

Midtown Newsletter

Winter 2020

Helpful Hints When Walking on Snow or Ice

1. Plan ahead, give yourself sufficient time and plan your route.
2. Wear shoes or boots that provide traction on snow and ice.
3. Use special care when entering and exiting vehicles, climbing or descending stairs, entering or leaving buildings.
4. Walk on designated walkways as much as possible.
5. Walk like a penguin. Bend slightly and walk flat footed; keep your center of gravity over your feet.

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Maintenance will continue to keep the sidewalks and parking lots clear of snow and ice but remember, **you must move your car in order for the spot to be plowed.** Move your car to an already plowed spot so maintenance is able to clear out the entire parking lot. Thank you for your assistance.

Work Orders:

Got an issue in your apartment? Drain running slow? Heat not at it's best? Light flickering? Toilet running? WDs are always available in the lobby, come down and fill one out. Take a few home and keep them on hand. You can drop them off at any hour on the door of the Midtown office. You can also login to Tenant Home on www.potsdamhousingauthority.com and complete an online WD.

Remember, always call when it is an emergency!

Charles Dickens wrote Christmas-themed stories every year on Christmas, but *A Christmas Carol* was his only success.

In Hebrew, the word Chanukah means "dedication."

Kwanzaa has seven symbols that depict concepts of African culture. The symbols represent faith, unity, collective responsibility, creativity, purpose, cooperative economics and self-determination.

The song sung on New Year's Eve, *Auld Lang Syne*, means "old long ago."



Which winter holiday do you celebrate?

Christmas— Celebrated on December 25th; involves gift giving, family celebrations, and church gatherings.

Hanukkah— Celebrated on the 25th day of Kislev (from the Jewish calendar); involves eight nights of food, songs, and games.

Kwanzaa— Celebrated on December 26th; involves seven days of unity, community, and bountiful harvests.

Winter Solstice— Celebrated on December 21st; involves festivals of lights to coax back the sun.

New Years— Celebrated on December 31st; involves saying farewell to the previous year and welcoming in the year to come.

Mardi Gras— Celebrated on the Tuesday before Lent; involves costumes, parades, and music.

A man wanted to enter an exclusive club but did not know the password that was required. He waited by the door and listened. A club member knocked on the door and the doorman said, "twelve." The member replied, "six " and was let in. A second member came to the door and the doorman said, "six." The member replied, "three" and was let in. The man thought he had heard enough and walked up to the door. The doorman said , "ten" and the man replied, "five." But he was not let in.

What is the correct answer?