EASTERN GARDENS TATTLER

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Remembering the meaning of this season

The last month of the calendar year is often our most spiritual. Regardless of your religious beliefs and practices, it's important to acknowledge the things in your life that connect you with your spirituality.

For many people, this time of year is too busy for us to savor. When we are reminded of "the reason for the season," we often feel quilty for focusing on gift-giving and office parties, not allowing ourselves to feel the true purpose of this season. Every year, as we wait in line at the cash register in the mall, we hear other shoppers saying what we're thinking,"Next year will be different."

Most of all, give yourself permission to fall short of the "perfect holiday season" that you see in the media. Each year your goal should be to have a better, more spiritually rich holiday. Do not measure yourself against unrealistic ideas of what others have done to celebrate the season; they are probably working with different goals and different resources.

Reflect on your own childhood and the things that made the hoilday season magical. If you have children at home during the hoildays, think about the things that made them smile in past years. Whether it was the family outing to select the perfect tree, watching "A Charlie Brown Christmas," going to midnight Mass, gathering with extended family, or making holiday cookies with your family, bring these celebrations of back into your life.

Select a day to visit a sacred place on you own. Whether this is a church, a temple, a synagogue, or another place where you'll feel a new appreciation of holiday rituals and services that had become meaningless as you become caught up in homogenized and commercialized versions of this season.

Take time to savor the season and enjoying the wounder of rebirth that is celebrated at this time of year. A Merry Christmas to all and a very Happy New Year! *Theresa Williams*, Community Director

Eastern Gardens Management Team

Community Director: *Theresa Williams*

Maintenance Tech: *Bill Reed*

Sr. Regional Manager: *Gary Haugstad*
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December 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 Coffee 10am	2 Tai Chi 10am	3
4	5 Tai Chi 10am	6	7 Tai Chi 10am	8 Coffee 10am	9 Tai Chi 10am	10
11	12 Tai Chi 10am	13 AGM 7pm Elections	14 Tai Chi 10am	15 Coffee 10am	16 Tai Chi 10am	17
18	19 Tai Chi 10am	20	21 Tai Chi 10am	22 Coffee 10am	23 Tai Chi 10am	24
25 Christmas Day	26 Clubhouse & Office Closed	27	28 Tai chi 10am	29 Coffee 10am	30 Tai Chi 10am Potluck 6pm	31

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Alfonso Baute
Vice President	June Robinson
2nd Vice President	Ed Healy
Secretary	Mary Kirk
Treasurer	Kathy Slotterback
Alternate	Rick Caughey
Alternate	Margaret Saunders

An **Emergency** is a situation that threatens human life or personal property and demands immediate attention, i.e., Medical, Burglary, Fire, Theft and Assault - **DIAL 9 1 1**

R E M I N D E R S

End of the Year Celebration
Friday,December 30th
Eastern Gardens Clubhouse

Social: 6:00 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.
*Pre-New Year's Eve
*Celebrate with us!
*Bring a song or joke!
*Tell us about a special trip!
*Share a special memory!
*Remembrance of neighbors....

RSVP: Kathy Kent @ 482-1533
Confirmation required-no exceptions with or without food. You bring the side dish, main dish, beverages, including wine/champagne, salads, hors d' oeuvres, chips/dip,etc, to serve 5-6 people. If you plan to attend without food, cost is $4.00.

Waiting List Opens

The waiting list for Eastern Gardens Cooperative Apartments will be open and accepting applications for occupancy during the period of: January 3, 2006 - January 31,2006.

Community Director on Vacation

The week of December 26th through January 2nd has been scheduled for time off. Your maintenance technician,Bill, will be on site working normal business hours available to receive your trouble calls and any emergencies as required. When reporting a trouble call leave the following information;your name and apartment number,the problem you are experiencing and a call back number. For service that needs immediate attention in case of safety call Bill on his cell phone number 532-2811.

Election Ballots

*Only vote for **3** candidates(no more no less)
*Drop ballots in ballot box located in office
*Be sure to sign membership roster when turning in ballots
*When dropping off ballots in office mail slot, or by mail, place ballot in sealed envelope,marking your apartment number on envelope, so that your ballot can be accounted for on the membership roster.
Remember: Not following the above procedures can cause your ballot to not be counted. Voting deadline is Dec.13, 2005.

A Little Bit of Christmas Humor

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game,while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year,male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter,usually late November to mid December. Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring. Therefore,according to every historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer,every single one of them,from Rudolph to Blitzen-had to be a female. We should've known. Only women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.

Did You Know?December 24, 1931: New York City construction workers,at the future site of Rockefeller Center, dragged in a 12-foot Christmas tree and decorated it with tin cans and paper.The first official Rockefeller Center tree,with 700 blue and white lights,appeared two years later.

Progress At Work for 2005

Shown below is the monthly activity involving the past 12 months,making for a year of accomplishments and success contributing to another year of survival.

January
-Newly elected Board takes office
-Amendment to "Article 5" of Eastern Gardens Occupancy Agreement
-Outside waiting list opens for application acceptance
-Opt-Out of Section 8 program to take affect in January 2006

February
-Review of proposed Rules and Regulations
-Outside waiting list closed
-All monies in bank from refinance

March
-New insurance carrier inspection resulted in work to be completed for compliance
-Elimination of current form that was used to accept apartment upon move in

April
-Fire safety inspection conducted by Sacramento Fire District
-Revised and replacement of Prop.65 signs to property facility gates
-NO SMOKING signs required by law in all working areas
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May
-Maintenance technician terminates employment at Eastern Gardens
-Bids for roof replacements

June
-Bids submitted for paint of exterior buildings
-Pool inspection conducted by the County of Sacramento

July
-Hiring of new maintenance technician
-West Nile virus epidemic

August
-Changing of Sr. Regional Property Managers
-Section 8 Opt-Out to be cancelled and program to remain as is

September
-Roof replacements completed to (1) building

October
-Resumes for Board of Directors positions to be turned in by 11/16/05
-Audit by CAHI,contracted by HUD

November
-Election ballots and resumes distributed to membership for 12/13/05 deadline

December
-Elections

Thanks to-**the Board of Directors** for their commintment and hard work and for caring enough to make Eastern Gardens a better place to live.
Vera Roff-For sharing and giving us the beauty of the flowers that brighten our days
Richard & Kathy Kent-For the fun and enjoyment you've unselfisly given to everyone with the Pot Luck functions.
Thanks to everyone for your support and contributions throughout the year!