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NEWSLETTER

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WALDENWOODS
EVENT VENUE & RESORT

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday November 26, 2026

11 AM - 1 PM

Cromaine Hall
2975 Old US-23, Howell, MI 48855

Menu

Broccoli Salad, Pasta Salad, Three Bean Salad, Potato Salad,
Roasted Turkey, Pork Loin with Cherry Chutney, Cranberry Sauce,
Traditional Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes with Turkey Gravy,
Creamy Mac & Cheese, Seasoned Green Beans,
Candied Sweet Potatoes, Garlic Knots with Butter,
Assorted Pies including Pumpkin, Apple, and Cherry Crumble
Cash Bar Available

Pricing
Adults: $42
Children 2-10: $28
Under 2: Free

20% Gratuity and 6% Sales Tax applied at time of reservation. Prepaid Reservations are required and non-refundable. Reservations can be made online on Eventbrite or over the phone at (810) 632-6401

BRUNCH With Santa

Sunday December 6th, 2026 at 11 AM

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!

Adults $25 | Kids 1-10 | $18 Under 1 Free

Plus tax and gratuity. Prepaid Reservations required.
Must be a member of Waldenwoods.
Call (810)632-6401 to make your reservation today!

Buffet Includes:

Raspberry Chocolate French Toast Bake
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage and Cheese Omelet Bake
Fluffy Buttermilk Pancakes
Hashbrown Patties
Fruit Salad
Bacon





YOU'RE INVITED

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 2026
12 PM - 3 PM

$70
per person, tax included. 20% gratuity additional.

Christmas High Tea

WALDENWOODS - CROMAINE HALL
2975 OLD US-23, HOWELL, MI 48855

Join us for a festive tea service featuring live holiday music and a 3-course meal prepared by our In-House Chef

First Course
Cherry Chip Scones
Strawberries with Clotted Cream
Sweet Potato Salad with Cranberry, Feta, and Red Onion with homemade vinaigrette

Second Course
(one entree selection per guest)
Parmesan Baked Grouper
Christmas Stuffed Chicken with Cranberry, Brie, Spinach, and Bacon
Sweet Potato Gnocchi with Maple Cream Sauce
Each entree is served with Rosemary Roasted Baby Gold Potatoes and a Hartland Blend of Vegetables

Third Course
Vanilla Panna Cotta with Pomegranate Jelly

Pre-paid reservations are required. Reservations can be made through Eventbrite or over the phone at (810)632-6401



BRIAN'S REPORT

November - December 2026

As another year at Waldenwoods comes to a close, it is a good time to look back at what we accomplished and where we are headed next.

Throughout 2026, we continued investing in the property, our facilities, infrastructure, recreation areas and technology. Some of those improvements are highly visible, while others are the behind-the-scenes work required to maintain and operate a property as large and diverse as Waldenwoods.

Our goal remains simple: preserve what members value most about Waldenwoods while continuing to improve the experience.

We are also working to make Waldenwoods easier to use. That includes improving our reservation systems, member services, communications and internal technology so members can get information and complete routine tasks more easily.

Winter gives us an important opportunity to tackle maintenance and improvement projects that are difficult to complete during the busy summer season. Our teams will again be using these quieter months to prepare the property and facilities for spring.

As we look toward 2027, our priorities will include continued improvements to recreational facilities, infrastructure, buildings and grounds; simplifying the member experience; and finding ways to operate more efficiently so more resources can be directed toward the property itself.

Waldenwoods has remained special for generations because families continue to make it part of their lives. We appreciate your membership and your continued support of the resort.

On behalf of our family and everyone at Waldenwoods, I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas and holiday season.

We look forward to seeing you around Waldenwoods this winter and to another great season in 2027.

Brian C. Crouse, President



November 2026

4TH ANNUAL 5K TURKEY TROT

Sunday, November 1

Lace up your running shoes and join us for the 4th Annual Waldenwoods 5K Turkey Trot, benefiting the Hartland Area Project!

Whether you're running, walking, cheering from the sidelines, or just joining us for the festivities, come spend a fun fall morning at Waldenwoods!

RACE DAY SCHEDULE

9:00 AM – Late Registration & 5K Packet Pickup
10:00 AM – 5K TURKEY TROT START
11:15 AM SHARP – Awards & Raffle

You **MUST** be present to win raffle prizes. There's more than just the race! **Enjoy:**

- Campfire
- FREE Hot Cocoa & Coffee
- Hayrides
- Nerf Axe Throwing
- FREE Goodie Bags
- FREE Water
- Ice Block Sledding

LAKESIDE CAFÉ RACE DAY SPECIAL

BOGO ½ OFF the Lakeside Café Menu!
Buy one menu item and receive a second menu item 50% OFF. Discount applies to the lesser-priced item.

REGISTER TODAY!
Sign up online through RunSignUp:
runsignup.com/race/MI/Howell/WaldenwoodsTurkeyTrot

CREATE & CELEBRATE WEEKEND

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

CERAMICS & LUNCH COMBO 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
COMBO SPECIAL — ONLY $12!

- **Hamburger Basket**
- **Ceramic Painting**

That's a great deal!

PURCHASED SEPARATELY

- **Hamburger Basket — $13**
- **Ceramic Painting — $5**

Please **RSVP** in advance so we can make sure we have enough ceramics and supplies available.

2:00 PM – HAYRIDE

Pickup: In front of Lakeside Café - Weather permitting.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

FREE MAKE & TAKE ORNAMENT CRAFT
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM / Family Center
Make & Take Colored Ornament Craft!
1:00 PM / Family Center
LIONS vs. BUCCANEERS
GAME DAY SPECIAL!
½ OFF MUNCHIES from the Lakeside Café!

Cookies Weekend

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Only $2

Get creative and decorate your own ½ dozen cookies to take home and enjoy!

- 6 Cookies to Decorate & Take Home — $2

Please RSVP in advance so we have enough cookies and decorating supplies for everyone.

- **2:00 PM – HAYRIDE**

Weather permitting.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM | $5

Create your own wood festive Holiday Coaster Set to take home and enjoy throughout the holiday season!

RSVP is required so we can make sure we have enough supplies available.

GOBBLE 'TIL YOU WOBBLE WEEK!

Saturday, November 21

JR. RANGER FRIENDSGIVING
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Family Center
FREE Hot Dog, Ice Cream & Drink for all current **2026 Waldenwoods Jr. Rangers!**

Non-Jr. Rangers are welcome to join us, with food available at regular menu pricing.

Come and go at your own leisure and enjoy:

- **Craft Station**
- **Cookie Decorating Station**
- **Fun Game Stations**

RSVP REQUIRED For Free JR Ranger Food.
Please **RSVP** by calling **(810) 632-5889** or by **scanning** the QR code on the flyer.

Sunday, November 22

LIONS vs. BUCCANEERS
1:00 PM / Family Center
GAME DAY SPECIAL!
½ OFF MUNCHIES from the Lakeside Café!

Thursday, November 26

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Dinner at Cromaine Hall
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Adults: $42
Children Ages 2–10: $28
Children Under 2: FREE

Please **RSVP** by calling **Cromaine Hall at (810) 632-6401** or reserve your spot through **Eventbrite.**

FAMILY CANVAS WEEK

Saturday, November 28

4TH ANNUAL MOMMY & ME PAINTING CLASS
1:00 PM | $10 per participant

Your $10 class includes:

- All painting supplies
- Step-by-step painting instructions
- Your choice of **FREE ice cream or cotton candy**

Reservation is required (This event sells out every year, so don't wait RSVP today)

Sunday, November 29

1ST ANNUAL PAINTING & LUNCH CLASS
1:00 PM | $15 per participant

Your $15 class includes:

- All painting supplies
- Step-by-step painting instructions
- Chicken Salad **OR**
- Chicken Strip Basket

Please Note: This is a more **advanced-style painting** class and is not recommended for young children.

RSVP IS REQUIRED — SPACE IS LIMITED!



December 2026

Christmas Magic Weekend

Saturday, December 5

GINGERBREAD HOUSE & LUNCH FUN!

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Family Center

COMBO SPECIAL — ONLY $10!

- Chicken Strip & Fries Basket
- Make & Take Gingerbread House

À LA CARTE PRICING:

- Chicken Strip & Fries Basket — $11
- Gingerbread House — $5
- **Please RSVP in advance** so we have enough gingerbread houses and supplies for everyone.

Sunday, December 6

CROMAINE BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Time: TBA

Reservations are required for Brunch with Santa.

Please **RSVP** directly with **Cromaine at (810) 632-6401.**

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Family Center | Time: TBA

After your Brunch with Santa, head down to the Family Center and keep the Christmas celebration going!

- FREE Craft
- FREE Game stations w/prizes
- Sledding – Weather Permitting
- Cozy Campfire
- Christmas Fun & More!



HOLIDAY HUDDLE WEEKEND

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Family Center

Get into the Christmas spirit and create your very own FREE **Yarn Christmas Tree** to take home!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

LIONS vs. TITANS

1:00 PM | Family Center

GAME DAY MUNCHIE SPECIAL

Enjoy **BOGO ½ OFF Munchies** from the Lakeside Café during the game!

Discount applies to the lesser-priced item.

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN WEEKEND!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

- **Campfire & Marshmallow Roasting**
- **Sledding** – Snow permitting
- **Snow or Sand Pie Tag**
- **Christmas Craft**
- **Winter Kite Flying** – Kites available for purchase at the Lakeside Café

Dress warm and come ready to play!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

CHICKEN, FRIES & BINGO — ONLY $10!

Seatings at 11:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM & 2:00 PM

Your $10 includes:

- **Chicken & Fries**
- **5 FREE Bingo Games**

Space is limited — RSVP is required! Please reserve your seating time in advance.

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Self-Led Scavenger Hunt

Grab the family and explore Waldenwoods during our 2nd Annual Outdoor Christmas Scavenger Hunt!

Saturday, December 26 — CLOSED

Sunday, December 27 — CLOSED



Wishing all our Waldenwoods families a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season!

Village Manor Retirement: Short-term and overnight stays now available for Waldenwoods families! And Waldenwoods member families get a move-in discount! Retirement community living with great activities and close to Waldenwoods so you can visit your parents frequently and bring them to Waldenwoods for more fun! www.VMRRetirement. Call Susanne Bianchette at the Village Manor at 810-632-6200. Independent living with Activities, Gourmet Meals and Assisted Care (located ½ mile west of US23 on M59).

Winter on Site sign up

Walk-In Sign-Up: 8:00 AM
Call-In Sign-Up: 9:00 AM
Starts November 1, 2026 ends April 30, 2027

Important Information

- Metered electricity
- WOS rows: **Odd A01–A33 evens C02 -C50**
- WOS fee: **$400.00 for 6 months**, plus 6 months of storage
- All fees must be paid at the time of sign-up.
- Accounts must be current in order to sign up.
- All agreements must be completed by **October 15, 2026**

Storage Fees

RV 31 ft & over
$90/month × 6 months = **$540.00**
WOS fee: $400.00
Total: $940.00

RV 30 ft & under
$75/month × 6 months = **$450.00**
WOS fee: $400.00
Total: $850.00

Important Notice

If your agreement is not completed and/or payment is not received by October 15, 2026, your WOS reservation will be canceled.





J. Roberts Favorite Quotes

January 21, 1924:

"Right actions for the future are the best explanations or apologies for wrong ones in the past; the best evidence of regret for them that we can offer, or the world receive."

- T. Edwards



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

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Yeti Winners!
Severinsen kiddos, Mason (14), Amelia (11) & Monroe (6)

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 membersare free to post on our Facebook page.

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www.waldenwoods.com ▪ 810-632-6400

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

Welcome Member Services & Lodging Office:
9am to 4pm Daily
memservice@waldenwoods.com • 810-632-6402
Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & New Years Day

Membership Sales Office:
9am to 5pm Wednesday through Sunday
Closed Monday & Tuesday
(Tours by appointment only)
sales@waldenwoods.com • 810-632-6420

Bellringer:
Only open for Special Events

Family Activities Center:
Wednesday – Sunday | 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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

Family Center – DURING NON-STAFFED HOURS the Family Center is available for: **Adults and **Youth accompanied and supervised by an adult**
Children may NOT be in the Family Center without adult supervision.
The Family Center will be CLOSED on designated holiday weekends.
Some activities require an advance RSVP so we can properly plan for supplies, food, and staffing. Please check the Activities Schedule for RSVP information.

Lakeside Cafe & Park Store:
Thursday–Sunday, 11:00 AM–5:00 PM.

Please Note: We will be CLOSED for the holidays.

Jacuzzi/ Sauna & Marina:

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 — **MENTOR MONTH**

FEBRUARY — **HARTLAND FAMILY WINTERFEST 2026**

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 — **SUPPORT OUR MILITARY!**
For more info, visit wwwoperationgratitude.com.

JUNE — **NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVOR DAY**

JULY — **BLANKETS/TOWEL COLLECTION FOR ANIMAL SHELTERS**

AUGUST — **FILL THE POOL FOR LOCAL SCHOOL'S COLLECTION** (School supply Collection)

SEPTEMBER — **HARTLAND GIVES BACK**
Help us give back to our community this September! We'll be collecting nonperishable food & household essentials throughout the month to support local families in need.

OCTOBER — **5K GIFT BAG & BASKET DRIVE**
Help us get ready for our Nov. 1 5K! Throughout October we'll be collecting donations, gift cards, & items to fill participant bags & create raffle baskets, with all proceeds benefiting HARTLAND Area project.
(Family Center & Lakeside Cafe to drop off donations contact Activities Director with any questions or donations.)

NOVEMBER 1 – 5K TURKEY TROT
DONATIONS NEEDED! We are currently looking for families and local businesses who would like to help support our Turkey Trot!
We are accepting donations of:
- Gift Cards
- Gift Baskets
- Raffle Prizes
- Small Items for Runner Goodie Bags

Donating families and businesses will be recognized and advertised as supporters of the event.
This is a great way to support the Hartland Area Project, our runners, and the local community while also showcasing your family or business!

DECEMBER – TOYS FOR TOTS - Drop-Off Location: Lakeside Café
Bring a toy and help make the holidays a little brighter for a child in our community!