

January 2005						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 New Years Day
2	3 Waiting list opens Tai Chi 10am	4	5 Bookmobile Tai Chi 10am	6 Coffee 10am	7 Tai Chi 10am	8
9	10 Tai Chi 10am	11	12 Tai Chi 10am	13 Coffee 10am	14 Tai Chi 10am	15
16	17 Tai Chi 10am	18	19 Regular Board Mtg 7:00 pm Tai Chi	20 Coffee 10 am	21 Tai Chi 10 am	22
23 30	24 Tai Chi 10 am 31	25	26 Tai Chi 10am	27 Coffee 10am	28 Tai Chi 10 am	29

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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COMMUNITY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

In the end of a chapter, the beginning of a new thought arises, as thus, the beginning of a new year.

I would like to share with all of you a gift of words that was passed on to me from an organization called **Words Can Heal**. They're dedicated to helping us choose kinder words and really made me realize the importance of how I communicate and the impact it has on others. I will welcome this as a part of my everyday life for the better of myself and others.

I have taken the pledge and I am passing it on to all of you:
I pledge to think more about the words I use.

I will try to see how gossip hurts people, including myself, and work to eliminate it from my life.

I will try to replace words that hurt with words that encourage, engage and enrich.

I will not become discouraged when I am

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE CONT'D

*because making the world a better place is hard work.
And I am pledging to do that, one word at a time.*

Words Can Heal asks you to think before you speak. A simple yet powerful goal: be careful about what you say and how you say it."

Another positive start to the New Year are the Board of Directors elected for the year 2005. These members have given their support, commitment, and unselfishness in the contribution to the welfare of everyone here at Eastern Gardens. **Alfonso Baute** - President, **June Robinson** - Vice President, **Mary Kirk** - Secretary, **Kathleen Slotterback** - Treasurer, **Edward Healy** - 2nd Vice President, **Margaret Saunders** - Alternate, **Elrick Caughey** - Alternate.

Theresa Williams
Community Director



Eastern Gardens Management Team

Community Director: *Theresa Williams*

Maintenance Tech: *Ramon Lara*

Sr. Regional Manager: *Jim Collins*

FPI Management, Inc.



Office Hours

Mon - Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday's Only 9a.m. - 6pm

Sat - Sun Closed

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NEW POTLUCK CO-ORDINATOR

Kathy Kent will be conducting monthly functions consisting of the following schedule:

MARK YOUR CALANDARS!

Commencing in February, the monthly potluck will be held on the third Friday of each month in the Eastern Gardens Clubhouse. Social: 6:00 p.m. and Dinner: 6:30 p.m. The 2005 calendar months scheduled are February, March, April, and May. There will be no potluck in June. A July 4th bar-b-q celebration will be held in the picnic area (weather permitting). Everyone is invited to attend. Celebrate monthly birthdays, welcome new tenants, and enjoy the fellowship of neighbors!

Bring hors d'oeuvres, salads, chips and dips, side dishes, casseroles, beverages, and desserts to serve approx 6 people or a \$4.00 donation w/o food.

NOTE: RSVP prior to potluck. This courtesy helps to provide a good variety of food, etc. Thanks for your cooperation.

Rich and Kathy Kent, Apt #44 (ph: 482-1533) will be hosts for the above-mentioned timeframe. After July, the position will be open to anyone who wishes to do so.

Thank you, Gladys! A personal thanks is extended to Gladys Glatt for her contribution as host for several years. She always went the "extra mile" to make everything special. Her time and efforts are greatly appreciated by many...

Kathy Kent
Potluck Co-Ordinator

RAMON'S MAINTENANCE TIP

Please do not hang articles in front of the breaker box's located in the hallways of the apartments. There could be serious problems with fire and safety hazards if accessibility is not noticeable and readily in case of emergency.

Please do not store articles around the heat and air unit in your hall closet. Doing so may cause a potential fire or chemical hazard.

NEW MEMBER

I would like to introduce a new member, her name is Shirley Brown and she resides in # 97. We welcome her with a life here filled with kindness and friendship.

DRIVING REMINDERS

1.) There have been several vehicles stopping in front of the office while dropping off rent or trying to conduct business. This can cause an accident and prevent emergency vehicles accessibility when needed. Parking, loading or unloading is not premitted in this area.

2.) When driving inside the property please make sure you are aware of the speed limit which is 5 MPH. Keeping your speed down and watching for cars when entering and exiting locations on property will help prevent any unfortunate accidents and keep everyone safe.

3.) Please make sure that everyone utilizes assigned parking spaces; i.g. Visitors, Handicap, and Members, in compliance to Eastern Gardens Policies. Otherwise vehicles are at risk to be towed away at violators expense.

**SERVICE/THERAPEUTIC ANIMAL POLICY
And REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION REQUEST**

On November 17, 2004, the Board of Director's approved a Service/Therapeutic Animal Policy. What does this mean? If you have a disability that requires a need for you to have a service/therapeutic animal then you will need to submit an application requesting a change in the following rules & regulations to Eastern Garden's "No Pet" rule. All Members who currently have or considering to have a service/therapeutic animal will be required to come into the office and do the following :

STEP 1

- (a) Obtain and fill out a "Reasonable Accommodation Request" form. This form is requesting a change in Eastern Gardens rules & regulations.
(b) Sign the consent "Verification of Necessity" form for the reasonable accommodation request, to release health care information from your health care provider. **NOTE:** Management is not requesting and does not want you to provide information about the nature or extent of the disability or any other details about your condition.

STEP 2

- (c) Complete the "Service/Therapeutic Animal and Information" form. This form describes animal type, license #, emergency contacts, veterinarian and health history of the animal.
(d) Sign and complete the "Service/Therapeutic Animal Policy" occupancy agreement addendum. This policy explains all of the animal restrictions and Member's responsibilities which becomes a part of your occupancy agreement.
(e) Upon the return of your form on the "Verification of Need" from your health care provider you will be notified with a "Determination of Request for Accommodation" letter. This will inform you if your application was accepted or denied. If denied and you disagree with the decision you may request an informal meeting with management.

NOTE: Animals that will not be considered or permitted are: Breeds of canine used for attack or defense purposes such as, but not limited to, Rottweilers, Pit bull Terriers, Doberman Pinchers and German Shepherds, are not eligible as service or therapeutic animals on this property, unless they have been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability (e.g. guide dog), otherwise they will not be allowed under any circumstances on the property. Exotic animals are not eligible as service/therapeutic animals on this property (e.g. snakes, lizards, iguanas, wild animals such as wolves and big cats, etc.).

In an effort to keep up with the changing Fair Housing laws, Eastern Gardens Board of Directors has put into place the necessary policies and procedures for those with physical/emotional disabilities who may require assistive animals.

Sincerely, Eastern Gardens Board of Directors