

## RENT REMINDERS



- ◆ Rent is due the **1st each month**.
- ◆ Rent is late if received after 4:30 p.m. on the **5th of each month**.
- ◆ 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 7 - 10 days.**

### Instructions for reporting Work Orders.....

You need to report any/all of these things *immediately* to Tammy so she can submit a Work Order for you. Once that step is done, Dave, your Maintenance Technician, will go to work resolving the issues.

**REMEMBER:** DO NOT stop Dave while he's working to tell him you have a problem. **Use the proper channel, call and let Tammy know, so she can put it into a Work Order form for Dave.** 402-654-2229 (Tuesday, 9:00 - 3:00) 402-727-4848 (Monday & Wednesday thru Friday, 8:00 - 4:30). **Thank you!**

### Hooper Board Meeting Notice.....

**Regular Board Meeting - Wednesday,  
January 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.  
in the Parkview Apartments Community Room**



**Call the Fremont Housing Office - Monday thru  
Friday at 402-727-4848 to put in a WORK ORDER.  
You can also tell Office Staff on Tuesdays at the  
Hooper Office, 402-654-2229.**

**For after-hour Maintenance Emergencies ONLY!**  
Call - Ed (Maintenance Supervisor) 402-720-1264  
or Rita (Executive Director) 402-720-9643.

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### Cranberry Fluff Salad

#### Ingredients

- 1 package (12 ounces) fresh or frozen cranberries, thawed
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1 cup chopped pecans, toasted

#### Directions

1. Pulse cranberries in a food processor until coarsely chopped; transfer to a large bowl. Stir in sugar; refrigerate, covered, at least 2 hours.
2. To serve, beat cream until soft peaks form. Stir pecans into cranberry mixture, fold in whipped cream. If desired, top with additional cranberries and chopped pecans.



# 'The Parkview Press'

## December 2023

### Winter Solstice History

Winter Solstice in US marks the shortest day and the longest night of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, when the sun appears at its most southerly position, directly overhead at the Tropic of Capricorn. This occurs when the Earth's poles are angled farthest away from the Sun. Winter Solstice in the Northern Hemisphere happens every year around December 21 or 22.

### The science and timing behind a winter solstice.

On the Winter Solstice, there are 24 hours of sunlight in the Antarctic Circle, and 24 hours of darkness in the Arctic Circle.

Many pagan rituals have revolved around the Winter Solstice. The short days and long hours of darkness prompted rituals intended to lure the Sun back.

The Mayan calendar ended on the Winter Solstice, December 21, 2012.

The situation is the reverse in the Southern Hemisphere, where only about 10% of the world's population lives. There, the December solstice marks the longest day of the year – and the beginning of summer – in places such as Argentina, Madagascar, New Zealand, and South Africa.

### When exactly does it occur?

The solstice usually – but not always – takes place on December 21. The date that the solstice occurs can shift because the solar year (the time it takes for the sun to reappear in the same spot as seen from Earth) doesn't exactly match up to our calendar year.

### What places see and feel the effects of the winter solstice the most?

Daylight decreases dramatically the closer you are to the North Pole on December 21.

### What causes the winter solstice to even happen?

Because Earth is tilted on its rotational axis, we have changing seasons. As the planet moves around the sun, each hemisphere experiences winter when it's tilted away from the sun and summer when it's tilted toward the sun.

### What other seasonal transitions do we mark?

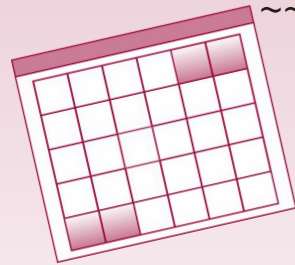
The equinoxes, both spring and fall, occur when the sun's rays are directly over the equator. On those two days, everyone everywhere has a nearly equal length of day and night. The summer solstice is when the sun's rays are farthest north over the Tropic of Cancer, giving us our longest day and the official start of summer in the Northern Hemisphere.

### Resident Appreciation Open House Activities!

Join Staff in the Community Room on Tuesday, December 5th at 10:00 a.m. for holiday festivities. **You may help decorate holiday cookies and set up the tree!** You'll have fun visiting and sharing some delicious treats with your Parkview neighbors. Hope to see you there!



### Holidays and Dates to Remember



**FHA Offices Are Closed**  
Monday, December 25



#### 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 to the Office anytime you suspect there is an issue.**

Being proactive and catching things early is the way to successfully avoid or eliminate any issues.

Always have items moved out of the way to make it easier for the Pest Controller to move around your apartment and do his job!

Keeping food and trash put away will help in preventing infestation.

**Thank you for your help!**

#### REMINDER! REMINDER! REMINDER!

#### ALL ALCOHOL IN COMMON AREAS IS PROHIBITED!!

This includes in original packaging *and* any personal containers (cups, thermos, to-go glasses, etc.)!!

Taken directly from the HHA Lease:



#### 11. Tenant's Obligations

Q. To refrain from use of **alcoholic beverages** in the common areas of the development, and to refrain from breaking glass containers in the common areas of the development.

R. To act and cause authorized tenant members, guests and other persons under the Tenant's control to act, in a manner that will not disturb other Tenants' peaceful enjoyment of their accommodations and will be conducive to maintaining the development in a decent, safe and sanitary condition, including refraining from behavior caused by drug or **alcohol abuse** that interferes with the health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other Tenants, PHA employees, or persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises.

#### HOOPER HOUSING AUTHORITY House Rules

E. The consumption of **alcoholic beverages** in common areas of the property is strictly prohibited.

F. Open containers of **alcoholic beverages** are strictly prohibited in all common areas.

**DON'T VIOLATE YOUR LEASE BY IGNORING THESE RULES. THEY ARE MEANT TO BENEFIT AND PROTECT EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY!**

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#### The Best Tips for Being a Good Neighbor

By Debby Mayne

Regardless of the type of neighborhood you live in, there are still some basic etiquette rules you should follow to be a good neighbor. *The ultimate goal is to live in peace and harmony.*

#### Noise

Avoid unnecessary noise from any source from late-night hours to early morning hours.

#### Being a Good Neighbor

Follow the "Golden Rule" to be a good neighbor. These are people you are likely to see every day, or at least fairly often.



- Observe and respect your neighbor's personal space.
- Don't be the neighborhood gossip.
- If you have an issue with a neighbor, go directly to that person and discuss it in an adult manner. If you and a neighbor have a misunderstanding, make an extra effort to make things right and at least work to be on friendly terms.
- Not everyone is a dog or cat lover, so show responsibility for your pets. Keep them off the neighbor's lawn and always pick up after them.
- Remember your neighbors during the holidays with a card or small homemade gift and don't expect anything in return. Enjoy the act of giving.

#### Social Events

Be respectful of your neighbors when you have guests over. Gatherings with your fellow tenants help you get to know each other better.

When people make an effort to be a good neighbor by following proper etiquette, everyone will have a sense of well-being, knowing you are all surrounded by friends. The neighborhood will be more appealing, and you'll be more content in your home. An extra benefit is knowing that you and your neighbors will look out for each other and are available for help.

#### A Time To Laugh.....

#### Traffic jam in the sky

On a flight to Mexico for Christmas vacation, I watched my four-year-old son, Max, stare intently out the airplane window. We had just taken off and were passing through some big white clouds. Max looked concerned and I wondered what he might be thinking about.



Suddenly his eyes lit up and a big smile came across his face. He announced loudly, "Mom! I know why we're not getting anywhere—we're stuck in all this snow!" —Kara,

#### Stocking stuffers

One Christmas my husband put an assortment of beauty products in my stocking. I tried one of the facial masks, and was about to wash it off when my eight-year-old son, Callum, walked in. I explained to him that it was a present from his dad and it would make me beautiful.



He patiently waited by my side as I rinsed and patted my face dry.

"Well, what do you think?" I asked.

"Oh, Mom, it didn't work!" Callum replied. —Lynn