

# THE NEW VISTAS

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## CLUBHOUSE HOURS

Monday - Friday  
8:30 AM - 8:00 PM  
Saturday & Sunday  
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

## HOLIDAY CLUBHOUSE CLOSURES

December 23rd - December 26th  
December 30th - January 2nd

## VENTURA 21, INC. ELECTION RESULTS

On October 30, 2022, Ventura 21 held its Annual Homeowners Meeting and Election. This year we had a great turnout with 7 individuals running for the 3 Board of Directors seats.

Elected officials were: Linda Dickerson, Bill Houle, and Lynea Gordon. Congratulations!

## MEET YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

President - Linda Dickerson  
Vice President - Bill Houle  
Treasurer - Jennifer Mills  
Secretary - Jon Peake  
Board Member - Carol Goins  
Board Member - Lynea Gordon  
Board Member - Kendall Marks  
Board Member - Mark Nunes  
Board Member - David Stachura

## NEED TO REACH THE CLUBHOUSE?

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## ITS BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE THE HOLIDAYS AT THE CLUBHOUSE!

When was the last time you stopped by the clubhouse? In the last few weeks, we put up the tree and other holiday decorations! We've also set up a coffee bar for all to enjoy! So please stop in for a hot cup of coffee, tea, or hot cocoa! We'd love to see you!

## HOLIDAY CRAFT PARTY! DECEMBER 22ND 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

With winter break starting in the middle of the week, why not stop by the clubhouse for some crafts, cocoa, and treats! We'll have coloring sheets, winter window hangs, ornaments, and more!



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## DECEMBER HOLIDAYS ACROSS CULTURES

**December 3rd - Geeta Jayanti - Gita Jayanti Mahotsav** possesses huge significance and importance as it is regarded as the birthday of Bhagavad-Gita which is considered the most pious and influential scripture of Hindu mythology. The grand celebrations of Gita Jayanti can be observed at the temples of ISKCON across the world. Here, the day is celebrated by reciting Bhagavad Gita and making a special offering to Lord Krishna. Bhajans, aartis, skits, and dances are part of the celebrations.

**December 6th - St. Nicholas Day** - also called the Feast of Saint Nicholas, is observed on 5 December or on 6 December in Western Christian countries. It is celebrated as a Christian festival with particular regard to Saint Nicholas' reputation as a bringer of gifts, as well as through the attendance of church services.

**December 8th - Bodhi Day** - is the Buddhist holiday that commemorates the day that Gautama Buddha (Shakyamuni) is said to have attained enlightenment, also known as bodhi in Sanskrit and Pali. According to tradition, Siddhartha had recently forsaken years of extreme ascetic practices and resolved to sit under a peepal tree, also known as a Bodhi tree (*Ficus religiosa*), and simply meditate until he found the root of suffering, and how to liberate oneself from it.

**December 16th - 24th - Las Posadas** - Las Posadas is a novenario (an extended devotional prayer). It is celebrated chiefly in Latin America, Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras, and by Hispanics in the United States. From the Spanish word posada (lodging, or accommodation) which, in this case, refers to the inn from the Nativity story. It uses the plural form as the celebration lasts for a nine-day interval (called the novena) during the Christmas season, which represents the nine-month pregnancy of Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ.

**December 18th - 26th - Hanukkah** - The holiday commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem during the second century B.C. Although there was only enough oil to keep the menorah on the altar burning for one night, the menorah miraculously burned for eight days.

**December 21st - January 1st - Yule** - A festival historically observed by the Germanic peoples. Scholars have connected the original celebrations of Yule to the Wild Hunt, the god Odin, and the pagan Anglo-Saxon Mōdraniht. Yule is a pagan celebration of the winter solstice, which marks the longest night of the year and therefore the return of the sun.

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**December 24th - Christmas Eve** - the evening or entire day before Christmas Day, the festival commemorating the birth of Jesus. Christmas celebrations in the denominations of Western Christianity have long begun on Christmas Eve, due in part to the Christian liturgical day starting at sunset, a practice inherited from Jewish traditions and based on the story of Creation in the Book of Genesis.

**December 25th - Christmas Day** - An annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. It is preceded by the season of Advent or the Nativity Fast and initiates the season of Christmastide, which historically in the West lasts twelve days and culminates on Twelfth Night.

**December 26th - January 1st - Kwanzaa** - Kwanzaa celebrates what its founder (activist Maulana Karenga) called the seven principles of Kwanzaa, or Nguzo Saba (originally Nguzu Saba – the seven principles of African Heritage). Each of the seven days of Kwanzaa is dedicated to one of the principles, as follows:

- 1. Umoja (Unity):** To strive for and to maintain unity in the family and community.
- 2. Kujichagulia (Self-determination):** To define and name ourselves, as well as to create and speak for ourselves.
- 3. Ujima (Collective work and responsibility):** To build and maintain our community together and make our brothers' and sisters' problems our problems and solve them together.
- 4. Ujamaa (Cooperative economics):** To build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together.
- 5. Nia (Purpose):** To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.
- 6. Kuumba (Creativity):** To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.
- 7. Imani (Faith):** To believe with all our hearts in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders, and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

**December 31st - New Year's Eve** - In the Gregorian calendar, New Year's Eve, also known as Old Year's Day or Saint Sylvester's Day in many countries, is the evening or the entire day of the last day of the year, December 31st. The last day of the year is commonly referred to as "New Year's Eve". In many countries, New Year's Eve is celebrated with dancing, eating, drinking, and watching or lighting fireworks. Some Christians attend a watch night service. The Line Islands (part of Kiribati) and Tonga, in the Pacific Ocean, are the first places to welcome the New Year, while American Samoa, Baker Island, and Howland Island (part of the United States Minor Outlying Islands) are among the last.

**December 31st - Omisoka** - Ōmisoka is a traditional Japanese celebration on the last day of the year. Traditionally, it was held on the final day of the 12th lunar month. With Japan's switch to using the Gregorian calendar at the beginning of the Meiji era, December 31 is now used for the celebration.

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## A TASTY RECIPE!

### CHICKEN TACO STUFFED SHELLS

#### What you'll need:

- 1 box of jumbo shells
- 1lb boneless skinless chicken breast
- 1 brick cream cheese
- 2 8oz jars of salsa
- 1 bag of shredded cheese of your choice



#### Prep and baking instructions

- Add water or chicken broth to coat the bottom of your crock pot.
- After placing chicken breast in crock pot
  - Add 8oz jar of salsa
  - Add 8oz brick of cream
- Cook on high for 4-8 hours(if frozen)
  - Once you can easily shred the chicken with 2 forks stir and keep on warm or low
- Boil water for jumbo shells and cook time allotted for al dente.
  - Once shells are done strain water carefully remove shells.
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees
  - Add a coat of salsa to the bottom of a 9x13 glass Pyrex or oven safe glass dish
  - While the oven is preheating take a spoon and fill the shells to your liking with the shredded chicken and place them in the dish
  - Once the dish is full, top with shredded cheese to your liking.
- Place dish in oven for 10 minutes or until cheese is melted.
- Top with jalapenos, onions, cilantro, and black olives and enjoy!

**Do you have a recipe you'd like to share with the community? You can submit it to [ACM@ventura21.com](mailto:ACM@ventura21.com)**

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## LET'S TALK TRASH!

With the holidays in full swing, our trash pickup can often times be impacted. Flood Brothers will collect refuse and recycling one day after the regular collection day in weeks in which the following holidays fall on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. No other holidays will impact the collection schedule.

**What does that mean for you?** That means, with Christmas Day and New Year's Day falling on a Sunday, your trash will be getting picked up on Thursday, December 29th and Thursday, January 5th.

**Special Pickups!** Did you know that Flood Brothers offers special pickups? Flood Brothers will take most garbage. But, if you have large appliances or particularly bulky items, contact Flood Brothers at **(630) 261-0400** prior to the normal pickup day to be sure that those items can be taken as regular garbage.

Individual items weighing over 50 pounds will not be removed unless Flood Brothers is notified. Each truck generally only has one driver, and they will not lift items over 50 pounds by themselves.

## MORE TRASH TALK

The ACC... Did you know the ACC handbook has a section dedicated to trash? Here are some quick trash facts right from the ACC Guidelines Handbook.

- Trash may not be placed at curbside before 6:00 p.m. the evening before scheduled pick-up.
- Trash bags containing food refuse should not be placed out for collection before 6:00 a.m. the day of collection.
- Trash containers must be covered and sealed at all times and screened from view when not set at curbside for collection.
- Empty trash and recycling containers should be clearly marked with the property address and returned to resident storage by nighttime the day trash is picked up. Trash containers left in common areas will be collected and disposed of by the Association the day after waste collection.



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## WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE AREA?

Staying in town for the holidays and looking for something to do in Roselle or the area? Here are some activities you can check out!

- **Roselle Winterfest - December 3rd - 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**
  - **The Christkindlmarket - Chicago (Nov. 18 - Dec. 24)**
    - Daley Plaza, 50 W Washington St, Chicago, IL 60602
    - Sundays – Thursdays: 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
    - Fridays – Saturdays: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
    - Christmas Eve (Dec 24): 11am – 4pm
  - **The Christkindlmarket - Wrigleyville (Nov. 18 - Dec. 31)**
    - Gallagher Way, 3635 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60613
    - Mondays – Thursdays: 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM
    - Fridays – Saturdays: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
    - Sundays: 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
    - Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
    - \*Special Hours December 26-29: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
  - **The Christkindlmarket - Aurora (Nov. 18 - Dec. 24)**
    - RiverEdge Park, 360 N. Broadway, Aurora, IL 60505
    - Thursday 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
    - Friday/Saturday 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM
    - Sundays 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
    - Special Hours Monday (Dec 19) through Wednesday (Dec 21): 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
    - Christmas Eve (Dec 24): 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
  - **Lincoln Park Zoolights (Nov. 19 - Jan 1)**
    - 2200 N Cannon Dr, Chicago, IL 60614
    - 4:30 PM - 10:00 PM
    - **Mondays - FREE**
    - Tuesday - Sunday \$5
  - **Brookfield Zoo Lights (Nov. 25 - Dec. 31) - see website for more details**
    - 8400 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513
    - 3:00 PM. - 9:00 PM
    - Wednesday through Sunday, November 30, December 1-4, 7-11, 14-18,
    - Monday through Saturday, December 26-31
  - **Morton Arboretum - Illumination (Nov. 19 - Jan 7) - see website for more details**
    - 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle, IL 60532
    - Illumination ticket costs will run between \$11-\$22 for members and \$16-\$27 for guests, depending on the date and other available discounts.
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## **AD SPACE!**

**Do you own a small business or know someone who does? Would you like to see that business featured in the newsletter? Email [ACM@ventura21.com](mailto:ACM@ventura21.com) for more information!**

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**Did you enjoy learning about the different Holidays celebrated in December? Want to learn even more about them? You can visit any of these sites for a more in-depth look!**

December 3rd - Geeta Jayanti

- <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/religion/rituals-puja/gita-jayanti-2022-all-you-need-to-know-about-bhagwad-gita/articleshow/95827167.cms>
- <https://www.dnaindia.com/lifestyle/report-gita-jayanti-2022-date-shubh-muhurat-and-other-details-of-the-festival-3007583>
- <https://www.timesnownews.com/spiritual/gita-jayanti-2022-date-and-significance-know-more-about-the-day-dedicated-to-the-holy-book-of-the-hindus-article-95871583>
- <https://www.thedivineindia.com/bhagavad-gita-jayanti/6664>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gita\\_Mahotsav](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gita_Mahotsav)

December 6th - St. Nicholas Day

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint\\_Nicholas\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Nicholas_Day)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint\\_Nicholas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Nicholas)

December 8th - Bodhi Day

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bodhi\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bodhi_Day)
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahayana>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Buddha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Buddha)

December 16th - 24th - Las Posadas

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Las\\_Posadas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Las_Posadas)
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Novena>
- <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Las-Posadas>
- <https://nationaltoday.com/las-posadas/>

December 18th - 26th - Hanukkah

- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hanukkah>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish\\_holidays](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish_holidays)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish\\_and\\_Israeli\\_holidays\\_2000%E2%80%932050](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish_and_Israeli_holidays_2000%E2%80%932050)
- <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/hanukkah>

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## DECEMBER HOLIDAYS ACROSS CULTURES RESOURCES CONTINUED

December 21st - January 1st - Yule

- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yule>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germanic\\_peoples](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germanic_peoples)
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglo-Saxons>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wild\\_Hunt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wild_Hunt)
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Odin>
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Draugr>
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paganism>

December 24th - Christmas Eve

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas\\_Eve](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas_Eve)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nativity\\_of\\_Jesus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nativity_of_Jesus)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian\\_denomination](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_denomination)

December 25th - Christmas Day -

- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nativity\\_Fast](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nativity_Fast)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gregorian\\_calendar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gregorian_calendar)
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jesus>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second\\_Coming](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Coming)

December 26th - January 1st - Kwanzaa

- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kwanzaa>
  - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kinara>
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kwanzaa#Principles\\_and\\_symbols](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kwanzaa#Principles_and_symbols)
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maulana\\_Karenga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maulana_Karenga)
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/December\\_solstice](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/December_solstice)
  - <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Kwanzaa>
  - <https://www.history.com/news/5-things-you-may-not-know-about-kwanzaa>
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December 31st - New Year's Eve

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New\\_Year's\\_Eve](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Year's_Eve)

December 31st - Omisoka

- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C5%8Cmisoka>
- <https://piece-of-japan.com/culture/annual-event/new-year-eve-omisoka.html>

Other Sites to view

- <https://www.womansday.com/life/a38346909/december-holidays-and-observances/>
  - <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/a41136051/december-holiday-and-observances/>
  - <https://www.wrtv.com/lifestyle/holiday/religious-and-cultural-holidays-celebrated-in-december>
  - <https://www.sagedining.com/blog/post/154604/december-religious-and-cultural-holidays>
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