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Let's welcome two new neighbors!

This month, the Sun & Stars has two new residents: Jean Sprouse comes from Centerville, Iowa, and Loren Bennett comes from Kingman, Arizona. To celebrate, let's have a potluck!

Our First Potluck

Like we said last month, everyone has to eat. So why not share the cooking and get to know each other at the same time?

Our first potluck is scheduled for this Tuesday when we will welcome our new residents. Friends and family of residents are welcome to join us at Space #25 on the river for an early evening supper.

Please bring a small side dish you would like to share with the rest of your neighbors. Ideas include pasta or vegetable salads, fresh veggies and dip, chips and dip, or bread, but it's all good!

BBQ Your Own Meat

We will get the BBQ going at 5 pm. It's a big one so we should all be able to cook at the same time. Everyone can snack as they cook,

BYOT and BYOB

Everyone has heard of BYOB so we don't need to tell you what that means, BYOT means Bring Your Own Utensils. This is explained later in the newsletter but it's all about saving our planet and some money on the side (see Going Green on page 3).

June Park Pride Drawing: June 9

As we explained in the first newsletter, we know how hard it is to keep up appearances outdoors, but we do we want to start recognizing our neighbors who work at keeping their place looking nice. This month's drawing will take place at the Welcome New Neighbors potluck. The prizes will include movie tickets, store gift cards, and t-shirts. All you have to do is be in compliance with park rules (including skirting, parking, and general upkeep) to be included in the drawing.

Good Neighbor Recognition

This month's Good Neighbor is Loren Bennett. Even though he hasn't been here long, he has already put up his skirting and an enclosure fence! In the process he has given Ellen the best surprise she's had in a long time. As she wrote, "It's just so great to see someone move in who really cares about making his place look nice. It's great for the park!" Thank you, Loren, for getting your place set up so nicely and so quickly, too! Nice job!

If you have a compliment to pass or if someone goes out of their way to do something nice for you, we will include that neighbor in our next Good Neighbor feature. Give your nominations to Sandy in #1 and thanks for being a good neighbor!



Cooking with Kat

By Kat, Space #25

This recipe came from a combination of recipes including a lot of experimentation. I call it **Chicken Tortilla Soup**.

Soup Ingredients

1 pound of boneless skinless chicken breasts, chopped into 1-inch cubes
1 package of Lipton's Onion Soup 2 cans of Ro-Tel chopped tomatoes (choose your strength of Mild, Medium, or Hot)

1 small can of diced green chilis
1 cup of fresh carrots, sliced
1 can of corn
1 cup of cooked rice
2 cups of water



Instructions

1. Put the cut chicken into a Crockpot and cover with water (approximately 2 cup).
2. Add the seasonings including the dried soup mix and salt and pepper, and chili powder.
3. Add the tomatoes and let it the mix cook all day,
4. About one hour before serving, add the carrots, the rice, and the corn. If you have other veggies around, add them too!
5. Check the taste for seasoning. If you want it saltier, now is the time to add your spices.
6. While the soup is cooking its last hour, prepare the toppings.

Toppings

Most people - including restaurants - use tortilla chips, grated cheese, fresh cilantro, sour cream, and sliced avocado. Some nice salsas and extra

seasonings like Tapatio are always welcome.

Place the items in bowls next to the Crockpot and let your guests serve themselves with a ladle. Then they can then add their own toppings to their bowls. Tortilla chips can be broken up as they are added to the bowl.

Father's Day

A little history

We can't talk about Mother's Day without talking about Father's Day, right? The first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19 in 1910 in Spokane, Washington. The idea came to a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd who had been raised by her single father after the death of her mother.

This year Father's Day is celebrated on June 21.

July Park Pride: Fourth of July Decorating Contest

No need to do anything fancy, but why not celebrate Fourth of July with a little outdoor decorating? This year's first decorating contest will be for the first week of July (June 28 - July 4) and winners will be announced at the July 4 Potluck. Starting thinking of how you can show your pride!

Let's Hear Your Stories and Ideas for the Park

Everyone is welcome to contribute to the newsletter! Just write up your ideas and don't worry: we'll edit your submissions for free! This newsletter is provided by the S&S Neighborhood Committee.

Calendar Events

June 9

5 pm - 8 pm, Space #25
Welcome New Neighbors Potluck

Come down to the river! Bring a side dish to share and your own meat to cook.

July 4

11 am - 2 pm, Space #25
Fourth of July celebration

Come down to the river! Bring your favorite American dish or check with Kat for an easy recipe. Potluck Contest winner will be selected by those in attendance! The winner of the Fourth of July Decorating Contest will also be selected!

June 20

Deadline for June newsletter submissions

We are accepting Good Neighbor nominations, Dear Gary notes, Calendar events, and articles written by residents. We reserve the right to edit and/or exclude all submissions.

Anytime!

Join the Sun and Stars Neighborhood Committee!

Meetings will be held on a monthly basis or as needed. Contact Kat in #25 or Sandy in #1 for more information.

Bulletin Board

WANTED

New Neighbors Referrals. This month we are announcing a new incentive for bringing in new neighbors. If you refer someone to the park, you will \$50 off your rent after they have been here four months!



Going Green

By Kat, Space #25

We know that the planet is in trouble. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the world population is expanding at a mind-boggling rate. The world reached 1 billion people in 1800; 2 billion by 1922; and over 6 billion by 2000. It is estimated that the population will swell to over 9 billion by 2050. That means that if the world's natural resources were evenly distributed, people in 2050 will only have 25% of the resources per capita that people in 1950 had.

To make matters worse, we are poisoning ourselves - our bodies and our planet - with garbage. According to the Go Green Initiative website, some of the things we throw away everyday are threatening our resources and our health. The less we throw away (and the more we recycle), the better for everyone - especially our children and grandchildren who will inherit this earth after we leave it,

The Go Green Initiative's research tells us that household electronics and batteries contain dangerous chemicals that seep into the landfills to the groundwater where they are then transported to our fields and then our food and drinking water. And some of those chemicals cannot be removed.

Here are some surprising tidbits:

For every tone of paper that is recycled, we save 7,000 gallons of water, 380 gallons of oil, and enough electricity to power an average house for six months!

Every aluminum can that is recycled saves enough electricity to run a TV for six hours. And every glass bottle that is recycled saves enough electricity to power one 100-watt bulb for four hours!

There are little things we can do to "go green" here at the Sun & Stars, including recycling electronics, aluminum cans, glass bottles, and paper. Instead of tossing these items into the trash bin, consider recycling them and make a difference for the planet.

If there is enough interest, we will purchase recycling containers for the park and volunteers can pick up your containers regularly.

Bullhead City has a recycling program. Large recycling bins are at Sam's Club at 600 Hwy 95, River Gardens Plaza at 837 Hancock Road, and Wal-Mart at 2840 Hwy 95. The public is

encouraged to participate by recycling the following items:

- #1 Plastic - Bottles (soda, water)
- #2 Plastic - Bottles and Jugs (larger milk, water, juice, and soda bottles)
- Paper - newspapers, magazines or catalogs, phone books, printing or writing paper
- Metal - aluminum and steel/tin cans (not spray cans)

Let's make a difference, starting here and today. Bringing your own dishes and utensils to potlucks is a good start!

Join the Go Green Team!

Drop off your name and number at Space #25 and we will get a team organized to pick up recyclables.

It takes just a few minutes a day to make our planet a little greener and our lives a lot better!

Dear Gary

Q: Hey Gary. I thought fireworks were illegal in Arizona? What's with the fireworks I heard in the park? Thought I'd Been Shot

A: Dear NotShot, Fireworks ARE illegal in Arizona and for good reason. Fire danger is a major concern and fireworks have been blamed for many out-of-control fires that damage homes and kill people. If you hear fireworks in the neighborhood, report them immediately by contacting the managers of the park or, if necessary, the police. You CAN prevent trailer park fires!

Q: Gary, now that summer has arrived, I notice a lot more cars and trailers being parked close to the river. Sometimes it's not even possible to get through! What's going on? Sunday Driver

A: Yes, Sunday, now that the boating and jet ski season has arrived, parking could be a major concern. Remember, the fire trucks have to be able to pass through the entire park or we will be in violation of fire department regulations. These regulations are for OUR safety, so if you see a vehicle blocking the driveways, tell the managers so they can handle it. If it becomes a repeat issue, vehicles will be towed.



Don't Make Me Laugh!

A blonde goes to a restaurant, buys a coffee and sits down to drink it. She looks on the side of her cup and finds a peel off prize label. She pulls off the tab and yells, "I WON! I WON! I WON a motor home, I WON a motor home!"

The waitress runs over and says, "That's impossible. The biggest prize given away was a mini van!"

The blonde replies, "No. I WON a motor home, I WON a motor home!"

By this time the manager makes his way over to the table and says, "You couldn't possibly have won a motor home because we didn't have that as a prize!"

Again the blonde says, "No, no mistake, I WON a motor home, I WON a motor home!"

The blonde hands the prize ticket to the manager and he reads, "WIN A BAGEL."

Your S&S Neighborhood Committee



*Join in on the fun!
Members wanted!*

Travel Games for the Grandkids

Bury Your Horses. How to Play: Everyone in the vehicle watches for horses and cemeteries. The first person to see a horse claims that horse and gets to add it to their count. The first person to see a cemetery shouts out "Bury Your Horses!" and everyone else but the shouter's horse count goes back to zero. Repeat. The first one who counts 50 horses wins!

Name Game. How to Play: Players first decide on a category of names, such as TV or movie stars, musicians, athletes, etc. One player begins by naming someone in that category, such as "Michael Jordan." The next player then names someone beginning with the same letter as the last name of "Jordan," such as "Joe Montana." Players take turns until someone gives up. The game can begin again with a different category.

July 2009 - Good Neighbor Nomination

Name of good neighbor: _____

Space #: _____ *Nominated by:* _____

Reason for nomination: _____

Please place nominations in Sandy and Craig's mailbox (Space #1). Thanks!

