savage
- 54. Bennie Smith\*
- 55. Marvin Stinson
- 56. Thomas Streety
- 57. Norma Summers\*
- 58. Nii Tackie\*
- 59. Debra Teague
- 60. Margie Toney
- 61. Mary Tumlin\*
- 62. Mayme Vancleve\*
- 63. Juanita Walton\*
- 64. Jacqueline Weaver\*
- 65. Maxine Wheeler\*
- 66. Sandra Williams\*
- 67. Betty Woolfolk
- 68. Woody Wordlaw
- 69. Barbara Wheat
- 70. Mattie Young



"Don't judge each day by the

harvest you reap but by the

seeds that you plant."

Robert Louis Stevenson

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# Honoring Those Who Served—Veterans Day November 11

Thank you to all our military personnel for their service and the sacrifices made for our freedom.

Heidi Craig-Sanchez, Pinetree Drive, served 15 years in the U.S. Army and 6 years in the National Guard.

Michael Craig (son of Heidi Craig-Sanchez) is currently serving his 3rd year in the U.S. Navy in Florida.

Johnny B. Raines, Jr., Pinetree Drive, United States Air Force, 1967-1971.

Lee Wheeler. Cottonwood Drive, Retired, United States Air Force, 1965—1985.

Maxine Wheeler, Cottonwood Drive, Retired, United States Air Force 1968 -1988.

Garland Jackson, Pinetree Drive, Retired Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force.

George Savage, Ash Drive, United States Army, Vietnam

We also honor those who



# Greening Activity

Residents of the Knollwood subdivision participated in a greening activity on August 3, 2013. The area around the

gazebo was cleared of overgrown trees and weeds; tree limbs along the ditch were



pruned and the field was cut.

Many thanks to William Harrison, Nii Tackie, Leo Allen, Benny Harris, Thomas Anderson, George Savage, Lucious McDade, and Woody Wordlaw for their hard work and commitment to the beautification of the Knollwood Subdivision.

A special thanks to Xavier White and James (Peter) Sanders from Eastwood Villa Subdivision.

# 2013 Halloween Spooktacular

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Department and WVAS Radio are preparing for a safe Trick or Treat for children between the ages of 1 and 11 years. Neighborhood Associations are asked to help make this event a success. Donations of candy for 3,000-5,000 children are needed. We are asking neighbors to help by donating candy. You may give your candy to any member of the **Executive Council no later** than October 29th. This

event will be held, Thursday, October 31st from 6 -8pm at the Garrett Coliseum.



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Welcome to Our Neighbor: Mrs. Lily Tackie, Maple Drive

Thinking of You:

Mrs. Mavis Dudley, Cottonwood Drive

What is the history of Knollwood? Visit the KHOA website to find out.

Ideas Wanted. Do you have a favorite holiday recipe, story, or information to share with neighbors? Submit them for publication.



#### **Parking On the Street**

The up-keep of Knollwood Subdivision properties As a reminder to residents, Covenants and Restrictions of the Knollwood Subdivision, Section 8.12, Parking, states, "Vehicular parking on front lawns shall not be allowed. Automobiles and non commercial trucks and vans shall be parked only in the garages or in the driveways, if any, serving the Lots unless otherwise approved by the Homeowners Association; provided, however, that the Homeowners Association may designate certain on-street parking areas for visitors or guests subject to reasonable rules."



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#### **CHRISTMAS EDITION**

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# The Knollwood Voice

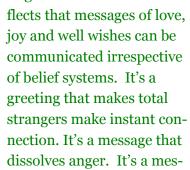


#### **Merry Christmas**

These days, it's common practice to wish "Merry Christmas" to one another around the 25th of December, the day of

Christmas. The origin of this practice is a little obscure. However, it's believed that an English admiral first used the term Merry Christmas in an informal letter, way back in 1699. In 1843, Charles Dickens used the same phrase in "A

Christmas Carol." However, notwithstanding the veracity of its origin, "Merry Christmas" has become a sort of universal term to communicate joy and good wishes. The term Merry Christmas doesn't have any religious bias and is often used by people of all races and religious backgrounds, during Christmas time. It re-



sage that evaporates misunderstanding between loved ones and creates a bridge to the beginning of a new relationship. It's amazing that these two simple words "Merry Christmas" can have this profound effect.

www.allthingschristmas.com/traditions

#### **Symbols of Christmas**

Christmas is celebrated world-wide with equal vigor and zeal. Apart from traditions, rituals and customs, there are symbols which are popularly associated with the celebration. In fact, these symbols have become so common with the masses that through these symbols people come to know that Christmas has actually arrived. So following are some of the symbols that have been attached with the celebration of the day, which marks the birth of Jesus Christ.

A **Christmas tree** is an evergreen coniferous tree, traditionally decorated with edibles such as nuts, apples or dates. The concept of decorating this tree was first introduced in Germany in the 16th century.

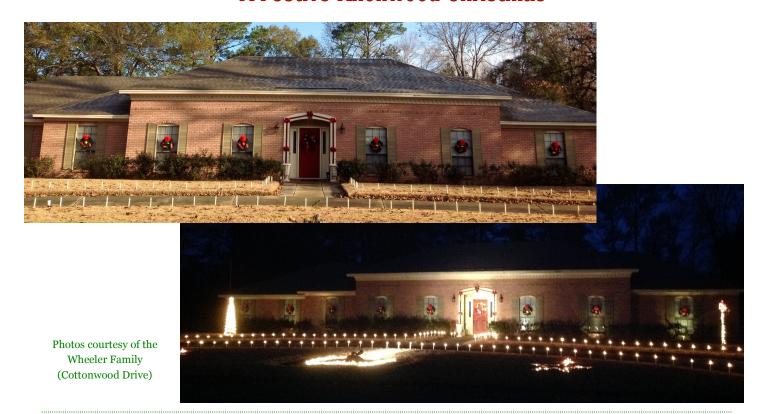
The **Christmas Star** represents the star of Bethlehem. The star appears in the nativity story of the Gospel of Matthew, where magi "from the east" are guided by the star to travel to Jerusalem. There they meet King Herod of Judea, and ask him, where the king of the Jews had been born. Herod directs them to Bethlehem, a nearby village. The star leads them to Jesus' house in Bethlehem, where they pay him homage and give him gifts.

www.the holiday spot.com/christmas/



Remember, if Christmas isn't found in your heart, you won't find it under a tree." ~ Charlotte Carpenter

# A Festive Knollwood Christmas



#### Kwanzaa Observances

Kwanzaa is a holiday honoring the culture and traditions of people of African origin. It is celebrated by people from a range of African countries and their descendants. Kwanzaa consists of a week of celebrations, which ends with a feast and the exchange of gifts. During the celebrations, candles are lit and libations are poured. A libation is the name given to a ritual pouring of a drink as an offering to a god. During Kwanzaa, a wooden unity cup is used to pour the libations.

A Kwanzaa ceremony often also includes performance of music and drumming, a reflection on the Pan-African colors of red, green and black and a discussion of some aspect of African history. Women often wear brightly colored traditional clothing. Some cultural organizations hold special exhibitions of African influenced art or performances during the period of the celebrations.

Originally, the people observing Kwanzaa did not mix any elements of other festivals into their celebrations. However, in recent years, it has become increasingly common for people to mix elements of Kwanzaa with Christmas or New Year celebrations. For instance, a family may have both a Christmas tree and a Kwanzaa candle stick on display in their home. This enables them to include both Christian and African inspired traditions in their lives at this time of year.

#### **Symbols**

The main symbols of Kwanzaa are a mat, on which to put the things needed for the celebration, the unity cup used to pour libations, a candle stick, seven candles, ears of corn, the Kwanzaa flag and a poster depicting the seven principles of Kwanzaa. The seven principles of Kwanzaa are: unity; self-determination; collective work and responsibility; co-operative economics; purpose; creativity; and earth.



#### Background

Kwanzaa was first celebrated in December 1966 and January 1967. The holiday was proposed by Maulana Karenga to give those of African descent a holiday to celebrate their own cultural heritage and the key values of family and community. Although seen as an alternative to Christmas and thus possibly anti-Christian in the early years, many people now observe aspects of both festivals.

In 1997 and 2004, the United States Postal Service honored Kwanzaa by issuing stamps depicting an aspect of the festival. Kwanzaa gained popularity quite quickly. It is now estimated that about 13 percent of African-Americans (nearly five million people) celebrate the festival in some way.

www.timeanddate.com

#### **Christmas is Nearly Upon Us**

"Christmas is the time of year to reflect with thoughtful prayer,....
to cast aside of all bad thought and habits you expressed throughout the year.
We can all join together to celebrate Jesus birth,....a renewal and beginning right here on planet earth.

Jesus left all of us a message while here on earth, to love, to care.
his words were ever simple, plain and so very, very clear:
"Be kind to one another throughout the coming year."

Christmas is the time of year to spend with the young and old, the needy, greedy and the poor, a time to love, a time to share.

Let us all spread our love around with all our heart and soul,.... for the love of your neighbor should never turn so cold."

An excerpt from "Christmas is Upon Us" written by Joseph P. Martino

http://www.theholidayspot.com/christmas/poems/poetry\_



#### Over the Holidays, a Safe Home is the Greatest Gift

The holidays are meant to be a time for celebration. The last thing you want to encounter is misfortune. So, whether you're staying at home to host or just relax, here's a safety checklist to help you focus on the festivities and avoid the unthinkable. Remember: presence of mind can be the best present of all.

**Toys** Keep toys with small loose parts out of reach of younger children. Make sure batteries in toys are properly installed and not accessible to children. Never let children go to bed with battery-operated toys or gadgets. Quickly dispose of all packing materials that can choke or suffocate children, such as Styrofoam pellets, ties, plastic bags and wrapping.

**Holiday trees** If you're buying a real tree, check that it's fresh (its needles stubbornly stay on) and water it daily. Secure your tree in a sturdy stand. Place the tree away from high traffic areas, doorways and any heat-generators: ducts, vents, radiators, stoves or fireplaces. Keep tree decorations that are delicate, sharp, breakable or have small removable parts near the top of the tree. Remove your tree soon after the holidays, whenever the needles start to fall. Check with your municipality for a tree-recycling program.

**Holiday lights** Never use indoor lights outside, or vice versa. Check all light bulbs before stringing them up and replace broken or burned-out bulbs with those recommended by the manufacturer. Discard any light strings that are frayed or have exposed wires, loose connections or broken light sockets. Never run electrical cords under carpets or through doorways. Never overload outlets. Always remember to turn off all holiday lights before bedtime and when you leave your home.

Away from home during the holidays? Here are a few tips to deter thieves Maintaining the illusion of everyday activity is the first defense against intruders. Use inexpensive automatic timers to turn on lights, the radio and even the television. Remember to stagger on-and-off times at realistic intervals. Sliding patio doors and garage doors are particularly vulnerable to thieves. Secure sliding doors with a steel rod. A simple padlock on the track of your garage door will help thwart attempts to force it open. Ask a neighbor to collect your mail and bring garbage bins to the curb. Give them a key so they can check inside the house, too. Cancel newspapers and scheduled deliveries or have them redirected to a neighbor.

www.ahs.com/home-care-advice/allaboutthehome/entertaining/safeholidays.jsp

#### **Knollwood Homeowners Association**

#### **Canyon Pecan Pie**

This is best served at room temperature, but once tasted you may decide any temperature is the perfect one. Serve with your favorite sweetened whipped cream, frozen vanilla yogurt or ice cream, if desired.

- 1 pound light brown sugar
- 1 (14 -ounce) can sweetened
- condensed milk
- 1 stick (4 ounces) unsalted butter
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 1 pound toasted and course chopped pecans
- 1 (9 -inch) prebaked pie crust

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large saucepan over medium-low heat, combine brown sugar, milk, butter and vanilla extract. Cook, stirring often, until sugar dissolves and mixture is smooth (no grains of sugar should remain). Remove from heat and let cool, stirring occasionally, 15 minutes. Whisk in eggs, then stir in toasted nuts.

Transfer mixture to prebaked pie crust. It will come to the very top of the crust. Place pie on top of sheet. Bake 20 to 25 minutes, or until top of the pie is golden brown and firm. Remove from oven and let cool at least an hour or to room temperature before cutting and serving. Makes 12 servings.

-Sun-Sentinel, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, June 3, 2004





### Healthy Makeovers for Your Favorite Comfort Foods

**Mac and Cheese** - An average serving of this classic has about 530 calories and 29 g of fat. Using reduced fat dairy products can significantly cut the saturated fat. Try high-fiber pasta instead of the carb-laden variety and skip the buttery crumb topping altogether to reduce calories and fat.

http://www.ahs.com/home-care-advice/

Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service.

To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect." ~ Oren Arnold

#### **Christmas Song Scramble Answers**

- While Shepherds Watched
- 2. What Child Is This
- 3. Silent Night
- 4. Deck The Halls
- 5. Angels From The Realms Of Glory
- 6. Away In A Manger
- 7. We Three Kings Of Orient Are
- 8. It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
- 9. The Holy and the Ivy
- 10. Angels We Have Heard On High
- 11. Onto To Us A Child Is Born
- 12. Joy To The World
- 13. Mary Did You Know
- 14. God Rest You Mary Gentlemen
- 15. Hark The Herald Angels Sing
- 16. Little Town Of Bethlehem
- 17. The First Noel



1. Christmas nymn - Carol

**Answers to Crossword Puzzle** 

- 3. The original Santa Claus Nicholas
- 4. A bird traditionally eaten on Christmas dinner Turkey
- 6. A crystal of snow Snowflake
- 7. Father of Jesus Joseph
- 10. An evergreen plant producing white berries Mistletoe  $\,$
- 13. A traditional Christmas drink Eggnog
- 14. Vehicle used by Santa Claus Sledge
- 16. Santa enters the house through this Chimney
- 18. Circular Christmas decoration for the front door Wreath
- 19. Another name for Christmastime Yuletide

#### DOWN:

- 1. A hard candy in the shape of a rod Candycane
- 2. December 25 is his birthday Jesus
- 5. The birthplace of Jesus Bethlehem
- 8. A sock filled with goodies on Christmas day Stocking
- 9. The sound bells make Jingle  $\,$
- 11. A human figure made from packed snow Snowman
- 12. The four weeks leading up to Christmas Advent
- 15. A mischievous fairy Elf
- 17. The three wise men belonged to this tribe Magi http://www.theholidayspot.com/christmas/crossword/



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Vision—We welcome all to our thriving community with love, courtesy, and respect.

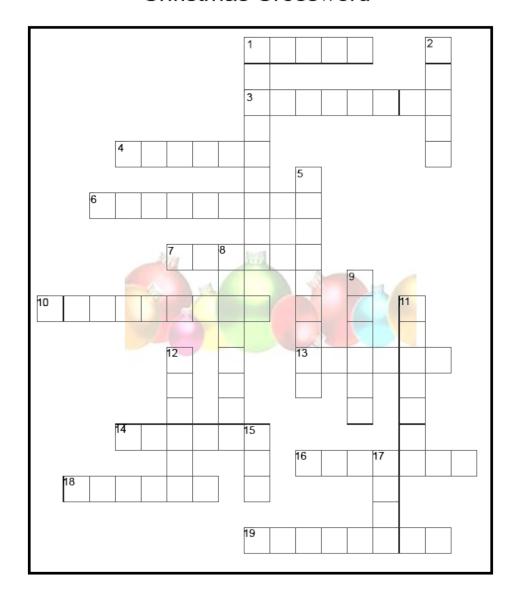
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#### Christmas Crossword



#### Across

- 1. Christmas hymn
- 3. The original Santa Claus
- 4. A bird traditionally eaten on Christmas dinner
- 6. A crystal of snow
- 7. Father of Jesus
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- 13. A traditional Christmas drink
- 14. Vehicle used by Santa Claus
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