



# 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 Westar 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!**

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## Tow Notice

If you own a trailer, boat, or unregistered automobile 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, boats, and automobiles near the end of August. This is the **ONLY** notice that will be posted.

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George Schwartz, owner of a factory in Providence, R.I., narrowly escaped death when a 1983 blast flattened his factory except for one wall. After treatment for minor injuries, he returned to the scene to search for files. The remaining wall then collapsed on him, killing him.

## 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.
- **Laundry Rooms:** Please do not open windows or prop doors open in the laundry room. Doing so lessens the security of the self-locking doors. And remember, smoking is prohibited 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.

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

**FOR SALE:** Craftsman Tool Box - Rollaway + Top Chest + Many Tools! \$500 firm. Also, 2 Man Bass Hunter Boat - Swivel Seats + Trolling Motor and battery. \$275 firm. Call Art at 524-7559.

**WANTED:** 4-person boat (plastic preferred). Call James at 204-3795.

**BABYSITTER NEEDED:** Part-time babysitter for school-age children. Hours vary. Person must be flexible, dependable, and mature, with some knowledge of childcare. Please call 529-3939 to inquire.

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!