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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!**

Did you know???

A group of unicorns is called a blessing. Twelve or more cows are known as a “flink.” A group of frogs is called an army. A group of rhinos is called a crash. A group of kangaroos is called a mob. A group of whales is called a pod. A group of geese is called a gaggle. A group of ravens is called a murder. A group of officers is called a mess. A group of larks is called an exaltation. A group of owls is called a parliament.

The New Guy

After 8 great years of being our lead maintenance man, John Darby has retired. We'll miss him greatly.

Taking over is our new lead man, Kevin Hawley. Kevin has worked in apartment maintenance for over 10 years and really knows his stuff. In addition, he is a darn nice fellow. Please help us welcome Kevin to Southlake Village!

Kevin joins longtime employees, Lavon Dixon and Paul Bowman, along with Dennis Allen and Tim Bowman. We're lucky to have such a great team!

Tow Notice

If you own a trailer or boat that is parked in the parking lot, it is imperative that you contact the Southlake Village office to identify it. We will be disposing of unidentified trailers and boats near the end of August. This is the **ONLY** notice that will be posted.

Just a Few Reminders...

- **PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THE POOL OR AT THE LAKE!** We also do not allow visiting pets. Only pre-approved small, mature pets are allowed (with additional deposit and rents) and must be registered and approved by the office.
- 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.
- 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.

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!