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*Have a
Valentine's
Day!!!*



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Love Is In the Air...

*Valentine's Day
February 14th*

February is the month of the heart. It's when people exchange Valentine's cards, candy, flowers and many times a sweet sentiment or two. Love is many things to each of us, it can be a once in a lifetime offer, or friendship set to music, it is about making someone happy and most of all love is life. If you need a little help being romantic try one of these unexpected ways.....

....Write a love note and insert it in the book she is reading.

....Ring the doorbell and greet your partner with one red rose and a bottle of champagne.

....Leave notes on household products. Example: Joy dishwashing liquid – "Every day with you is a joy!"

....Buy a lottery ticket and give it to your mate with a note attached, "I hit the jackpot when I married you!"

....Mail a greeting card to your partner at work. Cupid sometimes needs a little help so make that special someone in your life happy, it may only take a few special words like "I love you, please be my valentine!"

Happy Valentine's Day



**BON
APPETIT!**

Fudgy Chocolate Cookies

- 12 oz. Semisweet chocolate chips (2 cups)
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 Teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk (14 oz)
- 3/4 cup flour
- 2 cups chopped pecans or walnuts



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a 2-quart glass bowl, cook chocolate with butter in a microwave oven on high for 1-2 minutes or until melted and smooth when stirred. Mix in flour until well blended. Add vanilla and sweetened condensed milk. Mix well. Stir in nuts.

Drop dough by tablespoons onto two greased and foil lined cookie sheets. Space two inches apart. Bake 9-10 minutes (cookies will be dull on top and soft.) Let cookies cool on baking sheets. Carefully remove from foil. Makes 4 dozen cookies.

Easy Chocolate Lover's Cheesepie

- 3 packages (8oz) cream cheese (softened)
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 eggs
- 2 tablespoons whipping cream
- 2 cups Hershey's mini chips semisweet chocolate, divided for recipes
- 1 extra-serving size packaged graham cracker crumb pie crust (9 oz)



Heat oven to 450 degrees. In large bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar with electric mixer until well blended. Add eggs and vanilla, beat well. Stir in 1 and 2/3 cups small chocolate chips; pour into crust.

Bake 10 minutes. Without opening oven door, reduce heat to 250 degrees. Continue baking 30 minutes or just until set. Remove from oven to wire rack. Cool completely.

Cover and refrigerate until thoroughly chilled. In small microwave-safe bowl, place remaining 1/3 cup chips and whipping cream. Microwave at High 20-30 seconds or just until chips are melted and mixture is smooth when stirred.

Cool slightly. Spread over top of cheese-pie. Refrigerate 15 minutes or until top is set. Makes 10 servings. Cover and refrigerate any leftover pie.

CHUCKLE & GRIN...

The Perfect Employee

- 1 Bob smith, my assistant programmer, can always be found
- 2 Hard at work at his desk. He works independently, without
- 3 Wasting company time talking to colleagues, Bob never
- 4 Thinks twice about assisting fellow employees, and always
- 5 finishes given assignments on time. Often he takes extended
- 6 measures to complete his work, sometimes skipping coffee.
- 7 Breaks. Bob is a dedicated individual who has absolutely no
- 8 vanity in spite of his high accomplishments and profound
- 9 knowledge in his field. I firmly believe that Bob can be
- 10 classed as an asset employee, the type which cannot be
- 11 dispensed with. Consequently, I recommend that Bob be
- 12 promoted to executive management, and a proposal will be
- 13 executed as soon as possible.

Addendum:

That idiot was standing over my shoulder while I wrote the report sent to you earlier today. Kindly re-read only the odd numbered lines.

Words of Wisdom

- The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a flat tire.
- It's always darkest before the dawn. So if you're going to swipe your neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it.
- If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.
- Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.
- Some days you are the bug; some days you are the windshield.
- Duct tape is like the force; it has a light side and a dark side; and it holds the universe together.

From the Managers...

Need Help?



As we all know, these are very hard times and with several residents laid off from work or having their hours cut, some of you might be having some difficulty paying rent or your house payments. Please, before you make any major decision to move or take a chance on ruining your credit by letting go of your home, contact us at the Welcome Center and let us see if we may be of some assistance to you. We may be able to work something out that would be beneficial to everyone concerned.

Insurance and Titles

After reviewing all resident files, we find that most all of our residents have failed to provide us with a copy of their home titles and certificate of home insurance. These documents are a requirement of the Community and must be kept on file in the Welcome center. If you change lien companies or insurance companies you must submit this information to the office to be kept in your file. Please if you have not done this, do so at your earliest convenience. Also those who have not turned in your emergency forms please do so and make sure we have a contact number for you. The state of Michigan requires you to submit this information to us.



Pets



We seem to be having a reoccurring problem with the pet situation in the Community. ALL pets, no exceptions must be kept on a leash whenever outside your homes. When you are walking your pets they cannot be allowed to run free anywhere within the Community. You must also carry something with you to clean up any messes they make. Pets are not allowed anywhere in the area of the clubhouse, soccer field and pool. If your pet gets loose and bites or attacks another pet, you will be held solely responsible for any and all damages and will lose your pet privileges all together. We will make NO exceptions to these rules. We are also reminding all pet owners

even though it is winter time you must still continue to clean up your dogs messes daily. The last rule people still are ignoring is the fact that you are allowed only two pets per household and must pay pet fee's for both. If we find you have unregistered pets we legally can go back to the beginning of your residency and apply all unpaid pet charges to your account. Please make sure your pets are up to date on all vaccination shots and turn in a form proving such into the office for your file.

Clubhouse

As we are nearing the completion of the clubhouse, we invite the residents to give suggestions on what type activities they would like to have at the clubhouse. Anyone interested in running some of these events, please notify Terrie in the office. We would like to have card playing, such as euchre and a pinochle club and possibly a scrap-booking club. If anyone is interested in being an events coordinator, please call the office.



Don't Think You're the Only One

We are referring to written violations. It seems that each time we issue a written violation to someone, we receive a nasty phone call or the person who was written up comes into the office screaming that they are being singled out and picked on. During the month of December, there were 24 violations issued, with only two of those to the same resident. In January we have already written 11 violations by the 20th of the month. These violations are written when the rules are being disregarded so please do not ignore them. Rules are not made to be broken, but to be followed. Everyone wants a nice place to live that is safe and attractive and that takes everyone in the community to follow the rules and take care of their homesite and home. It is also the residents responsibility to monitor there children and pets. Due to the fact that people are not taking them seriously, we regret to inform you that after three written violations we will consider eviction proceedings.

Did You Know...?

















- The oldest college bowl game is the Rose Bowl, first played in 1902 and referred to as the Granddaddy of 'Em All.
- That India Ink originated in China and in France it is properly called "Chinese ink."
- Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
- Coca-Cola was originally green.
- The percentage of Africa that is wilderness is 28%, the percentage of the U.S. that is wilderness is 36%.
- There is more money printed for monopoly each day than printed for the U.S. Treasury.
- Bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers were all invented by women.
- Men can read smaller print than women, but women can hear and smell better.
- That sleds existed as early as 800 A.D.
- The Baby Ruth candy bar was named after Grover Cleveland's first daughter, Ruth.



Presidential Trivia

- Kennedy and Taft are the only presidents buried in Arlington National Cemetery.
- Lincoln, Jefferson, F. Roosevelt, Washington, Kennedy and Eisenhower are portrayed on U.S. coins.
- Vice Presidents were originally the presidential candidates receiving the second-largest number of electoral votes.
- George Washington's salary was \$25,000. Bush salary is \$400,000.
- Twenty-six presidents were lawyers before becoming president.
- George Washington did not wear a wig, he powdered his own hair white.
- The story about young George and the cherry tree is pure fiction.
- Abe Lincoln had no middle name.
- The Lincoln penny was first minted in 1909.
- An 11 year-old girl suggested Abe Lincoln grow a beard.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 RENT DUE	2  Groundhog Day	3	4	5  Weather Forecasters' Day	6 LATE FEES ASSESSED FOR ALL LATE RENTS	7
8	9  National Weather Service Started, 1870	10	11  National Inventor's Day	12  Lincoln's Birthday, 1809	13  First Public School Establish, 1635	14  Valentine's Day
15 Susan B. Anthony's Birthday, 1820	16  Presidents' Day	17  National P.T.A Founders' Day, 1897	18  Planet Pluto Discovered, 1930	19	20  John Glenn, Jr. Orbits the Earth, 1962	21 Samuel Morse Demonstrated the Telegraph, 1838
22  Washington's Birthday, 1732	23 Islamic New Year	24  Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Begins	25  Ash Wednesday	26  Grand Canyon National Park Established, 1919	27 Author John Steinbeck's Birthday, 1902	28  First Chartered Passenger Railroad in U.S., 1827
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