

Tropicana Village News



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LOT RENT INCREASE

Please be advised that lot rent will be increasing by **\$10** beginning **2/1/2022**. Our last rent increase was two years ago.

MIND MANGLER

First I am dried, then I am wet. The longer I swim, the more taste you get. What am I?

Send your answer to: Tropicana_Village_MGR@outlook.com or call the office (636) 366-9009 by the 10th of the month. Winner will be drawn at random, and will receive \$50 rent credit. Must be current on rent to be eligible.

WORDS FROM THE MANAGER

How to thaw frozen pipes:

- **Safety first!** Propane torches or an open flame can ignite flooring and other materials around pipes.
- Use a hair dryer to thaw frozen pipes. Pipes that warm too quickly can break. Make sure the taps are open while the pipes are heated in order to remove all the ice from the system once the main blockage is eliminated.
- Most of the time the main supply pipe will freeze at the point where it enters your home, near the water heater. Apply heat directly to that pipe if possible. If you cannot access the pipe, use a heater with a strong blower, such as a construction site torpedo-type heater. Many rental companies have them.
- Once the obstruction is cleared and the water is flowing again, turn off all faucets and check for leaks in the area where the obstruction occurred. Any leaks you find should be repaired immediately. If you cannot repair them yourself, call a professional.

THEFT ACTIVITY

A few people have recently experienced thefts from unlocked vehicles. **Please remember to lock your car doors!** If you see someone in a vehicle that doesn't belong to them, call the police.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Please take down all Christmas decorations!



February 14, 2022

Fun Facts about Valentine's Day



St. Valentine wasn't just one person. There is actually some confusion surrounding which St. Valentine the holiday technically honors. According to History.com there are at least two men named Valentine that could have inspired the holiday.



Valentine's Day officially became a holiday associated with love in the 1300s. At the end of the 5th century, Roman Pope Gelasius officially declared the date of February 14 "St. Valentine's Day." It wasn't until the Middle Ages, though, that the holiday became associated with love and romance, a tradition that first started from the common belief in France and England that birds started their mating season on February 14.



The first valentine was sent in the 15th century. It was a poem written by a French medieval duke named Charles to his wife in 1415.



Americans spend over \$20 billion per year on Valentine's day. Most expenditures are for evenings out, jewelry and candy.



Conversation hearts got their start as medical lozenges. A Boston pharmacist named Oliver Chase invented a machine that simplified the way medical lozenges — used for sore throats and other illnesses — could be made. The result was America's first candy-making machine, because the pharmacist soon started shifting his focus from making lozenges to candy instead! Chase founded the New England Confectionery Company, or Necco, and the candy lozenges soon became what we know today as Necco wafers.

Valentine's
Day Humor

Who always has a date on Valentine's Day?

A calendar!

MOSCOW MILLS POLICE

Police Station Phone Number: 636-356-4612

Radio Dispatch Phone Number: 636-528-6100

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STRAY CATS

Remember **do not feed** stray cats or any wild animals. While it may seem like a nice thing to do, it causes issues with overpopulation and un-healthy, suffering animals. When people feed stray cats they increase in population and the neighborhood becomes over-run with diseased, flea-ridden animals that can carry parasites to yours or your neighbor's pets. Additionally, in an effort to stay warm, cats can burrow underneath your home and in the process tear up the underpinning. This can result in higher utility bills due to heat/cooling loss. It also leaves room for varmints to get underneath your home and chew on wiring, cause foul odors, etc. We need to discourage stray animals from "moving in" in any way we can.

CLUBHOUSE RENTAL

To reserve the clubhouse, a signed agreement needs to be completed 30 days in advance of reservation. A \$10.00 non-refundable usage fee, plus a \$75.00 conditional security/cleaning deposit is required. Your account must be current to rent the clubhouse. If you fail to clean up the clubhouse after your event, the \$75.00 deposit will be forfeited and you will be required to pay for any repair or replacement items that exceed the deposit amount. The clubhouse rental agreement can be found on the Tropicana Village website under "Info & Forms" <https://tropicnavillage.com/info-%26-forms>

NEIGHBOR PROBLEMS?

Following are some tips when dealing with neighbor problems:

- 1. Talk to your neighbor.** Many times this is the best option. Your neighbor may not be aware of the issue. Remember to be polite.
- 2. Start a log to track the problem.** If it is a re-occurring problem (like late night noise) start a tracking log. Write down the date/time and observations. This will be a helpful document if the police or courts get involved.
- 3. Put it in writing.** If your neighbor does not respond in a positive way, put your concerns in writing, sign it, and give it to management.
- 4. Call the police.** Calling the police should be done after considering the possible outcomes. The police are most likely to be able to help when there has been a violation of a local ordinance (like excessive noise, dog running loose, etc.). If you have a log of dates and times the problem has occurred, share these with the police. A reasonable, documented approach will set you apart from others.

Recipe Corner

Surf & Turf for Two



Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1 tablespoon white wine
- 1 tablespoon finely minced onion
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1 teaspoon seafood seasoning (such as Old Bay)
- 1 clove minced garlic
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 12 medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 (4 ounce) filet mignon steaks
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon steak seasoning

Instructions:

- Whisk 1 tablespoon olive oil, butter, onion, wine, Worcestershire sauce, lemon juice, parsley, seafood seasoning, garlic and black pepper together in a bowl; add shrimp. Toss to coat. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 15 minutes.
- Preheat an outdoor grill on medium-high heat and lightly oil the grate. Coat steaks with 2 teaspoons olive oil; sprinkle with steak seasoning.
- Cook steaks until they are beginning to desired doneness. Transfer to a platter and loosely tent with aluminum foil.
- Remove shrimp from marinade and grill until they are bright pink on the outside (2 to 3 minutes per side).

Yield: 2 serving
Prep time: 15 minutes
Total time: 45 minutes

Recipe source:

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/233259/surf-and-turf-for-two/>

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SPEEDERS

IF YOU SPEED IN TROPICANA VILLAGE, PLEASE SLOW DOWN BEFORE YOU KILL A CHILD!

It only takes a few seconds of your time to slow down to 15 MPH. Won't you give those few seconds to save the life of a child? The life you save by your good example could be that of **your** child or grandchild. By setting a good example you will influence other drivers to do the same.

Be extra careful when driving through the residential area, especially where homes or vehicles block your vision. Children are unpredictable and can bolt out into the street without warning. They trust us to look out for them.

Moscow Mills Police has been asked to run radar on our streets. Please slow down!

Classifieds have moved to the Tropicana Village website at:
<https://tropicnavillage.com/classifieds>

MIND MANGLER WINNER

January Winner: Jerry Lewis, 328 Tabago Lane

Congratulations on \$50 off rent!

Last month's answer: The umpire and the catcher.

BEST KEPT YARD WINNERS

2022 Winners

JAN Donna Rodgers
720 Tropicana Village Dr.

If you have a business you'd like to add to the classified section, please contact the office.

Reminders:

- Contact Moscow Mills City Hall at 636-356-4220 for shed permits
- Suspicious activity, trespassing, or property damage should be reported to the Moscow Mills Police department at 636-528-6100 (non emergency number available 24 hours per day). Remember to dial 9-1-1 in the case of an emergency