

For Safety's Sake

Tips for Avoiding Funeral and Cemetery Fraud



Be an informed consumer. Take time to call and shop around before making a purchase. Take a friend with you who may offer some perspective to help make difficult decisions. Funeral homes are required to provide detailed general price lists over the phone or in writing.

Educate yourself fully about caskets before you buy one and understand that caskets are not required for direct cremations.

Understand the difference between funeral home basic fees for professional services and any fees for additional services.

You should know that embalming rules are governed by state law and that embalming is not legally required for direct cremations.

Carefully read all contracts and purchasing agreements before signing and make certain that all of your requirements have been put in writing.

Make sure you understand all contract cancellation and refund terms, as well as your portability options for transferring your contract to another funeral home.

Before prepaying, make sure you are well informed. When you do make a plan for yourself, share your specific wishes with those close to you.

And, as a general rule governing all of your interactions as a consumer, do not allow yourself to be pressured by vendors into making purchases, signing contracts or committing h funds. These decisions are yours and yours alone.

From The Manager

Thank you Kathy for the delicious corned beef at last month's potluck. Scrumptious! The next **potluck** is **April 13th** here in the **clubhouse** from **5:30PM-7:30PM**. We will be celebrating Easter. Jennifer will be here from the Sterling Inn to explain to us what assisted living is. John Riegel will be preparing the roast beef and providing the mashed potatoes and gravy. If you need special seating or transportation to the clubhouse, please give us a call before noon on that day at 1-760-252-3511 so we may make arrangements for you. Don't forget to bring your side dish, place settings, neighbors and your smile. See you there!

When using the **Pedestrian Gate**, please make sure that you **close it behind you!** We are finding the gate open at least once a day. Also, if you are using



it late at night, **don't let it slam shut**. Your neighbors who live by the pedestrian gate don't like being woken up by the slamming.



Lot Inspections will begin the 2nd week of April. I will be looking for weeds, peeling paint, torn screens, broken windows and trash. I know the weeds have been especially bad this year. We are working on our weeds around the park and should have them all taken care of very soon.

This month's **Mini Health Fair** will be **Thursday, April 9th** here in the **clubhouse** from **10AM-11AM**. You can have your **blood pressure taken and blood sugar tested**. You never know what will be offered each month, so come down and check it out.

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!

Rose Nieman has a **Tai Chi** class in the **clubhouse every Thursday morning** from **8-9AM**. Everyone is invited to take part. Classes are **free**.

Income Tax Assistance will be available from AARP in the **clubhouse** on **Thursdays** from **9AM-11AM** through **April 9th**. No appointment necessary and the service is completely free.

For any resident in the park who refers a new resident that buys a Riegel Property home and signs a 5-year lease, you will receive a one month rent credit valid any month you choose within a one year period.

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.

The **Barstow Police Department** wanted us to know that they can put your name, phone number, space number, medical condition and up to 3 contacts of friends or relatives into their computer aided dispatch system so that, in case of emergency, they have someone to call for our Resident's with **Special Needs**. The information would be the resident's responsibility to update or change if you move. Call the office to get the form to fill out or drop off a note at the police department with a notation stating what your note is for.

Anyone with **TV's, computers and/or monitors, microwaves, coolers, large furniture, etc.** that you want to have **dumped**, please **call the office** and we will arrange to have them picked up for you and disposed of. Do not put **these types of items in any of the dumpsters**.

ATTENTION: Seniors with Diabetes and/or Arthritis, you may be eligible for **FREE SHOES** and/or **ARTHRITIS PRODUCTS** through a Medicare Program "**At No Cost to You**". For more





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.

FYI - The cameras in the park are monitored daily. We do see vehicles that go through stop signs without stopping and vehicles speeding on the streets not only by the cameras but direct observation. Be aware of the speed limit - 15 mph and all stop signs. It might not be such a bad idea to stop even at the corners that do not have stop signs so there won't be any type of accident.

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

- I. INTRODUCTION: The Management of Holiday Homes MHP has established the following rules and regulations which apply to all residents and guests.
- II. REGISTRATION AND AGE REQUIREMENTS: This is a community for older persons. Children are allowed in the Park as guests only. An adult is considered to be 18 years of age or older. All leases and rental agreements must be signed by a resident who is 55 years of age or older in accordance with Federal Fair Housing Law HR 1158. All other persons residing in the park must be at least 40 years of age. Written verification of age is required of all tenants occupying the mobile home. All persons living in the Park must be registered with Management. Residents shall supply Park Management a copy of Resident's HCD ownership registration annually.
- III. SUBLEASING: Subleasing or renting of a mobile home is not permitted.
- IV. GUESTS
 - A. Observations of all Rules: Residents are responsible for helping to insure their guests conduct complies with all park rules. A guest's violation of the Rules or Lease shall be grounds for termination of the Homeowner's residency in the Park.
 - B. Use of Pool: All persons (residents and guests) must sign in before using the pool. Children using the pool should be accompanied by an adult.
 - C. House-sitting: Residents who wish to have other persons reside in their homes during the owner's absence must obtain written permission from Management.
 - D. Guests shall be registered with Management if they stay more than 20 consecutive days or stay more than a total of 30 calendar days in one year.

