

News & Notes

New Residents

Terry Johnson moved into sp. 31. He moved here from out of town to be closer to family.

Welcome to our new resident! Please be sure to get to know him and invite him to all the activities around the park.

Sad, Sad News

Kevin Luke, sp. 232 passed away February 12th. He moved here January 2015. Our condolences to his family, friends and all who knew him.

Pet Patrol

The weather is warming up and cooling off all in the same day (week). Please do not let your animals roam around the park unless they are on a leash and you are holding that leash. Also make sure that you pick up anything your animal deposits on the street so no one can step in it, roll over it with their vehicle. Having said that also make sure that your animal does not deposit anything in your neighbor's yards. You would not want anyone to do that to you so don't do it to them.



For Safety's Sake

Reporting and Purpose of Reporting

The purpose for reporting suspicious activity to the police is to stop the criminal activity, increase police presence in your neighborhood and give a true prospective of crime. Making a report will enhance the possibility of getting your property returned.

Keep police emergency numbers close by when reporting suspicious activity or an emergency. Anything that seems slightly 'out of place' or does not look right could be criminal activity. **CALL THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY** about all suspicious activity. Do not worry about 'bothering' the police or being embarrassed if your suspicions prove to be unfounded. Think ahead about what could happen if you don't act. Give the police or the telephone clerk:

The reason for the call.

The location of the activity.

The description of the suspect and any vehicle involved.

If the crime is in progress, give the circumstances and possible crime being committed.

When in Doubt, Call It In

Under no circumstances attempt to apprehend a person committing a crime or investigate suspicious activity. The police department would rather investigate than be called when it is too late. Your call could save a life, prevent an injury or stop a criminal act. **BE ALERT!**

Not every stranger who comes into your neighborhood is a criminal by any means. There are door-to-door salesmen (who do not belong in the park at all), repairmen and servicemen moving around our neighborhoods all the time. But criminals do take advantage of this by pretending to be legitimate workmen.

From the Manager

The February potluck was great. Thank you to everyone who helped: Bob Riegel, Ryan Riegel, Terry Stancil and Beth Burke.

This month's potluck will be **Monday, March 9th** from **5:30-7:30 PM** in the clubhouse. We will be decorated for St. Patrick's Day. John Riegel (I think) will be here preparing the roast beef and providing the mashed potatoes and gravy. Beth Burke will be preparing the corned beef and Sue will be preparing the cabbage and carrots. If you need special seating or transportation to the clubhouse, please call the office before noon that day. Please remember to bring your favorite side dish, your place settings, your neighbors and your smile. See you there!

An important message from the office: Please make sure you make out your rent check to **Riegel Properties** and not **Holiday Homes** using **blue or black ink** only. Thank you!

Lot Inspections will begin toward the end of this month. Beth will be inspecting your lots for weeds, trash, loose railings, homes and awning that need paint and whatever else deemed a safety hazard. Good luck everyone!

Neighborhood Watch will be having a meeting in the clubhouse **Wednesday, March 11th** from **5-6:30 PM**. This group is run and completely made up of our resident volunteers. If you would like to know more about Neighborhood Watch or would like to join, please come to this meeting.

Attention Seniors (Age 60+)

Did you know? You could have a nutritious meal for a donation of only \$3.00? All meals include a main dish, vegetable, drink and dessert.

Where?

At the Barstow Senior Citizen's Center, located at 555 Melissa Ave. Our lunch service time is from 11:30 am until 12:30 pm. Our phone number is 1-760-256-5023.

This meal is provided through a grant from the Department of Aging and Adult Services of San Bernardino County. All donations are to help off set the cost of staff, utilities and the care of equipment. Without your donation, the program would stop. You can bring a friend but if they are under 60 years of age: their donation will cost \$5.00. (This is still a great meal deal!) We also provide meals to homebound seniors!

For more information, call 1-760-256-9111.

Thank you,

Jeff Eason

Please watch out for your neighbors. If you don't see them over a day or so and you know they haven't left on a vacation, give the office a call so we can follow up.

We are currently looking for an instructor for our clubhouse and pool exercise. This person needs to be certified by the Arthritis Foundation. If you know of anyone, please have them call the office to speak to either Beth or myself.

We are doing our best to keep the park safe but we need your help. If you see someone acting suspiciously or anything suspicious, **PLEASE** call the Barstow Police Dept. at 1-760-256-2211. You can request that the responding officer not show up at your door. If the officer needs to talk to you, they can call you on the phone. With all of us working together, we can help minimize these types of problems.

From Park Rules & Regulations, revised 6/1/06

X. MOBILEHOMES, STRUCTURES AND ACCESSORIES: Installation of mobile homes, structures and accessories shall be subject to the approval of management and in compliance with California Civil Code and California Administrative Code, Title 25.

A. Completion Within Sixty (60) Days: The installation of all appliances, accessory equipment and structures on incoming mobile homes by Resident shall be completed within sixty (60) days of the date Resident signs the rental agreement or first occupies the mobile home, whichever is earlier. If a resident makes a change in existing accessory equipment, the standards for incoming mobile homes must be met and all work shall be completed within sixty (60) days of approval.

B. Building Permits: Building permits, licenses and other similar permission from government agencies must be obtained, if so required, before any installation or construction of certain accessory equipment and structures. All work is to be performed in a professional manner.

C. Park Management Approval Required: Prior to commencing anew installation of or a change in accessory equipment and structures, or a change in any appliance which is to be connected to the gas, electric or water supply (except for replacement of an existing

refrigerator, stove, washer or dryer of the same type), Resident shall submit for Management's approval a written plan describing in detail the accessory equipment and structures which Resident proposes to install or change.

D. Removal Required: Any accessory, equipment or structure not in compliance with the Park's residency documents, including the blockage of an exterior doorway or excessive storage on a porch that may create a hazard of potentially unsafe condition shall be removed by Resident within ten (10) days of receipt of written notice.

E. Pre-Existing Conditions: Residents are cautioned that there are mobile homes and home sites in the Park which contain accessory equipment and structures which no longer conform with present Park standards and regulations. Nonetheless, Residents may not assume their plans will be approved because they conform to accessory equipment and structures existing on other mobile homes or home sites. If a Resident voluntarily makes an addition to their mobile home, accessory equipment, landscaping, fencing, structures, etc. the Resident will be required to comply with present standards.

F. Mobile Homes: To ensure architectural compatibility, construction and installation standards, all incoming mobile homes must be in good condition, be less than five (5) years old, be approved by Park Management and must have detachable hitches. Exceptions for the age requirement when submitted in writing may be granted at management's discretion on a case-by-case basis.

G. Mobile Home Sizes: All mobile homes in the Park shall conform in size to the requirements of the lot on which they are placed as established by Park Management. The area covered by mobile home accessories and structures shall not exceed 75% of lot area. Placement of mobile homes shall be determined by Park Management.

H. Colors and Materials: To ensure architectural uniformity and aesthetics, the colors and materials of mobile homes, accessory equipment and structures are subject to approval by Park Management. In general only earth tone colors, light blue, light green, beige or white will be approved.'

Recipes and Other Stuff

If you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share, please bring it to the office for copying and it will be printed in the newsletter.

Dish of Fire

Submitted by Beverly Stoops, sp. 144

1 cup uncooked long-grain rice
3 tbsp. olive oil
2 medium onions, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
2 cups light sour cream

1 tsp. Tabasco
1 tsp. ground cumin
4 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese, divided
2 (4 oz.) cans chopped green chilies, drained
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. ground black pepper

1 cup low-fat cottage cheese

Cook rice according to package. When done, let stand for 10 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat a 13x9 inch baking pan with cooking spray.

Heat oil in a large pan over medium heat. Add onions; cook until tender, about 5 mins., stirring frequently. Add garlic and cook 30 seconds. Remove from heat.

Add rice, sour cream, cottage cheese, Tabasco, cumin, chilies, pepper and 3 cups cheese to onion mixture. Stir well.

Spoon mixture into baking pan. Top with remaining cheese.

Bake 30 mins. Until bubbly and golden. Remove from oven and let stand 10 mins. Before serving.

16 servings

Jokes

My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?"

I said, "Dust."

And then the fight started.

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 - 150 in about 3 seconds."

I bought her a scale.

And then the fight started.

When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her someplace expensive...I took her to a gas station.

And then the fight started.

After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for social Security. The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver's license to verify my age. I looked in my pockets and realized I had left my wallet at home. I told the woman that I was very sorry but I would have to go home and come back later.

The woman said, "Unbutton your shirt." So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair.

She said, "That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me" and she processed my Social Security application.

When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office.

She said, "You should have dropped your pants. You might have gotten disability, too."

And then the fight started.

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table.

My wife asked, "Do you know her?"

"Yes," I sighed, "She's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago and I hear she hasn't been sober since."

"My God!" says my wife, "who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

And then the fight started.

Definition of Health Terms

Vein - Conceited	Artery - The study of paintings
Bacteria - The back door of a cafeteria	Barium - What doctors do when a patient dies
Bowel - A letter like a, e, I, o, or u	Cat Scan - Searching for kitty
Caesarean Section - A neighborhood in Rome	Colic - A sheep dog
Cauterize - Make eye contact with her	Dilate - To live long
D & C - Where Washington is	Fester - Quicker
Enema - Not a friend	G.I. Series - Soldier ball game
Genital - Not a Jew	Impotent - distinguished, well known
Hangnail - Coat hook	Morbid - A higher offer
Labor Pain - Getting hurt at work	Node - Was aware of
Medical Staff - A doctor's cane	Pap Smear - A fatherhood test
Nitrates - Cheaper than day rates	Postoperative - A letter carrier
Outpatient - A person who fainted	Rectum - Dang near killed 'em
Pelvis - A cousin to Elvis	Tablet - Small table
Recovery Room - A place to do upholstery	Tumor - More than one
Seizure - Roman Emperor	Varicose - Nearby
Terminal Illness - Getting sick at the airport	
Urine - Opposite of 'you're out'	

Operator: "Ridge Hall, computer assistance, May I help you?"

Caller: "Yes, well, I've having trouble with WordPerfect."

Operator: "What sort of trouble?"

Caller: "Well, I was just typing along and all of a sudden the words went away."

Operator: "Went away?"

Caller: "They disappeared."

Operator: "Hmm. So what does your screen look like now?"

Caller: "Nothing."

Operator: "Nothing?"

Caller: "It's blank; it won't accept anything when I type."

Operator: "Are you still in WordPerfect or did you get out?"

Caller: "How do I tell?"

Operator: "Can you see the 'C: prompt' on the screen?"

Caller: "What's a sea prompt?"

Operator: "Never mind, can you move your cursor around the screen?"

Caller: "There isn't any cursor; I told you, it won't accept anything I type."

Operator: "Does your monitor have a power indicator?"

Caller: "What's a monitor?"

Operator: "It's the thing with the screen on it that looks like a TV. Does it have a little light that tells you when it's on?"

Caller: "I don't know."

Operator: "Well, then look on the back of the monitor and find where the power cord goes into it. Can you see that?"

Caller: "Yes, I think so."

Operator: "Great. Follow the cord to the plug and tell me if it's plugged into the wall."

Caller: "Yes, it is."

Operator: "When you were behind the monitor, did you notice that there were two cables plugged into the back of it, not just one?"

Caller: "No."

Operator: "Well, there are. I need you to look back there again and find the other cable."

Caller: "Okay, here it is."

Operator: "Follow it for me and tell me if it's plugged securely into the back of your computer."

Caller: "I can't reach."

Operator: "OK. Well can you see if it is?"

Caller: "No."

Operator: "Even if you maybe put your knee on something and lean way over?"

Caller: "Well it's not because I don't have the right angle - it's because it's dark."

Operator: "Dark?"

Caller: "Yes - the office light is off and the only light I have is coming in from the window."

Operator: "Well turn on the office light then."

Caller: "I can't."

Operator: "No? Why not?"

Caller: "Because there's a power failure."

Operator: "A power...a power failure? Aha. Okay, we've got it licked now. Do you still have the boxes and manuals and packing stuff that your computer came in?"

Caller: "Yes."

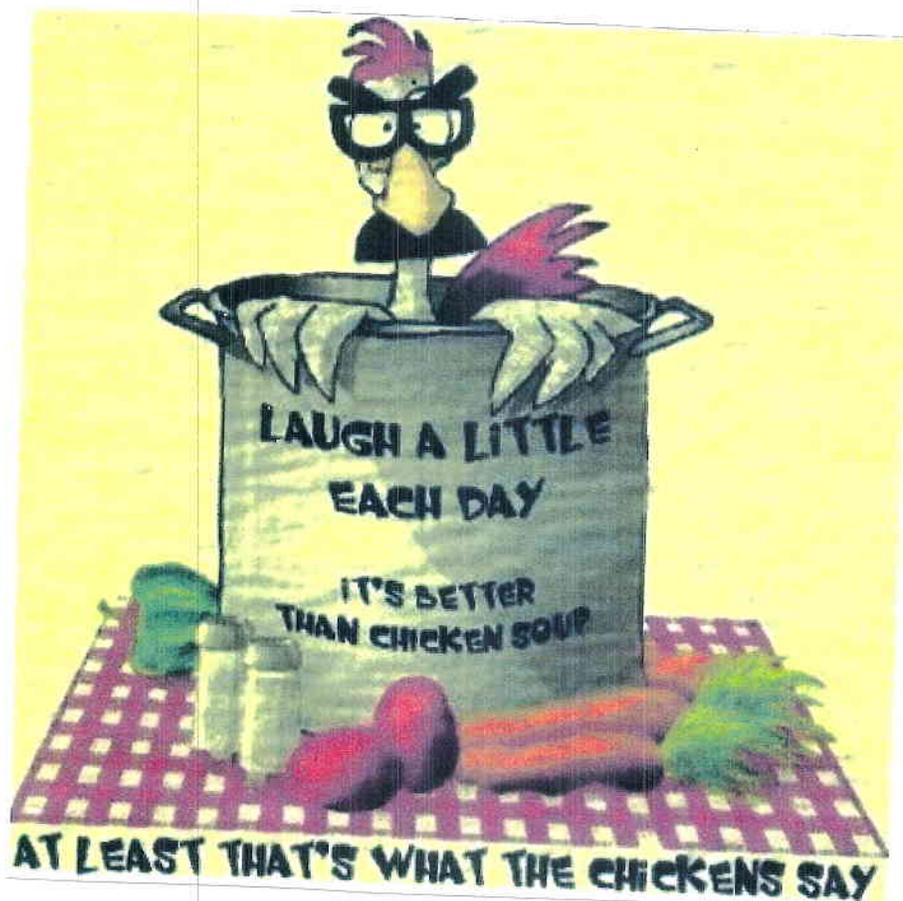
Operator: "Good. Go get them and unplug your system and pack it up just like it was when you got it. Then take it back to the store you bought it from."

Caller: "Really? Is it that bad?"

Operator: "Yes, I'm afraid it is."

Caller: "Well, all right then, I suppose. What do I tell them?"

Operator: "Tell them you're not smart enough to own a computer!"



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Tai Chi 8-9 Card Club 4-9	4	5 Tai Chi 8-9 TOPS 5:30-7:30	6 Card Club 4-9	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins Clubhouse Closed	9 Potluck 5:30-7:30	10 Tai Chi 8-9 Card Club 4-9	11 Neighborhood Watch 5-6:30	12 Tai Chi 8-9 TOPS 5:30-7:30	13 Card Club 4-9	14
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