



Huntcliff Harbinger

June 2026

The Mission of the Huntcliff Harbinger is to announce planned events and activities for residents and interested parties. Also included are photographs and stories of resident artwork, club reports, and staff and volunteer recognition. It is written and developed by the editorial staff and its contributors.

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Highlights of June Events

- Hootenanny folk songs by Huntcliff Singers
- State Senator Sonya Halpern
- Not-so-dog days of summer—dog fashion show
- Trip to Savannah College of Art and Design to see a Christian Dior exhibit.
- Trip to pottery museum.

A Message from Lisa

As we head into summer, we have a lot of things to look forward to. Our activities team as well as Resident Services and Dining Team work hard to put together a variety of things for you to do both inside and outside of our community.

We are pleased to have introduced two new digital signs to keep you up to date on events taking place. The first-floor lobby near the front desk and the Dining Room lobby are where the signs (T.V.'s) are located. Please take a few minutes as you pass by these areas to watch and see upcoming events and possibly a few photos from past events.

We have also new sign boards for the elevators. Hopefully this will be an easy way for you to glance at the events of the day as well as fliers for upcoming events.

We are a community filled with a wide variety of things to do! Please take some time to keep up to date with what's happening and join for anything and everything you find of interest!

Looking forward to a fun-filled summer!

Lisa

Activity Summaries

Hal Parker Players: Come and join us for fun and laughter when the Hal Parker Players present their hilarious comedy sketches for June.

Huntcliff Book Club: The book to be discussed at the June meeting is *Theft*, by Abdulrazak Gurnah, 2021 winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature. Born and raised in Zanzibar, Gurnah is Professor Emeritus of English and Post-colonial Literature at the University of Kent. *Theft* begins at the turn of the twenty-first century when three young people come of age in Tanzania, and as tourism and technology reach their quiet corner of the world, bringing unexpected opportunities and perils, each arrives at a different understanding of what it means to take your fate into your own hands. Join us for an exciting discussion on Thursday, June 11 at 2:00 pm in the Veranda. Having read the book is not a requirement for attendance.

Huntcliff Singers: Once again, for our June performances, the Chorus will be accompanied on the grand piano by our director and pianist, Hollie Shaver. More than 30 Huntcliff singers are rehearsing every Tuesday evening for the June 23rd and 27th shows. Performances will include familiar hootenanny folk songs, such as: "Lemon Tree," "Jamaica Farewell," "Cotton Fields," "Grand Old Flag," and other favorites. Our campfire songs' words and artist videos will be projected on the big screen in the Essex Room.

Huntcliff Men: Huntcliff Men sponsored an April speaker, Doug Radman, who spoke about his trek to the Mt. Everest Base Camp. The club also enjoyed lunch at Norri-Norri. In the month of May we heard from Jane Ratliff about several types of scamming schemes as well as having lunch at Taqueria Los Hermanos. On June 15th we will have State Senator Sonya Halpern speak about the legislative achievements of the past year.

Blackjack: Blackjack continues every Monday evening in the Essex Room. Please note the start time has been changed back to 7:00 p.m. If you are not sure how to play, our experienced dealers and cashier will be happy to assist you. We hope to see you there.

Opera: Be there in the Veranda when our opera curator, Sarah Levy, pushes the button to play her choice for June.

"Die Fleidermaus" is a comedic opera by Johann Strauss II that revolves around mistaken identities during a New Year's Eve celebration in Vienna.

The primary characters are Rosalinde, her husband Eisenstein, their friends and servants, ball guests and policemen. Eisenstein has been sentenced to prison for insulting a policeman but has decided to attend a lavish ball before he begins his punishment. At the ball, all guests are disguised, and the evening is filled with revelry and flirtations.

Eisenstein is unaware that he is flirting with his own wife, even attempting to seduce her. The farcical events culminate in a series of misunderstandings that lead to comedic chaos. Once true identities are revealed, the opera concludes with a chorus to celebrate champagne and the joy of life.

Art Program: The Art Program is taking a summer break for June, July, and August, but will be showing encore programs which have been shown over the past two years. Please check your calendars for dates and times. We so enjoyed your support and participation and plan to continue on a regular basis in the fall with new and exciting programs. Have a great summer.

Knit and Stitch Club: Jill Sellers, Bhagwanti Kachoria, Rima Elissa, Lila Nathanson, Pat Harper, Jane Radman and Nelly Vazquez, members of the Huntcliff Knit and Stitch Club, attended a Thank You Tea hosted by the Northside Hospital Special Care Nursery. The Tea, held on Wednesday, April 15 at Northside Hospital, was for all those who have knitted and crocheted items for the Nursery and Cancer Center at Northside Hospital. A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all!

CuriosityU: Please join us as Huntcliff Summit continues to present CuriosityU, a wide variety of video lectures by college professors on hundreds of different topics. Recent videos have been on: Six Television Shows that Changed the Rules; Mount Rushmore: Fact, Fiction, Reality, Myth; Luxury on the Water: The History (and Future) of Cruising; and Courtroom Dramas: The Best Legal Movies and the Stories Behind Them. Future presentations will include: Ernest Hemingway; The Trial of Socrates: Fact, Fiction, Reality, Myth; The Rise and Fall of the British Empire; The Last Days of the Dinosaurs; and The Epic Story of American Railroads. Each presentation is about 50-60 minutes, followed by a discussion of the material, which lasts only as long as residents are interested in speaking about the topic. CuriosityU videos are presented on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Veranda Room, and each week's topic is posted in advance in the elevators and on the bulletin board.

Brandt Ross Programs: JUNE PROGRAM - CELEBRATING OUR 250TH BIRTHDAY YEAR. Paying tribute to great American Heroes:

Program #1 – Civil war Heroes--**Sullivan Ballou** – Went to war and wrote perhaps the greatest love letter. **Joshua Lawrence Chamberlin** – His courage led to the Union victory at Gettysburg.

Program #2 – **John Wesley Powell** – a great American explorer – led the first U.S. expedition through the Grand Canyon.

BUNNY'S READING GROUP: This unique reading group invites residents with special needs and those who enjoy having a book read to them. Presently they are reading *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan and enjoying the discussions and socializing. Reminder: Thursday, 1 p.m. at the library.

June Birthdays

2	Jo Bailey	18	Sue Price
3	Lily Young	19	Norma Mayor
3	Sue Bollinger	20	Stan Schwartz
6	Joe Roman	22	Allen Shulman
8	Joan Lear	25	Jan Elliot
10	Robert Weinstein	25	Barbara Fellner
10	Esther Solomon	25	Marcia Rosenberg
10	Judith Boultt	26	Shirley Minsk
13	Russ Gentry	26	Mary Wyman
18	Mary Derbes	27	Floy Blustein

June Anniversaries

1	Peter and Pam Reis	9	Jerome and Carole Rose
8	Dan and Nancy Schrage	10	Tom and Martha Knight

June Service Anniversaries

4	Steffonie Warner	Housekeeping	19 years
7	Khaddija Manneh	Housekeeping	2 years
7	Dayna Ludy	Dietary Services	3 years
7	Fadoua Tahri	Administration	20 years
18	Aaronica Steward	Dietary Services	28 years
19	Toni Baker	Transportation	9 years
21	Kyteria Woods	Dietary Services	5 years
23	Sonia Hernandez-Tenisi	Housekeeping	3 years
28	Shirley Andrews	Administration	7 years

Today's Chuckle

June is that month that shows up like a neighbor who borrowed your lawn chair last year and finally brings it back... but now wants to stay for dinner. It barges in with sunshine, humidity, and a to-do list of "fun outdoor activities" that sound suspiciously like chores. June insists you go outside because the weather is "perfect," even though the pollen count is high enough to qualify as a biological experiment.

Schools let out, unleashing children who operate entirely on popsicles and unstructured enthusiasm. Lawns grow at a rate that suggests they've negotiated a secret contract with June for overtime. Every weekend becomes a festival of weddings, graduations, barbecues, and at least one neighbor attempting fireworks far too early in the month.

Holidays and Special Days in June

June 6 D-Day:In the military D-Day is the day in which a combat attack or operation is to be initiated. The best-known D-Day occurred during World War II on June 6, 1944 , the day when more than 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily-fortified coastline, to fight Nazi Germany on the beaches of Normandy, France.This D- Day operation was the significant event that led to the defeat of Germany in World War II.

June 7 National Cancer Survivors Day: An annual Celebration of Life honoring those with a history of cancer, bringing awareness to the continuous challenges faced by cancer survivors and inspiring hope for the future. Led by the National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation, NCSDF provides an opportunity for all people living with a history of cancer--including America's more than 18 million cancer survivors-- to connect with each other, celebrate milestones and share their personal stories of facing cancer. NCSDF started in the United States and is now celebrated in at least 20 countries across five continents. It is a day for everyone, whether you are a cancer survivor, a family member, friend, or medical professional.

June 14 Flag Day is a celebration of the American flag that occurs each year on June 14, the anniversary of the flag's official adoption by the Continental Congress in 1777. Flag Day was first proposed in 1861 to rally support for the Union side of the American Civil War. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation for its observance and President Harry Truman signed it into law as a national holiday, though not a "bank holiday", and government offices and businesses remain open.

June 19 Juneteenth--A Federal Holiday: On January 1, 1863, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared the slaves in the Confederate states to be free. It was not until two and one half years later, when, on June 19, 1865, 2000 Union soldiers arrived in Galveston to inform the slaves they were free and to enforce emancipation. More than 200,000 slaves were freed. The former slaves immediately began to celebrate with prayers, songs, feasts, and dance. The following year, on June 19, 1866 a first anniversary celebration, called Juneteenth, took place in Galveston. Within a few years, African Americans in other states began to celebrate June 19, making it an annual tradition. Juneteenth first became a state holiday in Texas in 1980 and other states followed. Celebrations vary among the states, and may include religious services, educational events, speakers, art exhibits, concerts, festivals, parades and family gatherings. On June 19, we celebrate Juneteenth or National Independence Day, an act passed with overwhelming bipartisan support by the United States Congress and signed by President Joe Biden on June 16, 2021.

June 21 Father's Day: Sonora Smart Dodd is credited with founding Father's Day in the United States with the first celebration held on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington. After listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909, she felt fathers also deserved a day of recognition. Her father, a Civil War veteran, had raised six children alone as a widower. While it was celebrated locally for years, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law on April 24, 1972.

New Friends



Fred and Len Lipton moved here from Florida. They have two children and four grandchildren. Their previous occupations were real estate broker (Fred) and systems engineer for IBM (Len). Their hobbies and interests are pickleball, reading, travel, and bridge.



Judy Lebow moved here from Woodstock, Georgia. She has two children and four grandchildren. She worked as a teacher, and later in marketing and sales. Her hobbies and interests are exercise, bridge, book club, sports, and politics. She loves to spend time with family and friends. Her special memories are being married for 50 years, and the births of her children and grandchildren.



Robin Medintz moved here from Roswell, Georgia. She has three children and four grandchildren. She worked as a teacher and as an elementary school principal. Her hobbies and interests are books and weight training. Her special memories are 57 years of married life, and her kids and grandkids.



Sam and Ellen Banov moved here from Dunwoody. They have one child. Both were attorneys; in banking (Sam) and in workers compensation (Ellen). Their hobbies and interests are reading, music, and walking. Ellen also volunteers at the Community Action Center here in Sandy Springs. Their favorite thing is Mah Jong.

Ellen Crolley moved here from Marietta, Georgia. She has two children and four grandchildren. She worked as a property manager, for both commercial buildings and apartment buildings. Her hobbies and interests are current events. Her favorite things are her grandsons. Her special memories are travel to Hawaii, England, France, and California.

HIGH MUSEUM OF ART



On Friday, April 17th, Huntcliffers visited the High Museum to see the exhibit, ISAMU NOGOCHI....”I am Not a Designer”. It was this artist’s first design retrospective in nearly 25 years. It featured 200 objects, many never or rarely exhibited. It is also the 50th Anniversary of Playscapes in Piedmont Park, which was commissioned by the Museum, and is the only US Playground built by Noguchi during his lifetime. Be sure to visit it in Atlanta.

In 1949, Noguchi proclaimed he was not a designer in an interview, but for 40 years he created some of the most innovative designs of the 20th century. His work included architecture, furniture, lighting, stage sets, gardens, playgrounds and plazas. Many of these works were exhibited as Making Multiples, Elements of Architecture and Shaping Spaces. He enjoyed the space-shaping possibilities of design and thinking across disciplines. He was influenced by many creative individuals and explored design as a means of shaping generous, inclusive space which is both radical and relevant today. Interestingly, his first acclaim as a designer was Radio Nurse in 1937, a mass-produced shortwave radio system. Along with Guardian Ear, created by another designer, it was one of the first baby monitor systems.

After exploring Noguchi’s exhibits, we had an enjoyable lunch at Elise, across the courtyard from the Museum.

His light sculptures, Akari, displayed in Multiples, are still made today in Japan following his design. He also realized memorable furniture designs for manufacturers like Herman Miller and Knoll. Noguchi had the freedom to imagine ambitious projects and to create art with a function in our homes and everyday world.

Another reminder to check your calendars, and don’t miss out on a terrific day spent together.

GPSTC.....and its Mock Jurors



On Thursday, April 29th, a group of early- bird Huntcliffers traveled to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth, Georgia. The facility was established in 1980 and its main campus covers 1000 acres. It has been training the public safety community longer than any other institution in Georgia. This includes police officers, fire fighters, communication officers, coroners, emergency management officers, rescue officers, jail officers and other emergency service personnel. It is designed to give students both classroom experience and real-world skills. In addition to GPSTC's training and operation bureaus, the training units of several resident agencies are located within the main academic complex. It was fascinating to observe the subject matter of classes for the day on the screen monitor: i.e., active shooter, crisis and hostage negotiations, how to fall correctly, firefighter training, crime scene investigations, health issues, evidence collection, hate crimes, and mechanical rescue.

It was an honor for Huntcliff residents to attend and take part in the mock jury event. This center trains and certifies judges and prosecutors for the state. They are given a mock trial to demonstrate what they have learned. The attendees were randomly selected and divided into 12 juries and taken to classrooms. The Judge presented the ground rules and set the stage for the case. The defense attorney and prosecutor presented their findings and evidence, along with witness testimony. After the final arguments, the jury was taken to a different classroom to deliberate. The jury foreman and group then returned to the trial room and presented their verdict. The jury was then thanked by the Judge for their service. Kudos to the hard-working young lawyers who diligently provided evidence to convince us of the facts they presented. One "witness" played more than one role and did a great job.

It was quite an experience being at this huge complex which provides primary comprehensive training for all state and local public safety related units of government within Georgia. This includes law enforcement, firefighters and communication officers. The Center's hospitality to all event attendees, judges, attorneys, students and faculty was most gracious. We all enjoyed a wonderful buffet lunch, received souvenir gifts, and were provided with refreshments. Next year, consider taking this trip. It is certainly worthwhile and makes you feel productive and able to contribute to an important experience for new prosecuting attorneys and judges.