

For Safety's Sake



One of the major causes of household fires is flammable liquids. These include gasoline, acetone, benzene, lacquer thinner, alcohol, turpentine, contact cements, paint thinner, kerosene and charcoal lighter fluid. The most dangerous of all is gasoline.

Recommendations:

Take extra precautions in storing and using flammable liquids, such as gasoline, paint thinners, etc. They can produce invisible explosive vapors that can ignite by a small spark at considerable distances from the flammable substance. Store outside the house.

Even when you have complied with every item in the Home Fire Safety Checklist, you still need to have a plan for early warning and escape in case a fire does occur.

Many fire deaths and fire injuries are actually caused by smoke and gases. Victims inhale smoke and poisonous gases that rise ahead of the flames. Survival depends on being warned as early as possible and having an escape plan.

Recommendations:

Purchase a smoke detector if you do not have one. Smoke detectors are inexpensive and are required by law in many localities. Check local codes and regulations before you buy your smoke detector because some codes require specific types of detectors. They provide an early warning which is critical because the longer the delay, the deadlier the consequences.

Read the instructions that come with the detector for advice on the best place to install it. As a minimum detectors should be located near bedrooms and one on every floor. (According to HCD for us, a smoke detector is required IN each bedroom and at least one in the living area. A carbon monoxide detector is also required in each home.)

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper maintenance. Smoke detectors can save lives but only if properly installed and maintained.

Never disconnect a detector. Consider relocating the detector rather than disconnecting it if it is subject to nuisance alarms, e.g. from cooking.

Replace the battery annually or when a "chirping" sound is heard.



Follow the manufacturer's instructions about cleaning your detector. Excessive dust, grease or other material in the detector may cause it to operate abnormally. Vacuum the grill work of your detector.

From The Manager



The **October potluck** will be **Monday, Oct. 12th** from **5:30-7:30 PM** in the **clubhouse**. We will be decorated for Halloween. Bring your favorite fall side dish, your place settings and your neighbors. If you need transportation to the clubhouse or special seating, please call the office before noon on that day so we may arrange it for you. See you there!

The **October Yard Sale** will be **Saturday, October 3rd** from **8AM-12PM** in the **clubhouse**. If you signed up for a table, you may start setting up Friday, Oct. 2nd from 12-6 PM. Be back in the clubhouse no later than 7:45AM Saturday morning so we may open the doors on time. Those of you that did not sign up for a table, please come down Saturday and check out what your neighbors have for sale. You never know what you may find!

Riegel Properties does not allow soliciting in the park. If someone comes to your door **trying to get you to buy anything or are giving away something free, please call the office** (even if they told you that we gave permission for them to be in the park). Above all **DO NOT let them in your home!** We just had an incident with GE a couple of weeks ago. Both teams were escorted out of the park and told not to come back. Last year we had to call the police on them and the police escorted them out because they kept coming back.

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, Oct. 8th** here in the **clubhouse** from **10AM-11AM (for sure - she promised)**. 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.**



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.

United Healthcare will be here **Wednesday, Oct 7th** from **10AM-12PM** in the **clubhouse** to answer any of your Medicare plan questions. Refreshments will be served. See flyer in the newsletter.



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.

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 insure 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.

I. Air Conditioners: Written permission must be obtained from Management prior to installation of any air conditioning unit. Any air conditioner or swamp cooler installed in a mobile home must be in good operating condition and must not make excessive noise that will be disturbing to any other Resident. Condensation accumulation from any air conditioner or swamp cooler must be piped away from mobile home. No air conditioners shall be mounted in front of the mobile home.

J. Porches, Decks, Patios, Steps and Ramps: Porches, decks and patios are required and must be constructed under permit and meet city and state building codes. Porches must be of an approved material matching the exterior material of mobile home.

All steps and ramps must be constructed with high quality and faced with the same material and color as the mobile home exterior. Steps and ramps must have approved handrails and if located at an "outswing" door must have a platform which is at least as deep as the width of the door opening, as required by law. Ramp slope shall not exceed one (1) foot of rise to twelve (12) feet of horizontal run. Handrails and edge curbing for ramps shall be placed on each side of the ramp, continue the full length of the ramp and shall extend one foot beyond the top and bottom of the ramp in accordance with Title 25. Refer to Title 25 for other requirements.