

Ridge Pointe News

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Happy Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Tuesday, November 4: In-Person Speaker— Grace Costello **10 AM MH**

Grace Costello will share about *Minnesota Aging Pathways*, a free, statewide service of the *Minnesota Board on Aging*, in partnership with Minnesota's area agencies on aging. Minnesota Aging Pathways helps older Minnesotans and caregivers find answers, and to connect them to the services and support they need. In addition, they can help with Medicare, finding prescription drug cost assistance, form and application completion, long-term care counseling, finding resources in your community, caregiver support and much more.

Friday, November 7: Resident Potluck **5:30 PM Atrium**

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

Tuesday, November 11: In-Person Speaker— Barb and Steve Pieh **10 AM MH**

India. Join Steve and Barb as they continue to explore UNESCO Sites in India! If you have ever wanted to visit the Taj Mahal, this is your chance. Many of the worlds' scientific and religious influence began in India. New and Old Delhi as well as Jaipur, the Pink city are fascinating places. Be ready to fasten a head turban!

Tuesday, November 18: In-Person Speaker—Tamara Statz **10 AM MH**

Mental Health: Anxiety and Depression. Tamara is a licensed marriage and family therapist, a Fellow in Thanatology: Death, Dying, and Bereavement and a Board-Approved Clinical Supervisor in MN. She is apart of *Vibrant Living*, which deals with mental health therapy for adults, families, and caregivers with a specialty focus on older adults, grief and loss, chronic and terminal illness.

Tuesday, November 18: Birthday Celebration **3 PM EL**

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

3:30pm—Entertainment: Pianist— Don Irwin

5:00pm—Birthday Meal: Is your birthday in November? Happy Birthday! If you plan on using your three meals this month, enjoy an additional dinner at half-price on Nov. 18th.

Tuesday, November 25 : In-Person Speaker— Doug Ohman **10 AM MH**

Minnesota from the Road Series: Mississippi River Bluffs. Travel along with Minnesota photographer and storyteller Doug Ohman as he takes us on a statewide road trip. Doug has captured photography images and gathered information on many of the roadside attractions throughout the state. His program promises to be informative, but more importantly, entertaining.



NOVEMBER MOVIES

FRIDAYS 7PM MARION HALL

November 7: *A Home of Our Own*. Drama. An overwhelmed but persevering widow relocates her six children to a new town in the hope that it will afford them a better life.

November 14: *Man of the Year*. Comedy. A comedian who hosts a news satire program decides to run for president and a computerized voting machine malfunction gets him elected.

November 21: *Downton Abbey: A New Era*. Drama. The Crowley family goes on a grand journey to the south of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager countess's newly inherited villa.

November 28 : *Home for the Holidays*. Comedy. After being fired, making out with her soon-to-be ex-boss, and discovering that her daughter plans to spend Thanksgiving with her boyfriend, Claudia Larson faces the unenviable task of spending the holiday with her exceedingly dull family.

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Please Join Us For A Special Piano Concert!

Don Irwin

Tuesday, November 18th

East Lobby

3pm Appetizer and Beverage

3:30pm Concert Begins

TED Talks

Wednesdays at 1pm on Channel 991

Wednesday, November 5: *How to respond to societal collapse* | Sarah Wilson | TEDxSydney. Science In this provocative talk, international best-selling author and journalist Sarah Wilson explores the upside of losing what we've been taking for granted. ***What I know about human trafficking—as a former hostage* | Michael Scott Moore | TEDxFoggyBottom.** Having been held hostage by Somali pirates, Michael Scott Moore draws parallels between his experience and the plight of migrants, diving deep into the mechanisms keeping smugglers and human traffickers in business. Michael Scott Moore is a journalist, novelist, and author of a comic novel about L.A., *Too Much of Nothing*, as well as a travel book about surfing, *Sweetness and Blood*, which was named a best book of 2010 by *The Economist*. ***The Hidden Costs of a Connected World* | Preity Gupta | TEDxMRU.** In today's hyper-connected digital age, every click, scroll, and download leaves behind a trail of data that can be exploited, traded, or even weaponized against us. Through real-life stories of students who fell victim to invisible digital traps, this talk unveils the hidden side of apps, data brokers, and AI-driven profiling that quietly shapes our opportunities, decisions, and even our identities.

Wednesday, November 12: *Want big change? Start with small steps* | Dr. Christiane Schroeter | TEDxFolsom. Dr. Christiane Schroeter introduces Petite Practice™ - a simple yet powerful framework for growth through intentional micro-habits. ***Why A Child's Zip Code Shouldn't Determine Their Future* | Jillyan McKinney | TEDxFolsom.** In this talk, Jillyan McKinney exposes the hidden barriers that lock millions of students out of opportunity and shares powerful stories of what happens when inclusion and belonging open the door instead. ***How science and theology can help advance truth* | Brenton DeBoef | TEDxURI.** Brenton Deboef, both a scientist and a man of faith, discusses the significant divide between science and religion. Scientists and deeply faithful individuals often regard each other with suspicion.

Wednesday, November 19: *A Practical Guide to Taking Control of Your Life* | Cate Hall | TED. Sharing her journey from the throes of addiction to leading a multibillion-dollar foundation, Hall shares tactical wisdom for increasing your ability to see and act on life's hidden degrees of freedom, showing how even the most trapped among us can discover a path to fulfillment. ***Why You Should Spend Less Time with Your Kids* | Lenore Skenazy | TE.** Whether it's micromanaging playtime, constantly hovering or incessantly texting, the adult takeover of childhood has created a crisis of anxiety in both children and parents. ***How Common Knowledge Shapes the World* | Steven Pinker | TED.** Common knowledge is the secret engine of social life, letting us coordinate everything from meet-ups to markets to international diplomacy. In this fascinating talk, experimental cognitive scientist Steven Pinker explores its momentous impact

Wednesday, November 26: *The Missing Piece in the Story of Migration* | Sonia Shah and Zeke Hernandez | TED. Headlines often reduce migration to crisis and controversy, leaving out the bigger picture that movement is a natural, even necessary part of who we are. As borders tighten and debates intensify, journalist Sonia Shah and professor Zeke Hernandez unravel our historical understanding of migration and examine immigration's impact on creating resilient, safe and economically flourishing societies.

NOVEMBER EXCURSIONS

Thursday, November 6— James J. Hill House & Lunch at Kincaid's **Depart: 10:15 AM**

Tour Cost: \$12.00 (Checks Made Out to RidgePointe (Limit:15 People)) **Lunch Cost: On Your Own**

In this tour you will learn about James J. Hill's influence on the region and about his network of family members, servants, workers, and guests. Marvel at the impressive house details such as chandeliers, stained glass, and hand-carved woodwork sprawled throughout the home.

Admission includes self-guided access to many spaces throughout the four floors of the mansion and a 60-minute guided tour of the house. After tour, have lunch at Kincaid's. **Kincaid's Fish, Chop & Steakhouse** in St. Paul is a eloquent restaurant serving steaks, seafood, and cocktails in a sophisticated setting. **(Tour 11am) (Tours are 60 minutes) (Reservation 12:30pm)**

Thursday, November 13— Minnesota Orchestra **Depart: 9:30 AM**

Ticket Cost: Purchase Ticket on Your Own

Sondergard conducts **Symphonie Fantastique**. The program includes- Takemitsu: *Night Signal*, Szymanowski: *Violin Concerto No.1*, and Berlioz: *Symphonie fantastique*.

(2 hours, including intermission)

Saturday, November 15— Original Pancake House & Feed My Starving Children **Depart: 9:45 AM**

Lunch Cost: On Your Own

Start the morning off with breakfast at **The Original Pancake House** in Eden Prairie. After breakfast, volunteer your time at **Feed My Starving Children** in Chanhassen. You'll hand-pack rice, soy, dried vegetables and a nutritionally complete blend of vitamins and minerals into bags which are then sealed, boxed, placed on pallets and shipped to incredible partners who distribute the food to children who need it around the world. NO jewelry may be worn in the packing room. There are sit down volunteer jobs , and standing jobs, please notify the staff of your preference.

(Reservations 10:15am) (Volunteer 12pm –1:45pm)

Thursday, November 20— Anything Goes at Wayzata High School Theatre **Depart 3:35 PM**

Show Cost: Free

Anything Goes is a classic Cole Porter musical comedy. Set aboard an ocean liner, the story is known for its madcap antics, mistaken identities, tap dancing, and a beloved score.

(Production 4:30pm– 7:30pm)

Saturday, November 29— Irving Berlin's White Christmas **Depart: 10:35 AM**

Lunch and Ticket Cost: \$85.00 (Checks Made Out to RidgePointe) (Limit: 12 people)

Irving Berlin's White Christmas is the signature holiday musical for the season at the **Chanhassen Dinner Theatres**. The musical, based on the classic 1954 film, features a score of 17 Irving Berlin songs, including the iconic title song "White Christmas," "Blue Skies," and "I Love a Piano".

(Performance 2 hours & 30 minutes) (Lunch 11am) (Performance Start Time 1pm)

Check out our November Special!

Convenience, Connection & Comfort

Take possession of any available
One-bedroom apartment (West Building only)
by **December 31, 2025** and receive an **extended,**
price protected lease through April 30, 2027!

Available Units & Pricing:

- **Essex** – 800 Sq. Ft. – **\$2,285**
- **Oxford** – 666 Sq. Ft. – **\$1,930**
- **Dover** – 630 Sq. Ft. – **\$1,850**
- **Windsor** – 640 Sq. Ft. – **\$1,850**

Why RidgePointe?

The prices are great and the Amenities are Spectacular!
Live in a community atmosphere with lots of social options, food available (no purchases required), weekly housekeeping included, stellar van transportation service included, art studio, wood shop, 24-hour concierge, cable TV included, and so much more!

Don't spend your winter alone- join the RidgePointe lifestyle today! Call now for more information or to schedule a tour. We can't wait to hear from you!

Paula Rickett ~ 952-540-6280

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