

April 2005						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 April Fools Tai Chi 10am	2
3 Daylight savings time	4 Tai Chi 10am	5	6 Bookmobil Tai Chi 10am	7 Coffee 10am	8 Tai Chi 10am	9
10	11 Tai Chi 10am	12	13 Tai Chi 10am	14 Coffee 10am	15 Tai Chi 10am	16
17	18 Tai Chi 10am	19	20 Tai Chi 10am	21 Pottluck 6:00 pm Coffee 10 am	22 Tai Chi 10 am	23
24	25 Tai Chi 10 am	26	27 Reg.Board meeting 7:00 Tai Chi	28 Coffee 10 am	29 Tai Chi 10 am	30

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COMMUNITY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Facts about April: "April showers bring May flowers." The birthstone for April is the Diamond and the Astrological Signs are; Aries: March 21 - April 19 Taurus: April 20 - May 20 April's Flower is the Sweet Pea, which means "I think of thee". April was the second month in an early Roman calendar, but became the fourth when the ancient Romans started using January as the first month. The Romans called the month Aprilis. It may come from the word meaning 'to open', or it may come from Aphrodite, the Greek name for goddess of love.

April History Dates:

- 4th** -Civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis(1968)
- 6th** -The first modern Olympics opened in Athens, Greece(1896).
- 9th** -The Civil War ends (1865).
- 15th** -The first McDonalds opens (1955).
- 18th** -The first laundromat is opened (1934).

MESSAGE CONT'D

21st - The zipper was patented (1913). Special days celebrated in April begin with the first day of April, **April Fool's Day, or All Fools's Day**, when children and grown-ups play jokes on one another. No one knows where the custom began, but some historians believe it started in France. They had a New Year's festiival that was celebrated from March 25 to April 1, and they would then exchange gifts. But, later, King James IV changed the holiday to January 1 for New Years. The people that still celebrated it April 1 were called 'April fish' and sent mock presents. April Fools' Day may also be related to the ancient Roman spring festival Hilaria, which celebrates the resurrection of the god Attis. **Quotations about fools and foolishness:** Without fools the rest of us could not succeed.) *Mark Twain*
 The heart of a fool is in his mouth, but the mouth of a wise man is in his heart.) *Benjamin Franklin*
Theresa Williams
 Community Director



Eastern Gardens Management Team

Office Hours

Community Director: *Theresa Williams*
 Maintenance Tech: *Ramon Lara*
 Sr. Regional Manager: *Jim Collins*
 FPI Management, Inc.



Mon - Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday's Only 9a.m. - 6pm
 Sat - Sun Closed
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DUMB LAWS

Just a few of our beloved U.S. states still have laws on the books that leave us mystified & scratching our heads! Here is California's.

- Sunshine is guaranteed to the masses.
- It is a misdemeanor to shoot at any kind of game from a moving vehicle, unless the target is a whale.
- Women may not drive in a house coat.
- No vehicle without a driver may exceed 60 miles per hour.

BIRTHDAY'S THIS MONTH

Happy Birthday to every resident who is



celebrating a birthday this month. We wish you good health, happiness, and many returns. May all your wishes come true.

MONTHLY POTLUCK

The monthly potluck will be held on Thursday, April 21st in the Clubhouse to celebrate monthly birthdays, welcome new tenants, and enjoy the fellowship of your neighbors! Social: 6:00 p.m. -

Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Entertainment: Our neighbor, Victoria Morse, will bring the Mission Oaks Chorus to perform for us! Let's support them with a good turnout!

Bring a food item and/or beverage items to serve approx 6 people or a \$4.00 donation w/o food.

RSVP no later than Tuesday, April 19. This courtesy helps provide a good variety of food. Hosts: Rich & Kathy Kent, #44 (Ph: 482-1533). Thanks!

RAMON ON LEAVE

Starting May 1, 2005 through June 17, 2005, our maintenance person, Ramon will be taking a leave of absence to visit his family in Mexico. Management is in the process of filling his position with a temporary maintenance person. Hopefully the hiring process will not take too long allowing Ramon time to introduce the new maintenance person to the property and the members. Ramon will be missed and we all wish him a wonderful and safe time with his family.

WINDOW WASHING SERVICE

Window washing services are being scheduled in the office with very reasonable prices. The prices range from \$15.00 to \$40.00 depending on the apartment size and screen cleaning. Please feel free to stop by the office or call to be put on the list for cleaning. A price list is also available in the office for your convenience. If you have any questions on pricing, I will be more than happy to assist you.

WORK ORDERS

When placing work orders after hours, please be sure to leave the following information:

Full Name,
Apartment number,
Details of the problem,
Phone number during business hours.

Also, most importantly, please let us know if maintenance has permission to enter your apartment if you are not there.

IDENTITY THEFT**What is identity Theft?**

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your name, address, Social Security number(SSN), bank or credit card account number, or other identifying information without your knowledge to commit fraud or other crimes.

Am I a victim of Identity Theft?

Monitor the balances of your financial accounts. Look for unexplained charges and withdrawals. Look for the following indications:

1. failing to receive bills or other mail signals address change by identity thief.
2. receiving credit cards you didn't apply for.
3. being denied credit for no apparent reason.
4. receiving calls/letters from debt collectors on products/services you didn't buy.

Always follow up with business or institution on above circumstances to find out.

A credit report is another good way to find out if you're an identity theft victim.

If you feel your identity has been stolen:

1. Contact the fraud departments of any one of the three major credit bureaus to place a fraud alert on your credit file.
2. Close the accounts that you know have been tampered with. Use the ID Theft Affidavit when disputing unauthorized accounts.
3. File a police report. Get a copy of the report and submit to your creditors to show proof of the crime.
4. File your complaint with the FTC. The FTC maintains a database of identity theft cases that is used by law enforcement agencies for investigations.

PERSONAL SAFETY**Public Transportation**

- * While waiting for a bus or streetcar, stand near others.
- * If the immediate area is deserted or in darkness, stand near an occupied building or in a lighted area until transportation arrives.
- * Once on the bus or streetcar, be aware of those around you. If someone looks or acts suspiciously, notify the driver.
- * If the coach is empty or nearly empty, sit as far up front and close to the driver as possible.
- * If someone begins to bother you, get up and notify the driver immediately.
- * Upon arriving at your stop, be aware of those who arrive with you. If you feel you are being followed, go to the nearest occupied building and ask for assistance.
- * After dark, attempt to get off the bus in a well-lighted area. Use only well-lighted streets to reach your destination.

ATM Safety

- * Make sure no one can see your secret code as you key it into the ATM, shield the keyboard as you input your code.
- * To keep your account information confidential, take receipts/transaction records with you.
- * Have someone accompany you to the ATM after dark.
- * Be aware of your surroundings, particularly at night.
- * If you use the ATM at night, park close by in a well-lighted area.
- * If the lights around an ATM are not working, don't use it. If shrubbery or trees block the view, select another ATM and notify the bank.
- * Do not count or display any money you receive from the ATM. Put your money in your pocket or purse and count it later.
- * If you observe or sense unsafe circumstances, don't use ATM, **LEAVE!**