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## Welcome to your S&S Newsletter!

In these changing times, a little community seems like a good thing. When we three met last month, we discovered that what this park really needs is some opportunities to get to know one another and have some fun. So, we've put together a little newsletter and we hope you will enjoy it enough to get involved, too. We look forward to your feedback!

### Potlucks

Everyone has to eat. So why not share the cooking and get to know each other at the same time?

Our first potluck is scheduled to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. This year it falls on a Tuesday, so we will celebrate early and plan on a noontime meal on Saturday, May 2.

### Park Pride Drawing

Between the fire regulations and the heat, it's hard enough to keep up appearances outdoors but we want to start recognizing our neighbors who work at keeping their place looking nice. Each month we will have a drawing. Prizes will include movie tickets, store gift cards, and t-shirts. All you have to do is be in compliance with park rules (including skirting, parking, and general upkeep) to be included in the drawing.

### Community Decorating Competitions

Some of us love to celebrate the holidays, so this year we plan to stage a few decorating

competitions. Do you enjoy Fourth of July? Plan your red, white, and blue decorations now and maybe you will win the Park Theme contest for July!

### Good Neighbor Recognition

If you have ever had the good fortune have a neighbor help you out of jam, then you know how important it is to recognize good deeds. If someone goes out of their way to do something nice for you, let us know and we will include that neighbor in our Good Neighbor feature.

### Newsletter

We all get busy with the business of life but sometimes it's good to slow down and enjoy a little reading. This newsletter will include humor, local news, upcoming events, stories about your neighbors, and pictures of interest. Ellen has photos of the park 10 years ago and will share some stories about how the park has changed over the years in her "Looking Back" series.

Sandy and Craig do a lot of local trips to interesting places nearby. They will be sharing details and photos in their series, "Things to Do, Places to Go."

Kat loves to cook, so each month she will be sharing a recipe for something tasty that you might want to try making at home.

*Everyone is welcome to contribute to the newsletter! Just write up your ideas and don't worry: we'll edit your submissions for free!  
This newsletter is provided by the S&S Neighborhood Committee.*



# Mother's Day

## *A little history*

Did you know that one of the earliest historical records of a society celebrating a Mother deity can be found among the ancient Egyptians, who held an annual festival to honor the goddess Isis? She was commonly regarded as the Mother of the pharaohs. Her stern, yet handsome head is typically crowned by a pair of bull horns enclosing a fiery sun orb. She is most often depicted sitting on a throne.

Later in history, a holiday to honor Motherhood came from Europe. It fell on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Early Christians used the day to honor the church in which they were baptized. In the 1600's, the celebration was broadened to include real Mothers,

earning the name Mothering Day. Mothering Day became an especially compassionate holiday toward the working classes of England. During this Lenten Sunday, servants and trade workers were allowed to travel back to their towns of origin to visit their families. Mothers were presented with cakes and flowers, as well as a visit from their beloved and distant children.

When the first English settlers came to America, they discontinued the tradition of Mothering Day. Centuries later, an American Mother's Day would be invented—with an entirely new history. Julia Ward Howe's Mother's Day Proclamation in 1870 was a result of Howe's sadness over the death and carnage of the Civil War. She called on mothers everywhere to join against the killing of mother's sons by other mother's sons.

# Things to Do, Places to Go!

## *By Sandy and Craig, Space #1*

Do you enjoy the outdoors and exotic animals? Then you will enjoy the walk at Keepers of the Wild.

You'll love the outdoor habitats  
Where all the animals roam,  
All the creatures great and small,  
That make it their own home.

So take a trip to Valentine, just northeast of Kingman (about 74 miles), on Route 66. Kids of all ages will have a great time!



# Let's Go to the Movies!

## *By Jean, Space #2*

*"Knowing"* Starring Nicholas Cage, 2009. PG-13

The critics have panned "Knowing", starring Nicolas Cage, Chandler Canterbury and Rose Byrne. But what do the critics know? They know mediocre acting when they see it. *Knowing*, a drama and a suspense/thriller, is a bit melodramatic but the action is intense.

Cage is a college professor whose philosophy is that of randomism...you know, life...it just happens. He has lost his faith and the belief that all things in life are predetermined.

Cage lives in Massachusetts with his precocious son and attends a ceremony at his son's elementary school. They are opening a 50-year old time capsule. Cage watches as his son removes a paper that contains a series of numbers. Cage recognizes the numbers as dates of major catastrophes, causing great human loss, that have occurred during the past five years...and as he cracks the codes, he realizes that some numbers predict future disasters, as well. Cage's efforts to prevent the disasters take the audience on a heart pounding race against time. The disaster sequences are "you-are-there" intensity. So, take a deep breath when you enter...ummm, and maybe some Kleenex.



# Cooking with Kat

By Kat, Space #25

This recipe came from my good friend Dick Cook, who used to go out into the backwoods "to fish" taking only a couple cases of Busch Light, hamburger, onions, and potatoes. He made these easy "no dish" meals right at his campsite using only one knife and one fork. We call them *Hobo Hamburgers*.

### Ingredients

- 1 pound of lean hamburger
- 1 white onion
- 2 large baking potatoes
- 1 cube of butter or margarine



### Instructions

1. Get the BBQ going. You want it hot and ready when you load your Hobos.
2. Form four large flat patties out of the hamburger and place them on 12-inch square pieces of thick aluminum foil.

3. Slice up some baking potatoes and white onions and layer them on top of the patties.
4. Slice three squares of butter or margarine off a cube and put them on top of the potatoes and onions.
5. Salt and pepper to taste. I like to add a little Adobo.
6. Then carefully gather up the corners of the aluminum foil together to seal up the package. You can twist it or fold it, whichever works for you, but make sure the openings are folded up so your butter doesn't run out while you're cooking.
7. Put the foil packages on the barbecue and wait 15 minutes or so, depending on how well done you like your burgers.

That's all there is to it. If you're a salad person, mix up a nice green selection while the meat cooks and you'll have a fabulous meal for two with leftovers for lunch. Enjoy!

## Dear Gary

**Q:** Hey, Gary, Thanks for installing the new DishNetwork! My problem, though, is that I have two televisions and the installers only set up one! What do I do? Sleepless Without TV

**A:** Dear Sleepless, What you need to do is pick up a splitter at the hardware store or Wal-Mart. You might already have one on your old cable lines that you can use. Use a short piece of cable to run out of the box and then split the cable. Then run the second line to the second TV using the splitter.

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**Q:** Gary, what's the deal with open-space parking? I know our rent includes parking one vehicle near our spot but why can't we park in the empty spaces if no one lives there? Too Many Cars

**A:** Sorry, TooMany, but you're going to have to stick with one spot. If there are vehicles parked in the empty spots, prospective renters will not know what is available. The fire department says we can have one vehicle per spot. All others must be parked on the street.

**Q:** Hi! I'd like to get more stations. Can I do that? Couch Potato

**A:** Dear Spud, Sorry. The new lineup is a package from DishNetwork and does not allow individuals to add additional stations. You can sign up for your own service, though! Just call 888-683-6079 for information.

## Calendar Events

**July 4**

**11 am - 2 pm, Space #25**  
*Fourth of July celebration*

Come down to the river! Bring your favorite American dish or check with Kat for an easy recipe. Potluck Contest winner will be selected by those in attendance!

**May 20**

*Deadline for June newsletter submissions*

We are accepting Good Neighbor nominations, Dear Gary notes, Calendar events, and articles written by residents. We reserve the right to edit and/or exclude all submissions.

**Anytime!**

*Join the Sun and Stars Neighborhood Committee!*

Meetings will be held on a monthly basis or as needed. Contact Kat in #25 or Sandy in #1 for more information.

## Bulletin Board

### WANTED

**Yard Cleanup.** Looking for someone to rake up leaves, pull up dead grass, and do general clean up on a monthly basis. Taking bids now. Call 928-201-5282.

### FREE TO GOOD HOME

**Plastic Swans.** Left by previous tenants. See #25.

### SERVICES OFFERED

**Electrical and Plumbing.** Low rates, local references. Call Tony at 928-201-3832.



## Don't Make Me Laugh!

A little boy wanted \$100.00 very badly and prayed for weeks, but nothing happened. Then he decided to write God a letter requesting the \$100.00.

When the postal authorities received the letter to God, they decided to forward it to the President of the United States. The President was so amused, he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a five dollar bill. He thought this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy.

The little boy was delighted with the \$5.00 and sat down to write a thank you letter to God, which read:

Dear God, Thank you very much for sending the money.  
However, I noticed that you sent it through Washington,  
D.C., and those crooks deducted \$95.00 in taxes!

## *Your S&S Neighborhood Committee*



*Join in on the fun!*

### *June 2009 - Good Neighbor Nomination*

*Name of good neighbor:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Space #:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Nominated by:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Reason for nomination:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Please place nominations in Sandy and Craig's mailbox (Space #1). Thanks!*

