



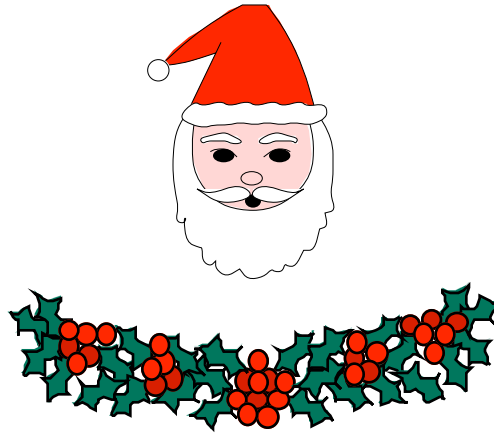
# THE PIRATE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2008

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## **TIS THE SEASON FOR JOLLY GOOD BIRTHDAYS!**

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM  
SOUTHLAKE VILLAGE!**

### **Regarding the Laundry Machines.....**

- Please do not put any clothes that are soiled with grease or tar into the washers or dryers. Doing so will damage the machines and soil other people's clothing. We recommend taking such items to a professional dry cleaner to be cleaned. The chemicals they use work much better than soap and detergent.
- SMOKING is not permitted in the laundry rooms.
- Keep in mind that the washers run about 30 minutes and the dryers run about 45 minutes. If you encounter a machine with clothes still in it, you may remove them and stack them on top of the dryers so you may use that machine.
- Please report any non-working or malfunctioning laundry machines to the office, 522-4855, so we may repair them as quickly as possible. Thank you for your cooperation!

### **POP-POP-POPSICLE**

Seems anything that pops - soda pop, popcorn, "Pop Goes The Weasel" - is, well, popular. So it's no surprise that Popsicles are a favorite treat. But did you know they were invented by accident? In 1905, in San Francisco, 11 year old Frank Epperson left a cup of old fashioned powdered soda and water outside with a stirring stick in it. After an overnight cold snap, the boy found his drink frozen to the stick. He dubbed it an "Epsicle" and made more for family and friends. Years later, Epperson renamed the snack after he heard his own children scream for "Pop's sicles." In 1923 he began manufacturing the confections. He quickly sold his burgeoning business to a rival corporation, and today his trademarked and patented Popsicle is made by Good Humor.

## Fireplace Safety Pointers



For those of you with fireplaces, please keep the following safety precautions in mind:



- Make sure the flue is open before starting the fire.
- Keep your screen in front of the fireplace closed to prevent hot embers from jumping out while fire is going.
- Use only dry, seasoned wood.
- Always use a grate (log holder).
- Use a small amount of paper or small pieces of wood to start the fire. If you twist the paper into a compact tube shape first, it will burn longer, giving the logs a good start.
- Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in the fireplace. And never use combustible liquids such as kerosene, lighter fluid, or gasoline to start a fire.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Never close the flue if hot ashes or embers are still burning.
- After ashes cool completely, place in metal container and discard in dumpsters.
- Remember to keep matches and lighters out of hands of children.

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## IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ!

From time to time we encounter sewer-related problems here at Southlake Village. Most of the time the problems are very minor, such as a stopped up toilet or a clogged sink, but sometimes they are major, affecting an entire building. But most, if not all, of these problems can be prevented by simply following a few reasonable guidelines.

- **Toilets:** The only things that should be flushed in a toilet is toilet paper and human waste. Never dispose of paper towels, rags, swabs, baby wipes, or feminine hygiene products (sanitary napkins and tampons) in your toilet.
- **Kitchen Sinks:** When using your disposal, be sure to run plenty of cold water before, during, and after disposing food products. This will ensure that all food items are fully ground up and cleared from the drain lines. And remember, never dispose of grease, potato peels, or rice in your disposal.
- **Bathroom Sinks & Tub:** Water is the only thing that should be ran in your sinks and tub.

If you find that your sink or tub is draining slow or your toilet isn't acting right, please call, 522-4855, so we may make repairs before it becomes a major problem. With your help we can avoid costly and messy problems!

### Classified Ads

For Sale: Artificial Christmas Tree. Call Chris at 785-608-4048.

For Sale: King size firm mattress, box spring, and metal frame. All less than a year old. \$250.00. Call 239-6150.

Wanted: Clothes, furniture, toys, etc. Don't throw out stuff you don't want anymore. Call AMVETS or D.A.V. instead to donate them. Your donations are tax deductible.

Remember, this is your newsletter. Items for publication are taken all month long at the Southlake Village office. Call 522-4855 or drop your ad by the office. We accept announcements, classified ads, and newsworthy items. Please submit your item(s) prior to the sixth of each month. 🍏 *Made on a Mac!*