



### September 2013

#### Office Closed

Please note, our office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day.

#### Our Team

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- Sales Associate Nicholas Brown
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#### Join Us on Facebook

Both Preston Park and Abrams Park are on Facebook! Check us out frequently for community updates and local information.

#### Management Office Hours

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## Activities

#### Community Garage Sale

Don't miss out on this great resident event that all residents of Preston Park and Abrams Park are invited to join. It's this year's annual **Community Garage Sale** and it's taking place on Saturday, **Sept. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.!** Whether you've got stuff to sell or extra cash to burn, this event is perfect for you. See page 3 for garage sale tips. Let the bargaining begin!



#### We All Scream for Ice Cream!

It's summertime, and even though it's not really HOT in Marina, we'd like to think that it could be! So to help everyone keep cool this month, we're having an **Ice Cream Social** at the **Preston Park Leasing Office** on **Saturday, Sept. 28, from 12 to 2 p.m.** We'll have some old-fashioned favorites and some newer, fruitier choices as well. Come one, come all, to this amazing ice cream extravaganza!



Don't want to let your kids leave "Hopped Up" on sugar? Send them into the awesome **Bounce House** that we will provide! It's going to be a great day of fun for everyone.

#### Newsletter Feedback

Alliance Residential strives to meet and exceed your needs—our monthly newsletter is no exception. Please let us know what you would like to see! You can stop by the office or contact us at (831) 384-0119. You may submit recipes, news of your child's achievements and other items of community interest. We need to

receive items by the 5th of the month to include them in the following month's newsletter.



**Sweet Homemade Dog Treats!!!**

**Crunchy Cinnamon Dog Biscuits**

**Ingredients:**

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

**Directions:**

1. Preheat your oven to 375 degrees and lightly grease a couple of baking sheets.

2. In a large mixing bowl, add the oil, honey, vanilla, cinnamon, milk and egg. Once you've got that mixed, stir in the flour and baking powder. Mix until a dough forms.

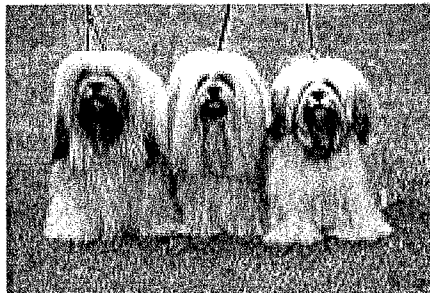
3. On a lightly floured surface, dump out the contents of the bowl and then knead it until all of the ingredients are incorporated and it can be spread using a rolling pin. Roll the dough out to about a 1/4 thickness and then either cut using cookie cutters or a pizza cutter.

4. Place the uncooked biscuits on your baking sheets and bake for 13-16 minutes.

- Store at room temperature in an airtight container

For more recipes for your pet go to [www.dogtreatrecipes.org](http://www.dogtreatrecipes.org)

P.S. Keep an eye out for Homemade treats for your cats in our October Newsletter!



**Pets Want to Meet Their Neighbors Too!**

From "the leader of the pack" to "the top dog," plenty of simplistic metaphors come from the canine world. But relationships between canines can be pretty complex, beginning with the very first meeting.

**Tips on how to introduce dogs to each other:**

1. Choose a neutral location - Introduce the dogs in a neutral, unfamiliar location, so that each dog is less likely to view the other as an intruder. Each dog

**Pet Peeves**

There's nothing worse than trying to enjoy a peaceful day when all you can hear is Fido barking from up the street.

Pet owners, please ensure that your dog(s) are not barking uncontrollably. It can be a nuisance at any time of day! Make sure your pet has indoor access to plenty of food and water and never leave them alone for an unreasonable length of time. It's always a good idea to provide your animal with plenty of toys and treats to ensure they stay happy and well behaved.

Please remember to pull your animals inside at night so as to avoid those pesky midnight wildlife issues that can cause noise disturbances. Thanks for your cooperation.

should be on a leash and handled by a separate person.

2. Use positive reinforcement - Help both dogs experience "good things" when they're in each other's presence. Let them sniff each other briefly, and as they do talk to them in a happy, friendly tone of voice.

3. Be aware of body posture - One body posture that indicates things are going well is a "play-bow" where a dog will crouch with their front legs on the ground and hind end in the air. This is an invitation to play. Watch carefully for body postures that indicate an aggressive response, including hair standing up on one dog's back, deep growls, a stiff-legged gait, or a prolonged stare. If you see such postures, interrupt the interaction immediately by calmly getting each dog interested in something else.

For more information on how to introducing pets go to: [http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/introducing\\_new\\_dog.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/introducing_new_dog.html)

**After-Hours Answering Service**

For after-hours emergencies, please call our 24-hour answering service at **(831) 384-0119**.

Emergencies consist of:

- Fire or flood
- Gas smell
- Water leak
- No water or no hot water
- Broken windows
- Heating/electrical issues
- Non-functioning toilet
- Sewer back-up
- Non-functioning refrigerator
- Smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarm sounding

**Nonemergency Maintenance Requests**

For all other maintenance requests, please allow 24 to 48 hours for us to be able to assess the issue. Thank you!



### **Garage Sale Tips—Courtesy of the Tenants' Association**

**Tag everything with a price.** If possible, color code with round stickers and put up a large poster clearly identifying each color and price (ex: a red sticker would identify an item costing \$1 and a blue sticker \$2).

**Be prepared for early birds** to come and get first crack at your treasures. If you don't want people to preview your items, have them wait until you are ready to open.

Make certain you **have enough change** the day of the sale.

**Decide in advance if you're going to accept checks.** If you do take checks, always ask to see a **CA Driver's License** and write the number on the face of the check. You may also ask to see a credit card, but you **may not write down the credit card number.**

Have a **calculator, pen and pad of paper handy** to quickly total items.

**Save up grocery sacks, bags and newspapers** and have them handy so your customers can easily tote items back to their car.

**Display things in categories.** Keep clothing, linens, toys and other items separated. Try to keep clothes folded or display them on a clothes rack or coat rack if possible. Tables (card tables, folding tables, etc.) are great for displaying your items.

**People love looking through bins for a bargain.** You can place small like items in a bin marked with "box pricing."

Have an **extension cord plugged in** and ready for customers to use to make sure any electrical items are working properly.

**Keep breakables away from the edges of tables and as far out of reach of children as possible.**

### **Shop and Donate**

Not sure if you knew, but the **Last Chance Mercantile** in Marina is the place where reusable materials get their last chance before ending up in the landfill.

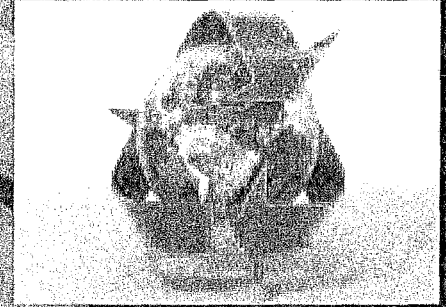
Operated by the Monterey Regional Waste Management District, this facility includes public recycling drop-off bins, as well as a household and electronics hazardous waste recycling facility. They accept:

**Sporting goods, automotive parts and accessories, cardboard, aluminum, lumber and construction materials, clothing and linens, hardware and electrical items, furniture, TVs, housewares, gardening supplies, mulch and compost, paints, varnishes and cleaners and miscellaneous other items.**

Still have leftover items after participating in the **Community Garage Sale**? Why not take your usable items to the **Last Chance Mercantile** and let them become a treasure for someone else.

Drop-offs are accepted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, at 14201 Del Monte Blvd. If you're looking to pick up some used household items, stop by the Mercantile Office and shopping area. Reasonably priced merchandise is available to view and purchase during the drop-off hours above.

For more information, please call (831) 384-5313 or check the website at [www.mrwmd.org/last-chance-mercantile.htm](http://www.mrwmd.org/last-chance-mercantile.htm). You can also give away items through Monterey-Salinas Freecycle. Type Monterey-Salinas Freecycle into your web browser to be taken to their site.



### **Get Paid to Recycle**

We all know we should recycle to help the environment. But now you can do the right thing and get rewarded for it. Many companies are cropping up that will pay you for your old electronic devices. These companies, such as BuyMyTronics, Gazelle, YouRenew and RecycleBank, will first try to reuse your old electronics and, if they're beyond repair, recycle them properly. Either way, they'll pay you for your device or give you the option to donate your recycling bucks to an environmental charity.

RecycleBank also partners with cities and towns to provide curbside pickup of the more traditional recyclables—paper, aluminum, plastic and glass. Residents receive credits toward partner businesses based on the amount they recycle.

While you can always resell your books, CDs, DVDs and video games on the web or at local used-goods stores, another great way to get rid of old books and media, and get new ones without spending money, is by using a swapping service. Programs such as PaperBackSwap or Swap give you a credit for every book, CD, DVD or game you mail out at your own expense, which you can then use to order one of thousands of books and media listed on their sites, sent to you free of charge.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Rent Is Due 1</p> <p>Monterey County Fair Continues Thru 9/2</p> <p>Monterey Greek Festival Custom House Plaza 9/1 - 9/2 montereybaygreekfestival.com</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Labor Day Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Marina City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Council Chambers</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Rent Is Due</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Continental Sports Car Festival Laguna Seca Raceway 9/7 - 9/8 mazdaraceway.com</p> <p>Mariachi Festival 6pm - 10pm Sherwood Hall steinbeck.org</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Grandparents Day</p> <p>Marina Farmers' Market Every Sunday 10 a.m. To 2 p.m. Marina Village Shopping Center</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Cherry's Jubilee 9/12 - 9/15</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Cherry's Jubilee 9/12 - 9/15</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Cherry's Jubilee 9/12 - 9/15</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Community Garage Sale 9am - 2pm All Courts Participating!</p> <p>Monterey Bay Oktoberfest Carmel 9/14 - 9/15 oktoberfestmontereybay.com</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Northern California Renaissance Faire OPENING WEEKEND Casa De Fruta norcalrenfaire.com</p> <p>Monterey Bay Harvest Fest Arts &amp; Crafts Faire Custom House Plaza 9/14 - 9/15 pacrep.org</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Marina City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Council Chambers</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Monterey Jazz Festival 9/20 - 9/22 Monterey County Fairgrounds montereyjazzfestival.org</p>	<p>21</p> <p>California International Airshow 9/21 - 9/22 Salinas salinasairshow.com</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Marina Farmers' Market Every Sunday 10 a.m. To 2 p.m. Marina Village Shopping Center</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Ice Cream Social! FREE Ice Cream at Preston Park Leasing Office 12PM - 2PM</p> <p>Monterey Beer Garden Custom House Plaza 12PM - 4PM</p>

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