



# THE PIRATE NEWSLETTER

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A Very Happy Birthday to All of You in August!

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## A WORD ABOUT ELECTRIC BILLS

Every year at this time, we notice a “bump” in electric bills. There are several reasons for this, and we thought it might be helpful to you to discuss them.

First, because we are “all-electric” here at Southlake Village (we pay for no gas), we receive a 20% discount from KG&E 9 months of the year! For October through June, we get 20% off our total electric bill! In July, August, and September, however, there is no discount, and so for these 3 months, we pay the same as our neighbors do.

Second, some residents don't use “summer procedure” in their apartments. Simply put, you should keep your drapes and shades closed during the sunlight hours (particularly if your door or window faces south or west). The heat from unblocked sun can make your unit so hot that it will take all night to pull that temperature down. (Conversely, this winter you can naturally heat your apartment by leaving those drapes open during the day!)

Third, a huge energy-waster is an open fireplace damper. These must be closed, or you'll be cooling the outside! If you don't know how to close the damper, call the office and we'll be glad to instruct you.

With the thermal-pane windows and glass doors, the thick wall and ceiling insulation, and the high EER (energy-efficient-rated) heating/cooling system that we utilize at Southlake Village, you should be enjoying reasonable, acceptable electric bills. Remember, too...in two more months while most of the rest of the city continues to pay “regular” electric rates, your rate returns to 20% less!

## Dinner in a Pinch: The 40-SECOND OMELET

2 eggs - 2 tablespoons water - 1 tablespoon butter or 1 teaspoon oil

Beat together eggs and water until blended. In a 10-inch omelet pan heat butter until just hot enough to sizzle a drop of water. Pour in egg mixture. Mixture should set immediately at edges. With an inverted pancake turner, carefully push cooked portions at edges toward center so uncooked portions can reach hot pan surface, tilting pan and moving as necessary. Continue until the egg is set and will not flow. Fill the omelet with 1/2 cup of desired mixture. With a pancake turner, fold omelet in half. Invert onto plate and serve immediately. (Yield: 1 serving. Prep Time: 5 minutes. Cooking Time: 5 minutes.)

## Just a Few Reminders...

- Please do not discard cigarette butts, beer & soda pop cans, or other trash items on the lawns, in the parking lot, and in the stairwells. The trash dumpsters are there for that purpose. And if you smoke, please refrain from smoking in the Laundry Rooms.
- We have a LOST & FOUND located in the office. If you have LOST keys, jewelry, pagers, cellular phones, or other personal items, come by to identify them. If you have FOUND anything, please bring it by and we will attempt to locate the owner.
- PENNYPOWER continues to deliver it's weekly publication at the Clubhouse. Feel free to drop by and pick up your free copy.
- School will be back in session soon so please slow down (10 mph max.) and be on the lookout for children in the complex.

Thank You For Your Cooperation!

## A Word on Security

We have found that the best "preventive medicine" in regard to security is a "proprietary interest" on the part of all who live here. Take an extra 30 seconds whenever you leave or come to your apartment and look around. If you see anything suspicious or unusual, call 522-4855 (24 hours). That small act can make your living environment better!

In conjunction with the above, there is a standing offer of a \$500.00 reward to any resident who furnishes information that leads to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons committing an act of burglary, theft, or vandalism against Southlake Village or the residents thereof. If you observe such an act, do not attempt to apprehend, but report immediately to the Wichita Police Department by calling "911" or our own 24-hour number, 522-4855.

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## Thoughts Of The Day!

It's not falling that hurts... it's the hitting the ground!  
Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.  
Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.  
Every morning is the dawn of a new error.  
The beatings will continue until morale improves.  
Proofread carefully to see if you any words out.  
Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?  
A conclusion is simply the place where you got tired of thinking.  
I don't have a solution but I admire the problem.  
Help Wanted: Telepath. You know where to apply.  
Look out for #1. Don't step in #2 either.  
Budget: A method for going broke methodically.  
Car service: If it ain't broke, we'll break it.  
Shin: A device for finding furniture in the dark.  
Department of Redundancy Department.

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Remember, this is your newsletter. We accept announcements, classified ads, and newsworthy items. You may call us at 522-4855, email us, or drop your ad by the office. Please submit your item(s) no later than the sixth of each month. Made on a Mac!

**Headline: Bear takes over Disneyland in Pooh D'Etat!**

**What has four legs and an arm? A happy pit bull.**

**$2 + 2 = 5$  for extremely large values of 2.**

**24 hours in a day...24 beers in a case...coincidence?**

**It doesn't matter what temperature a room is, it's always room temperature.**

**- Steven Wright**

**The possibility of something going wrong is directly proportional to the number of people in attendance.**

**If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence you tried.**

**Synonym: a word you use when you can't pronounce or spell the other one.**

**If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving is not for you.**

**Always proofread your work carefully to be sure you have not left an important out.**

**Never use a preposition to end a sentence with!**