

BURKHART RIDGE NEWS

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*May Your
Holidays Be
Merry & Bright*



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EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY

**'Tis the Season...
To Be Happy and
Jolly!**



There seems to be no other time of the year that brings out the child in all of us. Lights are aglow. Malls and shopping areas are filled to the brim with shoppers bustling to find just the right gift at just the right price. Holiday goodies abound and are delicious. And every little boy and girl is trying very hard to be "oh so good!" So as you deck your halls with boughs of holly, don't forget to take time to remember the true meaning of Christmas. Watch out for the gift trap, as love is the most important thing we can give. So, relax and take time for living, giving and sharing with family and friends.

**Joy, Peace and Happy Holidays to
You and Yours!
From All of the
Burkhart Ridge Staff**



BON APPETIT!

Rudolph's Cookie Kisses

- 1 cup softened margarine
- 2/3 cups sugar
- 1 bag (9 oz.) chocolate kisses
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 and 2/3 cups flour
- 1/4 cup cocoa



Beat margarine, sugar and vanilla until it is creamy. In separate bowl, stir together flour and cocoa. Blend into other mixture, mixing well. Refrigerate for about one hour or until dough is easy to handle. Mold scant tablespoon around each kiss, covering completely. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Shape into balls, then bake on cookie sheet for 10 to 12 minutes or until set. Cool, then roll in powdered sugar. Makes 4 dozen.

Comet's Egnog

- 4 eggs, well beaten
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 4 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 cup thick cream
- 1/3 cups sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups whole milk



Into beaten eggs, blend sugar, nutmeg, lemon juice and salt. Add milk and cream. Beat mixture until frothy. Makes 6 to 8 servings

Holiday Joy

- 1/2 cup Hugs
- 4 tsp. Kisses
- 2 cups Smiles
- 4 cups Love
- 1 cup Special Cheer
- 1/2 cup Peace on Earth
- 3 tsp Holiday Spirit
- 2 cups Goodwill Toward Men
- 1 Sprig of Mistletoe
- 1 medium-size bag of snowflakes (the regular kind won't do!)



Mix hugs, Kisses, Smiles and Love until consistent. Blend in Holiday Cheer, Peace on Earth, Holiday Spirit and the Good Will Toward Men. Use the mixture to fill a large, warm heart, where it can be stored for a lifetime. (It never goes bad!) Serve as desired under mistletoe, sprinkled liberally with special Snowflakes. It is especially good when accompanied by carols and family get-togethers. Serve to one and all.

Chuckle & Grin...

Holiday One-Liners

- **Holiday One-Liners**
- **If athletes get athletes foot, what do astronauts get? Missile-toe!**
- **Where do polar bears vote? The North Pole**
- **Why does Santa have three gardens? So he can ho-ho-ho!**
- **How come you never hear anything about the 10th reindeer "Olive?" You know, "Olive of the other reindeer, used to laugh and call him names.**
- **What do elves learn in school? The Elf-abet!**

Holiday Diet Tips

- **If no one sees you eat it, it has no calories.**
- **If you drink a diet soda with a candy bar, they cancel each other out.**
- **When eating with someone else, calories don't count if you both eat the same amount.**
- **Foods used for medicinal purposes have no calories. This includes any chocolate (used for energy), brandy, Sara Lee Cheesecake and Haagen-Daz ice cream.**
- **Movie related foods are much lower in calories simply because they are a part of the entertainment experience and not a part of one's personal fuel. This includes Milk-Duds, popcorn with butter, Junior Mints and Snickers.**
- **Cookie pieces contain no calories because the process of breakage causes calorie leakage.**
- **If you eat the food off someone else's plate, it doesn't count.**
- **If you eat standing up the calories all go to your feet and get walked off. Food eaten at holiday parties has no calories, courtesy of Santa.**
- **Remember.... STRESSED is just DESSERTS spelled backwards.**

CONGRATULATIONS...to Renee Moussa on winning the candy corn contest and receiving a Thanksgiving turkey. Also congrats to Iniah Moussa on winning the jar of candy. By the way, there were 704 candy corns and 80 pumpkins.

From the Managers...

Holiday Light Contest



Burkhart Ridge is pleased to once again announce our annual Holiday Light Contest. This year's 1st place winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate and the second place winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate. All participating residents are required to fill out an entry application in the Welcome Center before December 22, 2003. Homes will be judged the night of December 23, 2003.

X-mas tree Pick-up

Although it would be nice to have a nice Christmas tree in our yard, they must all go. Mr. Rubbish will be picking up your discarded trees on the 5th of Jan. and again on the 12th of Jan. After these dates it will be your responsibility to dispose of them.



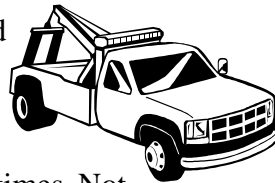
No ice-skating



No ice skating is permitted on the front entrance ponds. The water feeding these ponds is surface water from roads that are heavily salted. Thus, a great risk of unstable ice exists at these inlets. Therefore, we ask that you remain off the ice and please impress the risk to your children. Thank you.

On-Street parking

Although we have had mild weather thus far, snow is right around the corner. As always be sure that all vehicles are parked in your drives at all times. Not only does it make it easier for your neighbor to back out of their drive, but it will allow our crew to get the streets plowed in a timely manner. We cannot be responsible for damage done to vehicles that snowplows and salt spreaders may cause. In addition we cannot be responsible for any inconvenience you



may have if your vehicle gets plowed in due to being improperly parked. If you need additional parking during the holidays please ask a neighbor if you may park in their drive. Also, remember, it is your responsibility to see that your walks and drive are properly cleared of snow and ice.

On the Loose

Just a reminder to all of you pet owners, all pets are to be kept on a leash when outdoors. If we cite you for more than three infractions about the rules concerning pets, you will lose your pet privileges altogether. Also even though winter is upon us you must still pick-up your dogs waste on a daily basis. The complaints we are getting in the office on these two infractions are numerous.



Rent and Water Accounts



Please make sure that all rents and outstanding balances on your rent accounts and water accounts are cleared by the end of this year. For bookkeeping reasons we ask that you do this and start the year off with a zero balance. Thank you.

Happy Holidays!!!

Well, we have come to the end of another year and although this has been a difficult one for many we hope that the next year will be a good one for everyone. So, on behalf of the owners and staff at Burkhart Ridge we would like to wish all of our residents and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Did You Know...?

Christmas Trivia

- About 1 million acres of land is used for growing Christmas trees.
- Toy's for Tot's started making xmas happier for children with its first drive in 1947.
- Candy canes were created by a candy maker in Indiana.
- Mrs. Claus' first name is Jessica.
- Rockefeller Center Christmas tree made its first appearance in 1933.
- Thomas Nast, a cartoonist drew the first picture of Santa as we know him now.
- Superstition has it, that the cattle talk at midnight on Christmas Eve.
- Rudolph was Santa's 9th reindeer to join the team in 1939.
- Christmas cards originated in England.
- 11 Towns in The U.S. are named Santa Claus.










Christmas around the world... More Xmas trivia

- In Italy and Mexico gifts are given on Jan. 6th.
- In Brazil the children serve breakfast on Christmas day.
- Merry Christmas in Italian is Buon Natale.
- In Holland Christmas presents are exchanged on Dec. 5th.
- In Norway, Julesvann brings the gifts.
- Dutch children receive wooden shoes filled with candy and toy's on Christmas.
- Lebanese children receive their gifts from the magic mule.
- In Denmark a bowl of Julnesse (rice pudding) is left out for Santa and his elves.
- In Spain Noche-Buena means Christmas Eve.



December 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 RENT DUE	2  Bingo Invented (1929)	3	4	5	6 Late Fee Assessed For All Late Rents Office Closed
7 Office Closed	8	9	10	11	12	13 Office Closed
14 Office Closed	15	16	17	18	19  Hanukah Begins	20 Office Closed
21 Office Closed	22  Winter Begins	23	24  Office Closed at Noon	25  Christmas Day Office Closed	26  Boxing Day (Canada) Office Closed	27 Office Closed
28 Chewing Gum Patented (1869) Office Closed	29	30	31  New Year's Eve Office Closed at Noon			