

Manufactured Home

CommUnity Living News

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INSIDE THIS ISSUE: Recipes. Story Corner. CONTESTS! More News!

Happy Easter!

Let's begin our Second issue of this resident newsletter with something very important – THANK YOU! We appreciate your residency!

Let's also Thank God for all His Gifts and blessings to us! Alleluia!!

Let's make 2007 the BEST year in YOUR MH CommUnity!

TOGETHER, we can DO IT!

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Welcome Aboard!

Patrick Short is our new sales team member! Patrick's family (3 youth+mom!) live in Sunshine Estates~Mosinee. Yes, Patrick has & will drive to ANY and ALL of our Manufactured Home Communities to show & sell homes! 715-302-4893

Patrick is off to a fine start, in part thanks to those residents like YOU who have referred friends and family! Don't forget, you get REWARDS for bringing us those referrals! *Way to go, Residents!!!*

ALSO NEW on board are new Managers **Joe** and **Victoria Pelke** - in Manawa (at Walnut Grove, soon to be renamed Apple Grove!) Joe and Victoria have already gotten out, introduced themselves to many residents and Joe has been busy cleaning up some of the piles that have built up there. Way to go Joe! More on that later.

We are currently looking for a Community Manager Applying? Fax resume or your letter of interest 715 675-5608 subject line = Employment or MHC Management ☺

Spring Cleaning!

It's that time. ;-) ☺

Time for Making our Homesites SHINE like the SUN in THIS SPRING!

Let's take a minute and showcase the effort of our new managers, Joe and Victoria Pelke in Manawa. They are setting an example of cleaning up. A clean community makes EVERYONE feel PROUDER! You feel GOOD when your friends and co-workers come over! And guess what? If you need to sell, your home will sell faster and bring MORE when you have it in a nice, clean MH Community!

It is also the time of year that many Health Departments go out and inspect. In some places, there will be inspections for skirting being compliant and other cleanliness, sanitary and eye appeal issues.

So take a morning or evening, and step in front of your home, walk around it. See what needs to be picked up!

If you need a hand, or have a question, please contact your community manager.

GOOD NEWS!

YARD OF THE MONTH will launch in May-June! ENTER AND WIN!

Also MOST IMPROVED HOME/SITE Contest!

Planning to clean up or fix up your home or site? Or do you already have a SHARP looking home, and want to get RECOGNITION and a REWARD! Contact your MH Community Manager! Let them know which contest you want to enter! It's free, and you get \$50 Menard's Gift Cards if you win!

Take a Polaroid or Digital Picture, and provide 'before and after' photos to us!

OPEN HOUSES!

**Coming soon at a home in YOUR
Manufactured Home CommUnity!**

A number of people have naturally asked about all of the work going on in our Quest MHCs from Tomahawk to Mosinee, from Wausau to Manawa! Some are evening peeking through those windows, or are meeting the folks who bought one of our NICELY UPDATED and VERY STYLISH refurbished Manufactured Homes!

Well, be looking for a flyer SOON in YOUR MHC with the dates of an OPEN HOUSE!

See FIRST HAND the DESIGNER Colors! The nice UPDATES and as the weather warms, watch for some LANDSCAPING on our Quest HOMES for Sale too!

Wow! We REALLY ARE going to CHANGE our homes and our MHCs!

Working TOGETHER, we ALL WIN!

Invite, Involve and Include! Learn the 3 I's of Invite, Involve and Include! **Invite** people to visit your home, our community, or to participate in upcoming community activities. **Get Involved.** Neighborhood Watch, to Community Walking (for fun and health), horseshoe competition, picnics, anything that is good clean fun. **Include** those who might be 'too shy' to get started. Learn to meet and be good neighbors. Step by step, we can make our Manufactured Home CommUnity (MHC) a better place!

CommUnity Living News & Views

Imagine a resident taking a storm damaged shed, and giving it to their MH CommUnity. Then picture a manager and some residents, teaming up, and making the once useless item into a sturdy school bus stop for the kids in their CommUnity!

What if a resident on a limited budget got help from another resident in completing forms to get a grant for repairs on her older mobile home.

These are true stories...they could be true for your MH CommUnity too!

Residents and management, teaming up to make their lives better. *Wouldn't it be nice?* The fact is that all of the above stories are true! Each of these are stories from CommUnities in Many such stories could be told. But rather than talk about the recent past, why not imagine an even brighter future?!!!

The Amish are among those groups known for 'sticking together' and 'working together.' After a disaster, people pull together.

But why wait for a disaster? Neighbors helping neighbors raise a barn, fix a roof, tend a garden. Let's ***Come in Unity in our CommUnity!***

Working *together*, we can make our personal **CommUnities** a better place to live!

Old sayings can teach us a lot. *"It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."* Or *"If you aren't part of the solution, you are part of the problem."*

Think about that last day you volunteered to help and how good it felt working shoulder to shoulder with other volunteers. There was a sense of satisfaction when it was done, right? And every time you looked at what you did, it brings back that good feeling, right? Call or visit your CommUnity manager, or e-mail tony@questhomesusa.com with ideas for fun projects or improvements!

April Recipes:

Meatloaf

1½ lbs. hamburger (broken into small chunks)
1 or 2 onion cubes ~or~ Onion powder to taste
1 tsp. salt
garlic and pepper to taste
1 cup oatmeal
1 large or 2 small eggs
2 tbsp. catsup or B-B-Q sauce

Mix all ingredients together with fork. Press mixture into glass loaf pan (metal burns more easily; so bake at a lower temperature if using metal). Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. We like baked potatoes with this, so put in the number needed for your family. I wash the potatoes first, then wrap each one in a small piece of foil. Put them in the oven when you put the meatloaf in so they'll be done at the same time.

April Recipes...

Beef-Barley-Vegetable Soup

12 cups water (to start with; you'll add more as the soup cooks)
1 cup (1/2 bag?) soup legume mix (or your favorite soup legume)
2 cups barley / 1/2 cup lentils / 2 tsp. onion powder
garlic powder to taste / 6 heaping tsp. beef bouillon
pepper to taste / 4 carrots grated / 1 stalk celery, chopped
1/4 head cabbage, grated (optional, but I love it!)
1 lb. hamburger, browned and chopped fine
3 tbsp. (real) butter (margarine's OK)
2 tbsp. parsley flakes

Put water in large kettle on the stove and bring to a boil. Add remaining ingredients (in order given to give legumes maximum cooking time) as water heats.

From the time I start the soup to the time it's ready is about 3 hours. I cook it at medium-high for the first 1/2 hour, then lower it to simmer or low.

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**SLOW METHOD:**

Or you can cook it in your crock-pot for 4 to 8 hours.  
(4 hours on HIGH; 8 hours on LOW)

Beef Barley Soup (continued)

**FAST METHOD:**

You CAN have it ready in 1-1/2 hours if you cook it on high heat, stirring often. The barley *must* cook for a full hour.

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## Porcupine Meatballs

1-1/2 lbs. hamburger  
1 cup regular or Minute Rice  
1 can cream of celery (or chicken or mushroom, depending on preference) soup  
1 soup-can of water  
1 onion cube thawed  
pepper and garlic powder to taste  
1/2 tsp. salt

1) Break hamburger into smaller pieces (easier to mix), add rice, thawed onion cube, and spices. Mix well.

2) Form into a-little-larger-than-walnut-sized meatballs and arrange in casserole dish with a lid (or use aluminum foil to cover).

3) In the same bowl in which you mixed the hamburger and rice (now empty because all the little buggers are safe-n-snug in the casserole dish), mix the can of soup with the can of hot water. Pour over the meatballs.

4) Cover. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. (Serve with rice.)

## SHOWCASE!

### *Your talents and Interests!*

We would like to have a periodic column in this newsletter that will tell your neighbors of YOUR interests, hobbies and skills!

Maybe you enjoy bridge, checkers, bingo or some other fun game. Perhaps you like to hunt or fish. Maybe you clip coupons, and someone else in your neighborhood does too! From arts and crafts, cooking, to handy man skills, to interests and recreation – from getting together to watch sports and games together...there are lots of possibilities!

Take a minute and mail, email or fax in your interests and we will set aside space in an upcoming issue of this newsletter for your interests! [tony@questhomesusa.com](mailto:tony@questhomesusa.com)

## HELPFUL HINTS CORNER

Occasionally we all find ourselves in a quandary about how to address a problem such as cleaning or fixing an item. Over the years we have heard "old wives tales" which normally left us wondering.

Sometimes the "fix" is easy and sometimes not. I hope you will find the helpful hints in this column truly helpful! If you have a hint to offer for future columns please feel free to drop it off at the office or send it to my email address. I look forward to your responses. ☺  
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HINT #1 - Use an ordinary pencil eraser to remove black heel marks from wood or linoleum floors.

HINT #2 - Paint the screw of a wobbly drawer knob with fingernail polish before inserting it. When the polish dries, it will hold the screw tightly.

HINT #3

Cleaning your washing machine. Fill the washer with warm water and add a gallon of distilled vinegar. Run the machine through an entire cycle. The vinegar will cleanse the hoses and unclog soap scum from them.

HINT #4

To prevent flies from swarming around outdoor garbage containers, hose them down and allow to dry in the sun. Then sprinkle in a little dry soap.

HINT #5

Feed geraniums rinsed coffee grounds.

HINT #6

Salted boiling water will immediately kill grass or weeds growing between sections

## ARE YOU IN FINANCIAL DISTRESS?

You may be if you are currently paying 40% or more of your monthly gross income to short term debt, according to the Federal Government. Source: Smart Money, April 2003 Here are some ideas that may help.

### MONEY TIPS FOR COUPLE'S

1. Organize regular money meetings. Use the time to discuss your financial situation, your dreams and goals, and brainstorm creative solutions to problems.
2. Work with your partner's personality. Establish a division of labor that suits your talents. If your partner is a bargain-hunter, put him in charge of the spending part of the budget, while you invest the savings.
3. Don't ignore your spouse's needs. If it is important to your partner, it is important to your relationship. Hear what your spouse is saying, consider it, and respond.
4. Join an investment club. Investment clubs are social gatherings where members can learn about finances together. If you can't find one, organize one of your own.
5. Learn to have fun without a lot of money. A bike-ride, walk in the park, home-cooked meal, free concert are just a few low-cost ways to enjoy time together.

If there is interest in being part of an investment club/class, please call Ruth Sattler at (715) 573-7324 by September 20th. *Column Courtesy of Ruth with Primerica. ##*

### More "Smart Money" Tips!

1. Do you **eat out when you work?** Try packing a sack lunch, at least once a week. You'll *save about \$250 a year* for every day that you pack a lunch. Chances are, your sack lunch will be healthier too!
2. Skip the **Movie Rental**. Why not go to the public library, or your church library, and check out a video...**free!** Those \$1 to \$3 dollar video rentals that you will save can quickly add up to more money in your savings account!
3. **Charge card troubles?** Target paying off your lowest charge card balance first by making more than a minimum payment. Pay off one card, then the next highest balance, and so on until its paid off. When you're done, you'll also have a better credit rating! Remember, bankruptcy laws changed making bankruptcy more difficult. Work with creditors can pay off. Use credit...WISELY. Separate needs from wants and you will progress!