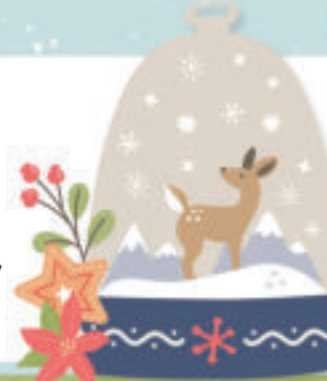




# Paris HOUSING AUTHORITY



DECEMBER 2024

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Executive Director

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## Office Hours

**Monday thru Friday**

7:30am - 4:00pm

**Closed for Lunch**

Daily Noon to 1:00pm

**Saturday**

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**Sunday**

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**Police Department**

731-642-2424

**Fire Department**

731-642-1413

## **Happy Holidays!!**

The Paris Housing Authority Board and Staff wants to wish you all a happy holiday season full of family, cheer and good times. We hope you and your families enjoy this holiday season and we look forward to good happenings in the new year!

## **OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.**

The office will be closed December 24 thru December 27 for Christmas Holiday. If you have an emergency you can call the after hours/emergency number.

## **Pest Control for December**

Servall Pest Control will Bait Inside at Vernon Place on Friday, December 20, 2024.

## **WINDOW REPLACEMENT @ VERNON PLACE**

We will be replacing the windows at Vernon Place. The job will begin in January 2025. Please be aware contractors will have to have entry into your apartment and if there is anything blocking the windows it will have to be moved. We are going to install energy efficient windows that we are hopeful will lower utility costs and work more efficiently. We will do everything we can to try to make sure we cause as little disturbance to tenants as possible. Please have patience with us. We will be giving updates closer to the beginning of the job, we will do our best to keep you informed.

## **Add Fun to Outdoor Walks**

Going for a walk is one of the best things you can do for your body and your mind. Even in cooler weather. Make this exercise even more engaging by turning it into a scavenger hunt—an activity you can do by yourself or with others, from kids to adults! Find scavenger hunt lists online or come up with your own challenges. For example, as you walk through your neighborhood, count how many homes have wreaths on their door. Look for squirrels, birds and different types of trees.

## **Christmas Safety**

We want everyone to be safe this holiday season. Please keep Christmas trees a few feet away from your heating vents and keep it adequately watered. A dry tree is a fire hazard. If you have small children, secure the tree to a nearby wall to prevent it from toppling over. Always unplug string lights before you go to bed and before you leave your apartment.

## **Winter Break Boredom Busters**

Keep kids busy and entertained during winter break with these fun activities:

Before you clear out the boxes from unwrapping presents, challenge your kids to do something creative with them, like building a fort or designing a diorama.

Have an all-day slumber party. Break out the hot chocolate and matching pajamas! Then, build a pillow fort and load up the TV with holiday movies and other favorites. Take screen breaks with board games, coloring sheets and trips to the kitchen to gather snacks.

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Resident News

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# It's Sweater Weather

Whether thermostat settings that are too cool for comfort or outdoor temperatures that are trending down for the season are making you shiver, you'll find that sweatshirts and sweaters are perfect for keeping warm. And since they're staples at stores this time of year, now is a great time to find the perfect one for you! Use this quick guide to pick the right sweater for any situation.

## Materials

**Wool:** The traditional sweater material, wool is most often used for chunky knit patterns such as cable knit. If regular wool is too warm, seek out merino wool: It's super-soft, thin and breathable.

**Cotton:** Typically found in more casual sweater styles, cotton is widely available, affordable and easy to care for. Pick a cotton sweater for more mild days, when you need material that breathes easily.

**Fleece:** This fuzzy synthetic fabric feels extra cozy and warm, especially when layered with other pieces. Leave your fleece sweaters at home on rainy days, though—their insulating properties disappear when wet, and a cold breeze can cut right through the fabric.

## Styles

**Cardigans:** These open-front sweaters are incredibly versatile. Cardigans are the best for layering, especially during fluctuating temperatures. Some cardigans button or zip, while others are completely open, giving you plenty of options to dress them up or down.

**Pullovers:** Classic and simple, a pullover is any sweater you pull on over your head. Often worn with an undershirt that doesn't show, a pullover can also be dressed up by layering it over a collared shirt—ideal for office settings and get-togethers.

**Turtlenecks:** In addition to keeping your neck warm, this type of pullover can add sophistication to any outfit. Turtlenecks look stylish on their own or paired with a jacket or blazer.



## Make a New Holiday Tradition

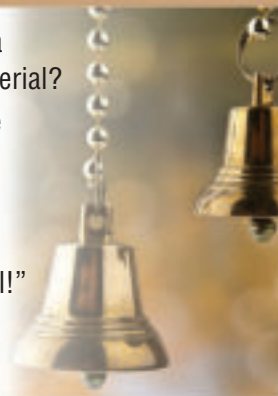
From favorite foods to cherished activities, traditions are a huge part of holiday celebrations. And each year is an opportunity to start a new tradition! Check this list for some fun ideas:

- Learn about a holiday tradition from another country or culture, and try it out for yourself.
- Get creative! Make your own gift wrap this year out of plain brown or white paper—you can even upcycle grocery sacks! Make stamps from cut apples or potatoes for a unique and rustic design. This is a great project for kids, too.
- As you get out your holiday décor, choose an ornament or other item (nothing too fragile) to hide in a silly spot for other members of the household to find. Whoever finds the item has to hide it somewhere else.
- Pick out a jigsaw puzzle with a seasonal theme, and work on it all month long. Encourage others in your home to join the challenge.
- Take an annual family photo. It's the perfect opportunity—loved ones are together at holiday gatherings, often dressed in festive attire, and you're likely to find a nicely decorated backdrop.
- Happy Noon Year! Too tired to stay up until midnight on New Year's Eve? Record the ball drop in Times Square and watch it on New Year's Day at noon, complete with snacks and festive drinks!



## Trivia: Bells Are Ringing

1. Most large bells, such as those housed in a tower or building, are made from what material?
2. "Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?" is the opening line to what seasonal song?
3. The Liberty Bell is featured on which denomination of American currency?
4. Who uttered the famous line "More cowbell!" in a 2000 "Saturday Night Live" sketch?
5. The study of bells is known as what?

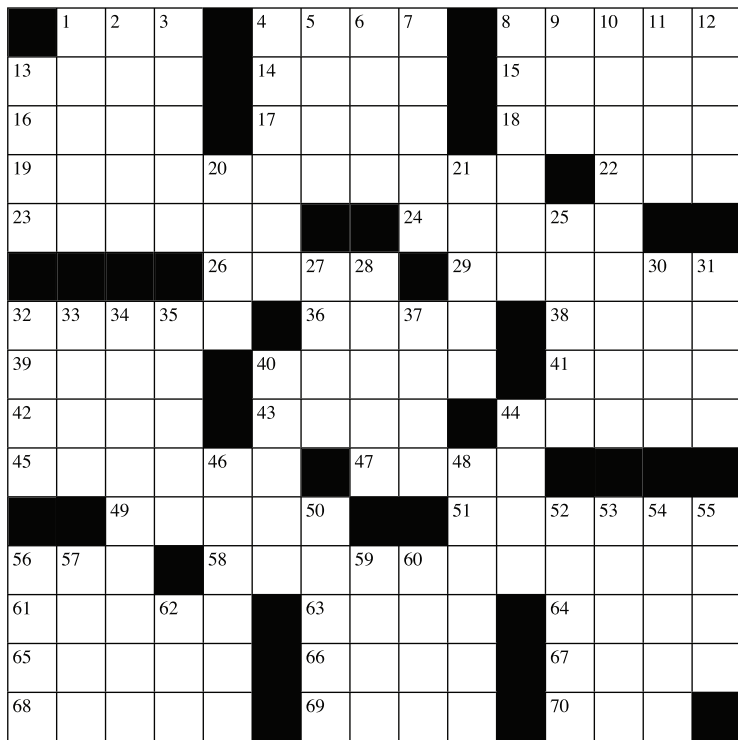


## Think you know the answers?

Email your answers with "Bells Are Ringing" in the subject line to [triviamaster@residentnewsonline.com](mailto:triviamaster@residentnewsonline.com) for your chance to win cool stuff! Deadline for entry is December 31, 2024. Five winners will be selected by January 15, 2025, and notified via email.

(Last month's "Kitchen Adventures" answers: 1. Galley; 2. 1955; 3. Anthony Bourdain; 4. Ghost kitchens; 5. Teal)

# Crossword Puzzle Fun



## ACROSS

1. Space
4. Shine
8. “\_\_\_\_\_ of Iwo Jima”; ’49 film
13. Gambling card game
14. Change the décor
15. Queen topper
16. Nucleus’ site
17. Of the mouth
18. Carrying a weapon
19. Gavel-pounder’s phrase
22. Ram’s mate
23. Wiped away
24. Linear measurements
26. Bewildered
29. Whirl
32. High-intensity surgical tool
36. Exist
38. Vegetable pod
39. Retirement accts.
40. Less colorful
41. Spots
42. Slangy contraction
43. Pintail duck
44. Valuable item
45. California city
47. 1/16 of an ounce
49. Strips
51. Covering for a tiny foot: var.

56. Govt. bureau concerned with ecology
58. Buffet-style meal
61. Station
63. Rivers: Sp.
64. Privy to
65. Woman’s name
66. Lily plant
67. Lake in Ethiopia
68. Worn out
69. Transmit
70. Crafty

27. Old Western actor Jack
28. Felt miserable
30. Genealogist’s drawing
31. Vane direction
32. Writer O’Flaherty
33. Opera song
34. Smoothing material
35. Ms. Lauder
37. Swerve
40. One of 150 in the Bible

## DOWN

1. Swamp critter, for short
2. Bakery passer’s delight
3. Fleshy fruits
4. Worries
5. Architect Saarinen
6. Jewish month
7. Like very old bread
8. Like the night sky
9. Atmosphere
10. Juniors
11. Sketched
12. “No Ordinary Love” artist
13. Place for a nose
20. Sign of sadness or joy
21. Very willing
25. Worthless matter



## Word Search: Winter Wear














S W S E V O L G I F T N S T  
 N E R D R E S S L A I W N G  
 E I D O O H I A O S E A R L  
 T S K C O S N C L A A E B L  
 T O U T S N R L T H T A S K  
 I V I T E E P E O R N E G C  
 M T O L V C R A O O O S H E  
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| BERET     | FLANNEL   | PARKA      |
| BLANKET   | GLOVES    | PULLOVER   |
| BOOTS     | HOODIE    | SCARF      |
| CAP       | JACKET    | SOCKS      |
| COAT      | MITTENS   | SWEATER    |
| COMFORTER | OVERCOAT  | TURTLENECK |
| EARMUFF   | OVERSHOES | WOOL       |

## Answer Keys



# DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 	3	4 NATIONAL COOKIE DAY	5	6	7 
8 	9	10 	11	12 EXERCISE TODAY 	13	14
15	16 	17	18 	19	20	21 HELLO WINTER 
22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 	25 	26 OFFICE CLOSED TODAY	27 	28
29 GAME DAY 	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 				

## DECEMBER around the world



While you enjoy your holiday traditions, learn about other December observances around the world!

On December 5, Haiti and the Dominican Republic observe Discovery Day to commemorate the day in 1492 when Columbus landed on the island of Hispaniola.

On December 6, Finland celebrates its declaration of independence from the Russian Republic in 1917.

December 10, Human Rights Day is observed globally, as an initiative of the United Nations.

On or around December 22, the Dongzhi festival is celebrated in China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam to welcome the arrival of winter.

On December 26, Canada, the UK, New Zealand, and Australia celebrate Boxing Day.

# Happy Holidays

