

Cedar Gardens Tenant Organization

(A member of the Massachusetts Union of Public Housing Tenants – MUPHT)

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Happy Holidays to all Cedar Garden residents!



Hanukkah begins Thursday, December 10th and ends Friday, December 18th



Christmas – Friday, December 25th



Kwanzaa – Saturday, December 26th



HOME SAFETY: SMOKE DETECTORS



Working smoke detectors are the most effective and inexpensive means of detecting a fire in your apartment. **DO NOT** take out the battery or take down your smoke detector. The Natick Fire Department recommends that you replace smoke detector batteries at least twice each year. An easy way to remember to do this is to change the batteries whenever you change your clocks to and from daylight savings time. Note this on your calendar.



HOME SAFETY: STOVES

If you're cooking on the stove, please remain in the kitchen while the stove is ON. It's one important way we can prevent the risk of fire.

COVID 19 PRECAUTIONS: SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS



We are fighting a pandemic, and it makes life difficult for all of us. For that reason, we remind all our residents about the importance of masks and social distancing (minimum 6 feet between you and others). Until a vaccine is available, these are the best ways to protect ourselves from infection. Please wear a mask in the Community Hall, Laundry Rooms, and out and about in the community. You never know when someone you encounter might have tested positive or has been around someone who has the virus. Wearing a mask protects you and others. And please, no crowding in the laundry rooms.



THANK YOU!

CGTO thanks the Rotary Club of Natick for hosting a free box lunch for all Cedar Garden residents who signed up for lunch on Tuesday, November 10. Rotarians personally delivered box lunches from Wegmans to residents.



ON-STREET PARKING - SNOW ALERTS - NATICK

When possible, on-street parking bans for emergency purposes are announced on radio/television stations. Please note there is no overnight parking on either side of Cedar Ave. and Cedar Terrace *except in marked spaces*, until April 30, 2021. Additionally, no overnight parking is allowed at any municipal parking lot in downtown Natick. Vehicles parked illegally or abandoned on roadways are subject to towing at the owner's expense as well as ticketing by the Natick Police Department. Please remove your car from the street as soon as you are aware of a snow alert.

CEDAR GARDENS HOLIDAY WINDOW DISPLAY CONTEST

Time to decorate and share your holiday spirit! Guest judges from Natick will walk around and drive on Cedar Avenue & Cedar Terrace looking *at – not in* front, back, and bathroom windows, on Saturday, December 18th, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. They will be looking for the best display of holiday spirit! Decorations must be indoors. Winners will be notified



HOLIDAY MEMORY TEST

1. In “A Charlie Brown Christmas” – who chose the tree for the school’s Christmas Pageant?
2. What is the museum in Plymouth, Massachusetts that replicates the original settlement of the Plymouth Colony?
3. When are the “12 Days of Christmas?”
4. How many ghosts show up in “A Christmas Carol?”
5. When you were growing up – if you had a Christmas Tree – what was on the top?



HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOWS

We are now eight months into COVID-19 affecting our daily lives in Massachusetts. Some of your favorite events have been canceled, you've had to stay away from loved ones and, perhaps, the highly contagious disease has affected you or your family directly.

People have had to get creative during the pandemic to get out of the house and enjoy physically distant activities that are safe and not likely to spread the coronavirus.

One way to still do that this upcoming holiday season is to attend a holiday light show or display:

- ***La Salette Shrine – Attleboro.*** The night shines at La Salette Shrine, 947 Park St., Attleboro, where displays of 300,000 lights spread over 10 acres tell the story of Christmas. The free illuminations are open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily Nov. 26 to Jan. 3. Face masks and physical distancing are required.
- ***Gillette Stadium – Foxboro.*** A mile-long drive-thru holiday lights experience will run until Jan. 2 at Gillette Stadium. The event, Magic of Lights, is a “dazzling” display of themed light displays. Attractions include a Blizzard Tunnel, The 12 Days of Christmas, Winter Wonderland and The Night Before Christmas. Magic of Lights will run from dusk through 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and from dusk until 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Physical distancing restrictions will be enforced. Gillette Stadium is at 1 Patriot Place in Foxboro.



CGTO OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

If you are having a problem with your apartment or family unit, please call the Natick Housing Authority Office at (508) 653-2971, and leave a message on extension 200 (general voice mail).

- There will be no CGTO holiday parties this year.