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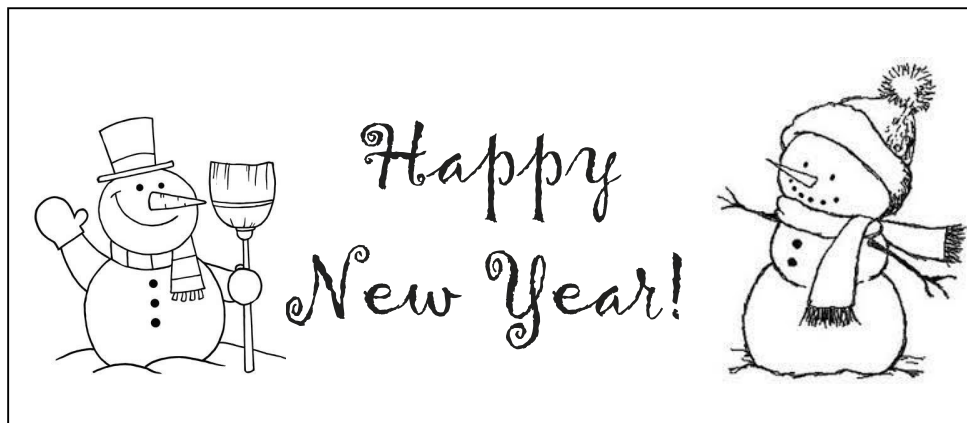
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Greetings, friends and neighbors!

Welcome to 2023, and happy New Year!

I keep thinking about how quickly the years are passing in my "old age." I'm sure most of you feel the same way. Wasn't it just yesterday that we were raising little children? All things considered, though, I'm happy to be where I am, with the problems and lessons of the past behind me, and am still healthy enough to look forward to what's ahead. I like to set goals and achieve them. In lieu of an essay about setting goals, I share with you some quotes that I collected on the subject:

A goal without a plan is just a wish. --Antoine de Saint-Exupery (1900 - 1944)

It is a paradoxical but profoundly true and important principle of life that the most likely way to reach a goal is to be aiming not at that goal itself but at some more ambitious goal beyond it. --Arnold Toynbee (1889 - 1975)

The reason most people never reach their goals is that they don't define them, or ever seriously consider them as believable or achievable. Winners can tell you where they are going, what they plan to do along the way, and who will be sharing the adventure with them. --Denis Watley

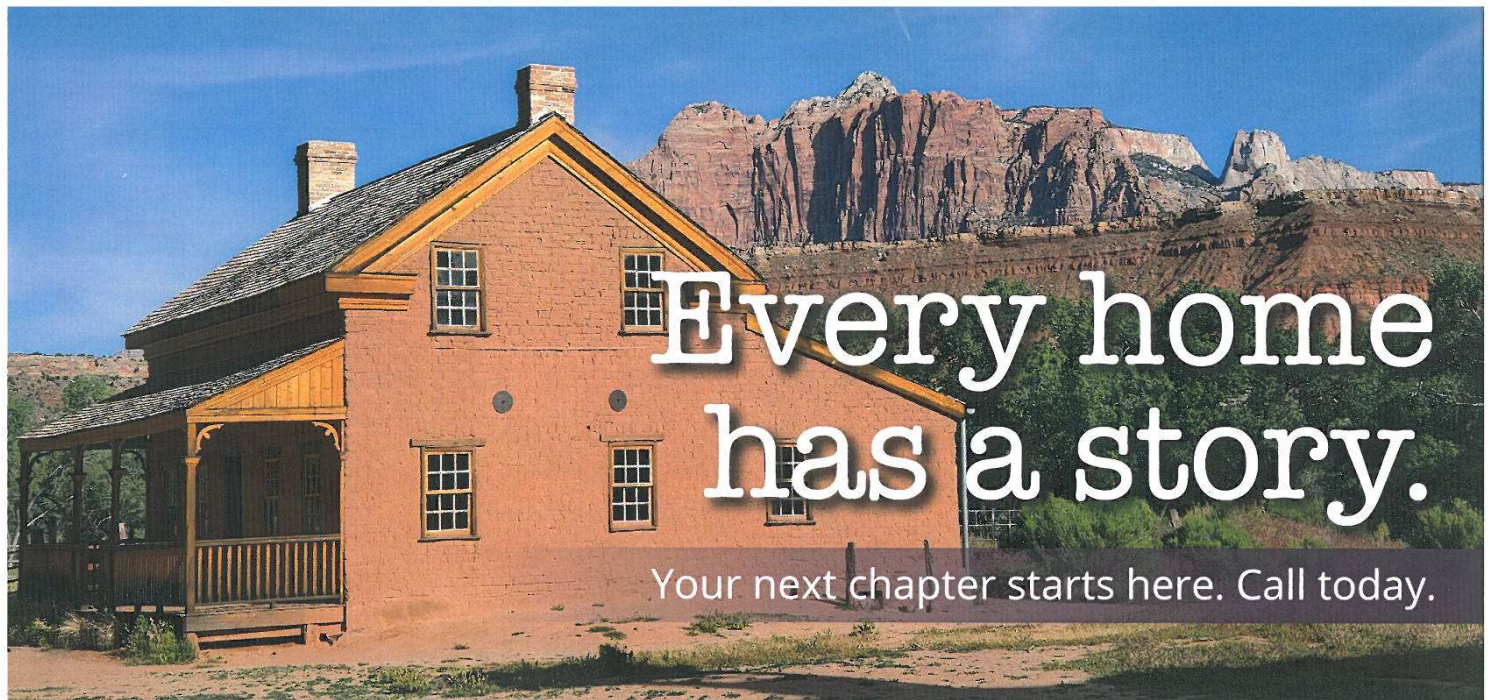
Before you begin a thing, remind yourself that difficulties and delays quite impossible to foresee are ahead. If you could see them clearly, naturally you could do a great deal to get rid of them but you can't. You can only see one thing clearly and that is your goal. Form a mental vision of that and cling to it through thick and thin. --Kathleen Norris

Let me tell you the secret that has led me to my goal. My strength lies solely in my tenacity. --Louis Pasteur (1822 - 1895)

We find no real satisfaction or happiness in life without obstacles to conquer and goals to achieve. --Maxwell Maltz, *Communication Bulletin for Managers & Supervisors*, June 2004

What are your goals for this year?

Maria Allan
Editor



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"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" - Mark Twain

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"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." - Mae West

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"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." - Oscar Wilde

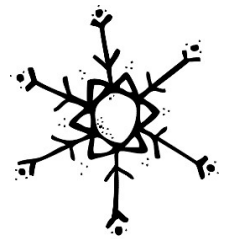
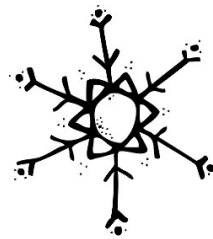
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"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination." - Andrew Lang (1844-1912)

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"He has Van Gogh's ear for music." - Billy Wilder

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The Jamboree is for full-size vehicles (Jeep, Toyota, Samurai, buggy etc.) only. ATVs / UTVs / Dirt Bikes have different capabilities and would not be compatible with the rest of the vehicles on any given trail.

The price per vehicle per trail is \$50. Register and find more information at winter4x4jamboree.com





Happy Birthday to all our friends and neighbors born in January!

- 1st - Joseph Lamb
- 2nd - Karen Hansen
- 6th - Jerry Finkbeiner
- 8th - David Walsh
- 10th - Edith Finch
- 11th - Rulon Johnson
- 11th - Scott Haslem
- 13th - John Anderson
- 14th - Richard Sevcovic
- 14th - Lakota Baca
- 15th - John Diemel
- 16th - Steven Drake
- 19th - Betty Hobbs
- 19th - Gretchen Humke
- 20th - Laurie Farrington
- 25th - Mark Miller
- 26th - Rachael Rock
- 27th - Chuck McDowell
- 30th - Cindy Roberson

Did we miss your birthday? Please give the month and date to the office or contact the editor.

Happy New Year!

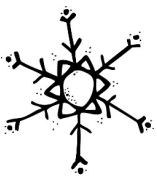
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Activity Committee Report

By Cindy Bryant

Happy New Year 2023!!!

Hope you all had a blessed Christmas! We sure did with our kids and 4 of our 6 grandkids-in the deep snowy mountains of Idaho! So Blessed!!

December was a crazy month-Thank you to Terri P & Jerry B who helped me take down Thanksgiving decorations & put up our Awesome Christmas!

The Meet & Greet was great with 10 and 1 new neighbor showing up! Had a nice social time! The Potluck & bingo was enjoyed by 12 neighbors-great to see more returning to Harrisburg! But then the Christmas Caroling and cookie swap was a flop! Thank you Maralee for playing the piano but after 15 mins and no shows, she left to another engagement! Thank you Imelda & Jodi -- both new neighbors -- who showed up later, but everything was already put away! 😞 Hard time of the year when so many Christmas activities are going on around town! Such is life!



January Calendar:

- Potato Bar/Talent Show Saturday Jan 14th 5:30pm. Let me know (435-669-9415) or sign up on the sheet on the counter in the clubhouse to share your talent or poem/story!
- Block Captain/Security meeting TBA in January with a Hurricane Police Officer (important after episode with a guy evading police in our park in Oct-the fire we had in 2018) also to help keep an eye out for our neighbors-we have had incidents where they have fallen & laid for a couple days!

To update you: the Activity Committee has purchased 3 street signs we hope will slow people down driving thru our neighborhood! With the help of Jerry and the board we hope to place them soon!

Thank you Dennis Bingham for painting our "Roadrunner Park" sign! It turned out Amazing! We are planning a Dedication when the weather permits or at the Annual Meeting? Jerry B and Steve H have offered to build the frame for our new sign!

Thank you Terri P for washing some of our clubhouse chair cushions! We have purchased some new ones we will be putting on soon!

We have 9 Dixie Direct coupon books available till the end of March!
(Reminder: the Activity Committee earns half.)

Upcoming Events:

A History night—date to be determined in January or February (we hope to get our neighbors to talk about their family history here in Harrisburg).

Valentine Dinner/Dance will be a Western theme on Feb 11th at 5:30pm! The signup sheet will be on the counter in the clubhouse for a head count!

Due to the change in our demographics, any events we will have, we will have a sign-up sheet on the counter in the clubhouse so we have a head count for food purchases!

Take care--Yahoo to a new year, more events, more neighborhood socials!

Cindy Bryant

Activity Committee Chairperson





Around the Neighborhood!

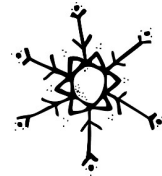
We'd like to welcome some new neighbors, Lance Murphy and Laura Schmidt, who have purchased 60 Cottonwood Lane. Laura is the owner of Free Will Healing and Lance is an IT Project Manager for Validere. They have four children (one living at home--Emma), and two dogs (Shanti and Gemma). Lance is a drummer and a filmographer, who likes to make short films. Laura enjoys being an actress in film and theater and does yoga. Emma also enjoys film musical theater and dance. Welcome!

A big thank you to Carolyn Bywater for providing the electricity for the Christmas star that brightens our hill every Christmas. Thanks also to Stan Roberts and Brett Fuhriman for restringing the star with new lights this year. The old star and "Peace on Earth" lights had become old and brittle and were no longer useable.

The Documents Committee will be holding a meeting to discuss the proposed revisions to the CCRs. It is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 5 at 10:00 A.M. The proposed changes will be posted to the website soon.
<https://harrisburgstates.com>



Friendly Reminder: Please, please remember to be courteous and pick up after your dogs! We would like this to be a clean and friendly neighborhood. Everyone must contribute. Thank you!



Pepe Le Pew!

We are all very familiar with the pungent aroma that smacks you in the face when you venture outside after a skunk has been in the vicinity, maybe even as far away as a mile. Nobody is thrilled when one decides to take up residence under their porch or house, unless maybe they have lost their sense of smell.

Skunks do, however, serve a useful purpose in the ecosystem. In addition to berries, mushrooms and bird eggs (plus an occasional chicken) they eat grubs, worms, beetles, wasps, and other pests that plague gardeners. Did you know that they are also immune to snake venom and will kill rattlesnakes? They also will eat mice.

Skunks are extremely adaptable and thrive in many different habitats, as long as food and shelter are available. Because they rarely travel more than 2 miles from their established dens, a skunk will typically settle down within 2 miles of a water source. Dens are made in tree hollows, hollowed out logs, brush piles, abandoned animal burrows, and underneath porches and other structures. Skunks will occasionally dig their own burrows underground if no other shelter options are available. Although skunks have very poor eyesight, they have excellent senses of smell and hearing.

That being said, nobody wants to live with or near a skunk, so there are a few tips that might be helpful in keeping them away from your home.

1. First and foremost is to remove things that attract skunks -- food/water sources: remove trash, control rodents, close gate/fence gaps, fix broken vents/screens, clean up birdseed/pet food.
2. Block or eliminate areas where they might want to burrow or hide: make sure your foundation or skirting is solid; no holes or entry points. If you have a porch or stairs, either make sure they're either totally enclosed underneath or totally open so that there are no hiding places.
3. Skunks are highly sensitive to smells. Apply skunk repelling granules or spray regularly. There are many commercial products available, many of them are natural. Sprays are supposed to last through a rain storm, but it's not a bad idea to re-apply after a good rainstorm. Natural scents such as capsaicin or pepper oil will repel them.
4. Skunks are nocturnal and sensitive to light. Installing night lights in problem areas could help deter them.
5. If all else fails, there are pest removal companies who will come out and set traps for a fee.



News from the Board

By Dave Comerzan, President



We had a Quarterly Meeting in December and although attendance was light, a lot of good discussion took place. Chuck Mc Dowell gave the Treasurer's report and there were some questions about the \$5 increase of the HEOA fee. We have over \$400,000 in reserves which to you and me may seem like a lot, but one major expense either anticipated or unexpected could wipe that out. And then there is inflation, something we are all experiencing in our lives. The park is no different. As a Board we hope we have a solid budget for fiscal year 2023. Better to be over-funded than unfunded.

Cindy Bryant gave the report on activities. Her committee works on putting on events and unfortunately, attendance has been low at some of them. As a community, let's try to support these activities. It is a good time to meet old friends and new friends. On a positive note, the committee has signs for slowing down in the park. They will be putting those out soon. One area of concern is the mailbox. We are looking into putting a crosswalk area and stop signs. We realize a lot of the problem is delivery trucks and that is hard to control. But some of us in the community tend to speed and that we can control. Please slow down.

John Frech gave the HIC report. It's winter and things are slow with this committee. But weeds are always present. If you see a weed, pull three. Steve Hart gave the ACC report. It is this committee's responsibility to monitor the park for areas of concern. If you receive a letter from this committee, please don't ignore it. If you need help, let us know. We can work together to help keep our park the beautiful place it has always been.

Chuck gave the Document Committee report. Our current CCR's were last updated in 2009. We have been working on updating them since 2016. A lot of people have put a lot of time working on these documents. The committee consisting of Shirley Law, Chuck, Karen Brunette and Lorie Dean has done a yeoman's job to revise these documents. The board is currently reviewing them, then we will send them to an attorney to make sure we are meeting all state laws, and finally to the community to approve them.

That's about all for now. When the minutes are written up and reviewed by the board, they will be sent to the community. We wish each of you in Harrisburg, peace, happiness, prosperity, and well-being in 2023.

Maple Bacon Brussels Sprouts

Ingredients

- 8 slices thick-cut bacon, chopped
- 2 lb. Brussels sprouts
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/8 tsp. ground cayenne pepper, plus more to taste
- 1/2 c. dried, unsweetened cranberries
- 1/4 c. apple juice
- 1/4 c. maple syrup

Directions

1. In a large cast-iron skillet, cook the bacon oven medium-high for 6-8 minutes or until crispy. Using a slotted spoon, remove the bacon from the skillet and drain on a paper towel lined plate.
2. Add the Brussels sprouts to the skillet, stirring well to coat with the bacon grease. Reduce heat to medium and cook without stirring for 6 minutes or until the sprouts start to brown/caramelize. Stir in the salt and red pepper and continue to cook an additional 6 - 8 minutes or until Brussels sprouts are just tender.
3. Stir in the cranberries, apple juice, and maple syrup. Cook 3 minutes, stirring to coat the Brussels sprouts. Add the cooked bacon and stir to combine. Serve immediately.
4. Vegetarian option: Omit the bacon. Instead, fry Brussels sprouts in vegetable oil. Add a little Liquid Smoke or imitation bacon bits when you add the maple syrup.





National Rubber Duckie Day is January 13!

Happy National Rubber Duckie Day. Children and adults just love rubber duckies. It's a bath time favorite that puts a smile on everyone's face. Toddlers and young children play with rubber duckies in the bathtub and toddler swimming pools. Parents, and grandparents joyfully play along. For adults, it brings back fond memories of childhood baths and pool time.

Did You Know? Chances are you know that the muppet Ernie on Sesame Street, first sang the Rubber Duckie song, and it became a famous childhood song. The year was 1970. That year the song reached #16 on the Top 100 Chart. It remains a favorite childhood song of all time.

It's so easy to celebrate National Rubber Duckie Day. Simply hop in the tub and bring your rubber duckie along. Don't forget to sing the Rubber Duckie song as you play. Another wildly popular thing to do is hold a rubber duckie race.

Are you an adult who owns a rubber duckie? If so, you're in good company. It is rumored that Queen Elizabeth II had a rubber duckie in her bathroom, complete with an inflatable crown!

The History of Rubber Duckies: Rubber Duckies have a very long history. Rubber animal toys, including ducks, first appeared around 1880. Those first toys were made of solid rubber and did not float. Even then, rubber duckies were among the most popular. During World Wars I and II, rubber was too expensive, so manufacturers made them from plastic or vinyl. Over time, design changes made them hollow so they would float. Then, manufacturers added a small weight to the bottom of the duck so it always floated upright.

The Rubber Duckie was inducted into the Toy Hall of Fame in 2013.

Just for Fun

On a beautiful summer's day, two English motorcyclists were driving through Wales. They stopped at Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch for lunch, and one of the riders asked the waitress, "Before we order I wonder if you could settle an argument for us. Can you pronounce where we are, very slowly?" The girl leaned over and said, "Burr... gurr... King..."



I made a huge to-do list for today. I just can't figure out who's going to do it.



How can you increase the heart rate of your 70-year-old husband? Tell him you're pregnant.



What do you call a snake wearing a hard hat? A boa constructor.



Where can single men over the age of 70 find younger women who are interested in them? Try a bookstore under fiction.



The Bargaindales table brought in \$104 for the month of December!!

Thank you for all your generous donations and contributions!

For those of you who are new, The Bargaindales table is located in the southeast corner of the clubhouse, near the pool table. This is where residents can donate items in good condition that are no longer being used. You can also purchase anything on the table that you want to have for a price that you think is reasonable. Put your payment in the locked box on the wall next to the table. Your donations go to the Activity Committee, the Improvement Committee, and the Newsletter to pay for all the fun activities we have and putting in new flowers, etc. Contact MaryAnn if you have something to donate.



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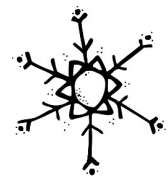
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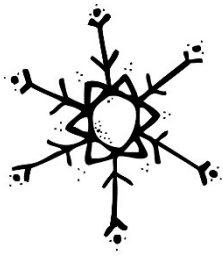


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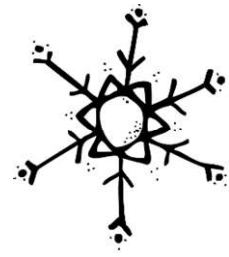


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Aerobics in the Clubhouse Mon.-Fri. @ 9:00 AM

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