

KEEP GIFTS SAFE

Gift giving is a wonderful part of the holidays. Make sure your gifts make it to the right person. Don't make it easy for someone to steal your presents. Wherever you are, remember "out of sight – out of mind." Keep your gifts and valuables out of eyesight and away from your windows and sliding doors. Remember to lock your doors and windows. If your packages are in the car, hide them in the trunk. And give yourself the best gift of all—a happy and safe holiday season.

Fire Prevention

A fire extinguisher is an absolute necessity in any home or office. While there's a good chance the extinguisher will sit on the wall for years, collecting dust, it could end up saving your property and even your life. Invest in a home/kitchen extinguisher and keep it in the kitchen where most domestic fires begin. In the event you need to use the extinguisher, pull out the safety pin, depress the operating lever, and aim it at the fire. Hopefully you will never have to use it, but it is always better to be safe than sorry.

Let There Be Light

Winter is here and it is getting darker earlier. We want to keep our property well lit, so please let us know if any light on the community grounds is burned out. Call the office to report it and we will replace the bulb as soon as possible. As always, thanks for your cooperation.

HOLIDAY TIPS FOR YOUR PETS

The holidays are stressful for all, including your pets. Do what you can to make life merry for them too during this season.

- Keep the garbage can secure. Holiday meals and treats are yummy to us but can be dangerous to animals.
- Hang non-breakable ornaments at the bottom of the tree so, if hit by a playful pet, they will not break.
- Remember, plants such as poinsettias, holly, amaryllis and mistletoe may make your home beautiful, but they are poisonous to pets.
- Be cautious with candles and menorahs. Keep them out of reach and never leave a lit candle unattended.



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24	Christmas OFFICE CLOSED 25	26	27	28	29	30
New Year's Eve 31						

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Season's Greetings from the Management Team

We would like to welcome our new residents to the community and thank our residents for continuing to call us home. December is a month of holidays. Season's Greetings to all our residents celebrating this month.

Holiday Hours

Our office will be closed for the holidays on **Monday, December 25** and for New Year's on **Monday, January 1**. Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season and very Happy New Year.

PARKING

The holidays are such a special time of year. We hope your friends and family will share them with you. Please be courteous to your neighbors and remember to advise guests of parking. Thank you for your cooperation during this busy time of year.

Oh Christmas Tree

Many Americans opt for live trees at the holidays, but artificial trees definitely have their benefits. They are less likely to catch fire and are environmentally kinder. Regardless of which tree you choose to decorate your home with this year, please follow these tips:

- Use small lights. The heat from bigger lights may damage the tree or start a fire.
- Keep live trees watered. The dryer the tree is the more likely it is to catch fire.
- Do not overload extension cords or outlets.
- Keep paper ornaments and those made of other flammable material away from decorative lights.
- Never use candles on your tree.
- Turn off lights when you leave.

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staff

David
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Victoria
Assistant Property Manager
Courtney, Emily, Celeste
Leasing Agents
Jaime
Maintenance Coordinator
Shane
Maintenance Supervisor
Rodney, James, Hung, Michael, Caleb, TJ
Maintenance Techs
Mike, Markus
Painters
Jonah
Groundskeeper

office hours

Monday-Friday
7:30am - 5:00pm
Saturday
10:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday
1:00 - 5:00pm



Stocking Stuffers



You have most of your gifts purchased but want to get one or two special items for stockings. Without breaking the bank, take a look at these stuffer for less than \$10. See our Hassle Free Pinterest page for links!

Who doesn't want a can colander for their tuna fish?

Any man would love to wear some taco socks!

Cute accessories to brighten up any office.

"Get It Done" tear off notepads.

Save those files on your R2D2 Flash Drive.

Decorate your walls with butterfly stickers.

For the "Royal" fan, color the Duchess of Cambridge's fashions.

Brush up for the hipsters in your life with "Slang" flashcards.

Stay up to date with texting gloves.

How about a cool new deck of cards?

Never run out of power for your gadgets.

For a friend who's always on the go, some luggage tags.

Get your friend moving with a gourmet bag of coffee.



Check out our Pinterest page Hassle Free Newsletter to see even more great ideas!

1 butter pecan cake mix
4 eggs
1 cup oil
1 cup water
1 10 oz. jar of maraschino cherries
1 can coconut-pecan icing



Prepare bundt pan for baking. Heat oven to 350 degrees. In large mixing bowl combine cake mix, eggs, oil and water. Beat with mixer two minutes until everything is mixed together, then gently fold in 1/2 can of the icing into the mixture. Bake for 50 minutes. As soon as cake is removed from oven, turn right side up, heat the other half of the icing and gently pour over the baked cake. Top with maraschino cherries with as many cherries as you wish.

The Best Gift

One of the best gifts you can give is one of volunteering. It's a great way to give back and serves as opportunity for family and friends to help.

Set up a donation site through your work, where you live or through an organization that accepts coats. Check with churches, community outreach centers and homeless shelters and missions to make sure they accept what you collect.

Many community centers/shelters need help sorting clothes or serving food to the less fortunate during the holiday season.

Mentoring a student through reading or math tutoring is a gift you can give all year. Contact a local school to see how you can help. If you can't help a student, partner with a teacher to help with daily activities so she can spend more time with students. Or give financially to a classroom for supplies, tech gear, etc.

Online help more your thing? Check www.volunteermatch.org/search/virtual to find jobs you can do from your computer.

If you love pets, shelters are a great place to help. Don't forget to bring along an extra bag of dog food for a donation.

Call your local electric company and anonymously pay for someone's electric bill that month. Do your research first.

Finally, look around you. Which neighbor needs help? Who can you bake a meal for? What about your first responders? If we just look, we can find so many people who can use our help.



In an effort to stay healthy during the holiday season, check out these tips:

The gym may be pretty empty during the holidays so it's a good time to get a chance to use all the equipment.

Many personal trainers will offer specials during the holidays. What a neat Christmas gift for yourself

Some people feel a little down during this time of year. Exercising is a way of releasing endorphins which help boost your mood.

Keep healthy snacks for your on-the-go schedule. A small stash at work, a few in your car. You know you'll always have something available when you can't go right home.

Cook at home as much as possible during the hectic schedule. Think light, fresh, proteins and vegetables. By cooking, you'll know exactly what you're eating.

Find a partner to keep you both accountable!

DECEMBER DATES

December 6

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE

December 11 – #GREENMONDAY
sustainability through green lifestyle changes

December 21 – WINTER BEGINS

December 23 – #SUPERSATURDAY
join the other 60% who need to finish shopping!

December 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

December 31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE

PLANNING AN INEXPENSIVE
New Year's Party

- Host at your home and send out an invitation through social media, keeping your numbers low for simplicity and intimacy.
- Plan a menu for a light dinner and prepare ahead of time. Ask guests to bring dishes and drinks. An alternative would be for everyone to bring appetizers.
- Get a few "2018" props – special glasses, banner, photo props. Check out the dollar store for savings!
- Keep your Christmas decorations up! Even if the tree comes down, the lights can stay up.
- Offer photo props/booth and come up with a snazzy hashtag.
- Plan a playlist to include songs that take you into 2018.

HOLIDAY CAKE



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