

# RidgePointe News

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## Ring in the New Year!



## THE FLORAS

### LIVE MUSIC

**Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**1:00 pm East Lobby**

**Holiday Hors d'oeuvres,  
Champagne and Dessert.**

## December Events

**Tuesday, December 3: In Person Speakers—Barb and Steve Pieh** 10 am MH

**Chile: Rapa Nui and Patagonia.** Join Barb and Steve for a visit to Southern Chile and Rapa Nui. Explore some of the Stone Heads on the Island of Rapa Nui and various areas of the Chilean Patagonia.

**Tuesday, December 3: Open Studio: Holiday Card Making** 1-3 pm AR

Kick off your holiday season by creating one-of-a-kind holiday cards.

**Wednesday, December 4: Pancake Breakfast** 7 am Atrium

**Friday, December 6: Staff Appreciation Party** 2 pm EL and MH

**Friday, December 6: Potluck** 5:30 pm Atrium

Join your fellow residents at the first Friday of the month RidgePointe Potluck. Bring a dish to share, your personal utensils, a plate and a beverage.

**Tuesday, December 10: In Person Speaker— Gary Stamm** 10 am MH

**FDR and the Fight for Freedom.** This lecture will recount the day after Pearl Harbor was attacked. On December 8, 1941, our country was plunged into the greatest and most deadly conflict in global history—World War II. Learn about the key battles of that war and FDR's strategies and philosophies that helped lead us to an ultimate victory. Also, discover who the key military leaders were in this epic struggle.

**Tuesday, December 10: Open Art Studio** 1-3 pm AR

**Tuesday, December 17: In Person Speaker— David E. Jones** 10 am MH

**Mount Rushmore: Carving of an Icon.** Today, more than 2 million people visit Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills of South Dakota each year. Fourteen years, four hundred workers, 450,000 tons of rock, nearly one million dollars. Those are some of the statistics behind the carving of Mount Rushmore. The story of this monumental endeavor will captivate you.

**Tuesday, December 17: Birthday Celebration** 3 pm EL

3:00 pm—HAPPY HOUR IN THE EAST LOBBY: Wine and Appetizers

3:30 pm—Entertainment: Daniel Chouinard

5:00 pm—Birthday Meal: Is your birthday in December? Happy Birthday! If you plan on using your three meals this month, enjoy an additional dinner at half-price on December 17.

**Monday, December 30: RidgePointe's New Year's Celebration** 1-3 pm EL, MH, RR

RidgePointe's Residents are invited to our end of the year New Year's Celebration. Don't miss this fun event! Dress festive!

1:00 pm—East Lobby—Entertainment: The Flora's

2:00 pm—Marion Hall and Rose Room— Hors D'oeuvres, Champagne and Dessert



Happy  
New Year!





## DECEMBER MOVIES

### FRIDAYS 7 PM MARION HALL



**December 6: *Hairspray*.** A comedy musical. Set in the 1960's, a dance loving teen auditions for a spot on a television show and wins. She becomes an overnight sensation dealing with fame.

**December 13: *Good Will Hunting*.** A drama. A young man with genius IQ chooses to work as a janitor at MIT. A professor sees him solve a graduate-level math problem and helps him out of trouble.

**December 20: *Elf*.** A comedy. A toddler was accidentally transported to the North Pole and raised to adulthood among Santa's elves. He feels he doesn't fit in and begins a search to find his biological father.

**December 27: *American Underdog*.** A sports drama. True story of Kurt Warner, who overcame years of setbacks and challenges to become a star quarterback with the

## The fabulous Dan Chouinard is back for your entertainment!

An all-purpose pianist, concert soloist and accompanist,  
street accordionist, sing-along enabler.

# Tuesday, December 17, 2024

East Lobby

3:00 PM Appetizers and Refreshments

3:30 Live Musical Entertainment

## TED Talks Wednesdays at 1pm on Channel 991

**Wednesday, December 4: Harris vs. Trump — and What's at Stake for the World | TED Explains the World with Ian Bremmer.** The result of the 2024 US presidential election will be critical for Americans and the world. In a fascinating conversation, geopolitical expert Ian Bremmer digs into proposed policies from Kamala Harris and Donald Trump and explores how they think about everything from foreign policy to immigration and the economy. Discover unexpected similarities and crucial differences between the candidates — and get ready for what's to come. (This live conversation, recorded October 10, 2024, was hosted by TED's Helen Walters.

**Wednesday, December 11 : The Magical, Mesmerizing Migration of Monarch Butterflies | Jaime Rojo | TED.** When monarch butterflies migrate, they produce one of the most iconic wildlife spectacles in the world — and provide us with an important indicator of ecological health, says photographer Jaime Rojo. Telling a story about our relationship to the natural world, he shares his experience photographing these mesmerizing insects deep in their remote mountain habitats in Mexico, diving into the latest research into the mysteries of their multi-thousand-mile journey and sharing how each of us can join the growing movement to protect them. ***A Sonic Journey Through the Universe | Felipe Sánchez Luna | TED.*** In an astounding sonic experience, creative director Felipe Sánchez Luna takes you on a journey through the universe as told in sound. Take a deep breath, listen closely and discover the power of sound to provide you with a new emotional understanding of the world.

**Wednesday, December 18 : The Probe on a Mission To Touch the Sun | Nour E. Rawafi | TED .** From its life-sustaining energy to its explosive geomagnetic storms, the Sun has many mysteries, says astrophysicist Nour E. Rawafi. He sheds light on NASA's latest endeavor to better understand our fiery neighbor and its impact on the future of society: sending the cutting-edge Parker Solar Probe deep into the Sun's atmosphere in humanity's closest-ever approach to a star. ***How a Worm Could Save Humanity From Bad AI | Ramin Hasani | TED.*** What if AI could think and adapt like a real brain? TED Fellow and AI scientist Ramin Hasani shares how liquid neural networks — a new, more flexible AI technology inspired by physics and living brains — could transform how we solve complex problems. What if AI could think and adapt like a real brain? TED Fellow and AI scientist Ramin Hasani shares how liquid neural networks — a new, more flexible AI technology inspired by physics and living brains — could transform how we solve complex problems. ***Why Creativity Thrives on Challenges | Jon M. Chu | TED.*** Filmmaker Jon M. Chu has enjoyed an incredible run of success, directing films like "Crazy Rich Asians," "In the Heights" and the highly anticipated adaptation of "Wicked" in theaters soon. Chu gives his thoughts on nurturing creativity, embracing failure and finding inspiration in your upbringing — as well as some key leadership lessons from his new memoir, "Viewfinder."



## December Excursions

**Thursday, December 5— Movie Matinee: More Information to Come** **Time: To Be Determined**

**Ticket Cost: Purchase On Your Own.**

Attend a matinee. Location and departure/pickup times will be posted as soon as possible.

**Thursday, December 5— Holiday Lights Bus Tour**

**Depart: 6 PM**

**Cost: \$44.00 (Checks Made Out to RidgePointe)**

No holiday would be complete without a Holiday Lights Tour. Take a chauffeured tour with Renee's Limousines and see some of the largest and most elaborate light displays in the Twin Cities. Restroom stops will be organized during the tour. **(Depart: 6 PM— Return: 9 PM)**

**Saturday, December 7— Holiday Bazaar at the Landmark Center**

**Depart: 11 AM**

**Cost: \$5.00 Admission (Pay at Entrance)**

Find beautiful and unique handcrafted gift items by 80 of the area's finest artists. The Bazaar features quality handcrafted items including jewelry, woodwork, paintings, décor, woven and wearable art, handmade lotions, soaps and more! Festive music and delicious treats add to the enjoyment of holiday shopping. **(Depart: 11 AM— Return Departure: 2:30 PM)**

**Thursday, December 12— Courtroom Concert at the Landmark Center**

**Depart: 10:35 AM**

**Cost: Free**

Don't miss this year's Courtroom Concert, *Songs of the Season: Celebrating MN Composers and Poets*, and the Kaleidoscope Quartet at the Landmark Center! Seating is first come, first serve.

**Saturday, December 14— Twin Cities Ballet: A Minnesota Nutcracker**

**Depart: 12:45 PM**

**Cost: \$41.25 (Checks Made Out to RidgePointe)**

Twin Cities Ballet's beloved holiday classic with a Minnesota twist. A Minnesota Nutcracker setting is in Minnesota, with costumes and choreography portraying iconic Minnesota characters and landscapes. **(Production Start Time: 2 PM) (Show Length: 2 Hours and 20 minutes, with a 20 minute intermission)**

**Thursday, December 19— Ronald McDonalds House Lunch at The Cajun House** **Depart: 10:30 AM**

**Tour Cost: Free (Donations are Welcomed)**

**Lunch Cost : On Your Own**

Take a tour of the **Ronald McDonald House**. This house offers a place for the families with seriously ill & injured kids to live. After the tour have lunch at **The Cajun House**, a Hong Kong-style dim sum spot also serving Pad Thai & various Asian specialties. **(Tour: 11 AM) (Reservations: 12:45 PM)**

**Saturday, December 21— Irving Berlin's White Christmas the Musical**

**Depart: 10:25 AM**

**Cost: \$ 80.47 (Includes Lunch and Performance Ticket)**

**(Checks Made Out to RidgePointe)**

This musical, at **Chanhassen Dinner Theatre**, is based on the beloved, timeless film, White Christmas. This heartwarming musical adaptation features 17 Irving Berlin songs and a book by David Ives and Paul Blake. **(Lunch: 11 AM) (Production Start Time: 1 PM)**

**Thursday, December 26— Mystic Lake Casino**

**Depart: 10:15 AM**

**Cost: On Your Own**

Head out to Mystic Lake for a day of gambling, Bingo, or just enjoy lunch. **(Van Return: 3 pm)**

**Saturday, December 28—Ladies Early Dinner Barzini's Italiano**

**Depart: 3:30 PM**

**Cost: On Your Own**

Barzini's Italiano offers a "fantastic" dining experience with homemade dishes and a cozy, Godfather-themed atmosphere. The breadsticks are often praised as "melt in your mouth" and the staff is friendly and attentive. **(Reservations: 4 PM)**



# *December Special!*

*The Holidays are here!  
Give yourself the gift of the lifestyle you deserve!*

Not quite ready to move, but want to get your ducks in a row? RidgePointe is *allowing up to 90 days before rent begins* (if you want to wait that long) when you accept an apartment before the end of the 2024 calendar year! In addition, you are price protected through April 30, 2026.

*This special applies to all available units, no kidding!*

*What a great gift to give yourself!*

If you are a planner, and you are hoping to move in the Spring, consider this great special! A completed Rental Application and a Security Deposit of \$1,000 secures the unit you choose.

*It's that simple.*

Naturally, the RidgePointe Amenities Package is included in your rent making your dollar work even harder.

*Call today & schedule a tour with Paula Rickett!*

*Begin living the lifestyle you deserve!*

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*Want to take possession or move in sooner? No problem!  
Rent begins when you take possession or move any of  
your belongings in, not to exceed 90 days.*