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## Kisses. Hugs.



Your Staff  
*to serve you...*

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### Important Numbers

**Office:**  
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### Office Hours

**Monday - Friday**  
9:00am - 6:00pm

**Saturday**  
10:00am - 4:00pm

**Sunday**  
Closed

### Smoke Alarm Reminder

If you hear your smoke detector chirp, it is time to replace the battery. Do not remove the batteries from your smoke detectors except to replace them or disable your smoke detector in any way. Such activity is grounds for eviction. We depend on smoke detectors to help keep our residents safe. If you need assistance to change the batteries, please call the office. Your cooperation is necessary for everyone's safety.

### Thinking Of Moving?

Is your lease up for renewal soon? Before you decide to hit the road, consider the costs of moving to another apartment: new deposit, first month's rent, application fee, utility connection fees/deposit, electric, gas, telephone, moving truck or company, cleaning supplies, days off work, replacing broken items, address changes on checks, license, etc., and possibly, redecorating, new furniture, curtains. This could add up to as much as \$2000! Not to mention the misery of packing and unpacking. So, add it up and save yourself the money and the hassle of moving by renewing your lease. Call the office if you have any questions about lease renewal.

### Park Smart

The snow is accumulating, so it is important that everyone park their vehicles in designated parking areas only. Snowplows must be able to access the roads and parking areas. Your car may be towed if it is in the way of snow removal equipment.

### Happy Valentine's Day

Our heart's delight is to have such special residents in our community. Wishing you a Valentine's Day filled with sugar and spice and everything nice!

### A Great Place To Live

Did your mother ever tell you not to brag? Well, we are telling you to brag all you want, to everyone you know, about how great it is to live in our community. Consider this good advice, because you get cash if someone you refer moves in, \$100.00 to be exact. So go ahead, brag!

### Peace Of Mind

If you should be the victim of theft or a fire, would you be able to replace your loss? Renter's insurance covers loss or damage to your personal property while you live in an apartment. Contact a local insurance agent to find out how you can be protected by renter's insurance. It is relatively inexpensive and can give you peace of mind.

### Trash Reminder

The trash company does not pick up furniture, so do not place discarded furniture in or around the dumpsters. Consider donating furniture in good condition to a local charity. Your cooperation is appreciated!





# Valentine. Friends.



## Words in Words

You can sometimes make words using the letters in a larger word. For example, from the word "tube" you can make "be," "bet," "but," and "tub." Now onto a harder one: how many words can you make from the word "birthday"? (Hint: we found 57.)

Answers:  
Ad, aid, air, ard, art, at, bad, bait, bar, bat, bath, bay, bid, bird, birth, bit, bread, praid, prat, pray, by, dab, dairy, dart, day, diary, dirt, dirty, drab, drat, dry, habit, had, hair, hairy, hard, hat, hay, hi, hid, hit, hybrid, it, ravid, raid, rat, ray, rib, rid, tab, tar, tardy, third, tidy, tray, try, yard.



# Love. Letters.

## Super Bowl Trivia

- Super Bowl XLIII will take place on February 1, 2009, in Tampa Bay, Florida.
- Bart Starr was MVP of the first two Super Bowls. He was also NFL Man of the Year, Professional Player of the Decade, and the first winner of the Byron White Award. He later served as head coach of the Packers from 1975 to 1983.
- Mike Lodish has been to the Super Bowl more often than anyone else, two times with Denver and four times with Buffalo.
- The Dallas Cowboys have been to the Super Bowl eight times, more than any other team.
- With five wins each, the Dallas Cowboys, Pittsburgh Steelers, and the San Francisco 49ers have the most Super Bowl wins.
- The very first entertainer at a Super Bowl half time show was Carol Channing in Super Bowl IV.
- Super Bowl XLII was the most watched Super Bowl ever, with 97.5 million viewers, and the second-most watched broadcast in television history. The only other televised event with more viewers was the M\*A\*S\*H finale, broadcast in 1983, with 106 million viewers.
- Chuck Noll is the only head coach to win four Super Bowls. He led the Pittsburgh Steelers to victory in Super Bowl IX, Super Bowl X, Super Bowl XIII, and Super Bowl XIV.
- The first Super Bowl ticket cost between \$6 and \$12 in 1967. Today, prices range from \$600 to \$700 face value.
- Gale Gilbert was the only NFL player to appear in five consecutive Super Bowls, first for four years with the Buffalo Bills and one year with the San Diego Chargers. Unfortunately, he never played on a winning team.
- The Vince Lombardi Trophy is made by Tiffany & Co. It is valued at \$25,000, weighs about seven pounds, and takes four months to make. After it is awarded, it is sent back to the company to be engraved with the winning team's name, along with the date and score of the game.

## Sticky Sweet Trivia

Did you know February 6th is Bubble Gum Day? Test your knowledge of this chewy sweet treat with this trivia quiz.

1. How many calories are in each piece of bubble gum?
2. How many sticks of gum does the average American chew in a year?
3. What substance found in a tropical evergreen tree in both North and South America is the main ingredient traditionally used in making gum?
4. For twelve years, the selling, importing, manufacturing and chewing of gum was illegal in Singapore. That ban was lifted in 2004, but you can only buy chewing gum in one type of store. What is it?
5. Although chewing gum has been around for centuries, the first successful bubble gum was invented by Walter E. Diemer in 1928. Why did he color it pink?
6. True or false: In San Luis Obispo, California, there is an alley covered with wads of used chewing gum, affectionately called "Bubble Gum Alley."
7. The most valuable Topps Company bubble gum collector card is the 1952 Mickey Mantle rookie card. How much did it sell for at auction?
8. In 1871, Thomas Adams patented what gum related machine?
9. How big was the largest gum bubble ever blown?

Answers to Sticky Sweet: 1. 20 calories. 2. 300. 3. Chicle. 4. A pharmacy. 5. It was the only food coloring he had on hand. 6. True. 7. \$120,000. 8. The gumball machine. 9. 23 inches in diameter.



## Protecting Yourself from Colds and Flu

Although there is not a shortage of flu vaccine this year, many Americans still are without protection from the virus. Avoiding spreading colds or flu this season is important to your health and the health of your family.

Both the common cold and influenza are spread by respiratory droplets through sneezing, coughing, or hand contact with another person.

Flu season generally runs from November into early March with the peak occurring in January. Although colds can occur at any time of year, during the winter months they spread more readily.

To stay healthy this season and prevent the spread of these diseases, take some basic precautions. Get regular physical activity, eat healthy food, and get plenty of sleep to boost your immune system. Avoid stress, as it can weaken your immune system. Stay home if you feel ill and cover your nose or mouth when coughing or sneezing. Avoid contact between your hand and your face or eyes. And most important of all, wash your hands frequently with warm water and soap. If you are unable to wash your hands, use an antibacterial gel.

## Get Your Money Fast

If you are expecting a refund on your federal taxes, you probably want your money as soon as possible. The IRS offers some options for filing your return that can have your refund in your bank account in as soon as two weeks. Last year, 73 million taxpayers used e-file to speed their tax return processing, almost seven percent more than the year before. This year, the IRS expects a record number of individual returns will be filed electronically.

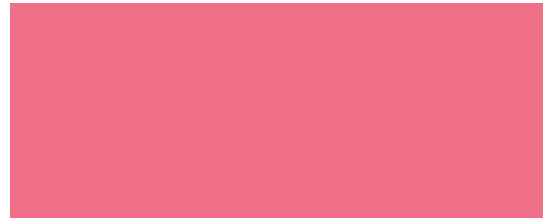
Using e-file makes sense for taxpayers who have simple returns with the standard deductions. Others may choose to take the time to consult a tax professional to ensure the accuracy of their returns. If you do decide to use the speedier option, take some steps first to make sure you are filing your return properly.

First, be sure that you are actually getting a refund. Then, you will need to get your paperwork in order, you'll need your W-2s and any other year-end statements. Once you've chosen to file using e-file, you can cut down your wait time for your refund by at least a week by choosing direct deposit of your refund. Last year, about 53 percent of all refunds were directly deposited.

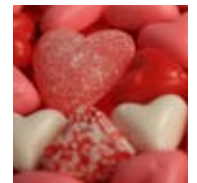
The IRS offers the following time frames for receiving your refund:

- Mail your return and opt for a paper check: 4 to 6 weeks
- Mail your return and opt for direct deposit: 3 to 4 weeks
- E-file and opt for a paper check: 3 weeks
- E-file and opt for direct deposit: 2 weeks

## Sweethearts. Romance.



## Sweets. Candy.



American Heart Month

Bake for Family Fun Month

Fabulous Florida Strawberry Month

Kids ENT (Ear, Nose, Throat) Month

Library Lovers' Month

National Bird Feeding Month

National Black History Month

National Boost Self-Esteem Month

National Cherry Month

National Cherry Pie Month

National Children's Dental Health Month

National Laugh-Friendly Month

National Parent Leadership Month

National Time Management Month

National Weddings Month

Plant the Seeds of Greatness Month

Relationship Wellness Month

Return Shopping Carts to the Supermarket Month

Sweet Potato Month

Wise Health Care Consumer Month

# Cupid. Hearts.



Ideas can be life-changing. Sometimes all you need to open the door is just one more good idea. - *Jim Rohn*

Good ideas are common - what's uncommon are people who'll work hard enough to bring them about. - *Ashleigh Brilliant*

Don't be afraid of new ideas. Be afraid of old ideas. They keep you where you are and stop you from growing and moving forward. Concentrate on where you want to go, not on what you fear. - *Anthony Robbins*

## Ways to Say "I Love You"

- Send a love note via email or tuck a handwritten note into a coat pocket.
- Cook together. Set the table with flowers, candles, and play music.
- Rent the first movie you ever saw together, then watch it while eating the same food you had on your first date.
- Make a CD of songs you both love.





## To Cure Cabin Fever Blues

- Read a book set in an exotic locale.
- Rent old, funny movies.
- Write long letters to old friends.
- Clean out all your closets.
- Visit a museum or art gallery.
- Plan your summer vacation.
- Get (and use) a new exercise video.
- Try out a couple of new recipes.
- Eat lots of fresh fruits.

## Chocolate Dipped Strawberries

- 1 pint strawberries (washed and patted dry)
  - 1 oz. semi sweet chocolate
  - 1 ½ tablespoon of butter
  - 1 tablespoon of corn syrup
1. Over hot, not boiling water, mix chocolate, butter, and corn syrup in a bowl.
  2. Heat until chocolate is fully melted, keep stirring mixture until smooth. Remove from heat.
  3. Cover about 2/3 of each strawberry by dipping it in the chocolate. Allow excess chocolate to drip off over the bowl.
  4. Place each strawberry on waxed paper to allow the chocolate to harden. When cooled, refrigerate for about 20 minutes.

The beginning of love is to let those we love be perfectly themselves, and not to twist them to fit our own image. Otherwise we love only the reflection of ourselves we find in them. -*Thomas Merton*

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|---|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|
| 1<br>Rent Due<br>Thank You!<br> Super Bowl<br>Sunday | 2 Groundhog Day  | 3                          | 4                          | 5  | 6<br>Late Fees<br>Charged | 7<br>Late Fees<br>Charged   |
| 8<br>Late Fees<br>Charged   | 9<br>Late Fees<br>Charged  | 10<br>Late Fees<br>Charged | 11<br>Late Fees<br>Charged | 12 Lincoln's<br>Birthday<br>Sweetheart<br>Dance At<br>Woodland Creek                 | 13                        | 14 Valentine's Day<br> |
| 15  | 16 PRESIDENTS'<br>DAY<br> | 17                         | 18                         | 19   | 20                        | 21  |
| 22  | 23   | 24 Mardi Gras              | 25 Ash<br>Wednesday        | 26   | 27                        | 28  |
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# Gifts. Love.