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We Wish Everyone In February A Very Happy Birthday!

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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

About the Laundry Machines

We hate to sound like a broken record but....While doing your laundry, keep in mind that the **Washers take about 30 minutes and the Dryers take about 45 minutes.** Don't forget to pick up your laundry after it is done! If you encounter a machine that is done running with laundry still in it, you may remove such laundry and put it on top of the dryers so you may use the machine yourself. This is and has always been our policy should anyone ask. And please refrain from smoking in the laundry rooms. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

A Message to Pet Owners

In compliance with your Pet Agreement, please make sure that you pick up any soil or mess created by your pet. And don't forget that leashes are required while your pet is outside - cats, too! Stray animals are reported to Animal Control, 268-8473, and held at the Animal Shelter at 3303 N. Hillside. Thank you for your cooperation!

A Teacher In Court

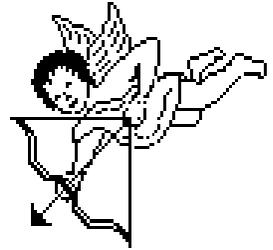
A schoolteacher was given a ticket for driving through a red light. When she appeared in traffic court, she asked the judge for immediate attention to her case as she was due to be back in class. The judge looked at her sternly and said:

"So you're a schoolteacher. I am about to realize a lifelong ambition. You sit down at that table over there and write 'I went through a stop sign.' FIVE HUNDRED TIMES!"

Valentine's Day Recipe: DARK CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES



8 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped into 1/4-inch pieces
4 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped into 1/4-inch pieces
2/3 cup heavy cream
2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa, sifted
2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar, sifted



Place 8 ounces semisweet chocolate and the unsweetened chocolate in a 4-quart bowl.

Heat the heavy cream in a 1 1/2-quart saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil. Pour the boiling cream over the chocolate. Allow to stand for 5 minutes, then stir until smooth (now you have ganache). Refrigerate the ganache for 1 hour until firm but not hard.

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Using a tablespoon of ganache for each truffle (approximately 3/4 ounce), portion 24 truffles, evenly space onto the parchment lined baking sheet. Refrigerate the ganache portions for 15 minutes (so the ganache will be firm enough to roll into truffles). When the ganache is firm enough to handle, remove from the refrigerator and individually roll each portion of ganache in your palms, in a gentle circular motion, using just enough pressure to form smooth rounds. Roll 16 of the rounds in 2 tablespoons cocoa and separately roll 8 in the confectioners sugar until completely covered. Store the truffles in a tightly sealed plastic container, in the refrigerator. Remove about 1 hour before serving.

Prep Time: 1 hours 45 minutes. (Recipe courtesy of Marcel Desaulniers)

How You Can Save Money on Electric Bills!

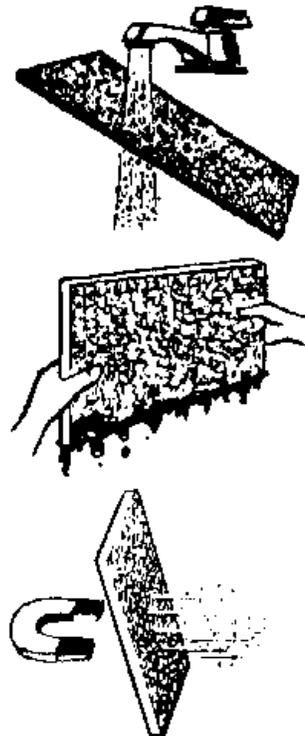
Even though we will be cleaning all air-handler filters in the complex this month, we believe you should be aware of how important it is to keep your filter clean. Why should you clean your filter? Because a dirty filter will cause malfunctions in your cooling system, pollute the air in your home, and.....**INCREASE YOUR COST OF ELECTRICITY!** Therefore, if you will clean your filter every 3 to 4 months, you'll feel better, and save \$\$\$!

Cleaning the filter is easy. You can wash it in the sink or tub. Replace it in the same direction it is facing and you can put it back damp. Do not use soap or detergent and if it is torn or damaged, call the office and we will replace it free!

WASHABLE! Just run water through filter and it's clean in a jiffy! Also vacuum cleanable. It's a permanent filter that will take years of frequent cleaning and remain just as efficient as when new.

FILTERS ELECTROSTATICALLY! The filter is made of natural fibers individually coated with exclusive compound of neoprene and plastic, providing high electrostatic filtering efficiency for catching and holding dust. Works like a magnet!

NEEDS NO OIL! That's why it cleans so easily! No grimy, messy oil to remove or replace, no sticky hands to clean, no sludgy mess to get rid of. Nothing to add - just wash with water!



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