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External Affairs – A Few Reminders

By Leslie DeRosa, External Affairs Director

Here are a few timely reminders courtesy of the East Cobb Civic Association.

Homestead Exemption

If you own in, reside in, and claim the property within Cobb County as your primary legal residence on January 1, 2023, you are eligible to file for a Homestead Exemption up until April 1, 2023. You are ineligible if you are currently claiming a homestead exemption in another country or state. For details on this, please visit the Cobb Tax website for details.

Christmas Tree Removal and Recycling

Discarded trees may be brought to the locations below from 12/25/22–1/7/23:
All Home Depot locations
Fullers Park, off Robinson Road

Outdoor Burning Permitted

Open outdoor burning is permitted from October 1 – April 30 in 54 counties in north Georgia, including Cobb. Cobb Fire and Emergency Services sets the criteria for outdoor burning in unincorporated Cobb and the cities of Acworth, Kennesaw, and Powder Springs. While burning leaves, tree limbs and other yard waste is permitted during this time, the burns must meet certain guidelines. For details, please visit the Cobb Fire Department's Outdoor Burning Information website.

Festival of Lights Laugh Out Loud Award - 3637 High Green Dr. *See more on page 6.*

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Cobb County Information and Resources

Water lines, new construction, and fallen trees, oh my! There seems to be a lot going on in our part of the county these days. Whether you need information on road closures or the current status of construction projects, you need to know where to turn. Here are some resources to help you navigate through the gridlock to what you're looking for.

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Nextdoor.com (or the Nextdoor app on your Smart device) – this is an app that asks you to put in your home address. It will then group you with the residents of nearby neighborhood(s) based on your street. This is helpful for location-based alerts, questions, sale items, comments, etc from people who live very close to you. You can customize the app to your needs. It's also helpful for police information (see next point).

PENS Dispatch from Cobb County Police: Safety alerts and crime trends brought to you by your local Cobb County Police Precinct. This information is sent out monthly by the precinct via Nextdoor.com, and is an innovative way for our police officers to keep us posted, ask us for pertinent information, and warn us about issues that are important to our immediate area.

Please help report outages of Indian Hills street lights to Steve Mead, Security and Roads Director. Please provide the pole number and the address closest to the light.

Welcome to the Indian Hills Facebook groups! There are two Facebook pages dedicated to our wonderful neighborhood… neighbors helping neighbors, since that is what makes this such a Great Place to Live! Lost dogs, coyote sightings, emergency communication, these are your neighborhood spaces. For general conversations and comments, please join https://www.facebook.com/groups/IndianHillsNeighborhood For official communication from your Indian Hills Civic Association Board, please join https://www.facebook.com/IndianHillsAGreatPlaceToLive

UPCOMING EVENTS

IHCA Board Meeting
Monday, January 30 @ 7pm
Indian Hills Country Club

Indian Hills Book Club
The Indian Hills Book Club meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM and 7:30 p.m. and we continue to have lively discussions. Come and join us!
Next meeting: January 26, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
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Rusty Morgan (713) 882-8267
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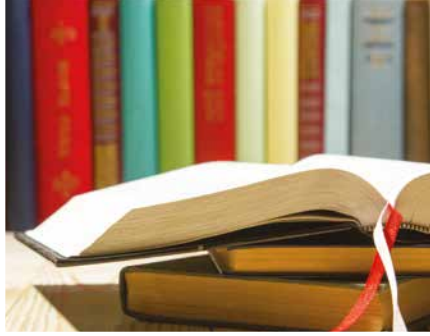
2023 IHCA Directory Cover Photo Contest Deadline
February 15, 2023
See Membership Update article for details.



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Community Affairs

By Page Morgan, IHCA Secretary

Have you thought about how much fun it would be for you to lead the Festival of Lights project next year? Have some NEW ideas for gathering our wonderful community together? Please think about volunteering for the Indian Hills Civic Association. The Community Affairs Director position for the Board is OPEN! I am staying on the board and will be available to help you OR you can start fresh with your very own projects and events! It's a fun job. The Festival of Lights is my last event, so we need someone to step up! Call me at 770.653.4777, or any Board Member, if you are interested in KEEPING INDIAN HILLS-A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE!

Festival of Lights

First of all, thank you to this wonderful community! Wow! So many festive lights! Second, thank you to our judges! We could not do this without you!

Congratulations to our Honorable Mention Winners. Hopefully, you got to experience Santa Drive - I mean Ridgewater Drive (the 2021 Neighborly Award Winner). There were more than 30 inflatable Santas to see again this year! Oh, and hopefully you checked out Christmas Corner (another Neighborly Award Winner) at Springwood Court!

Here are all of the 2022 Festival of Lights winners:

3633 High Green Drive - Hall of Fame Award

3699 Creek Stone Way - Squeal Award

1111 & 1100 Fielding Way (representing the entire street) - for the Neighborly Award

3443 Clubland Dr. - Overall Winner

651 Creekwood Dr. - Retro Award

3210 Birchfield Trace - Ken Carlson Award

3115 Brookview Dr. - Squeal Award

681 Clubland Dr. - Traditional Award

3543 Clubland Dr. - Neighborly Award

Membership Update

By Bonny Carr, IHCA Membership Director

Welcome to 2023 and Happy New Year to all our wonderful members. We appreciate each of you so much, as the IHCA couldn't accomplish all that we do for our neighborhood without you! The Membership team is looking forward to engaging with our members and new neighbors throughout the upcoming year.

2023 IHCA Directory Cover Photo Contest Starts Now

Get ready to find or take your best photo of Indian Hills for the 2023 IHCA Directory Cover. The winner will receive $200 and is voted on by IHCA members. The first round of online voting will be March 1-7. Voting for the winner from the finalists from Round One will be March 8-14. The winner will be announced in the April Smoke Signals.

All photos must be received by February 15. Please follow the criteria below for submitting your photos.

Photos should be:

1. Preferably a picture taken within Indian Hills
2. A photo you have personally taken (you will need to sign a release for it to be published)
3. Portrait layout (so it can fit the cover of the directory)
4. High Resolution (300 dpi or higher)
5. Submitted by email to ihcamembershipdirector@gmail.com

Good Luck to all our photographers and I hope every member will take a minute when the polls open on our Indian Hills website to vote for our finalists and overall winner.

American Disposal Services

I have been told by American Disposal that they are planning a $9 rate hike for their customers in January. Our IHCA member rate is not changing. However, if you see a price increase, you will need to call them (678-720-0500) and tell them you are an IHCA member. They will confirm that against the member list I send them. ADS says it plans to increase staff answering the phone lines and they will be prepared. If this is not the case, please let me know. I will collect your names if you can't get through and will work with our account rep to get things resolved. I apologize in advance for this inconvenience.

There is also an annual payment option to pay the whole year in advance and get one month credited back. You should call in January if you want to pay once and be done.

Area Volunteers Omission

Last month in our Member Spotlight article I highlighted the many volunteers in Indian Hills to assist us in meeting and greeting new residents and encouraging them to join IHCA. However, I failed to include our Area III volunteer Lynne O'Brien. My apologies for this omission.

Area III Volunteer

Summit Club Drive Lynne O'Brien organizes a directory for all the homeowners on Summit Club Drive, as well as cul-de-sac get togethers, welcome/introduction events and goodbye gatherings. She and her family organize the annual Christmas Eve luminary display that lines the entire street for a unique Christmas tradition started by a previous homeowner. We appreciate the time and effort she puts into keeping us in touch with our neighbors.

If you missed any of our Member Spotlight articles you can find them on the Indian Hills website in the Smoke Signals archive. We are always looking for the next IHCA member to spotlight so if you have a suggestion, please send it my way.

I am looking forward to a great new year working with together with our members and IHCA volunteers.

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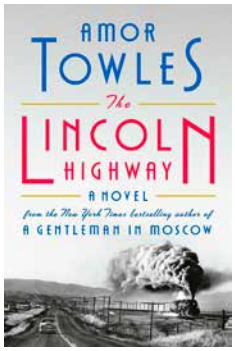
Indian Hills Book Club: Upcoming Books & Discussions

January 26, 2023 The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

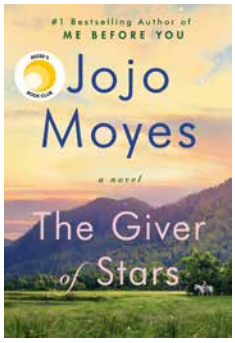


The best-selling author of A Gentleman in Moscow and Rules of Civility and master of absorbing, sophisticated fiction returns with a stylish and propulsive novel set in 1950s America

In June 1954, 18-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served 15 months for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother Billy and head to California, where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future, one that will take them all on a fateful journey in the opposite direction - to the city of New York.

Spanning just 10 days and told from multiple points of view, Towles' third novel will satisfy fans of his multilayered literary styling while providing them an array of new and richly imagined settings, characters, and themes.

February 23, 2023 The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes



From the author of Me Before You, set in Depression-era America, a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond.

Alice Wright marries handsome American Bennett Van Cleve hoping to escape her stifling life in England. But small-town Kentucky quickly proves equally claustrophobic, especially living alongside her overbearing father-in-law. So, when a call goes out for a team of women to deliver books as part of Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library, Alice signs on enthusiastically.

The leader, and soon Alice's greatest ally, is Margery, a smart-talking, self-sufficient woman who's never asked a man's permission for anything. They will be joined by three other singular women who become known as the Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky.

What happens to them - and to the men they love - becomes an unforgettable drama of loyalty, justice, humanity, and passion. These heroic women refuse to be cowed by men or by convention. And though they face all kinds of dangers in a landscape that is at times breathtakingly beautiful, at others brutal, they're committed to their job: Bringing books to people who have never had any, arming them with facts that will change their lives.

Based on a true story rooted in America's past, The Giver of Stars is unparalleled in its scope and epic in its storytelling. Funny, heartbreaking, enthralling, it is destined to become a modern classic - a richly rewarding novel of women's friendship, of true love, and of what happens when we reach beyond our grasp for the great beyond.

March 23, 2023 Maybe You Should Talk to Someone by Lori Gottlieb

From a New York Times best-selling author, psychotherapist, and national advice columnist, a hilarious, thought-provoking, and surprising new book that takes us behind the scenes of a therapist's world - where her patients are looking for answers (and so is she).

One day, Lori Gottlieb is a therapist who helps patients in her Los Angeles practice. The next, a crisis causes her world to come crashing down. Enter Wendell, the quirky but seasoned therapist in whose of¬fice she suddenly lands. With his balding head, cardigan, and khakis, he seems to have come straight from Therapist Central Casting. Yet he will turn out to be anything but.

As Gottlieb explores the inner chambers of her patients' lives - a self-absorbed Hollywood producer, a young newlywed diagnosed with a terminal illness, a senior citizen threatening to end her life on her birthday if nothing gets better, and a 20-something who can't stop hooking up with the wrong guys - she finds that the questions they are struggling with are the very ones she is now bringing to Wendell.

With startling wisdom and humor, Gottlieb invites us into her world as both clinician and patient, examining the truths and fictions we tell ourselves and others as we teeter on the tightrope between love and desire, meaning and mortality, guilt and redemption, terror and courage, hope and change.

April 27, 2023 Ask Again, Yes by Mary Beth Keane

How much can a family forgive?

Francis Gleeson and Brian Stanhope, rookie NYPD cops, are neighbors in the suburbs. What happens behind closed doors in both houses - the loneliness of Francis's wife, Lena, and the instability of Brian's wife, Anne, sets the stage for the explosive events to come.

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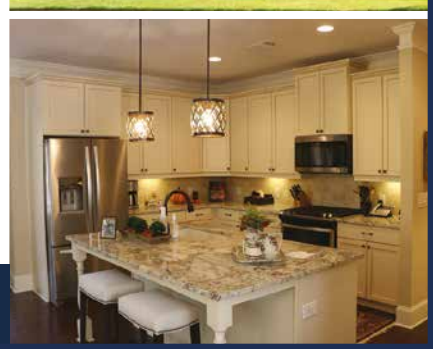

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In times of celebration—a new home purchase, a wedding, or a holiday such as New Year's Eve—revelers anxiously anticipate toasting with a glass of something bubbly. Once the cork is popped and the drinks are poured, the party can truly begin. Although revelers may assume any fizzy beverage they are served is champagne, by the true definition of the word, they actually may be drinking something else–one of many varieties of sparkling wine.

True Champagne

Authentic champagne is named after Champagne, France, the region where the grapes used to make it are grown, fermented and bottled. According to European law, the only labels that are allowed to include the name "Champagne" must be bottled within 100 miles of this region, which is close to Paris.

The taste of champagne is unique thanks to the soil in which the grapes are grown. It is a mineral-rich soil and imparts that flavor into the beverage. Champagne is made from a unique base of grapes that include Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay grapes. Experts with Wine Country also say that roughly 90 percent of all blended champagnes use a ratio of 2/3 red and 1/3 Chardonnay mixes.

Another component that sets champagne apart is the process by which it is made. It is strictly controlled by the Appellation d'Origine Controlée. This certification dictates how a producer may grow the grapes and how the grapes can be harvested and processed. Champagne is produced by méthode champenoise, a process that is said to have been invented by a monk named Dom Perignon. This procedure involves double fermentation in bottles and creates an earthy, yeasty flavor.

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Sparkling Wines

Champagne is sparkling wine, but not all sparkling wines are champagne. Other notable types of sparkling wine include Italian Prosecco and Spanish Cava. Sparking wine is produced in regions of France as well as in the United States and Canada. But sparkling wine can be made just about anywhere grapes are grown. Sparkling wines are often double-fermented in steel containers instead of bottles.

People are drawn to other sparkling wines besides champagne for various reasons. For some, cost is a heavy consideration, as authentic champagne can be considerably more expensive than sparkling wine. In addition, some people find less expensive champagnes are not as palate-pleasing as sparkling wines.

Few things are more universally associated with celebrations than a bottle of bubbly. Subtle differences set sparkling wines apart from champagne, but personal preference is oftentimes the deciding factor when choosing which beverage to choose for a special occasion. ■

Green & Growing

Welcome to 2023! Yes, January is traditionally one of the coldest months here in Georgia, but a little chill shouldn't stop you from getting things done in the landscape. December saw unusually warm temperatures, so maybe the first month of the new year will surprise us too!

The colder months are the best time to plant new trees and shrubs, so get to digging! Most plants' growth is halted by cooler temperatures, meaning they are less demanding for nutrients, so this time of year the focus is on root establishment and growth. When installing something new, it's always best to surround the base of the plant with mulch, but never up against the trunk or main stem.

Light pruning can be done on trees now. Do corrective and 'clean up' pruning on trees while you can see the branch structure, before they leaf back out. Start by pruning dead or diseased limbs, then ones that are crossing. And while some vegetative growth on the ground has died back, now is a good time to chop bamboo, English ivy and kudzu back while you can get to the main stems of the plant.

Plant things with winter blooms, like pansies and hellebores! Pop them in garden beds, sprinkle a little Osmocote fertilizer around each one, and then cover each with a handful of mulch before watering them in. And there's still time to plant bulbs, like daffodils and irises.

This is the month we're likely to see our first "hard freeze" of the year. But what's the difference between a frost and a freeze? Frost is visible on plants, windshields, etc. and can occur when temps are ABOVE freezing, and it all depends on dew point as well. If the dew point is below freezing, a frost is more likely. Freezing is when the air temperature is literally below 32 degrees. And a freeze can come without a frost. A "hard freeze" is when the temperature drops further, below 28 degrees, for a longer time. It will kill the top growth of most perennials and root crops, BUT a hard frost doesn't mean plants are dead though. Even after your plants have died back to the ground, the soil may be warm enough, so the roots are still growing.

And finally, what to do with that live Christmas tree? I am fortunate to be able to throw ours in the woods behind our house, and I am delighted to see birds and deer nesting by it. Some local parks and usually Home Depot stores offer to chip your tree, producing usable mulch.

Cheers to many new garden opportunities in the coming year!

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The Home FIX IT page
by Dave Baker

Been putting off basic homeowners chores?

Believe me, been there, done that.

We all have things around the home that while we know they would work better if we had them serviced, well, they are working now and that's good enough for me.

A properly maintained home is important, and all it takes in most cases is a phone call.

With our New Year's resolutions still fresh in our minds here are some things you absolutely need to have serviced this year...

HVAC SYSTEM.

Get a service contract and have your air conditioner inspected by a pro this spring and your furnace inspected by a pro this fall. Your systems will run more efficiently, your filters will be changed, and you will save money on your home energy bills.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM.

Your electrical system wears down over time. Get a whole house electrical inspection and make sure it includes your smoke and CO detectors.

GARAGE DOOR.

What? My garage door? You bet. It's the largest moving piece of equipment in your home and you rely on it every single day. The once over will do it a world of good.

SEPTIC TANK.

When's the last time you had your septic tank cleaned out? While it's not an every year job, it's something that you need to have done every 3 years. Think of it this way - when your a/c goes out you are hot, when your electrical goes out it's dark. What adjective best describes a bad septic situation? Exactly...

WATER HEATER.

You know the average life span of a water heater in this area is 7 years. How old is yours again? Right. Have a professional come out and check it out. Make sure they check the T&P valve and that you have an expansion tank.

While they are there have them check your home's water pressure. High pressure is the evil villain to the inner workings of your faucets and commodes.

DUCTS.

Your ducts work every day carrying the cool or warm air to the rooms in your house and return air and dirt back to your unit. Do yourself a favor a have them professionally cleaned.

A good, professional cleaning will have you breathing better and can possibly cut down on the amount of dusting you have to do around the house. It will also increase the life and efficiency of your hvac system.

Extra good news - barring unforeseen circumstances you won't have to have them cleaned for another 5-7 years.

ROOF.

How long has it been since you had a roofing pro inspect your roof? Most quality roofing companies offer a free roof analysis which will let you know the exact shape of your roof.

Plus, having a qualified roofer inspect your roof gives you the ability to tell the storm chaser roof guy "No thanks - I already have a professional inspection".

Sweet.

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95.5 WSB ATLANTA'S NEWS & TALK WEATHER BY **CHRISTINA**

Welcome to January, the coldest month of the year!

Winter in Atlanta is usually mild, and it's not out of the question to experience afternoon temperatures in the upper 60s to low 70s during the month of January.

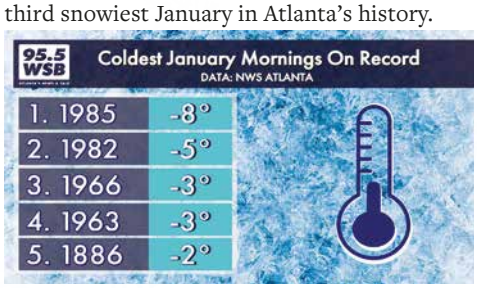
In fact, the warmest January day in Atlanta occurred on January 11, 1949 when the thermometer reached 79 degrees.

But temperatures in January can be very cold -- well below freezing and even below zero!

Averaging out all the highs and lows in the month of January, the average monthly temperature is 44.8 degrees, the coldest average monthly temperature of the year for Atlanta.

The coldest morning in January occurred on January 21, 1985 when the thermometer dropped to minus 8 degrees Fahrenheit. January 1982 was also bone-chilling cold, as the thermometer dropped to minus 5 degrees.

Another note about January 1982: Long-time Atlanta residents will remember the Snow Jam of January 12-14 1982, when 4 inches of snow, sleet and freezing rain fell throughout Metro Atlanta, paralyzing the city. A total 7 inches of snow fell that January, marking the third snowiest January in Atlanta's history.



Other notable winter weather events in the month of January include January 23, 2000, when an ice storm struck Atlanta one week before the city was set to host the NFL's Super Bowl. As many as 500,000 people were without power that day as freezing rain accumulated on trees and powerlines.

Snow Jam History repeated again in 2014 when 2.6 inches of snow fell during the morning and early afternoon of January 28. The city was paralyzed in melted snow that turned to ice under car tires. Thousands of people were stranded on the interstates and surface streets, and many spent the night freezing in their cars or walking home in non-walking shoes. Many more spent the night in grocery stores.

This storm was a stark reminder of the importance in keeping a weather-ready emergency kit in our vehicles. Always keep an extra blanket, jacket, pair of walking shoes, water, and non-perishable snacks in your vehicle in case weather leaves you stranded on the road for numerous hours.

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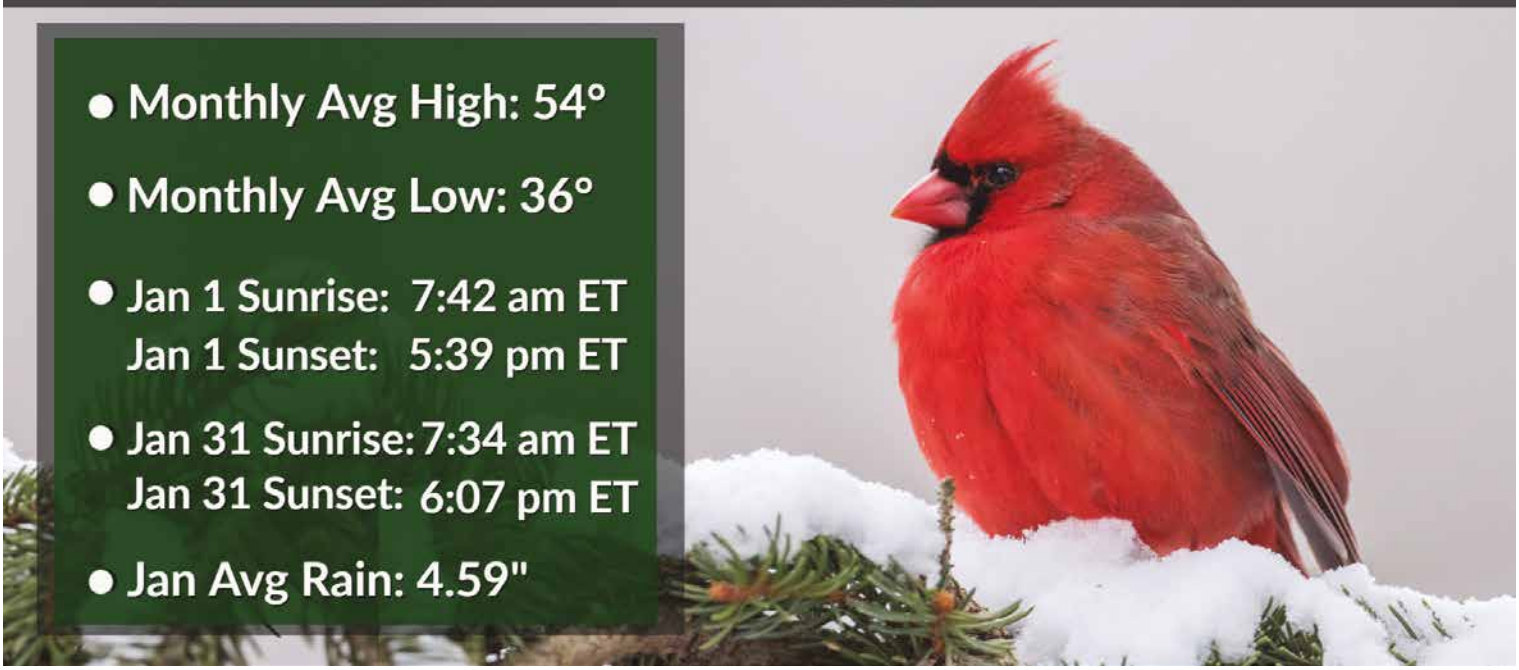

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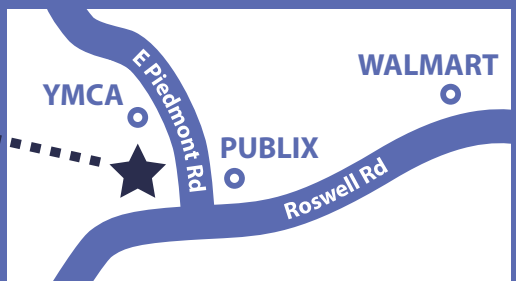

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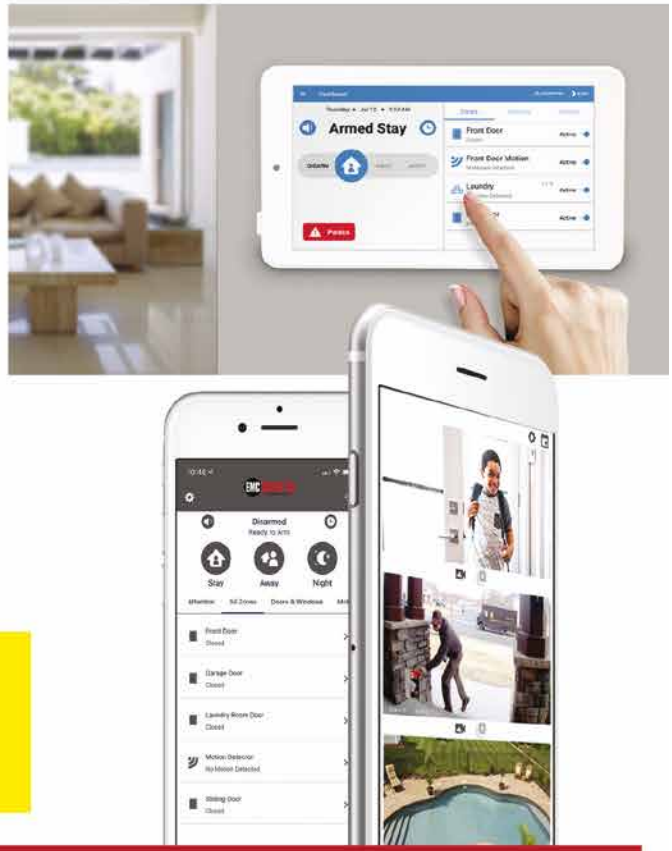

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