



# The Meadow Sweet Circular



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## The Cottages Holiday Party

*Please note:*

*The Party now begins at the Behanna's.*

**Sunday, December 5th**  
**Begins @ 5:30 p.m.**

**COCKTAILS AND APPETIZERS**  
**Behanna's Residence (490)**

**POOLSIDE DINNER BUFFET**  
**Clubhouse**

**DESSERTS & COFFEE**  
**Bly's Residence (545)**



## Bookworms, Take Notice!

The Library has been put together at last.

Thanks to the bookshelf builders & furniture movers:  
Mike Georgopolis, Ken Alarie, Jack Martin, Clyde Behanna  
and Jim Parkin.

Thanks to the book & tape organizers:  
Jim Parker and Margery & Tracy Arendt



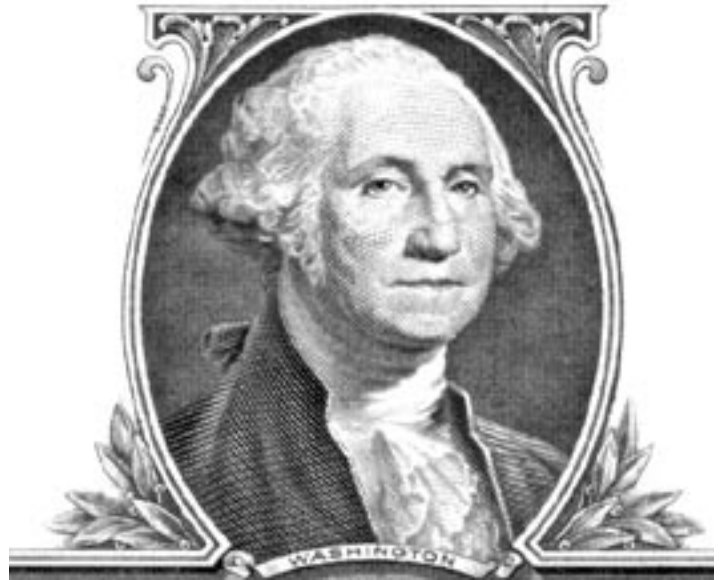


## What's in the Works

Below are listed some of the physical changes which have taken place or

will take place in the neighborhood:

- ✓ The tread of the lower front step at the clubhouse has been widened.
- ✓ A new banister for the front step at the clubhouse has been ordered and should arrive soon.
- ✓ Front walk to the clubhouse and the wheelchair access ramp have been completed.
- ✓ The clubhouse fence and front porch have been decorated for the holidays, courtesy of Mike Georgopolis



## George Washington's Ancestral Home

Submitted by Terry Sweeney

While in England recently Audrey and I thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Sulgrave Manor and we recommend this experience to any of our neighbors who are planning to visit the U.K.

Sulgrave Manor is the early English home of the ancestors of George Washington and is first mentioned in the Domesday Book in 1086. The Manor was the birthplace of Reverend Lawrence Washington, whose son Colonel John Washington, left England in 1656 for Virginia where his great-grandson, George, was born in 1732.

In 1914 Sulgrave Manor was presented by a group of British subscribers to the peoples of Great Britain and the United States of America.

Particularly interesting is the Washington Coat of Arms (three mullets and two bars) over the main doorway. This is said to have inspired the Stars and Stripes of the U.S. National Flag.

Sulgrave Manor is beautifully restored and refurnished and now presents a perfect example of a small manor house and garden during the time of Shakespeare.

Sulgrave Manor is located in Sulgrave, a hamlet near Banbury, Oxfordshire — about two hours drive north of London. (Tel: 44-1295-760205).

## Cottage Comments:

LETTERS TO  
THE EDITOR



Dear Neighbors,

**This column is for your voice to be heard in our community. All points of view are welcome, but we can't include in print what we never receive. So send in comments, ideas, critiques and compliments UNDER 200 WORDS to [MargArendt@aol.com](mailto:MargArendt@aol.com), or type them up and deliver to 516.**

Your Editor,

*Margery Arendt*

Dear Neighbors,

The Library looks wonderful. What a great job! Many thanks to those who toiled to make it happen!

*Audrey Sweeney 588 MSC*

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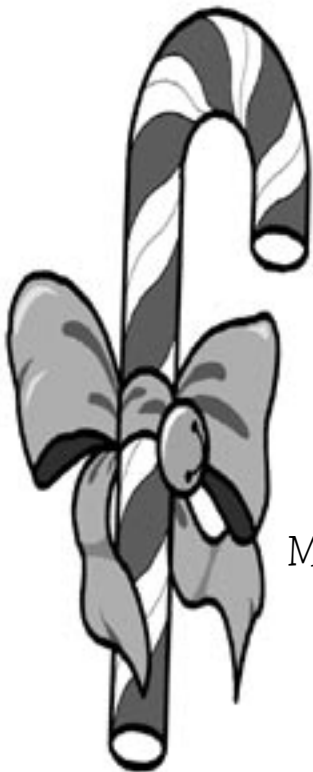
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## Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 Holiday Party	6	7 	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## My Christmas Wish For You



My Christmas wish for you, my friend is not a simple one  
For I wish you hope and joy and peace; days filled with warmth and sun

I wish you love and friendship too throughout the coming year;  
Lots of laughter and happiness to fill your world with cheer

May you count your blessings, one by one, and when totaled by the lot,  
May you find all you've been given to be more than what you sought

May your journeys be short, your burdens light, may your spirit never grow old  
May all your clouds have silver linings, your rainbows pots of gold

I wish this all and so much more. May all your dreams come true.  
May you have a Merry Christmas friend, and a happy New Year, too