

July 2005						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 Tai Chi 10am	2
3	4 Holiday Independence Day EG BBQ	5	6 Tai Chi 10am & Bookmobile	7 Coffee 10am	8 Tai Chi 10am	9
10	11 Tai Chi 10am	12 Movie Night 7pm	13 Tai Chi 10am	14 Coffee 10am	15 Tai Chi 10am	16
17	18 Tai Chi 10am	19	20 Tai Chi 10am	21 Coffee 10am	22 Tai Chi 10am	23
24	25 Tai Chi 10am	26 Movie Night 7pm	27 Tai chi 10am Bd. Mtg. 7pm	28 Coffee 10am	29 Tai Chi 10am	30

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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**

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CIVIL RIGHTS, LAW AND HISTORY

The Declaration of Independence, issued on July 4, 1776, stated "We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal..." Yet the new nation declaring its independence permitted the continuation of the practice of slavery for people of African heritage - a practice that continued until the Civil War in the 1860's. At the conclusion of the Civil War, much remained to be done to ensure the rights and privileges of citizenship to all Americans. As America became a more diverse nation, welcoming immigrants from around the globe, problems of racial discrimination endured for many minority group members. Women and persons with disabilities also fought for and obtained laws that provided for fairness and equality.

The Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice is responsible for enforcing the Civil Rights laws passed by Congress.

The following federal civil rights laws shows the history of the Civil Rights Division:

The Establishment of the Civil Rights Division was enacted by Congress as The **Civil Rights Act of 1957**. It was created to enforce all Federal statutes affecting civil rights violations and voting rights prohibited by laws passed in the 1870's. Employment was protected by the **Civil Rights Act of 1964**, prohibiting discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex and national origin in public venues, and community services. **Voting Rights Act of 1965** prohibits discrimination in voting practices or procedures because of race and color. The Fair Housing Act contained in the **Civil Rights Act of 1968**. **Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act of 1980** protects the rights of the elderly and disabled along with Americans with **Disabilities Act of 1990**. The Civil Rights Division provides assistance to the public to help them understand and enforces the law in court when someone violates it.



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

Office Ph.: 916.489.1604

FPI Bldg. Emergency Ph.: 916.357.5300



Indoor/Outdoor Cookout

When: Monday July 4th
@ 5:30pm
Where: EG Picnic Area



For this month's community activity EG residents will be having an indoor outdoor barbecue fest.

* Barbecue fires start @ 5pm.

* Buns, dogs, burgers & condiments provided

* Bring a sidedish, e.g., cole slaw, potato or macaroni salad, assorted melons, baked beans, desserts, or beverage items to serve at least 6 people. A \$4.00 per person donation will be accepted without a food or beverage item.

* POC: Kathy & Rich Kent #44

* RSVP NLT July 2nd @ 482-1533

NOTE: Volunteers to help are always appreciated.

HEALTH & SAFETY

As a courtesy to others and to the safety of personal and community property, I would recommend to those members who are planning to set-off fireworks within EG grounds, i.e., parking lot or other common areas within EG, to please consider using the public streets. Our community area is very small and the smoke (sulphur) released is very unhealthy for some and the potential of fire damage to personal vehicles and community property is very high. So please consider using the public streets to set-off your fireworks display - THANK YOU

**EMERGENCY CONTACT SHEET**

For your benefit, if you have not recently updated your emergency contact sheet, i.e., the person(s) you would like management to contact in case of an emergency; please visit the office to update your information so that we have it on file.

Thank You.

Laundry Room Courtesy

As a courtesy to others when using the washers and dryers, please remember to remove clothes immediately after wash and dryer cycles are completed. Others may be waiting and would appreciate your thoughtfulness.



And remember always to please clean-up after yourself - Thank You

MAINTENANCE TIPS**Air Conditioning vs. Refrigeration**

Refrigeration and A/C units are like apples and oranges. A different type gas is used in each of them. Your A/C unit will never get as cold as your refrigerator freezer. So when you set your A/C unit at 65 degrees or less it will never get there. The only thing that will happen is that you will cause the outside compressor unit and the blower unit inside to freeze-up, literally! So, to conserve energy and to spare the equipment, it is recommended during the summer months to set your thermostat between 74-80 degrees and always in the Auto position. ***



The Story of Independence Day
and
America's Birthday

Independence Day is the national holiday of the United States of America commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

At the time of the signing the US consisted of 13 colonies under the rule of England's King George III. There was growing unrest in the colonies concerning the taxes that had to be paid to England. This was commonly referred to as "Taxation without Representation" as the colonists did not have any representation in the English Parliament and had no say in what went on. As the unrest grew in the colonies, King George sent extra troops to help control any rebellion. In 1774 the 13 colonies sent delegates to Philadelphia Pennsylvania to form the First Continental Congress. The delegates were unhappy with England, but were not yet ready to declare war.

In April 1775 as the King's troops advanced on Concord Massachusetts Paul Revere would sound the alarm that "The British are coming, the British are coming" as he rode his horse through the late night streets. The battle of Concord and its "shot heard round the world" would mark the unofficial beginning of the colonies war for Independence.

By June 1776 their efforts had become hopeless and a committee was formed to compose a formal declaration of independence. Headed by Thomas Jefferson, the committee included John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Philip Livingston and Roger Sherman. Thomas Jefferson was chosen to write the first draft which was presented to the congress on June 28. After various changes a vote was taken late in the afternoon of July 4th. Of the 13 colonies, 9 voted in favor of the Declaration, 2 Pennsylvania and South Carolina voted No, Delaware undecided and New York abstained.

To make it official John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that he signed his name "with a great flourish" so "King George can read it without spectacles!" The following day copies of the Declaration were distributed. The first newspaper to print the Declaration was the Pennsylvania Evening Post on July 6, 1776. On July 8th the Declaration had its first public reading in Philadelphia's Independence Square.

Although the signing of the Declaration was not completed until August, the 4th of July has been accepted as the official anniversary of United States independence. The first Independence Day celebration took place the following year - July 4, 1777. By the early 1800s the tradition of parades, picnics, and fireworks were established as the way to celebrate America's birthday. And although fireworks have been banned in most places because of their danger, most towns and cities usually have big firework displays for all to see and enjoy.

Have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July!