

❌❌ Holiday traditions begin to be the topic of conversation this time of ❌  
year. Talk of setting definite plans for Thanksgiving, scheduling time Thanksgiving is  
with family and friends and scheduling activities around both just two weeks  
Thanksgiving and Christmas becomes the buzz in many conversations. away!  
What is your favorite holiday tradition?

❌ One of my favorite movies is “Fiddler on the Roof” (I think I have revealed that little tidbit  
before!). Not only is this movie a holiday tradition at our house, but it also is all about  
Tradition! This story of Tevye the dairy farmer takes place in 1905 in Russia. The story,  
written by Sholem Aleichem, centers of Tevye’s troubles when tradition and outside  
influences conflict.

❌ Here is a little bit of Tevya talking about traditions:

*“A fiddler on the roof...*

*Sounds crazy, no?*

*But here, in our little village of Anatevka,*

*you might say*

*every one of us is a fiddler on the roof.*

*Trying to scratch out a pleasant, simple tune*

*without breaking his neck.*

*It isn’t easy.*

*You may ask,*

*why do we stay up there*

*if it’s so dangerous?*

*Well, we stay because*

*Anatevka is our home.*

*And how do we keep our balance?*

*That I can tell you in one word!*

*Tradition!"*

Now Tevye was talking about the traditions of a Jewish family, living in Russia in 1905 but I am positive the theory that traditions keep us balanced still holds true today.

Traditions are comforting, they can establish structure (which for most people is a good thing) and create memories. Traditions can create lovely reminders of family or friends long gone. Traditions can also be new created. Starting a tradition is completely within our grasp!

*To learn more about Fiddler on the Roof go to:*

*<http://www.broadway.com/buzz/177572/lchaim-50-facts-about-fiddler-on-the-roof-on-the-musicals-50th-anniversary/>*



### Christmas Lights at Stillwaters

Traditions here at Stillwaters Estates include decorating each home's lampposts with red ribbon, decorating The Gathering Place and Colonial Residence and putting out lights, beautiful lights. Then in December we have the traditional Williams Family Dinner for all residents. All in all, it makes for a very festive season in Stillwaters.

### Quote of the Week:

We do not remember days, we remember moments. – Cesare Pavese

### **Happenings this Week:**

A slow week for happenings around town – this segment will return next week....

### **Weather:**

Brrrrr... it is really cold. It was 21 degrees at my house this morning. I was completely surprised to be staring at hummingbirds pecking away on my very frozen feeder this morning. I quickly put out fresh and warm food to their delight.



Our winter hummingbird is on  
the far side of the feeder.

The cold weather will be with us for the next week or so with sunny days and temperatures at night in the 20's. By next Thursday it should start to warm up to 30's at night and some rain during the day. Watch out for icy patches in the mornings until late next week. With the warmer weather coming at least the Hummingbird feeders will thaw!