

Easy Gingerbread Men Cookies!



Recipes

This biscuits are lightly spiced and incredibly addictive! A gingerbread dough is enriched with cinnamon, ginger and black molasses, stamped into gingerbread men shapes and baked to perfection.

Ingredients

- 8 tablespoons margarine
- 8 tablespoons dark brown soft sugar
- 3 1/4 cups plain flour, sifted
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 tablespoon black molasses
- 4 tablespoons water

Preparation

Makes: 10 gingerbread men

1. Cream margarine and sugar. Sift flour with salt, baking soda and spices. Blend flour mixture into creamed mixture alternately with molasses and water. Chill at least 1 hour.
2. Preheat oven to 350.
3. Roll dough to 1/2 inch thick. Cut with large gingerbread men cookie cutters. Lift onto lightly greased baking tray with broad spatula.
4. Bake above oven center for about 12 minutes or until cookies spring back lightly in center. Do not overcook (they won't stay soft once they cool). Remove from trays. Cool on wire racks. Decorate!!



Icy Sidewalks!

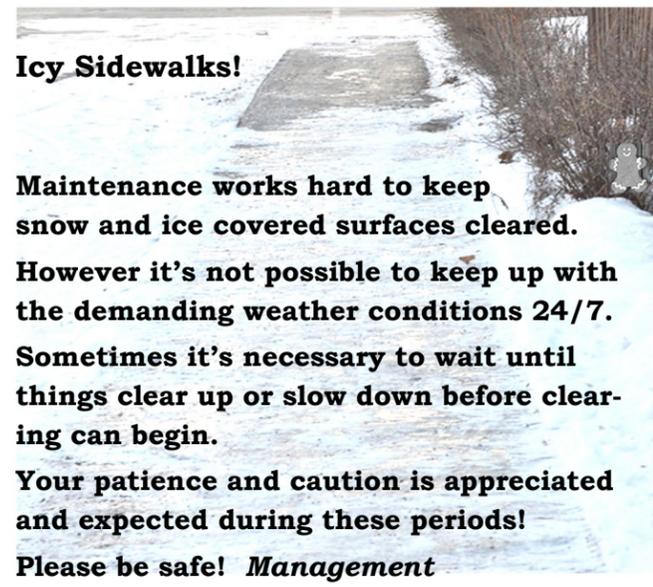
Maintenance works hard to keep snow and ice covered surfaces cleared.

However it's not possible to keep up with the demanding weather conditions 24/7.

Sometimes it's necessary to wait until things clear up or slow down before clearing can begin.

Your patience and caution is appreciated and expected during these periods!

Please be safe! Management



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Ways to Give Your Time Instead of Your Money This Christmas

Offer to help someone decorate.

Offer to babysit for the night.

Cook a little extra for a friend.

Offer to wrap some Christmas presents.

Give your time, volunteer.

Give something homemade.

Visit those who are lonely.

Take someone to do their shopping.

Do spontaneous acts of kindness.

Encourage paying it forward.

Remember our Veterans.

Help the homeless.



NOTICE!!!!

The Hooper Housing Authority has an opening on the *Board of Commissioners* for a *Resident Board Member*. This is a volunteer (unpaid) position that may be filled by a resident of the Parkview Apartments who has a signed lease and is at least 19 years of age.

If you are interested in serving as a Resident Board Member, please contact Rita Grigg, Executive Director by 3:00 p.m. December 30, 2020 at 402-727-4848 Ext. 5 or email fhauthority@fremonthousing.org



QUARTERLY

PEST CONTROL TREATMENT

February, May, August & November

The last Tuesday of the month, starting at 10:00 a.m. Be prepared for this visit to your apartment. Even if you are not at home the treatment will be done.

Remember to report anytime you suspect there is an issue. Being proactive and catching things early is the way to successfully avoid or eliminate any issues. Thank you for your help!



\$\$ RENT REMINDERS \$\$

- ⇒ Rent is due **January 1st**.
- ⇒ Rent is late if received after 4:30 p.m. on **January 5th**.
- ⇒ A charge of \$30 will be assessed on the **6th** day of each month for late rent.
- ⇒ An additional \$20 will be assessed if rent is not paid by the **20th** of each month.
- ⇒ No partial payment is accepted.
- ⇒ Check, cashier's check, or money order only.
- ⇒ **If you mail your payment please allow at least 5 days.**

Any questions, please call 402-727-4848 or on Tuesdays (9-11) & Fridays (8:30-11) - 402-654-2229.



Hooper Office Hours

Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(closed for lunch 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.)
Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



Call the Fremont Housing Office at 402-727-4848 to put in a Work Order.

You can also tell Office Staff on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Hooper Office, 402-654-2229.

For Maintenance Emergencies ONLY!

Call - Ed (Maintenance Supervisor) 402-720-1264
or Rita (Executive Director) 402-720-9643.



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REMINDER:

The Hooper Housing Authority is managed by the Fremont Housing Agency. It is a separate entity with its own Board, policies, Maintenance technician, etc.

The next Regular Board Meeting is on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. It will begin at 6:30 p.m.



Holidays and Dates to remember in December

Universal Human Rights Month

- 1** World AIDS Day
- 3** International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 5** International Volunteer Day
- 7** Pearl Harbor Remembrance
- 10** Hanukkah (starts)
- 18** Hanukkah (ends)
- 21** Winter Begins
- 25** Christmas

DURING EXTENDED POWER OUTAGES - IN

THE WINTER MONTHS - the Hooper Fire Department has a generator. You can call them to relocate you to a warmer building. 402-654-2336



Just for Fun!!!! Look!!

See how many Gingerbread People you can find in this issue of the Newsletter!!

The Spirit of Giving

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As Christensen scrolled down the home page of the Bike Rack, a shop in their town of St. Charles, Illinois, a video link for Project Mobility caught her eye. She clicked on it out of curiosity. The clip told how Bike Rack co-owner Hal Honeyman had created an organization to provide specially engineered bicycles to people with disabilities. It showed the happy faces of those who were now riding them—accident victims, injured veterans, and children with disabilities, including Hal's own son, who had been born with cerebral palsy.

"I'm going to buy a bike for one of those kids," Riley told her mother. Two days later, she showed Christensen a letter she had written asking for donations: "I think it's amazing for a guy to make bikes for kids who can't walk," the letter said. "I saw how happy a boy was when he got one ... I'm writing to ask for your help."

Christensen was blown away by her daughter's effort but doubts quickly emerged. The cost of just one of those special bikes could be as high as \$4,000. Riley could never raise the money. Nonetheless, her letter went out to 75 relatives and friends. Within three days, checks and cash began arriving. Then word got around about Riley's campaign, and as Christmas neared, more and more donations rolled in. The teen ultimately raised more than \$12,000, enough to pay for seven bikes.

Last Christmas Eve, Riley pulled on a Santa hat and delivered the bicycles to three of the lucky kids: Ava, a 13-year-old girl with spina bifida; Jenny, a 15-year-old girl with cerebral palsy; and Rose, a 4-year-old girl with a rare genetic disorder. "This is the best Christmas I ever had," said Riley.

She and Ava have since ridden together. "When I ride, I like to go fast, get sweaty, and feel the breeze," Riley says. "So does Ava. She pumps with her arms, not her feet, but she really flies."

Riley is determined to keep her campaign going every holiday season. "I want kids to feel the wind in their faces," she says.

Peace

