



# BURKHART RIDGE NEWS

A Community Publication

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## *Have a Happy Mother's Day!!!*



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Celebrating Our 5th Year

## *Community Clubhouse Grand Opening Celebration!!! May 15th and 16th Noon=4 P.M.*

Please join us in celebrating the opening of our new Community Clubhouse with a special celebration Saturday May 15th and Sunday May 16th, Noon-4 P.M. There will be food for all, great prizes and lots of fun. We hope all of you can make it. Please be sure to invite your friends too. We'll be having extra special home savings that weekend not to mention two months free lot rent for all residents that refer a friend who purchases a new home that weekend.

The pool should be open, so bring your bathing suits, we're hoping to organize an in-line hockey match, volleyball match, soccer game and the new playground behind the pool should be up too. Although all the new equipment is now in, there is still some service work that needs to be done to the fitness machines but we are hoping to have that completed too.

***We hope to see you all there!!!***



## BON APPETIT!

### Drop-in Salad

- 6 cups fresh broccoli florets
- 1 and ½ cups cubed cheddar cheese
- 1 large red apple, cubed
- 1 small red onion, chopped
- ½ cup red wine vinegarettte dressing
- ½ teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans (optional)



In a large bowl combine the first four ingredients. Add nuts if desired. Combine vinegarettte and lemon juice, drizzle over salad. Toss to coat. Serve immediately. Serves 8 to 10.



### Fluffy Lime Pie

- 1 envelope (.13 ounce) unsweetened lime soft drink mix
- 1 can (14 ounce) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 graham cracker crust (9 inches)

In large bowl, dissolve soft drink mix in milk; fold in whipped topping. Spoon into crust. Cover and refrigerate for 3 hours or until set. Garnish with fresh lime slice.

### Chocolate Éclair Cake

- 1 can prepared milk chocolate frosting
- 1 box graham cracker
- 2 small boxes French Vanilla instant pudding
- 1 8oz. Container cool whip
- 3 and ½ cups milk



Mix pudding and milk until dissolved. Add cool whip and mix well. Line a 9x13 inch pan with a layer of graham crackers then a layer of pudding-cool whip mixture. Repeat the two layers. Add one more layer of graham crackers to the top. Frost with prepared milk chocolate frosting and refrigerate over night. Cut into squares and serve.

## CHUCKLE & GRIN...

### For Women Only

A group of girlfriends were on vacation when they saw a 5-story hotel with a sign that read "For Women Only." Since they were single, they decided to go together and check it out.

The bouncer, a very attractive guy, explained to them how it worked. "We have five floors. Go up floor by floor, and once you find what you're looking for, you can stay there. It's easy to decide since each floor has a sign telling you what's inside.

So they started going up and on the first floor the sign read: "All the men on this floor are short and plain." They laughed and moved on to the next floor.

The sign on the second floor read; "All the men on this floor are short and handsome." Better, but they moved on to the next floor.

On the third floor the sign read "All men here are tall and plain." On to the next floor!

On the fourth floor the sign was perfect. It read "All men are tall and handsome" The women got all excited and were going in when they realized that there was still one more floor. Wondering what they were missing, they headed on up to the fifth floor.

There they found a sign that read: "There are no men here. This floor was built to prove that there is no way to please a woman."

### Now Tammy...

A man was watching as a mother did her grocery shopping with her little girl in the grocery cart.

The mother got too close to the cereal boxes and the little girl began knocking cereal boxes off the shelf. The mother said, "Now Tammy, don't yell. Leave the cereal boxes alone." The little girl started to scream.

Then the mother moved onto the bread aisle and before she could get down the aisle, the little girl had reached for a package of cookies on the opposite side and had begun to open the package. The mother showed further restraint and simply said, "Now Tammy, you know we don't eat cookies before we have our lunch," and proceeded to put the cookies back on the shelf. Again, the little girl let out a loud yell as the cookies were put back.

Finally the mother was ready to check out and again the little girl reached out, this time for a candy bar display. Grabbing the candy, she was trying to open the wrapper, when her mother removed it from her hands said "Now Tammy, we don't eat candy bars this early in the day." The little girl cried all through the check out.

The man was so fascinated by the mothers restraint that he followed her out to the parking lot and said to her, "Ma'am, you are so good with your little girl, Tammy, in making sure she eats only the right foods."

The mother looked at the man strangely and said, "My name is Tammy. My little girl's name is Ashley."

# From the Managers...

## Seven-Day Notices

Some of those residents who have received a seven-day notice either for late rent, late water bills or possibility both may not understand what this signifies. This notice gives you seven days in which to pay the full amount of what you owe. If it is not paid within that period, it is then turned over to our attorneys and court costs are automatically added on at that point. Although we sympathize with people who have fallen on hard times, when you make no effort to contact us at the office and try to make some type of arrangements and instead choose to ignore us we have no other recourse than to proceed with court dates.



## Pets

Due to the fact that so many people having pets are choosing to ignore the write-ups on picking up their dog waste in their yards, we will now only do one write-up to that effect. If it is not taken care of after the one write-up, we will issue a fine to the pet owner. If this doesn't work we will have no choice but to have you remove your pet permanently from the premises. This is not only an eye sore but a health hazard to other residents.



## Parking

We are noticing quite a few residents and their guests are parking on their lawns. Please refrain from doing this. You are killing the sod and it will become your responsibility to replace it. There also is no on street parking so you must have your guests park in the parking lot by the clubhouse and transport them to your home. There are three parking spots per household, therefore should only be three vehicles per house unless you have a garage.



## Access Cards

We are still waiting for our security company to complete the clubhouse access control system. We appreciate your patience. As the system is complete, we will be calling each resident to set up a time to come in to have their photos taken. Each resident over the age of 14 who wishes to use the facilities must have an access card. The cost for this card is \$5.00. Lost cards will be replaced at a cost of \$25.00. Access cards will allow all residents 14 years and older to use the pool, and those 18 years and older to use the fitness center. Residents 16 and 17 years of age will be



allowed to use the fitness center with a parent or legal guardian. In order to receive an access card, both pool and fitness center liability waivers must be signed. Sharing of access cards is strictly forbidden. Security cameras are in place to ensure that only approved residents use the facilities. Anyone caught sharing or letting non-approved residents or guests into the facilities will lose their privileges for 60 days. In addition, those residents whose accounts are not in good standing will not be able to get access cards or will have their cards deactivated until accounts are made current.

## New Playground

As many of you may have noticed, we are in the process of installing a new play structure behind the clubhouse. Construction will take place Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. both days. Any residents looking to lend a hand, please give the office a call at 517-540-9500. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



## Newsletter Inserts

Starting with June's newsletter, we will now be charging a \$15 fee to place fliers with the newsletter. Requests for newsletter inserts have grown tremendously over the years and it takes our office staff several hours to place them in the newsletter bags. We apologize for the new fee and appreciate your cooperation.



## Free Mulch and Dirt

In order to help Burkhart Ridge look its best, we invite all residents to help themselves to free mulch and screened topsoil. The piles are located in phase III. We hope to have everyone's home and home site looking good for our big clubhouse grand opening on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The free materials are for use in Burkhart Ridge only by our residents, please do not remove them off the property or offer them to your friends.



## Keep on the Grass

It's time to dust off those lawn mowers and trimmers and get out and cut the grass. We've found that many residents have not done so yet this year. Any lawns that are not kept properly trimmed, will be mowed by Burkhart Ridge staff and a \$25.00 fee may be charged per cut to your account. If you would like to get on our weekly cutting list, please call the office. The price for requested cuttings in only \$15.00 per cut.



## Did You Know...?

- That the value in Arabic numbers of the Roman Numerals DC is 600.
- That sugar makes an excellent facial scrub.
- Super glue has been used by biologists to reattach fins to injured fish.
- In Belgium and Germany beer is still brewed by monks in monasteries.
- Oklahoma was the first city to have parking meters.
- The apple tree is actually a member of the rose family.
- The oldest bookstore in the U.S. is located in Bethlehem, Pa., and is 257 years old.
- The almond isn't a nut at all but a fruit related to the peach.
- Morpheus was the Greek God of dreams.
- A nudnik is actually a tiresome person.
- In Romania witches actually serve as political advisers.



## Memorial Day

Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

*"They are not dead who live in hearts they leave behind."*



Memorial Day is the day we remember and honor those who lost their lives fighting for our nation. The men and women we remember on Memorial Day demonstrated the highest form of faith and sacrifice to insure our freedom and the freedom of others around the world.

Our hearts go out to the families of all those who have lost loved ones to the war. As we watch those who have lost loved ones decorate their graves, let us say a prayer for them and their families and hope someday that there will be no wars.

**HAVE A SAFE AND MEMORABLE MEMORIAL DAY!**

# May 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <b>RENT DUE</b> Office Closed
2 Office Closed	3	4	5  Cinco de Mayo	6 <b>LATE FEES ASSESSED FOR ALL LATE RENTS</b>	7	8 Office Closed
9  Mother's Day Office Closed	10  Golden Spike Day 1869	11 Computer Core Memory Patented 1951	12	13	14 Office Closed	15 <b>Clubhouse Grand Opening Celebration</b> Noon-4 PM
16 <b>Clubhouse Grand Opening Celebration</b> Noon-4 PM	17	18	19	20	21	22 Office Closed
23 Office Closed	24  Astronomy Day	25	26	27  Golden Gate Bridge Opened, 1937	28	29 Office Closed
30 Office Closed	31  Memorial Day Office Closed					