September 2013

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

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

Management Office
Preston and Abrams Park

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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.

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.

Preston Park and Abrams Park
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 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

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.

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.

**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.”

**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. 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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<td>Monterey Greek Festival Custom House Plaza 9/1 - 9/2 montereybaygreekfestival.com</td>
<td>Labor Day Office Closed</td>
<td>Marina City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Council Chambers</td>
<td>Redwood Grove Festival 9/8 - 9/11</td>
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<td>Grandparents' Day</td>
<td>Marina Farmers Market Every Sunday 10 a.m. To 2 p.m. Marina Village Shopping Center</td>
<td>Northern California Renaissance Festival OPENING WEEKEND Gaze De Fruta mcaronline.com</td>
<td>Monterey Bay Harvest Festival Arts &amp; Crafts Fair Custom House Plaza 9/14 - 9/15 pacrep.org</td>
<td>Cherry's Jubilee 9/17 - 9/18 California.com</td>
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