

## Ithaca Housing Authority

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## December 2019

### Quote of the Month

“The secret of getting ahead  
is getting started.”

~ Mark Twain, Writer  
(best known for his works, *The  
Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and  
*The Adventures of Huckleberry  
Finn*)

Born 11/30/1835

### OFFICE CLOSED:

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24TH AND  
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25TH FOR  
CHRISTMAS



### Employee Birthdays

John Ducey, Maintenance Worker,  
12/26



Can you spot this logo

# 2019

- December 1st**  
World AIDS Day
- December 2nd**  
Abolition of Slavery Day (Intl.)
- December 3rd**  
Person w/Disabilities Day
- December 7th**  
Cotton Candy Day
- December 8th**  
Brownie Day
- December 10th**  
Human Rights Day
- December 12th**  
Poinsettia Day
- December 16th**  
Chocolate-Covered Anything Day
- December 21st**  
Winter Solstice
- December 22nd**  
Chanukah Begins
- December 24th**  
Eggnog Day
- December 25th**  
Christmas Day
- December 26th**  
Kwanzaa Begins
- December 30th**  
Bacon Day
- December 31st**  
New Year's Eve

Wednesday December 4th  
6:30 pm - 9: 00 pm  
General Admission: \$8.00  
Members: FREE  
Seniors (65+): \$7.00  
EBT Cardholders: \$1.00



**Downtown Ithaca's Winter Light Festival**  
**Presented by Tompkins Trust Company**  
**is making its debut December 5th through 15th**

Center Ithaca  
171 E. State Street  
(607) 277-8679

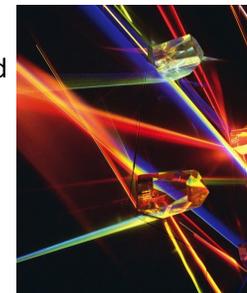
The festival will feature **Prismatica**, an art trail of 25 luminous and interactive prisms.

**Prismatica** will brighten the highly trafficked Commons pedestrian mall on East State Street and showcase how creativity can enliven this space. As visitors wander among and interact with the exhibit, they will enjoy an infinite interplay of lights and extremely colorful reflections.

Each prism stands more than seven feet tall and is covered in a dichroic film that reflects all the colors of the rainbow depending on the light and the viewing angle. After sunset, internal projectors light up the interactive kaleidoscope giving the project an additional dimension.

The festival will also include annual favorites Chowder Cook-Off and Santa's Arrival, both presented by Maguire Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram & Fiat.

Additional pop-up activities during the festival will include a Silent Disco, photo opportunities with Sparky, a Giant Rideable Unicorn Art Bicycle, a glow bar serving beer, wine, and hot cocoa, demonstrations, and other entertainment for all ages.



**Ice Fest, coming to Downtown Ithaca!**

The annual tradition pits nationally ranked ice carvers against each other for \$9,000 in prize





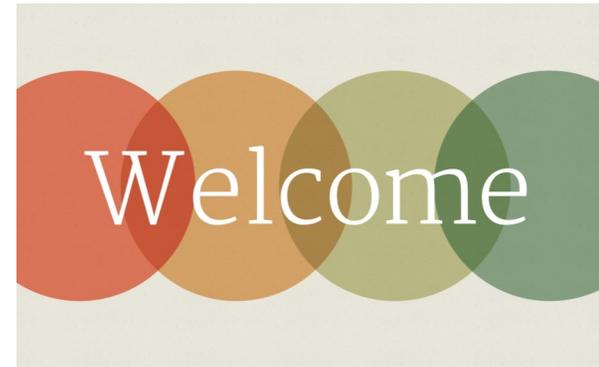
Ingredients:

- 1 large eggplant (about 2 pounds)
- 1 large egg
- Dried breadcrumbs & Panko breadcrumbs
- 3/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cups canned tomato sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon dried leaf basil
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 8 ounces shredded mozzarella cheese

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 400° F.
2. Peel eggplant and cut into 1/4 inch slices. Dredge in egg, then dried breadcrumbs & Panko breadcrumbs. Fry on both sides in a skillet in hot olive oil until browned. Drain well on paper towels.
3. Place a layer of eggplant slices in a shallow baking dish. Cover eggplant with some of the tomato sauce, a sprinkling of basil and garlic powder, a little parmesan cheese, and a little of mozzarella cheese.
4. Repeat layers until all ingredients are used, ending with a layer of mozzarella cheese.
5. Bake uncovered for 15 to 20 minutes.

enjoy their tenancy with IHA.



**NEXT IHA BOARD  
MEETING TUESDAY DEC 17TH  
AT 4:00 PM IN THE TITUS  
TOWER 2 CONFERENCE ROOM**

Happy Birthday wishes to  
our residents who celebrate  
their birthdays in December!



Beauty Shop at  
Titus Towers

Hours:  
Wednesday  
&  
Friday  
10am - 4:30pm  
Saturday  
11am - 3pm

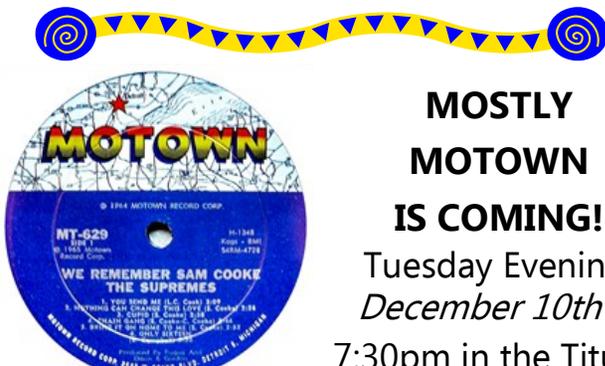
Welcome new  
tenants!  
Stop in or call  
607-339-6523  
Serving men, women, and children.  
Come on in, walk ins  
welcome!

Sorry, we are closed December 6th, 7th and 25th.  
Join us for delicious **Holiday Cookies** on  
December 18th.

Happy Holidays from  
Beyond the Mirror!

*New Tenants!*  
So many new faces-make our salon  
your hair cut place!

For the month of December  
**\$3 off Shampoo + cut**  
**OR**  
**\$3 off Waxing w/a haircut**



**MOSTLY  
MOTOWN  
IS COMING!**

Tuesday Evening,  
*December 10th* at  
7:30pm in the Titus 1

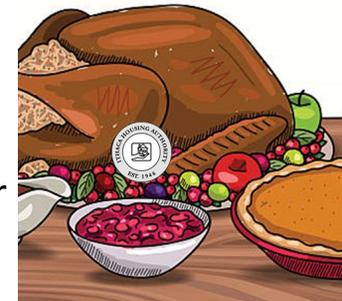


If you are a  
high school  
senior and  
will be  
graduating in  
June 2020  
and plan to  
further your  
education

after high school, please call the IHA  
office at 273-8629 and ask for Doreen  
at ext. 234. Tell her your name and  
address and she will ensure that you  
receive information on a few very good  
scholarship opportunities.

### **Note from the Executive Director:**

It was a pleasure for IHA to be able  
to purchase and provide the Titus  
residents with a hearty Thanksgiving  
dinner. The meal  
was catered by  
***Stella's Barn***  
because they offer  
a wide variety of  
delicious holiday  
meals. I hope everyone enjoyed  
their holiday feast. Best wishes for a



## 10 Budget Tips to Survive the Holidays

1. Set a Holiday shopping budget in advance... **and stick to it!** Work out how much you want to spend for presents and include decorations, food, and whatever else you think you'll need. Stick to your budget—it's the indicator for what you can and can't afford. Start saving early for next year, put money away each month or week and stick to it. This will give you a lump sum for next year.
2. Talk to family about the costs of gifts. One way to spend less on presents is to have each family member bring one present and then play the "Goofy Gift Exchange" game. Remind everyone that thoughtfully chosen gifts are more important than expensive ones.
3. Hold a "catch-up" Holiday. Consider not spending on presents for one holiday. Make a nice, inexpensive, meal to enjoy with family instead.
4. Take advantage of sales during the year. Avoid the holiday surge.— catch end-of-summer sales, after-Thanksgiving sales, etc.
5. Make your own Holiday gifts. Use your skills: knitting, crocheting, sewing,



Make Holiday ornaments from dough. String a Holiday favorite, popcorn and cranberries!

7. Cut out unnecessary items. There are a lot of items that aren't needed and are a



waste of money. Cut out: fancy tape, stickers, bows, ribbons. They are usually tossed away!

8. Get everyone to pitch in with both resources and effort.
9. Store your Holiday decorations well after use.
10. Resist the urge to splurge! We all just want everyone to be happy during the holiday season. In order to make that happen, we sometimes think that giving the ultimate gift is what will do it. It won't. Most people who understand the value of a dollar, and perhaps have some indication of your situation or the economy, should be grateful for



One sweet snowflake  
looking for something to do.

Along came a friend and  
then there were two.

Two sweet snowflakes  
sipping some tea. Along  
came a friend and then  
there were three.

Three sweet snowflakes  
knocking on the door.  
Along came a friend and  
then there were four.

Four sweet snowflakes  
hiding in the hive.  
Along came a friend and  
then there were five.



Five sweet snowflakes  
having such fun.

Along came the SUN  
and then there were  
**NONE!**



## Winter Wordsearch



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