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The University Gables Gazette is published for the purpose of keeping the community informed. The publisher, CSU Fullerton Housing Authority, encourages residents to submit items of interest that they would like to see in future publications. Please submit suggestions to wherbert@fullerton.edu.



SYCAMORE TREES

The trees lining the streets will soon be over ten years old. Unfortunately, the sycamore roots have grown to the point of becoming destructive to infrastructure, sidewalks and in some cases home foundations. Bob Farrell, the Housing Authority's Property Manager, is working with arborists to evaluate, analyze and make suggestions to mitigate the damage. It is likely that some Sycamore trees will have to be removed and replaced with trees that have less intrusive root systems. If this scenario plays out, the Housing Authority will consult with the Homeowners Advisory Council and review options for tree replacements.

Arborist's are currently visiting the community and the Housing Authority is looking to have all reports reviewed in December with tree removal and subsequent replacement beginning soon thereafter.



HOMEOWNERS MEETING BRINGS NEW HAC MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE

The annual University Gables homeowners meeting was held on October 26, 2010 and elections for two Homeowner Advisory Council seats were held. Deborah Diep and Sheree Traub were elected for two year terms to the University Gables Homeowner Advisory Council replacing Sammy Al-Qaisi and Greg Childers. Please welcome both Deborah and Sheree as they join returning HAC member, Cliff Cramp, who begins the 2nd year of his two-year term. The Housing Authority would like to thank all homeowners who participated in the voting and the council members for donating their time to the community.

At this year's meeting Target gift cards were presented to lucky homeowners Sam Jung, Cliff Cramp and Sheree Traub during a special drawing for homeowners attending the annual meeting. The gift card give-away was held in hopes of attracting more homeowners to the annual meeting. The suggestion was raised to have the next annual homeowners meeting approximately one week before the beginning of the fall school session or in the middle of August. It was mentioned that homeowners would be more likely to attend in August rather than in October. An August meeting time is certainly possible so look for next year's annual meeting to happen in August rather than October. At the next homeowners meeting there will be one Homeowners Advisory Council seat up for election.

Q: What did the turkey say before it went into the oven?

A: Wow! I am stuffed!

Q: Why do Turkeys always "gobble gobble"?

A: Because they have bad table manners!

Q: Why was the turkey the drummer in the band?

A: Because he had the drumsticks!

Q: What's the key to a great Thanksgiving dinner?

A: The turkey!





ENCORE PROPERTY MANagements NEW ROLE

Earlier this year Encore Property Management (EPM) agreed to a reduced role at University Gables . This reduction in service is also reflected in a corresponding reduction in costs. EPM will now manage the homeowners monthly Maintenance and Ground Lease fees, vendor accounts payable and monthly financial reporting. EPM will no longer be the contact for repairs and maintenance issues, parking matters, community park reservations,

architectural guidelines, home improvement approvals, lost pool keys or general administrative matters. For maintenance and repair matters contact Bob Farrell at 714.615.6901 or by email at rofarrell@fullerton.edu. For administrative matters contact Bill Herbert at 657.278.4104 or by email at wherbert@fullerton.edu. The Housing Authority will now be your direct contact for maintenance and administrative services.

STREET LIGHT REPAIRS

The street lights in the community are serviced by Southern California Edison. If you notice that one or more of the street lights are not working properly, find the pole number on the pole and go to the SCE web-site at www.sce.com to report the problem or email Bob Farrell at rofarrell@fullerton.edu and he can report the problem.

DID YOU KNOW?

91% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

More than 40 million green bean casseroles are served on Thanksgiving.

The 'wishbone' of the turkey is used in a good luck ritual on Thanksgiving Day.

A spooked turkey can run at speeds up to 20 miles per hour. They can also burst into flight approaching speeds between 50-55 mph in a matter of seconds.

Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird of the United States.

The annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade tradition began in the 1920's.

Each year, the average American eats somewhere between 16 - 18 pounds of turkey.

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the largest pumpkin pie ever baked weighed 2,020 pounds and measured just over 12 feet long!



COMMUNITY SAFETY Public safety is a concern regardless if you live in a planned community, in the heart of the city or in a gated community. No area is immune from criminal activity. Recently there have been reports of a theft, unknown individuals on private property and unknown people going through trash receptacles. Residents of the University Gables are encouraged to call the Buena Park Police (911 emergency) or (police dispatch 714.562.3902) anytime there is suspicious activity occurring in the neighborhood. Individuals between the ages of 16 and 25 riding bicycles and scooters were noticed carousing in the neighborhood. To make the neighborhood safer it will take the persistence of the residents to continue to look out for criminal activity and to take action by calling the police when suspicious activity is observed. Because there are people going through the trash receptacles, it is recommended that personal information shredded or disposed in another manner to prevent identity theft.



TRAIN STATION PATRONS PARKING IN THE COMMUNITY

Not long after the opening of the train station, a number of train users began parking at University Gables -- causing homeowners to be rightfully concerned. A patrol company was hired and vehicles parked in the community from 7am to 9am were monitored closely. Patrolling the community was very successful; that, along with the signage at the entrance to the community, seemed to deter train station patrons from parking in the community. The patrol company still patrols the community from 7am to 9am one day per week, the day of the week varies each week. If a homeowner notices a vehicle that clearly belongs to a train station patron, please email the vehicle make, model, color and license plate number to Bill Herbert at wherber@fullerton.edu. The vehicle will be put on the patrol companies "hot list" and if it is parked in the community again the vehicle will be cited and if found parked in the community a second time it will be removed. Vehicles removed from the community can be recovered by the vehicle owner by calling the phone number on the "No Parking-Tow Away" sign at the entrance to the community. The cost of vehicle removal is the responsibility of the vehicle owner. The community pays for the weekly patrol service but not for the removal of the vehicle.



BACKYARD DRAINS AND WINDOW WEEP HOLES

The rainy season is upon us and in an effort to prevent flooding, it is necessary for homeowners to check the drains in their back yard to be sure that they are free from dirt, leaves and debris so that rainwater accumulated in the backyard drains freely to the street. Each backyard area is plumbed with a drain so that water drains out to the street and not into the home. Also, keeping your window weep holes and window tracks clean prevents water from penetrating the home. The weep holes are located on the bottom tracks of your windows and sliding glass doors and face the exterior of the home. If these holes get blocked from dirt accumulation then water accumulated in the tracks has no place to drain and will end up inside the home. Keeping these weep holes and window tracks clean should be annual maintenance and preferably before the rainy season begins. If you discover a problem with the backyard drain or its ability to function properly, please call Bob Farrell at 714.615.6901.

PRIVATE PARTY COMMUNITY PARK RESERVATIONS

Homeowners who desire to have outdoor parties for their children or family gatherings can reserve the community park area for their functions. The Housing Authority requires homeowners desiring to use the community area for a party to fill out a reservation form and return it to the Housing Authority. The form requires basic information and will also reserve the area for your function.

It is common to have jump houses for children to play in during a party. If an outside vendor provides services or equipment to a function, then an insurance certificate from the vendor will be necessary. This will ensure that in the event of a vendor-caused accident, the vendor will have the resources to provide financial compensation to cover the loss.

For a reservation form, please contact Bill Herbert at 657.278.4104 or by email at wherber@fullerton.edu. Homeowners will be notified of reservation confirmation.



Maple Bread Pudding



THANKSGIVING DESSERT RECIPE

Ingredients

- 8 cups cubed stale bread (suggestions: brioche or croissants)
- 3 cups heavy cream
- 1½ cups granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp cinnamon
- 2 tbsp maple extract
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract
- 6 eggs
- ½ cup maple syrup (plus extra for baking & serving)
- 3 tbsp melted butter to grease pie pan
- sprinkle of turbinado sugar (sugar in the raw)
- 2 tbsp butter, divided into pieces

Garnish

- powdered sugar
- maple walnut ice cream

Special Equipment

- 9" round pie tin

Directions

Make Custard & Assemble Pudding

1. Place cubed bread in a large mixing bowl
2. In a small saucepan, bring heavy cream to a simmer. Add sugar and stir to dissolve. Then remove from the heat and allow to steep for 15 minutes
3. Whisk eggs into the steeped heavy cream and pour over cubes of bread. Stir to combine
4. Add cinnamon, maple extract, vanilla extract and ½ cup maple syrup and mix in well
5. Coat pie tin with melted butter and pour bread-custard mixture into the pie tin
6. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight for bread to absorb the custard

Bake & Serve

1. Preheat oven to 350°
2. Remove plastic wrap and top bread pudding with knobs of butter. Drizzle with maple syrup and sprinkle with turbinado sugar
3. Bake 25 minutes at 350° until golden brown
4. Drizzle a little maple syrup on top, add a scoop of maple walnut ice cream, dust with powdered sugar and enjoy!

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