

# Waldenwoods Recreation Resort NEWSLETTER

November • December 2025



**3RD ANNUAL  
MOMMY & ME  
PAINTING CLASS**

**November  
29  
1:00 PM**

**ONLY \$10.00**

**SIGN UP  
810-632-5889**



**2024**

**WALDENWOODS  
EVENT VENUE & RESORT**

## Thanksgiving Dinner

**Thursday, November 27, 2025  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

2975 Old US-23 Howell MI 48855

*Buffet Menu*

Roasted Turkey, Pot Roast with Demi-Glace  
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy,  
Traditional Stuffing, Corn Medley,  
Green Bean Casserole, Macaroni and Cheese  
Butternut Squash Casserole,  
Fresh Cranberry Sauce, Fall Salad, and Rolls  
Pumpkin Pie, Apple Pie, and Salted Caramel Cake

**Cash Bar Available**

*Pricing*

Adults: \$40  
Children 2-10: \$28  
Under 2: Free

20% Gratuity and 6% Sales Tax applied at the time of reservation.  
Pre-paid reservations are required and non-refundable.  
Visit [wwthanksgiving2025.eventbrite.com](http://wwthanksgiving2025.eventbrite.com) to make your reservation today!



## BRUNCH With Santa

**Sunday, December 7th, 2025 @ 11:00 AM**

**BUFFET INCLUDES**

Berries & Cream French Toast Bake, Cowboy Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Buttermilk Pancakes, Hashbrown Patties, Fresh Fruit Salad, Bacon & Sausage, Cinnamon Rolls, Orange Juice, Coffee

**Adults \$24  
Kids (1-10) \$18  
Under 1 - Free  
+ tax & gratuity**

Enjoy storytime with Mr. and Mrs. Claus as well as an opportunity to get a photo in a picture perfect setting! Fun crafts and cookie decorating at your table!



## Waldenwoods Christmas High Tea

Join us for a festive tea service featuring Cromaine cherry chip scones and a 3-course meal prepared by our In-House Chef, set in our historic Cromaine Hall

**Dates**  
Sunday, November 30, 2025  
Thursday, December 18, 2025

2975 Old US-23, Howell MI 48855  
Seatings at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm  
Social and Private Seating Available

*Menu*

**FIRST COURSE**  
Mixed Greens Salad with Apple, Pomegranate, Toasted Walnuts, and Chevre

**SECOND COURSE**  
(one entree selection per guest)  
Maple Bacon Salmon  
Chicken Marsala  
Butternut Squash Ravioli in Maple Cream Sauce (Vegetarian)

Each Entree is served with Seasoned Green Beans and Savory Herb Whipped Potatoes

**THIRD COURSE**  
Frosted Cranberry Trifle

**\$70**  
Includes Tax and Gratuity

Reservations can be made by visiting [wwchristmastea2025.eventbrite.com](http://wwchristmastea2025.eventbrite.com)  
Pre-paid reservations are required







# BRIAN'S REPORT

November  
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It's officially begun - our next 100 years of bringing families together! Being authentic isn't just who we want to be; this is the real deal. Walden, originally published in 1854, by Henry David Thoreau, an American naturalist and writer, inspired the establishment of Waldenwoods 100 years ago in 1924. His writings reflected that a greater understanding of our life on earth can be gained through our understanding of the natural world around us. "We can never have enough of nature," Thoreau asserted in Walden. At Waldenwoods, we can enjoy nature at its finest and connect with nature and family. Assumed qualities, just don't cut it. We want to be the real deal. The place you call home away from home.

Thank you for being a big part of making us Southeast Michigan's best family resort! We're not like any other campgrounds out there, we're constantly working on showing you how important nature and your family is to us.

*Brian C. Crouse, President*

## J. Robert's Favorite Quotes

January 21, 1921:

"Hearts may be attracted by assumed qualities, but the affections are only to be fixed by those that are real."

- De Moy



J. Robert Crouse, the founder of Waldenwoods, was an avid reader and wanted us to share from his quote book. Enjoy!

## November 2025

Sat 11/1/25

11 AM - 3 PM

1 PM Pre-Turkey Trot Movie- McFarland USA  
Free Popcorn.

Food/drinks available @Lakeside Cafe for purchase.

Sun 11/2/25

9 AM - Late registration and pick up 5K packets

10 AM - Start time for 2nd Annual 5k TURKEY TROT fundraiser for the Hartland Area Project

\* Campfire

\*Free Goodie Bags

\* Free Hot Coco, Coffee, and Water

\*T-shirts, Awards, & Raffle

Sign up at <https://runsignup.com/race/MI/Howell/>

Waldenwoods Turkey Trot

11 AM

- Ice Block Sledding
- Nerf Axe Throwing
- \$3 Cotton Candy
- BOGO ½ OFF LAKESIDE CAFE MENU (lesser priced item is ½ off)

12 PM - Hayrides (weather permitting)

Sat 11/8/25

12 PM - 3 PM - \$5 Paint and take Ceramics

Purchase lunch at Lakeside Cafe on 11/8 and get crafts for FREE!

Sun 11/9/25

12 PM - Hayrides (weather permitting)

1 PM - 3 PM - Craft- Make and Take Small Colored Ornament Craft. Craft is FREE & Lakeside Cafe Menu BOGO 50% off lesser priced items on 11/9/25 during craft time.

Sat 11/15/25

12 PM - 3 PM - \$2. Decorate and take ½ Dozen Cookies.

Purchase lunch at Lakeside Cafe on 11/15 and get craft for FREE!

Sun 11/16

12 PM - Hayrides (weather permitting)

1 PM - 3 PM Make & Take Felt Pumpkin Pie Garland

Sat 11/22

1 PM - 3 PM JR Ranger Friendsgiving

\*Free Hotdog, Ice cream, and Drink

\* Free Craft

\*Free games and prizes

RSVP Required by calling (810) 632-5889 or scanning QR on flyer.

Sun 11/23

1:00 PM - End of Game

Lions game at the Family Center

Lakeside Cafe Menu BOGO 50% Off lesser priced items during Lions Game

Thurs 11/28

11AM - 1 PM Thanksgiving Dinner at Cromaine.  
Cost \$40 RSVP required. (810) 632-6401

Sat 11/29

1PM - \$10.00 Mommy and Me Painting Class with Alexcis

The class includes all painting supplies, step-by-step instructions, and 1 free ice cream cone per attendee. RSVP by calling activities at (810) 632-5889, at Lakeside Cafe, or on Signup Genius. (see QR in flyer)

Sun 11/30

11 AM & 2 PM Christmas High Tea at Cromaine.  
\$70 Pre-paid RSVP required. (810) 632-6401

## VILLAGE MANOR RETIREMENT



Retirement living and close to Waldenwoods! It sits on the south side of our property and

is offering great rates for the parents of Waldenwoods Members. Independent living with Activities, Gourmet Meals and Assisted Care (located ½ mile west of US23 on M59).

Call Susanne Bianchette at the Village Manor at 810-632-6200.

[www.VMRetirement.com](http://www.VMRetirement.com)

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## MIDNIGHT AT THE MASQUERADE

A ROARING TWENTIES MURDER MYSTERY EVENT

JANUARY 17, 2026 6:30 PM

\$85 PER PERSON

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM  
EVENT BEGINS AT 7:00 PM

COCKTAIL HOUR

Bloody Mary Deviled Eggs  
Shrimp Cocktail  
Vegetable Florentine Stuffed Mushrooms  
PLATED SALAD SERVICE  
Green Goddess Salad  
with House Dressing  
Garlic Knot Rolls

BUFFET DINNER SERVICE

Champagne Chicken  
Meatball Marinara  
Sweet Potato Gravy Gratin  
Seasoned Green Beans  
PLATED DESSERT  
Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

CASH BAR AVAILABLE

Guests are welcome to purchase beverages from the bar.  
DIETARY RESTRICTIONS  
ACCOMMODATIONS  
AVAILABLE  
UPON REQUEST

To purchase tickets:



Dress to Impress in Roaring '20s style—cocktail attire, luxe fabrics, and dazzling accessories like masks, feathers, and pearls.

No refunds after purchase



# December 2025

## Sat 12/6

1PM –3PM \$5 Make and Take Gingerbread house at the Family Center  
Purchase lunch at Lakeside Cafe on 12/6 and get craft for FREE!  
RSVP by 12/4 @ 810-632-5889 or on the Lakeside Cafe website.

## Sun 12/7

11 AM –1 PM Brunch with Santa at Cromaïne.  
Adults \$22, Kids 1-10 \$17, & Under 1Free. Pre-paid RSVP (810) 632-6401  
12 PM –2 PM- FREE Christmas Carnival at the Family Center. Games, Prizes, Sledding, & More.

## Sat 12/13

1 PM –3 PM –FREE Make and Take Yarn Christmas Trees.  
Lakeside Cafe BOGO ½ off (lesser priced item) on 12/13 RSVP by 12/11  
@ 810-632-5889

## Sun 12/14

1 PM – MOVIE DAY featuring the - GRINCH  
Free Popcorn

## Thurs 12/18

11AM & 2PM Christmas High Tea at Cromaïne.  
\$70 Pre-paid RSVP required. (810) 632-6401

## Sat 12/20

1 PM –3 PM Outdoor Winter Fun  
\*Campfire marshmallow roasting  
\*Sledding (Snow permitting)  
\*Snow or Sand Pie Tag  
\* Christmas Craft  
\*Winter Kite Flying (available for purchase at Lakeside Cafe)  
Lakeside Cafe BOGO ½ off (lesser priced item) on 12/20

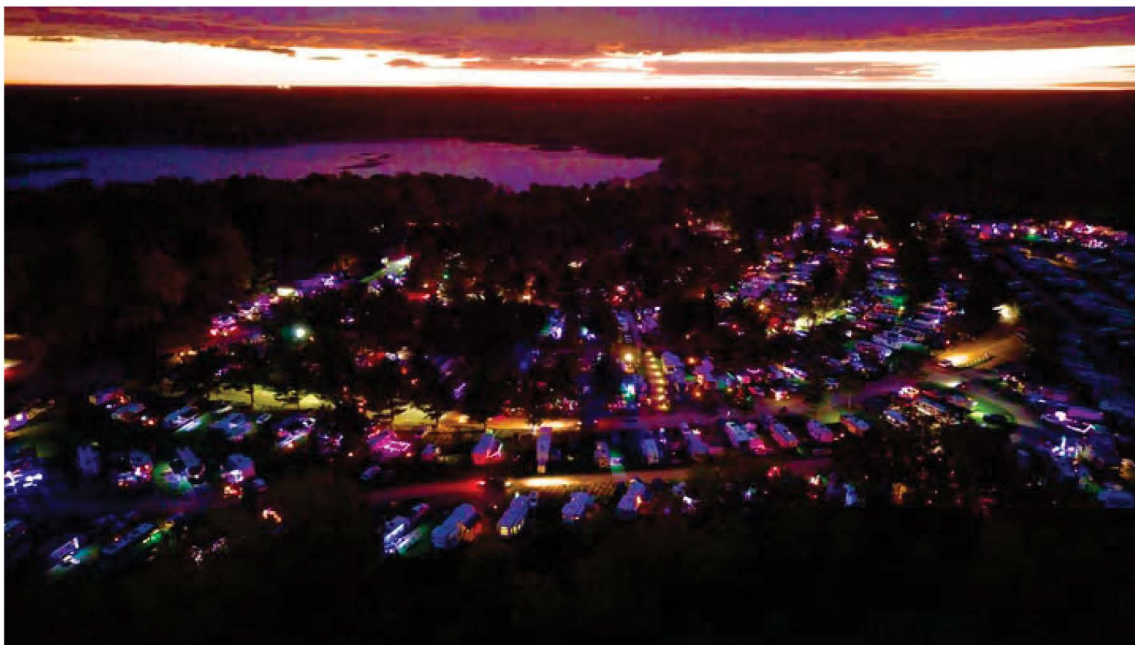
## Sun 12/21

10 AM – 11 PM \$5 Pancake Buffet – Pre Pay at Lakeside Cafe or on website.  
11 AM – 3 PM Outdoor Christmas Scavenger Hunt

## Sat 12/27 -Closed Happy Holidays

## Sun 12/28 -Closed Happy Holidays

# MEMORY MAKERS







## WALDENWOODS

2975 Old US-23  
P.O. Box 248  
Hartland, MI 48353  
www.waldenwoods.com

## WINTER LODGING SPECIAL

Coordinate your stay with one of our wonderful events at Waldenwoods!

All Members who reserve a cottage for our Waldenwoods Events will receive 50% off standard member rates.

Waldenwoods Christmas High Tea  
November 20, 2025

Thanksgiving Dinner  
November 27, 2025

Mommy & Me Painting Class  
November 29, 2025

Christmas Brunch with Santa  
& Winter Carnival  
December 7, 2025

Waldenwoods Christmas High Tea  
December 18, 2025

For more details or to book a cottage,  
Call Member Services at (810) 632-6402

## BRING SOME FRIENDS OVER AND SIGN THEM UP FOR A TOUR!

Our referral program pays you for letting us know who you want our next members to be. Submit your referrals to sales@waldenwoods.com and they'll be your referral for the next 2 years.

### FACEBOOK:



Speaking of family and friends,  
amazingly we've reached over  
**10,000 likes**

on Facebook and hope you'll share your pictures and stories with us there. All of our members are free to post on our Facebook page.

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# Directory & Hours of Operation

www.waldenwoods.com • 810-632-6400

### Cromaine Banquet Center:

9am to 5pm Daily • (Tour by appointment only)  
banquets@waldenwoods.com • 810-632-6401

### Member Services & Lodging Office:

9am to 4pm Monday through Saturday  
Closed Sunday  
Holidays closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and  
Christmas Day and New Year Day  
memservice@waldenwoods.com • 810-632-6402

### Sales Office:

9am to 5pm Wednesday through Sunday  
Closed Monday and Tuesdays  
(Tour by appointment only)  
sales@waldenwoods.com • 810-632-6420

### Bellringer:

Only open for Special Events

### Lakeside Cafe & Park Store:

Friday 2PM - 5PM & Saturday and Sunday 10AM - 5PM  
Closed for Holidays - (Times & location may vary for  
activities due to events/holidays. Please see the  
activities schedule for more info.)  
Activities@waldenwoods.com • 810-632-5889

### Family Activities Center:

Saturday & Sunday 11am - 5pm

**Work Out Area** - Saturday & Sunday 11am to 5pm  
Activities@waldenwoods.com • 810-632-5889

**Marina:** Closed for the season

**Pool/Jacuzzi/ Sauna:** Closed for the season

## HARTLAND AREA PROJECT



**"Friendly  
Association  
for  
Community  
Service"**

Help us...help others. Do you know a local outreach program or community program that needs help? We are always looking to reach out & help drive community service. Let us know about other programs that we can all work as a team to help provide leadership in the areas of health & welfare (W), education & culture (C), economic development (D). Contact the activities department by calling 810-632-5889 or email activities@waldenwoods.com. Please join us at the Family Fitness Center at 3pm on the 1st Friday of every month in our planning meeting where we will develop our plans for the coming year. It is through this project and our "Friendly Association" through Waldenwoods that we hope to have a big positive impact on Michigan and our local community. Waldenwoods cares about being a good citizen, and through the Hartland Area Project, we've continued to support the local community in achieving improved health and welfare, education and culture, and economic development. If all our members get involved with smile.amazon.com, it'll become a fantastic way to make a real difference in our community.

**JANUARY:** Food Drive for Gleaners. Drop off donations to Family Center any weekend or at Kroger's on January 26th on Highland Rd.

**FEBRUARY:** National Cancer Prevention Month. Visit Cancer.org to donate and learn more.

**MARCH:** March of Dimes visit www.marchofdimes.org to donate & learn more

**APRIL:** Volunteer Month. - www.livingstonhabitat.org Waldenwoods Resort, Habitat for Humanity volunteer date TBA.

**MAY:** Donation Drive for Military Care Packages www.operationgratitude.com Donations can be dropped off at the family center during open hours.

**JUNE:** National Cancer Survivor Day, Walk every Wednesday at 11:15 am. Share photos and the story (to share) of your survivor to Activities@waldenwoods.com

**JULY:** Fill the pool for Hartland School (School supply donations).

**AUGUST:** Blanket/towel donation collection for local animal shelter. Drop off at the Family Center.

**SEPTEMBER:** Hunger action month, Donate 4 canned goods and one scoop of ice cream for free.

**OCTOBER:** Donate raffle prizes for November's Turkey Trot 5k.

**NOVEMBER:** Nov.2nd - 5k Turkey Trot **DECEMBER:** Toys for Tots Drop off at Lakeside Cafe