

Older American citizens are most likely to have a "nest egg", own their home and/or have excellent credit all of which the con-man will try to tap into. The fraudster will focus his/her efforts on the segment of the population most likely to be in a financial position to buy something.



Individuals who grew up in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s were generally raised to be polite and trusting. Two very important and positive personality traits, except when it comes to dealing with a con-man. The con-man will exploit these traits knowing that it is difficult or impossible for these individuals to say "no" or just hang up the phone.

Older Americans are less likely to report a fraud because they don't know who to report it to, are too ashamed at having been scammed or do not know they have been scammed. In some cases, an elderly victim may not report the crime because he or she is concerned that relatives may come to the conclusion that the victim no longer has the mental capacity to take care of his or her own financial affairs.

When an elderly victim does report the crime, they often make poor witnesses. The con-man knows the effects of age on memory and he/she is counting on the fact that the elderly victim will not be able to supply enough detailed information to investigators such as: How many times did the fraudster call? What time of day did he/she call? Did he provide a call back number or address? Was it always the same person? Did you meet in person? What did the fraudster look like? Did he/she have any recognizable accent? Where did you send the money? What did you receive if anything and how was it delivered? What promises were made and when? Did you keep any notes of your conversations?

Lastly, when it comes to products that promise increased cognitive function, virility, physical conditioning, anti-cancer properties and so on, older Americans make up the segment most concerned about these issues. In a country where new cures and vaccinations for old diseases have given every American hope for a long and fruitful life, it is not so unbelievable that the products offered by these con-men can do what they say they can do.

From The Manager

The **Riegel Family/Holiday Homes Christmas Party** will be **Saturday, December 12th** in the clubhouse. Invitations will be in your mailboxes early that week. It is always a great fun time.



For those of you that cannot come to the party and would like a **goodie box** with some of the wonderful food that the Riegel Family provide, please call the office **before noon Friday, December 11th** at **1-760-252-3511**. A Riegel elf will deliver



your goodie box the afternoon of the 12th.

Judging for the **Christmas Decoration Contest** will be **Friday night on the 11th**. If you would like your decorations to be judged, please have your lights turned on until at least 9PM to give the Riegel Family time to look at them all. Prizes will be given out at the party the following evening.

The **"Not Done For Yet" Choir** from the **1st Baptist Church** will be here **Thursday, December 3rd from 11AM-1PM** to sing for us. Let's show them again this year how much we enjoy them taking the time to come here at this time of the year. Some of our residents are in this choir. Refreshments will be served.

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.

This month's **Mini Health Fair** will be **Thursday, Dec 10th** 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.

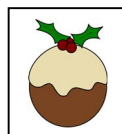
An important message from the office: Please make sure you make out your rent check to **Riegel Properties** and not Holiday Homes using **blue or black ink** only. Thank you!

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**.

We have an **exercise class** on **Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays** from **3:30-4:30** in the **clubhouse**. Deborah Pullen is the instructor. These are low impact exercises (almost like the ones in the pool). The classes are free so come on down and be a part of it.

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.

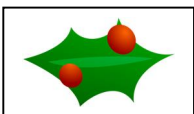
The speed limit in the park is **15** miles per hour. Please stop at all stop signs and corners that don't have stop signs. You don't want to run into one of your neighbors or their pets with your car!

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 also by 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

XI. SITE AND STRUCTURE MAINTENANCE:

A. Structure and Accessory Maintenance: The Park requires that homeowners maintain their mobile homes, structures and accessories in good condition and repair. Replacement is required of any item(s) which is (are) missing or damaged to the point that they cannot be reasonably repaired. This obligation includes repainting of the mobile home, accessory equipment, structures and appliances.

B. Site Maintenance: Mobile home owners shall maintain their space in a clean and orderly fashion and care for the lawn and shrubbery thereon. Residents shall make arrangements to have their home sites maintained while they are away. Management shall order unsightly spaces cleaned or trimmed at mobile home owner's expense. Awnings, steps, skirting and porches must be kept in proper repair and appearance, including painting and replacement of damaged items. Driveways need to be kept clean (especially of oil and gasoline). The homeowner is responsible for any damage, as well as asphalt and concrete repairs resulting from their actions or any breach of the homeowner's responsibilities. The costs to repair such damage may be charges as

