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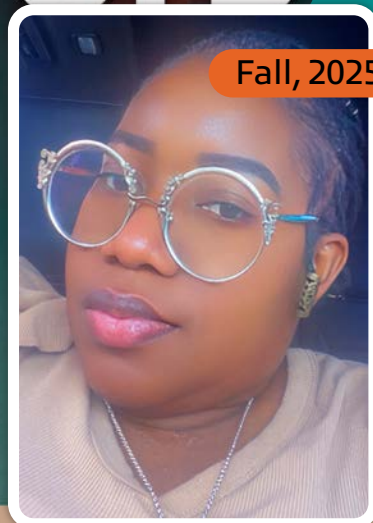
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Meet Ashley Winns!

We're excited to welcome Ashley as our new Resident Service Coordinator! She brings a passion for supporting residents and connecting families with the resources they need to thrive. Be sure to say hello when you see her around the community!



Halloween Safety

To ensure a safe Halloween, prioritize costume safety, traffic awareness, and general precautions for trick-or-treating.

General Safety Tips

- ❑ **Costume Safety:** Choose costumes that are flame-resistant and fit properly to prevent trips and falls. Avoid long, trailing fabric that could catch fire or cause accidents. If using face paint, test for allergies and avoid masks that obstruct vision.
- ❑ **Visibility:** Increase visibility by using reflective tape on costumes and carrying flashlights or glow sticks. Dress in light colors to help drivers see children in the dark.
- ❑ **Trick-or-Treating Guidelines:** Accompany children under 12 while trick-or-treating. Encourage them to cross streets at corners and to be cautious of traffic. Drivers should be extra vigilant during trick-or-treat hours.
- ❑ **Fire Safety:** Avoid using candles in jack-o'-lanterns; opt for battery-operated lights instead. Ensure that costumes and accessories are not flammable and check for safety labels.
- ❑ **Costume Purchases:** Buy costumes from reputable retailers and check for safety certifications like the CE mark. This ensures that the costume has undergone safety testing.

By following these safety tips, families can enjoy a fun and safe Halloween while minimizing risks associated with costumes, traffic, and other hazards.



Indoor Fall Activities

- Dig up your sweaters from storage and donate any you don't think you'll wear.
- Learn to knit.
- Bake an apple or pumpkin pie.
- Start Christmas shopping.
- Drink hot spiced apple cider by the fireplace.
- Make butternut squash soup.
- Watch your favorite fall movies (like Halloween-inspired films).
- Craft fall-themed decorations like DIY wreaths and garlands or painted pumpkins.
- Make homemade candles with fall scents like cinnamon or pumpkin spice.

Important Lease Reminders

Always remember that YOU are responsible for your own actions, the actions of your household members including children, and for the actions of your guests.



Section 5 of your lease states "The resident shall not..."

- Engage in or permit unlawful activities in the unit, in the common areas, or on the property grounds;
- Act or allow household members or guests to act in a manner that will disturb the rights or comfort of neighbors;
- Permit any member of the household, a guest, or another person under the Resident's control to engage in any criminal activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents or Authority employee.
- Permit any member of the household, a guest of another person under the Resident's control to engage in any violent or drug related criminal activity, on or off the premises.

Section 16 states

- That GHA shall terminate or refuse to renew the lease of residents who commit "Any violent or drug-related criminal activity on or off the premises, no just on or near the premises."
- If you do not prevent persons on your lease or you guests from committing acts of destruction, defacement, or removal of any part of the premises, your lease could be terminated.
- If your children, or children under your care, harass other residents, commit unlawful acts, or cause damage to GHA property, YOU will be held responsible.

Section 12 states

- Residents also are responsible for the care of their homes. If a guest damages you unit, you are responsible.
- Residents must agree to "not undertake, or permit his or her family or guests to undertake, any hazardous acts or do anything that will damage the property", and also agree to "pay reasonable charges for the repair of damages (other than normal wear or tear) to the premises, development, buildings, facilities or common areas caused by the Resident, his or her household or guests..."

Family Reads!

Bear Says Thanks - Karma Wilson & Jane Chapman: A cozy Thanksgiving story with simple rhymes about gratitude and friendship.

The Polar Express - Chris Van Allsburg: A Christmas classic full of magic, imagination, and wonder.

Turkey Trouble - Wendi Silvano & Lee Harper: A funny Thanksgiving story where a turkey tries disguises to avoid being eaten.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas! - Dr. Seuss: A timeless Christmas tale about kindness, generosity, and the true spirit of the season.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever - Barbara Robinson: A hilarious yet heartfelt Christmas story about a group of misfit kids who change a community's holiday play.

The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street - Karina Yan Glaser: Set during the Christmas season in Harlem, a family story about saving their home before the holidays.

Dash & Lily's Book of Dares - Rachel Cohn & David Levithan: A YA holiday romance set in New York City at Christmastime.

Snow in Love - Kasie West, Aimee Friedman, Melissa de la Cruz, Nic Stone: Four fluffy YA contemporary romance stories set around Christmas and winter.

A Christmas Carol - Charles Dickens: The ultimate holiday redemption story, timeless for adults.

Skipping Christmas - John Grisham: A humorous novel about a couple trying to skip Christmas but getting pulled back in.

Holidays on Ice - David Sedaris: Witty, satirical essays about the absurdities of holiday traditions.



Easy Quiche Recipe

This Easy Quiche Recipe starts with a premade pie crust but no one has to know! It's loaded with ham, cheese and green onions and is the perfect easy breakfast or dinner! You can really add anything you want to this easy quiche recipe – other vegetables, different cheeses or seasonings.

Servings: 6

Prep Time: 15 Mins

Cook Time: 35 Mins

Total Time: 50 Mins

Ingredients

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 single pie crust unbaked | <input type="checkbox"/> ¼ teaspoon black pepper | cheddar cheese divided |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 large eggs | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 cup cubed cooked ham | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 tablespoons sliced green onions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ¾ cup milk or cream | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ¾ teaspoon salt | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 ½ cups shredded | |

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Unroll pie crust and press into a 9" pie plate, crimping the top edges if desired.
3. In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, salt and pepper.
4. Sprinkle ham, 1 cup of cheese, and green onions into the pie crust and pour the egg mixture over top. Sprinkle remaining ½ cup cheese on top of egg mixture.
5. Bake for 35-40 minutes until the center is completely set. Let cool for 5-10 minutes before slicing and serving.

Courtesy of SpendwithPennies.com - spendwithpennies.com/easy-quiche-recipe



One-Pot Bacon, Spinach and Tomato Pasta

A quick and easy one-pot pasta for all the family. Served sprinkled with parmesan cheese. Never have simple ingredients cooked quickly tasted so good.

Servings: 4

Prep Time: < 30 Mins

Cook Time: 30 - 60 Mins

Total Time: 45 - 75 Mins

Ingredients

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 tbsp olive oil | <input type="checkbox"/> 9 oz dried spaghetti |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 rashers smoked back bacon, cut into roughly ½ in slices | <input type="checkbox"/> 5½ oz cherry tomatoes, halved |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 garlic clove, finely sliced | <input type="checkbox"/> 3½ oz young spinach leaves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ¼ tsp dried chilli flakes (optional) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1¾ oz Parmesan, finely grated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1½ pint vegetable or chicken stock, made with 1 stock cube | <input type="checkbox"/> freshly ground black pepper |

Directions

1. Heat half the oil in a wide casserole or frying pan. (You can also cook this in a large saucepan, but you may need to break the spaghetti in half to make it fit later.)
2. Fry the sliced bacon over a medium heat for 1½–2 minutes, or until lightly browned, stirring occasionally. Add the remaining oil, garlic and chilli, if using, and cook for a few seconds, stirring constantly.
3. Add the stock and bring to the boil. Add the pasta and stir well. Simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
4. When the pasta is tender, but there is still plenty of liquid in the pan, add the tomatoes and spinach leaves. Cook for 4–5 minutes, or until the tomatoes are soft, but holding their shape and nearly all the liquid has been absorbed.
5. Stir in the grated parmesan, season with black pepper and serve.



Courtesy of BBC Food - bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/one-pot_bacon_spinach_50776

Just for Laughs

What's the most musical part of a turkey?

The drumstick.



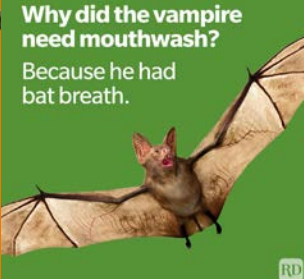
What do witches ask for at hotels?

Broom service.



Why did the vampire need mouthwash?

Because he had bat breath.



October Awareness Campaigns

October is recognized for several important awareness campaigns, including Breast Cancer Awareness Month, ADHD Awareness Month, and Global Diversity Awareness Month, among others.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

This month is dedicated to increasing awareness about breast cancer, promoting screening and early detection, and raising funds for research. The pink ribbon is a common symbol associated with this campaign.

Down Syndrome Awareness Month

This month promotes acceptance and inclusion of people with Down Syndrome, highlighting their unique strengths and advocating for support within communities.

ADHD Awareness Month

Focused on educating the public about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), this month aims to improve understanding and support for individuals affected by this condition.

National Bullying Prevention Month

National Bullying Prevention Month is a significant observance aimed at raising awareness and educating the public about the prevalence and impact of bullying. It is a time for communities to come together to prevent bullying, promote kindness, and strengthen their commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment.

Clocks will FALL back to standard time on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at 2 AM!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 1 – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 6 – LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 14 – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 16 – Resident Council Meeting 5:00 pm
- 23 – GHA office closed to the public

NOVEMBER

- 1 – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 6 – LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 11 – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 11 – Veteran's Day, GHA Office closed
- 20 – Resident Council Meeting 5:00 pm
- 24 - 25 – GHA office closed to the public
- 26 - 27 – Thanksgiving, GHA Office closed

DECEMBER

- 1 – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 6 – LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 9 – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 18 – Resident Council Meeting 5:00 pm
- 22 - 23 – GHA office closed to the public
- 24 - 25 – Christmas, GHA Office close

JANUARY

- 1 – New Year, GHA Office closed
- 1 – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 6 – LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 13 – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 15 – Resident Council Meeting 5:00 pm
- 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day, GHA Office closed
- 22 – GHA office closed to the public

GHA Main Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8 am – 12 pm & 1 – 6 pm

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