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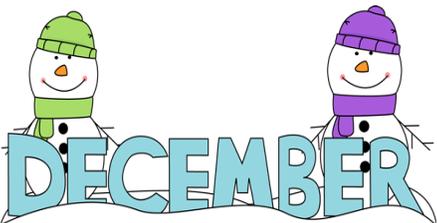
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**MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER**



Happy Holidays everyone! The last couple of years have been pretty tough on a lot of us, but we’ve been resilient and steadfast, so here’s hoping 2022 favors us with a brighter star. The signs are favorable.

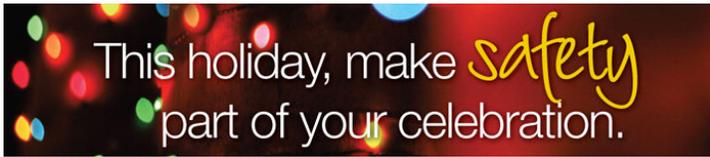
It appears we will be ready to move on the planned concrete work by the middle of January. The work initiates around the swimming pool area, so get your last strokes in before the guys drain the pool early in the year. Yes, it will get loud and dusty, but the contractors have promised to seal off the area as best as possible to mitigate the mess. If you haven’t sent off your Santas’ list yet, I highly recommend ordering a pair of noise-canceling headsets.

No matter how this past year has gone for you, there are many things to be grateful for. Beyond family and friends, we have our excellent Mar del Plata staff. This is the time of year to be thankful, and the best way you can show your appreciation is by your generosity and contributing to their Christmas bonus. I would also like to thank the residents of MDP who donate their time, energies, and in some cases, their own personal funds to better our building—our home. Events don’t get organized just because. Christmas trees don’t go up magically. It happens through the selfless efforts of our neighbors.

We said goodbye to some old friends this year—they will be greatly missed. Still, every year we have the opportunity to welcome new ones. Such is life.

So be jolly, safe, and healthy. May the sparkle of Christmas fill your hearts. See ya next year!

# SAFETY TIPS FOR HOLIDAY DECORATING



The holiday season can bring lots of joy into our homes, but it's also a time for potential safety hazards. The following tips from the National Safety Council will help your family have a safe holiday.

## Exterior Decorations

- Do not overload circuits with too many lights. Only use lights that are rated for outdoor use.
- Make sure that any extension cords running power to exterior lights are shielded from moisture and protected from the weather.
- Secure all exterior decorations to prevent accidents caused by wind or heavy snow.

## Interior Decorations

- Do not buy a dry Christmas tree. Remember to water your tree every day.
- When buying an artificial tree, choose one that has been labeled fire-resistant.
- Keep the tree away from your fireplace, radiators, and other heat sources that can cause a fire.
- Check lights for broken sockets, frayed or bare wires, as well as any loose connections.
- Use no more than three light sets on any one extension cord.
- Be sure to use indoor lights only indoors, and outdoor lights outdoors.
- Turn off all lights on your tree and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house.
- Use only tinsel made of material that is nonleaded and nonflammable.
- Place the menorah and other candles out of the reach of children.
- Never leave burning candles unattended, and always supervise children when they're near candles.

Many Christmas plants, including mistletoe, holly berries, and amaryllis, can cause severe stomach problems if eaten. Keep them out of children's reach.



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## Creamy Chocolate Fudge

- 1 (7 oz) jar marshmallow creme
- 1 ½ cups white sugar
- ⅔ cup evaporated milk
- ¼ cup butter
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 cups milk chocolate chips
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- ½ cup chopped nuts
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Line an 8x8 inch pan with aluminum foil. Set aside. In a large saucepan over medium heat, combine marshmallow cream, sugar, evaporated milk, butter and salt. Bring to a full boil, and cook for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and pour in semisweet chocolate chips and milk chocolate chips. Stir until chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth. Stir in nuts and vanilla. Pour into prepared pan. Chill in refrigerator for 2 hours, or until firm.



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Real icewine can only be made reliably every year in Canada and most years in Germany because it requires a very specific climate. The grapes have to stay on the vine until the winter, usually until Jan or Feb, where they freeze solid at -9 degrees Celsius (15 Fahrenheit). Until the grapes are harvested, they freeze and thaw repeatedly, and all of the flavors get concentrated, with a lot of the water lost. They are then pressed in a hydraulic press when they are still frozen solid. The water remains behind in the press as solid ice. What comes out is the essence, a thick syrup of the grape with tremendously concentrated flavors and sugars. When it's fermented, it makes this beautiful sweet dessert wine. When you smell and taste it, you're right away struck with its tremendously powerful aroma and flavor.



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