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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Tai Chi 10am Bookmobile 10am	3 Coffee 10am	4 Tai Chi 10am	5
6	7 Tai Chi 10am	8	9 Tai Chi 10am	10 Coffee 10am	11 Tai Chi 10am	12
13	14 "Flag Day" Tai Chi 10am	15	16 Tai Chi 10am	17 Coffee 10am	18 Tai Chi 10am	19
20 Father's Day	21 First Day of Summer Tai Chi 10am	22	23 Tai Chi 10am Bd.Mtg. 7pm	24 Coffee 10am	25 Tai Chi 10am	26
27	28 Tai Chi 10am	28	29 Tai chi 10am	30 Coffee 10am		

### YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Ed Healy, 481.0709
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2nd Vice President	Peter Janicki
Secretary	Margaret Saunders
Treasurer	Lori Allio
Alternate	Rick Caughey

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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### COMMUNITY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

"Housing Choice Voucher Program" (formerly Section 8)

The Section 8 Certificates and Voucher programs have been merged into one program called the Housing Choice Voucher Program. If you receive help with your carrying charges through this program you need not worry about it. Though these programs have merged into one program, it does not change any of your assistance. In fact, within the last two months Eastern Gardens has signed up 4 new Members for the program. If you are not sure whether or not you qualify please come on in to the office and I'll be glad to explain the details to you.

Sincerely,  
*Theresa Williams*  
Community Director



### KINDNESS QUOTATIONS

Kindness..is using a gift to show the worth of a person. Apostle Paul, Rom 5:8

**Albert Schweitzer:** Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes mistrust, misunderstanding, and hostility to evaporate.

**Blaise Pascal:** Kind words do not cost much..Yet they accomplish much.

**Frederick Faber:** Kindness has converted more sinners than zeal, eloquence or learning.

**Dalai Lama:** When we feel love and kindness toward others, it not only makes others feel loved and cared for, but it helps us also to develop inner happiness and peace.

**King David of Judea:** A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

**Mother Teresa:** Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless.

**Ralph Waldo Emerson:** You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.



## Eastern Gardens Management Team

### Office Hours

Community Director: *Theresa Williams*

Maintenance Tech: *Ramon Lara*

Property Manager: *Jim Collins*  
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Mon - Fri 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

For those of you who were not able to attend the Quarterly Membership meeting on May 26, 2004, please allow me to briefly update you. Some of you may already know that Eastern Gardens Board of Directors has been entertaining the idea of refinancing, for a few reasons. First, removing ourselves from HUD's (big brother) direction and becoming a more sovereign Corporation. Secondly, it would provide additional monies to be deposited into our Reserve Account for use in our Capital Improvement Program, that is, painting, roofing, blacktopping, interior upgrades, and landscaping improvements. In order to assist the Board, I've appointed a Finance Committee from the ranks of Eastern Gardens, whose purpose will be to advise and recommend any other alternatives that we may have overlooked.

We currently have 3 proposals on the table for refinancing, they are:

1. Tri-Counties Bank - Conv't loan
2. Lodi Bank - Conventional loan
3. GMAC - (Current lending Co.)

Both the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee will conduct their final meeting on June 2, 2004 @ 6:30p.m. It's during this meeting that all proposal's will be considered and voted upon at the end of all discussions. All members are welcome to attend, but will not be allowed to participate in the discussions. For your convenience, I've enclosed YTD financial charts and projections out to 6 years. Any questions pertaining to them, please don't hesitate to call me.

Thank You,  
Ed Healy, President & CEO

**FEEDING OF ANIMALS**

Some of you have taken the liberty of leaving food, i.e., cat food, peanuts, and various kinds of seeds out in the open, on the ground and in the breezeway. **This is not acceptable.** Your kindness is warranted but not practical. We are experiencing a large increase with neighborhood cats, rats, mice, flies, skunks, possums and the like. If we are to control the rodent and insect population here at Eastern Gardens, your cooperation and support is vital.



So please, **DO NOT** leave any food items out, it's unhealthy and could pose very serious health hazards - Thank You.

**RAMON'S MAINTENANCE TIP**

"Missing or broken electrical wall plates"

To prevent or avoid any electrical hazards, when you notice a missing or broken electrical wall plate, either in your apartment, clubhouse, or laundry rooms, please immediately notify the office. It will be replaced at no cost to you. Switch plates, receptacle outlet covers, cords and plugs may be warm, but should never be **Hot** - painful to touch, or discolored from heat.



The Stars and Stripes, whose birthday we observe on June 14, was created on that date in 1777, when the Continental Congress resolved: "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white: that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue, representing a new constellation." The first Army flag had the stars arranged in a circle presumably based on the idea that no colony should take precedence.



The Resolution of June 14, 1777, establishing the Stars and Stripes has an interesting history. After the Declaration of Independence, colonial vessels were putting to sea to hamper enemy communications and to prey upon British commerce ships. Many of them flew the flags of their particular Colonies to which they belonged. It became necessary to provide an authorized national flag under which they could sail, because England considered any armed vessels without such a flag as pirate ships and hanged their crews when they captured them. So the Marine Committee of the Second Continental Congress presented the Resolution, which was on the subject of the Navy.

General Washington, when the Star-Spangled Banner was first flown by the Continental Army, is said to have described its symbolism as follows: "We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty."

After the admission of Kentucky and Vermont, a resolution was adopted in January, 1794, making the flag one of fifteen stars and fifteen stripes.

Realizing that the flag would become widely accepted that a strip and a star would be added with each new State. It was Captain Samuel C. Reid, USN, suggested to Congress that the stripes remain thirteen in number to represent the original Thirteen Colonies, and that a star be added to the blue field for each new State coming into the Union. A law of April 4, 1818, that resulted requires that a star be added for each new State on the 4th of July after its admission.

A 48-star flag came with admission of Arizona and New Mexico in 1912. Alaska added a 49th star in 1959, and Hawaii paved the way for 50 stars in 1960.

**I am Old Glory:** For more than nine score years I have been the banner of hope and freedom for generation after generation of Americans. Born amid the first flames of America's fight for freedom, I am the symbol of a country that has grown from a little group of thirteen colonies to a united nation of fifty sovereign states. Planted firmly on the pinnacle of American Faith, my gently fluttering folds have proved an inspiration to untold millions. Men and women have followed me into battle with unwavering courage. They have looked upon me as a symbol of national unity. They have prayed that they and their fellow citizens might continue to enjoy the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, which have been granted to every American as the heritage of free men and women. So long as people love liberty more than life itself; so long as they treasure the priceless privileges bought with the blood of all those who sacrificed their lives, I shall continue to be the enduring banner of the United States of America.

"I Am Old Glory" written by: Marine Master Sergeant Percy Webb, 1879-1945