

# HUNTCLIFF HARBINGER

July 2025



## July Holidays

Most residents of the United States would say Independence Day is the most important secular holiday in the country.

Independence Day, celebrated on July 4th, marks the birth of the United States as a sovereign nation. It commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, when the thirteen American colonies broke free from British rule. More than just a historical milestone, the Fourth of July represents the enduring values of liberty, democracy, and unity. It's interesting to think about the risk these signers took—making a statement that would be resisted by the most powerful country in the world—England.

Across the country, families and communities come together to honor this day with fireworks, parades, barbecues, and patriotic displays. The brilliant bursts of light in the sky symbolize the struggles and triumphs of the nation's founders, who fought for freedom against immense odds. Speeches and ceremonies pay tribute to the sacrifices made by past generations to preserve independence and freedom.

Beyond the celebrations, Independence Day serves as a reminder that freedom is both a privilege and a responsibility. It encourages reflection on the principles of equality and justice, inspiring citizens to contribute positively to society. While the world continues to evolve, the significance of July 4th remains steadfast, reinforcing the nation's commitment to its founding ideals.

Ultimately, Independence Day is more than a holiday—it is a testament to resilience.

*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 JULY EVENTS

“Summertime Cruise”—a full day of the activities one would find on a cruise ship. This should be great fun.

“Yappy Hour”—a dog social and happy hour.

Trip to Mayashayi Restaurant, one of the 20 best restaurants in Atlanta

“Review of the American Revolution” by Brandt Ross

## A Message from Lisa

I want to start by thanking our outgoing Resident Association board members for their hard work over the past two years! Rosemarie Hosbein, Nancy Halliwell, Lynn Adcock, and Ray Bowyer. I can't begin to express the level of my gratitude for all you did to help guide me with what this community needed.

I look forward to working with the incoming board members: Sharon Napshin, Charlie Cayce, Elsie McLaughlin, and Ray Bowyer. Each new member brings a unique blend of expertise, passion, and perspective that will allow us to continue to shape what you want your home, Huntcliff Summit, to look and feel like.

We have a lot of projects to focus on over the next year. Right now, we are focused on completing the work in the garden area, follow up on the minor fixes pertaining to our most recent

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## Meet the Staff



Every one knows Franki Groh, activities manager at Huntcliff. One of our reporters was able to catch up with Franki to learn about her philosophy of activities.

The Activities Department, headed by Franki with the assistance of Fatiha Lehkim, offer an extensive series of “Friday Excursions”. These are to outdoor venues, restaurants, museums, and other kinds of experiences which add to the richness of the Huntcliff life-style.

When interviewed, Franki said that it is part of the goals of Huntcliff that our residents are given the opportunity to “live with purpose” and “live with anticipation”. She went on to say that our outings are uniquely different as different outings speak to different people.. For example, the Hindu Mandir, a most unique mosque, shows ingenious engineering as well as a religion that many residents may not be familiar with. Further, excursions usually end with residents sharing a meal together in a spirit of friendship and fellowship.

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Apartment inspection, put out to bid pressure washing of the building, cleaning out storage areas, welcoming new residents, and focusing on expanding any programming you would like us to offer.

It will be a busy summer but hopefully a fun one for all of us!

Lisa

Recent Events



Duck Donuts

Duck Donuts, a Donut Shop in Marietta, originated in the outer banks of Duck, North Carolina. Their product was a donut that tasted like cake. Its unique deliciousness enabled the store to grow in popularity and expand. There was no “ducking” of calories during our excursion to this shop on Friday, June 6th.

To celebrate National Donut Day, every customer received a free cinammon sugar donut with purchase.

We were able to view all their ducks in a row while standing in line waiting to select something decadent from their extensive and flavorful menu. Imagine chocolate frosted, caramel bacon, blueberry, peanut butter, etc. We could also observe the batter preparation and assorted decorative toppings (photo).

Although we certainly had our share of calories during this visit, the donuts touted to taste like cake were absolutely winners.

Activity Summaries

**Huntcliff Players:** As usual, the Huntcliff Players will present another fun-filled evening with zillions of laughs. Featured in July will be more Music and Comedy such as “If I Were a Rich Man”, “Hit the Road, Jack” , “You Are Your What?” and more. Come out and LAFF your head off. Check Huntcliff’s monthly July calendar and posted announcements for the specific date. Look forward to seeing you there.

**Huntcliff Book Club** will meet on Thursday, July 10, at 2:30 p.m.in the Essex room. The discussion will be on the novel, The Reading List, by Sara Nisha Adams. All are welcome. Having read the book is not a requirement to attend.

**Huntcliff Summit Singers** The Summit Singers performed for a packed house—their second Spring performance—on Saturday, June 21. It was a rousing finale for a very successful season and all the singers are looking forward to starting again in September after a summer recess.

**The Huntcliff Men's Club (HMC)** The HMC will be rescheduling its June speaker, Senator Sonya Halpern, for a date in July, to be determined. She was unable to keep the June date due to a family emergency. In addition, we are scheduling a trip to the Delta Air Museum for late July. Look for the date to be posted in the near future.

**Blackjack—**The Blackjack game continues to grow each Monday evening and we yet look forward to teaching new dealers (We have almost reached our current limit). Anyone interested in learning to be a dealer should contact Art Schultz. Everyone is having fun and you can, too.

**Opera—**The opera, “Norma” will be shown in the Veranda on Sunday, July 20, at 5:30 p.m. “Norma”, a tragedy in two acts, was written by Romantic-era Italian composer Vincenzo Bellini in the Spring of 1831. Maria Callas debut as Norma in 1952 is considered by many opera aficionados to be one of the best performances of the role to date. Opera lovers, plan to attend.

**Art—Great Courses—**On June 4, the group led a trip to Inferno Art Foundry in Union City. “The Making of Bronze Sculptures” tour was followed by a nice lunch at the Green Manor mansion. Members viewed the different stages in the casting of bronze pieces. After a break during July and August, the courses will be back with exciting plans in September. Watch for future announcements.

**Knit and Stitch Club—**This club meets in the Fireside area of the lobby, on Mondays from 1 – 2 p.m. Members , from beginners to advanced, are welcome to work at their own pace on chosen projects. At present we provide Northside Hospital with handmade items for preemies, chemo patients, and pre-natal needs. A recent project is to furnish warm shawls to be used on our bus. We can supply yarns, needles, or hooks for the knitters and crocheters who join us.



## New Friends



Nelly Vazquez moved here from Sarasota, Florida. She has one child and one grandchild. She worked as a graphic artist, and as a tax preparer at H&R Block. Her favorite things are reading, walking, and games. Her special memory is moving to the United States from Argentina because of her husband's job.



Dan Pribilski moved here from the Huntcliff neighborhood right next door. He has two children and eleven grandchildren. He was a journalist. His interests are reading and television. His special memory is his marriage of 20 years.



Ken Klein moved here from Dunwoody, and previously lived in Kennesaw and Virginia Beach, Virginia. He has two children and five grandchildren. He worked as an industrial engineer and project manager. His hobbies and interests are computers, writing, and books.



Allen and Starr Shulman moved here from Canton, Georgia. They previously lived in Cobb County, Georgia. They have one child and one grandchild. Allen was an attorney, and Starr was a secretary. Their hobbies and interests are theatre, guitar, reading, needlepoint, and travel.



Ruth Deason moved here from Huntsville, Alabama. She has two children and two grandchildren. She worked as an English teacher in high school and in college.

## July Birthdays

William Kratzenberg	July 2	Sharon Napshin	July 16
Harriet Sternbach	July 4	Dawn Hamer	July 17
Stan Bernstein	July 6	Melvina Johnson	July 18
Fay Downes	July 6	Joan Ziperson	July 18
Barbara Witte	July 6	Linda Everett	July 20
Fred Ortyl	July 9	Mary Cason	July 21
Barbara Dugan	July 9	Betty Durkin	July 26
Nita Hagan	July 12	Rosemarie Hosbein	July 28
Lila Nathanson	July 12	Erwin Barrington	July 28
Anita Rubin	July 14	Evelyn Hahn	July 28
		Clare Hoffman	July 29

## July Anniversaries

July 1      Bill and Gail Long      July 13      Larry and Betty Hunt

## July Team Service Anniversaries

**Only** one service anniversary this month—our favorite accountant, Mary Bethune, celebrates 13 years on July 16.