



The Village Report

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Pancake Breakfast At the Clubhouse

Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
9am-11am

\$5.00

Includes:
A.Y.C.E Pancakes, Punch and Coffee

Come enjoy Daily Drink Specials at Mulligan's Bar N' Grill



The History of New Year's

The celebration of the new year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. In the years around 2000 BC, the Babylonian New Year began with the first New Moon (actually the first visible crescent) after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring).

The beginning of spring is a logical time to start a new year. After all, it is the season of rebirth, of planting new crops, and of blossoming. January 1, on the other hand, has no astronomical nor agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary.

The Babylonian new year celebration lasted for eleven days. Each day had its own particular mode of celebration, but it is safe to say that modern New Year's Eve festivities pale in comparison.

The Romans continued to observe the new year in late March, but their calendar was continually tampered with by various emperors so that the calendar soon became out of synchronization with the sun.

In order to set the calendar right, the Roman senate, in 153 BC, declared January 1 to be the beginning of the new year. But tampering continued until Julius Caesar, in 46 BC, established what has come to be known as the Julian Calendar. It again established January 1 as the new year. But in order to synchronize the calendar with the sun, Caesar had to let the previous year drag on for 445 days.

Although in the first centuries AD the Romans continued celebrating the new year, the early Catholic Church condemned the festivities as paganism. But as Christianity became more widespread, the early church began having its own religious observances concurrently with many of the pagan celebrations, and New Year's Day was no different. New Years is still observed as the Feast of Christ's Circumcision by some denominations. During the Middle Ages, the Church remained opposed to celebrating New Years. January 1 has been celebrated as a holiday by Western nations for only about the past 400 years.

Happy New Year!!!

That's right folks; it's the end of another year here at Christmas Mountain. Time to say goodbye to both the fun and trying times of 2011 and start welcoming the new and exciting prospects of 2012! So before you begin those New Year's Resolutions, give in to a little sin with the C.M.V. staff at our Family and Adult New Year's Eve Celebrations on Friday December 31st! Enjoy music, dancing, snacks, party favors and LOTS of fun at our Family New Year's Eve Bash from 7pm-10pm at the Clubhouse. Then head up to Mulligan's Bar N' Grill from 10pm-close for our Adult New Year's Eve Party! Join in the fun with Karaoke, Drink Specials and a Champagne Toast at Midnight! *Adults only after 11pm.

So come ring in the New Year with your friends here at Christmas Mountain. Should old acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind? Should old acquaintance be forgot, and old lang syne... **Happy New Year!**



Bring on the snow!

Lisa, Loretta, Eva, Leslie and Amber



Important Ski Update:

The tentative opening date for the ski hill is Friday November 25th. Please, keep in mind that this is a tentative opening date, and is greatly dependent on temperature and humidity. When we start the snowmaking process please refrain from going on the ski hill to investigate the snowmaking process. There is high voltage power cords on the hill that are very dangerous to be around. Please spread the word about ski hill opening date and lets hope the cold weather comes soon.

Housekeeping Update:

In October, Resort Housekeeping did 460 work orders and SSC cleaned 2298 units. Laundry washed 2326 loads of laundry, equaling 94,680 pounds!!!

For our Guest's Safety and Organizational needs:

Our Maintenance Team is diligently working to install slap locks in each unit on the entry doors as well as closet organizers. For your safety, Christmas Mountain Village has supplied every unit with a shovel and container of salt for slippery, iced sidewalks. We encourage you to use the salt that has been provided to prevent slippery steps or walkways. Wisconsin Winters makes it very difficult for our Maintenance team to get to every unit immediately after a cold and snowy night, the team works at this diligently and keeps it as a priority during the cold weather season.

Job Openings

These are the position that are currently available. If you would like to transfer to a different department or know someone that is looking for a job please see Heather McQuillan in the Employment Services Building.

2nd Shift Housekeeping Supervisor	2nd Shift Laundry Supervisor	Servers
Front Desk	Activities Supervisor	Ski Personnel
Maintenance Tech	HVAC Tech	

Maintenance Update:

There have been three summer kitchens added within the past month. (One in the 500 Cottages, one by the log cabins and one by the Oak Villa's and Timbers.) These kitchens will get their final touches of landscaping next spring. These will be a nice place for our guests to grill and socialize.

There are a few ongoing projects that Maintenance is diligently working :

- Several roofs that were failing in each association have been replaced. This will continue through December.
- The ditch line on Christmas Mountain road has been cleaned out. Breaker run rock has been put in to help control the water issues.
- The holding pond by the registration building is getting rock and being cleaned out.
- Removal of dead trees will continue through December or until the snow is too deep to work in.
- Leaf pick and mulching is progressing very nicely. It was decided that this year we would mulch the leafs. We have been mulching the leafs at the location that they fall, this will help reduce the amount of leafs that our team has to big up. With mulching the leafs it returns the nutrients back into the soil which will help with soil improvement.
- Maintenance weeks are well under way. We are working vigorously to get through all of the units and complete painting, caulking, repair and maintenance items. This is an ongoing project for the next few months.

Buzz of the Front Desk:

At the front desk we have had to said goodbye to a couple of team members, but, with that we have had the joy of welcoming a couple of new team members to the Christmas Mountain Family.

Will joined us a couple of months ago and is just a wonder to work with. He never fails to put a smile on everyone's face, creating a fun, friendly and enjoyable atmosphere.

Alysha joined us a little over a month ago with a desire to learn as much as she can. She strives to understand and execute the different procedures and policies that are so very important when working with our owners, guests and fellow team members.

The front desk is very thankful for the additions to our family. We are also thankful for the chance to meet and work with all of our owners, guests and their families. They have given us moments of laughter as well as moments of thoughtfulness. The front desk looks forward to the many owners and guests that have chosen to visit Christmas Mountain in December. Currently there are 1400 reservations that have been made for the month of December. What a great way to end a terrific year.

Friendly Reminder

IMPORTANT RENOVATION UPDATE:

At this time, the scope of the renovation plans have yet to be defined, costs continue to be reviewed and adjusted. We anticipate giving the Board of Director's an update in the beginning of 2012.

Attention UDI Owners: Effective November 1, 2011 all UDI reservations that are not cancelled within 72 hours of arrival will be charged a \$25 no-show cancellation fee. Failure to show for your reservation will result in a \$25 no show fee that will be applied on your check out date. A credit card number will be required at the time of reservation.

Food and Beverage Update:

NFL Sunday Ticket – Every Game every Sunday ESPN College Gameday – all college games

Terrific Opportunity to receive a discount on your group event!

Receive the following discounts if your event is booked and the deposit received by December 31st:

Number of People in attendance:

50 – 74	2% (off your group bill)	75-99	3% (off your group bill)
100-149	4% (off your group bill)	150 or more	5% (off your group bill)

Feel free to visit Mulligan's Bar N' Grill, the Pro-Shop, Clubhouse or Registration Building to pick up a copy.

Mulligan's Has NEW daily Food and Drink Specials:

Monday~

\$12.00 Top Sirloin
with French Fries
and Texas Toast
1.00 off Malibu Mixers

Tuesday~

\$2.00 Tacos
\$2.00 Off Margarita's
\$2.00 Miller Lite Taps

Wednesday~

Wine Night Free bottle
of wine with purchase of
2 entrees
\$4.00 Long Island Iced Teas

Thursday~

Couples Night during ski season
(see bartender for details)
\$16 Jager Shot Ski

Friday~

Famous Fish Fry
\$1.00 off Captain Morgan and Captain Morgan
Lime Bite mixers
\$1.00 off Dr McGillicuddy's shots and bombs

Saturday~

The Best Prime Rib in Town!
\$1.00 off all Absolut and
Smirnoff mixers
\$2.00 off Jagermeister and Barenjager

Sunday~

\$5.00 Bloody Mary's
\$6.00 Absolut Peppar Mary's
\$1.00 off Goldschlager shots
Roasted Chicken Dinner
Kids Eat Free *receive one free kids meal with each
purchase of a Dinner Entrée

Mulligan's Invites You To Our Holiday Feast



Christmas Day 11a.m. till 3p.m.

Roast Beef
Ham
Roasted Turkey Breast
BBQ Ribs
Sweet Potato Casserole
Buttery Mashed Potatoes
Roasted Turkey Gravy
Green Bean Almandine
Fresh Baked Stuffing
Cranberry Orange Relish

Freshly Baked Breads
Cucumber Salad
Fresh Garden Salad
Creamy Caesar Salad
And So Much More.....

Amazing Dessert Selection
Cakes, Pies, Mousse, Cookies
and Brownies

\$16.95 Adults
\$7.95 Children (4-12)
3 and under free

Reservations strongly
recommended.
Please call 608-254-3977

Limited Menu available 3pm-9pm

NFL Football Game

Chicago Bears @ Green Bay Packers 7:20pm

NBA Basketball Games: (tentative)

Boston @ N.Y. 11am

Miami @ Dallas 1:30pm

Chicago @ L.A. Lakers 4pm