

For Safety's Sake

Tips

Many criminals know exactly when government checks arrive each month. Avoid this by using Direct Deposit, which sends your money directly from the government to the bank of your choice. And, at many banks, free checking accounts are available to senior citizens. Your bank has all of the information.

Never withdraw money from your bank accounts for anyone except YOURSELF. Be wary of con artists and get-rich schemes that probably are too-good-to-be-true.

You should store valuables in a Safe Deposit Box.

Never give your money to someone who calls you, identifying himself as a bank official. A bank will never ask you to remove your money.

If you have been swindled or conned, report the crime to your local police or Prosecuting Attorney's Office.



From The Manager

The **November potluck** was so nice. Thank you, Kathy! The turkey was very tasty as always.

There will not be a potluck in December because of the Christmas Party on the 13th. Your invitations will be in your mailboxes on the 10th.

The '**Not Done for Yet Choir**' from the 1st Baptist church will be here presenting their **Christmas program** on **Thursday, Dec. 4th** from 11-1 in the **clubhouse**. Refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

The **office** will be **closed Thursday and Friday, December 25th and 26th** for the Christmas holiday. The answering service will be taking the phones for us and will be contacting us for emergencies. Have a great holiday!

This month's **Mini Health Fair** will be **Thursday, December 11th** here in the **clubhouse** from **10AM-11AM**. This month representatives will be from the **Department of Aging, Rimrock Villa Convalescent Hospital, All Care Home Health, Community Hospice and ISA Animal Companion Clinic**. You can have your **blood pressure taken, blood sugar tested and many other services**. This health fair is not only for you but also for **your pets**. For instance, low cost vaccinations for Fluffy. 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.

The Riegel Family/Holiday Homes MHP Holiday Decorating Contest will be judged Friday night, Dec. 12th. The Riegel Family will be traveling around the park after dark judging everyone's great decorations. If you wish to be judged, please have your outside lights on at least until 8PM. Winners will be announced at the Christmas Party the next evening.

There will be a Blood Pressure Clinic the last Wednesday of every month from 9-10AM. This month it will be Wednesday, December 24th in the clubhouse. The service is 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 information, please call Dianne Millard at 1-951-990-0017. SORRY NO HMO INSURANCES.



Office hours for Holiday Homes Mobile Home Park are as follows:



Monday through Friday 8:30-11:30

Billing Period (1st through 5th) 8:30-11:30

1:00-4:30

Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays except by appointment.

After 4:30 and on weekends and holidays the answering service will pick up the phones. Please give the answering service sufficient time to get in touch with a duty manager and for the duty manager to get to you before calling back. Also, unless it is a dire emergency, please do not knock on the manager's doors or call them at home. Use the answering service.

The speed limit in the park is **15** miles per hour. Please stop at all stop signs and corners that don't have stop signs. You don't want to run into one of your neighbors or their pets with your car!

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 offset 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!)

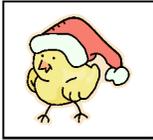
We also provide meals to homebound seniors!

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

Thank you,
Jeff Eason

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.

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

XIII. LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE: The homeowner is responsible for the control and maintenance of all vegetation on his lot (space) and any vegetation planted by previous owners or occupants which the current homeowner has not removed. Management shall order unsightly spaces cleaned or trimmed at the mobile homeowner's expense except trimming, pruning or tree removal when it poses a specific hazard or a health and safety code or regulation.

- A. **Keeping it Clean:** Vegetation and planted spaces must be kept properly trimmed, watered and weeded. Sites must be kept free of dead foliage, weeds and litter. Clippings, litter and garden waste must be cut to fit inside the trash containers and placed in trash containers daily. Rocks, bark and other materials used as substitutes for living ground cover must be confined to planned spaces and kept free of weeds and litter.
- B. **Trees Trimmed:** Trees, shrubs and bushes must be trimmed to a maximum height of 15 feet above the roof line of the mobile home and must not encroach upon adjoining spaces or obscure the street view of persons driving in the park. Trees, shrubs and bushes near streetlights or sidewalk lights must be trimmed so as to permit adequate lighting of sidewalks, streets and common areas. These are the responsibilities of the resident for the trimming and maintenance in a manner that prevents trees from becoming a specific hazard or health and safety hazard violation.
- C. **Dead Foliage:** Trees which shed leaves, seeds or pollen over neighboring yards must be trimmed so that their effects are confined to the space owner's yard. Dead palm fronds, branches and plants must be removed each year to prevent fire hazards.



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.

Quick Pear & Cranberry Crisp

4 pears, peeled, sliced	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup quick-cooking oats
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup dried cranberries	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped pecans
1 pkg. (3oz.) Lemon flavor gelatin	2 Tbsp. butter, melted
2 Tbsp. water	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup crushed pecan shortbread cookies

Combine fruit in large bowl. Add dry gelatin mix and water; toss to evenly coat fruit. Spoon into 8-inch-square microwaveable dish.

Mix remaining ingredients; sprinkle over fruit mixture.

Microwave on HIGH 16 to 18 min. or until streusel topping is lightly browned and fruit mixture is hot and bubbly. Cool slightly.

6 servings

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, he asked the usual question: "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The child stared at him open-mouthed, and then gasped, "Didn't you get my e-mail?"

Christmas is just around the corner so it's time for me to share some gift ideas for those special men in your life! Buying gifts for men is not nearly as complicated as it is for women. Follow these rules and you should have no problems.

When in doubt - buy him a cordless drill. It does not matter if he already has one. I have a friend who owns 17 and he has yet to complain. As a man, you can never have too many cordless drills. For that matter, any power tool is a good choice. He may not need it, or know what it does but it will look good hung on the peg board in the garage.

If you cannot afford a cordless drill, buy him anything with the word ratchet or socket in it. Men love saying those two words. "Hey George, can I borrow your ratchet?" "OK. By-the-way, are you through with my 3/8-inch socket yet?"

If you are really, really broke, buy him anything for his car. A 99-cent ice scraper, a small bottle of deicer or something to hang from his rear view mirror. Men love gifts for their cars.

Do not buy men socks. Do not buy men ties and never buy men bathrobes. If God had wanted men to wear bathrobes, he wouldn't have invented Jockey shorts.

You can buy men new remote controls to replace the ones they have worn out. If you have lot money, buy your man a big-screen TV with the little picture in the corner. Watch him go wild as he flips, and flips and flips.

Do not buy a man any of those fancy liquors. If you do, it will sit in a cupboard for 23 years. Real men drink whiskey or beer.

Do not buy any man industrial-sized canisters of after shave or deodorant. We do not stink-we are earthy.

Buy men label makers. Almost as good as cordless drills. Within a couple of weeks, there will be labels absolutely everywhere. "Socks. Shorts. Cups. Saucers. Door. Lock. Sink." You get the idea. No one knows why.

Never buy a man anything that says "some assembly required" on the box. It will ruin his Special Day and he will always have parts left over.

Good places to shop for men include Northwest Iron Works, Parr Lumber, Home Depot, John Deere, Valley RV Center, and Les Schwab Tire. (NAPA Auto Parts and Sears Clearance Centers are also excellent men's stores. It doesn't matter if he doesn't know what it is. "From NAPA Auto, eh? Must be something I need. Hey! Isn't this a starter for a '68 Ford Fairlane? Wow! Thanks.")

Men enjoy danger. That's why they never cook - but they will barbecue. Get him a monster barbecue with a 100-pound propane tank. Tell him the gas line leaks. "Oh, the thrill! The Challenge! Who wants a hamburger?"

Tickets to a professional sports game (any team within 300 miles) are a smart gift. However, he will not appreciate tickets to "A Retrospective of 19th Century Quilts."

Man love chainsaws. Never, ever buy a man you love a chainsaw. If you don't know why - please refer to what happens when he gets a label maker.

It's hard to beat a really good wheelbarrow or an aluminum extension ladder. Never buy a real man a step latter. It must be an extension ladder.

Rope. Men love rope. It takes us back to our cowboy origins, or at least The Boy Scouts. Nothing says love like a hundred feet of 3/8" manila rope.

Clamps. Men can never have enough quick grip clamps. No one knows why.

Buy your man Duct Tape. This is man's most universal repair tool. All men know; if you can't fix it, duct it.
