

# March 2018

# St. Patrick's Day

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# News & Notes



## New Residents

Lorena Mayhugh moved into sp. 231. She comes to us from many different places. Many of you may know her or know of her. She is here to be closer to her family.

Leslie Long has moved into sp. 248. She has moved here from across town.

Welcome to our new residents! Let's get to know our new neighbors and invite them to all the activities around the park!

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## Sad, Sad News

George Green, sp. 45 passed away January 21<sup>st</sup>. He moved here October 2003. George had been sick for some time. Our condolences to his friend Ruby, his family and all who knew him.

Mary Nosacka, sp. 268 passed away February 15<sup>th</sup>. She moved here in May 2015. Our sympathies to her daughter Esther, her friends and family and everyone who knew her.

Carl Sufall, sp. 115 passed away February 24<sup>th</sup>. He moved here with his wife Yoshimi in January 2006. Our condolences to Yoshimi, his family and all who knew him.

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## Pet Patrol

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that Tabby is no longer with us. She has joined her best friend, Peanut. We had her from a six-week old kitten and this August she would have been twenty years old. We will miss her. So, from now on I will be writing the article.

I am still seeing dogs running around on the streets without leashes. In most cases, their human caregiver isn't with them either. Do not let them have you go outside unless you are in an enclosed yard. For everyone's safety, it is imperative that you do not go outside without your human caregiver AND you are attached to a leash. You could be hit by a car, see another animal running around and give chase or be attacked yourself. None of us want to see that happen.

The Humane Society will be bringing their more social and adoptable canine friends to romp in our Bark Park the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 10:30-11:30 AM. This month it will be the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. If you would like to play with them or maybe find one to adopt, come on down.





Please enjoy this cute picture -



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## For Safety's Sake

### What You Should Know About Energy Conservation

#### **Use heating and cooling equipment conservatively.**

A study showed that turning down the thermostat during the winter just two (2) degrees to limit heating was the most energy-saving behavior over the course of a year. By wearing sweaters in winter instead turning the furnace all the way up will save energy.

The same principle applies to cooling in warmer temperatures. Set your thermostat two (2) degrees warmer. You will save energy then as well.

**Keep windows and doors closed when heating or cooling your home.** You can avoid wasted energy by preventing heated or cooled air escaping outdoors.

Beyond simply keeping windows and doors closed, some people have further reduced energy loss in their homes by installing better insulation and energy-efficient windows.

#### **Switch to more energy-efficient lighting.**

Instead of using traditional incandescent bulbs, switch to new energy-efficient light bulbs. While new energy-efficient lighting products typically cost more up front, they consume much less energy during their lifetime, saving you money in the long run.

#### **Reduce the amount of hot water you use.**

Since heating water consumes energy, using less hot water conserves energy. Saving hot water represents a real win-win for consumers, reduces energy demand for utilities and helps to save money.



Turn it off.

If you are not using it - turn it off. Some experts recommend unplugging them from their power source (such as tv's, computers, microwaves, etc. They still use some energy even when turned off).



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### From the Manager

It was good to see everyone at the February potluck. Thank you for coming.

The **March potluck** will be **Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** in the clubhouse from **5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**. We will be decorated for St. Patrick's Day.

John Riegel will be here to prepare the roast beef and provide the mashed potatoes and gravy. Diane 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 on that day. Don't forget to bring your favorite side dish, your place settings and your neighbors. We look forward to seeing you!

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The **Emergency Team** will be meeting **Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** from **1-2 PM** in the clubhouse. Anyone from the park is welcome to volunteer for the team or just attend the meeting to see what we do and ask questions. The more volunteers we have - the better it is for your neighbors. We hope to see you there!

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**Message from John and Bob Riegel:** We are going to be using a drone to film for advertising homes for sale. Your privacy and safety are most important to us. We may need to close a portion of a street when filming. All drone flights and filming will be conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations by the FAA. If you are driving or walking in the Park and see Bob or John operating a drone and/or filming, please stay at a safe distance until we let you know it's safe to continue on your way.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

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**Exercise** is every **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** from **3:30-4:30 PM** in the clubhouse. Mary Lee is the instructor. These are low impact exercises to help you keep limber. The class is free.

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The **Health Clinic** will be on **March 8<sup>th</sup>** from **10-11 AM** in the clubhouse. You can have your blood pressure and your pulse taken. You never know what will be offered each month, so come down and check it out.

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**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!

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Donna Berry has a **Tai Chi** class in the clubhouse every **Tuesday and Thursday** morning from **8-9 AM**. Everyone is invited to take part. Classes are 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.

**DO NOT put paint or oil collections behind the shop. Also, DO NOT put tires there.** Burrtec will not pick up those items. You can dispose of paint or used oil at the Hazardous Waste Corporation Yard at 900 So. Ave. H on Saturdays from 9AM-2PM. You can also ask the what to do with tires.

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 of 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 and disposed of for you. 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 MHP are as follows:

Monday through Friday 8:30-11:30  
Billing Period (1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>) 8:30-11:30  
1:00-4:30

Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holiday except by appointment.

After 4:30 PM 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 door or call them at home. Use the answering service.

The speed limit in the park is **15** miles per hour. Those of you that are speeding on the East side of Date St. - STOP IT! 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!

Please do not put outgoing mail in your mailbox overnight. If you do, you are taking the risk of someone walking through the Park and stealing your mail possibly looking for information to steal your ID or money that could be in the envelope.



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## 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 11:30AM until 12:30PM. 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 the 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

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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.

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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. It might not be such a bad idea to stop at all corners (even the ones that don't have stop signs) so there won't be any type of accident.

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

XII. LANDSCAPING: Because of underground utilities, any landscaping that requires digging deeper than six inches must be approved by Management. Each resident is required to landscape his lot in an attractive manner acceptable to management within 90 days after residency begins. Landscaping plans must be submitted to Management for approval before work commences.

A. 90 Day Completion: New residents must complete landscaping of an unlandscaped home or changes in existing landscaping within 90 days of first occupying the home. Grass, flowers and shrubs are permitted in all parts of each mobile home space. Artificial materials and rock, bark or wood chips are also permitted. Trees can only be placed in certain areas where no underground utilities are located and with the approval of management.

B. Conversion to Park Property: All plantings and other improvements put into or attached to the ground become part of the park when a resident vacates a space and may not be removed without Management permission.



## 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.

### Celery Almond Casserole

Submitted by Beverly Stoops, sp. 144

1 cup slivered almonds, toasted  
1 cup bread crumbs  
2 cans cream of celery soup

1 cup grated cheddar cheese  
6 cups diced celery (approx. 2 bunches)  
2 cups frozen peas, cooked and drained

Cook celery in small amount salted water until slightly tender. Drain. Stir in soup & cooked peas.

Place half of soup mixture in greased 9"x13" casserole dish.

Top with half of almonds & half of cheese.

Repeat layers & top with bread crumbs.

Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

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## Jokes

My Thoughts on Aging

I cannot see

I cannot pee

I cannot chew

I cannot screw

Oh, my God, what can I do?

My memory shrinks

My hearing stinks

No sense of smell

I look like hell

My mood is bad - can you tell?

My body's drooping

Have trouble pooping

The Golden Years have come at last.

The Golden Years can kiss my \_\_\_!

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## Glasses

Yesterday my daughter emailed me again, asking why I didn't do something useful with my time.

"Like me sitting around the pool and drinking wine is not a good thing?" I asked.

My "doing something useful" seems to be her favorite topic of conversation. She was "only thinking of me" she said and suggested that I go down to the Senior Center and join something.

I did this and when I got home last night, I decided to play a prank on her. I emailed her and told her that I had joined a Parachute Club.

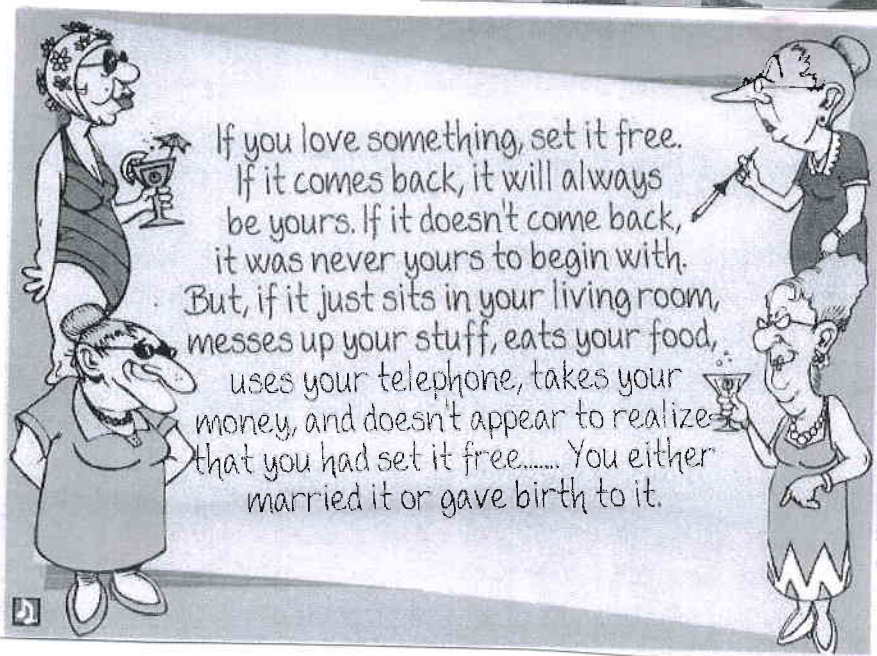
She replied, "Mother, are you nuts? You are 78 years old and now you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?"

I told her that I even got a membership card and emailed a copy to her. She immediately telephoned me and yelled, "Good grief, Mom, where are your glasses? This is a membership to a Prostitute Club not a Parachute Club!"

I calmly replied, "Oh my. I think I'm in real trouble then because I signed up for five jumps a week!"

The line went quiet and her friend picked up the phone and said that my daughter had fainted. Life as a Senior Citizen is not getting any easier but sometimes it can be real fun. Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an "Old Geezer".

Remember: Don't make people mad. We don't like being old in the first place so it doesn't take much to tick us off.





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Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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<b>11</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins	<b>12</b> Emergency Team 1-2 Potluck 5:30-7:30	<b>13</b> Tai Chi 8-9 Card Club 6-9	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Tai Chi 8-9 Income Tax Asst. 9-11 Humane Society 10:30-11:30 TOPS 5:30-7:30	<b>16</b> Card Club 6-9	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day Clubhouse Floor Maintenance Private Party #116 1-6
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Tai Chi 8-9 Card Club 6-9	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Tai Chi 8-9 Income Tax Asst. 9-11 TOPS 5:30-7:30	<b>23</b> Card Club 6-9	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Palm Sunday	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Tai Chi 8-9 Card Club 6-9	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Tai Chi 8-9 Income Tax Asst. 9-11 TOPS 5:30-7:30	<b>30</b> Good Friday Passover Card Club 6-9	<b>31</b>