

Vista Voice

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THERE'S NO FLAKES LIKE SNOWFLAKES

With winter approaching quickly, here are a few reminders about snow removal:

1. Please do not park your vehicle with its front or rear bumper hanging over the sidewalk. Instead, park so the bumper is flush with the edge of the sidewalk. This will allow for better snow removal and reduce the chances of damage to your vehicle.
2. Please do not park along the islands, in front of fire hydrants or in front of garages. Abandoned cars often make it impossible to plow the lots effectively, so please carry a shovel with you in case you get stuck. We must make the lot passable for everyone and may need to tow any vehicle (at the owner's expense) that is improperly parked or abandoned. Stop by the office if you need to borrow a shovel or keyhole de-icer.
3. The electric garage door openers are designed with a safety feature that will automatically raise the door if something (like snow) is in its path. Please make sure your door is completely closed before leaving to prevent it from being open all day or night.
4. If you take a vacation, please park your car in a place that will not interfere with our snow removal. Also, contact the office with dates that you are going to be gone.
5. Residents are responsible for clearing snow off their decks and patios.
6. STAY WARM & STAY SAFE!

Dates of Interest

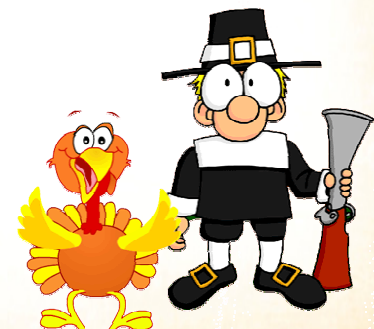
Daylight Savings	Nov. 6th
Election Day	Nov. 8th
Veterans Day	Nov. 11th
Thanksgiving	Nov. 24th



Feel like you never get enough sleep? You're in luck! On Sunday, November 6th, be sure to turn your clocks back one hour and enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

The Sun Prairie Rental Office will be closed Thursday Nov. 24th through Sunday Nov. 27th for Thanksgiving. We will be back to normal business hours on Monday the 28th.



REDUCE THE RISK: LOCK UP YOUR BICYCLE

While many types of property theft have declined in recent years, bicycle theft is on the rise according to FBI statistics. The increasing popularity of bicycling as a sport and a means of transportation have made bicycles an easy target for thieves. It is estimated that over 1.5 million bicycles are stolen every year. Unfortunately, Sun Prairie residents are not immune to bicycle theft. Spend the money on an appropriate lock, and spend the time to lock up your bicycle - it's worth not having to purchase a new bike!



MAINTENANCE MEMO: DISHWASHER DILEMMA

Nobody likes pulling dirty dishes out of the dishwasher! If you're experiencing this problem, the first thing you should do is make sure you're loading the dishwasher correctly. Rinse plates before putting them in to be washed. Make sure it's not too crowded, because then the water will have a hard time getting between dishware. Don't put big bowls on the top rack and make sure they are not blocking the water spray. Also, check to make sure you are using the right detergent—only use dishwasher detergent, not liquid dish soap.

If you are still having trouble with dirty dishes after making these adjustments, please contact the leasing office. We may have to come take a look at the machine and make sure it is running properly. We appreciate you helping us keep our appliances in good, working condition.

Another Successful *Safety Social!*



On October 5th, Sun Prairie held another successful annual Safety Social. Making special appearances this year were Roni the drug dog from the police canine unit, and Chris Cakes who supplied all of our residents with a tasty pancake and sausage supper.

Sun Prairie would like to thank all of our residents who came out to participate. We would also like to recognize all of the hard work that Terie Tishim in Resident Relations put into organizing the event.

As always, if you have any questions about the Crime-Free Multihousing Program or about personal safety, contact the rental office or the West Des Moines Police Department.

If you had your picture taken with Roni, you may pick it up at the rental office. Also, be sure to check out all of the photos of the social online at www.sunprairie.com!

HOLIDAY RECIPE: SWEET POTATO PIE

Ingredients:

- 1 (1 pound) sweet potato
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 (9 inch) unbaked pie crust

Directions:

1. Boil sweet potato whole in skin for 40 to 50 minutes, or until done. Run cold water over the sweet potato, and remove the skin.
2. Break apart sweet potato in a bowl. Add butter, and mix well with mixer. Stir in sugar, milk, eggs, nutmeg, cinnamon and vanilla. Beat on medium speed until mixture is smooth. Pour filling into an unbaked pie crust.
3. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 55 to 60 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Pie will puff up like a soufflé, and then will sink down as it cools.



RENTERS INSURANCE: YOU CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO HAVE IT!

If you're renting an apartment, and something happens to your belongings, it's up to the landlord's insurance to cover them, right? Wrong! That misconception could leave you empty-handed and unprotected if the unthinkable occurs, which is why it is so important to have renters insurance.

The average renters insurance policy covers your personal property, and damage to the building, but many have provisions to cover medical expenses as well as additional living expenses if you're forced to stay elsewhere.

The best way to get started is to contact your car insurance agent. Many companies offer a discount when you purchase a second policy, which could make your renters insurance free! Once you purchase a renters insurance policy, take an inventory and get pictures of all your belongings - furniture, electronics, even your clothes. Store your inventory somewhere safe outside your home and update as needed.

Kid's Corner

Pumpkin Poem

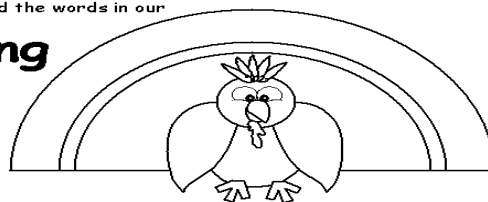
One day I found two pumpkin seeds.
I planted one and pulled the weeds.
It sprouted roots and a big, long vine.
A pumpkin grew; I called it mine.
The pumpkin was quite round and fat.
(I really am quite proud of that).
But there is something I'll admit
That has me worried just a bit.
I ate the other seed, you see.
Now will it grow inside of me?

(I'm so relieved since I have found
That pumpkins only grow in the
ground!)

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Thanksgiving Anagram

Hidden Word
(solve the circled letters):



a e i m z

f f g i n s t u

g i l m p r s

a h k n s t

a f i l m y

i k m n p p u

c k o o

c n o r

d e i n n r

a e f s t

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