

THE *Hidden Brook* Herald

Quarterly NEWSLETTER

October - November - December 2026

Fun Facts About Christmas

- The first recorded date of Christmas being celebrated on December 25 was in 336 CE, during the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine.
- The first printed reference to a Christmas tree was in 1531 in Germany.
- In Victorian times, Christmas trees were decorated with candles to represent stars. Today, we use electric lights.
- Jingle Bells was the first song broadcast from space. Tom Stafford and Wally Schirra sang it on December 16, 1965.
- The original Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, was known to help by throwing bags of gold into people's homes through the window.
- Before turkey, the traditional English Christmas dinner included a pig head smothered with mustard.
- Christmas was declared a federal holiday in the United States on June 26, 1870.
- Each year more than 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the U.S. alone.
- The story of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was first introduced to the American public in 1939 by the Montgomery Ward Department Stores.
- The tradition of caroling began as an old English custom. It was originally called wassailing, a toast to good health.
- Hanging ornaments on a Christmas tree dates back to the tradition in 16th century Germany of decorating evergreen trees with apples.
- The first recorded instance of the phrase "Merry Christmas" was in a Christmas letter sent in 1534.
- The busiest shopping day of the year is not Black Friday, but the Saturday before Christmas.
- In the United States, approximately 30-35 million real (living) Christmas trees are sold each year.
- The tradition of the Christmas pudding or plum pudding dates back to the Middle Ages.
- "Jingle Bells" was originally a Thanksgiving song.
- The tradition of hanging stockings originated from the Dutch custom of leaving shoes packed with food for St Nicholas's donkeys. He would leave small gifts in return.
- The tradition of kissing under the mistletoe began in ancient Greece, during the festival of Saturnalia and later in marriage ceremonies, because of the plant's association with fertility.
- Christmas lights were first made available for sale in 1890 but were so expensive that most people couldn't afford them. They didn't become popular until 1900.
- The largest Christmas dinner included 3,000 people eating a meal of turkey, vegetables, and Christmas pudding.



Monday, October 12 – *Columbus Day*
Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27 –
Thanksgiving
Thursday & Friday, December 24 & 25 –
Christmas

*****IMPORTANT NOTICE*****

Thank you.

- ◆ The rent is **due on the 1st and late after the close of business the 5th day of each month.**
- ◆ If the *5th falls on Saturday*, rent is due in the office by close of business *on Friday*.
- ◆ If the *5th falls on Sunday*, the **rent must be in the drop box before 8:00 a.m. of the 6th.**
- ◆ If the rent is *not paid on or before the 5th day of the month*, a *late payment charge* will be applied as follows: \$30.00 will be assessed for *payments made on the 6th through the 20th day of the month*.
- ◆ Payments made *on the 21st day and after* will be assessed at the rate of *an additional \$20.00 charge*.
- ◆ This *late charge is immediately due* as an addition to that month's rent and *must be paid before that month's rent will be considered to be paid in full*.

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MAINTENANCE Emergencies

Maintenance Emergencies ***During Business Hours: 402-727-4848***

Business Hours - 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ~ Monday - Friday

Maintenance EMERGENCIES ***After Business Hours or on Weekends:***

****Call Ed (Maintenance Director) at 402-720-1264.**

If you have not heard back from Ed within 15 minutes, call the Executive Director at 402-720-9643.

EMERGENCIES:

Calls **MUST** be for (valid) **emergencies only**. Tenants will be charged for the call if the problem is **other than one of the following**:

- Loss of electric power (other than shut-off due to non-payment).
- Sewer problems.
- Broken water pipes (supply line) - **Major leak call Immediately.**
- If water drip is slow, place pan underneath to collect water and call office next business day. *Slow drips are not emergencies.*
- Furnace failure is an emergency during a severe cold spell.
- Air conditioner failure is an emergency during a severe extended hot spell.
- Refrigerator/freezer failure (do not overload refrigerator/freezer with food that will prohibit air flow which is needed for normal operation). *Management will not replace food lost from refrigerator/freezer failure or power outage.*

**** Remain by the phone in the event maintenance needs to contact you! ****

When a call is made after hours, be sure to leave your full name, address, phone number and nature of your problem. Without this important information, we cannot react to your maintenance problems efficiently. You must also be present when maintenance arrives to answer any questions regarding the “emergency”.

LOCKOUTS — You need to call a locksmith.

Local Numbers:

- ♦ A-1 Lock Shop Key & Locksmith **402-720-2284** - Open 24 hours
- ♦ S and S Locksmith **402-941-1212**

One complimentary ride per month!

As a resident of Hidden Brook Townhomes, you can request the following ***complimentary transportation service: One (1) ride per household, per month within the city limits to any location.*** Examples - doctor, dentist, grocery, restaurant; etc.

You must schedule a ride with the Fremont Transit Program, 402-459-2845. You need to call at least 2 days ahead of your appointment time.

****Call Becky at Gifford Tower to let her know the date you have scheduled your pickup. 402-727-4848.**



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Fremont Housing Agency CONTACT INFORMATION:

Business Hours: M - F 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Phone: 402-727-4848

Office Window Hours: M - F 9:00 am - 3:00 pm **Your Tax Credit Specialist:** Amanda - extension 4

WORK ORDERS MUST GO THROUGH AMANDA. DO NOT REACH OUT TO MAINTENANCE!

After-hours & MAINTENANCE EMERGENCIES ONLY

Call: Maintenance Director: Ed Phone: 402-720-1264,

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Snickerdoodle Poke Cake

Ingredient

- 1 box Yellow Cake Mix
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 1/2 cups sweetened condensed milk (from two 14-oz cans)
- 1 container (8 oz) frozen whipped topping, thawed

Instructions

- Heat oven to 350° F. Spray 13 x 9-inch (3-quart) baking dish with cooking spray.
- In large bowl, beat cake mix, water, oil, eggs, vanilla and cinnamon with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Pour into baking dish.
- Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown and toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.
- Use wooden dowel or skewer to make holes in cake about 1 inch apart, pressing all the way down to bottom of pan. Pour condensed milk over cake, using spatula to spread it over surface and encourage it down the holes.
- Spread with whipped topping. Refrigerate 1 hour before serving.
- Store leftover in refrigerator.



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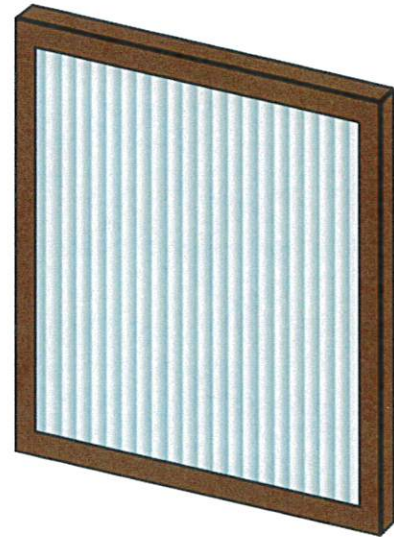
Hidden Brook Townhomes

Pest-Trol will be **spraying** the interior of the **units** on **Wednesday, October 7th**.

Have your unit prepared for the visit so the Technician can move along without delays.



During the week of Monday – Friday, October 26th – 30th the *FHA Maintenance team* will be in your area to **add water softener salt and change furnace filters.**



As always, your cooperation and patience are appreciated.

Maintenance & Management

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Hidden Brook Townhomes I & II – Newsletter Insert

Rentwise Classes

RentWise is a program to help renters obtain and keep rental housing and be successful renters through education.

The class is available online at any time. *You are able to register and take the training at your own pace at no charge!* A certificate is awarded upon completion of the training.

If you are interested in taking the online course call Tina at 402-727-4848, and she will be happy to give you the information necessary to sign up or answer any questions you may have. Be sure to take part in this free and informative opportunity.



FHA Managed Properties

COMING SOON! COMING SOON!

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The *option* to pay your monthly rent *ONLINE!!*

(There is a fee with each transaction.)

**We don't have an exact date when this option will begin,
*but we hope to have it incorporated by October.***

But **NOW** is the time to let us know you are interested in
signing up. Call 402-727-4848.

This convenient amenity is for all Fremont Housing Agency
tenants, and we hope you will take full advantage of it!

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9/11/2026

