



Great Oaks

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BULLETIN BOARD

Early Bird Rent Drawing

The Early Bird drawing winner for August was David Johnson. Congratulations! Remember to pay your rent before the 1st of the month to be entered into our drawing to win a **\$50 rent credit**.

September 2009



NOTES & NEWS

Arts and Apples Festival

The Arts and Apples Festival, held every fall at the Rochester Municipal Park, will be held Sept. 11, 12 and 13. The Paint Creek Center for the Arts sponsors this nationally-renowned annual fundraiser. This is an event for the whole family!

No Changes, Please

Just a reminder—please do not make any physical changes to your apartment, inside or out. No matter how simple the modification may seem, we need to be able to provide future residents the same standard of quality and consistency when they choose to live with us. If there is something that you think can be changed without affecting uniformity, please call us and ask. Thank you.

Bright and Bold

Capture autumn's beautiful colors for year-round display by making a leaf pressing. Place the leaves between wax paper sheets, cover with a towel and gently press with a warm iron.

HIGHLIGHTS

Honor 9-11 Victims and Heroes

Sept. 11 is Patriot Day.

Quarters for Laundry

For your convenience, our office keeps a plentiful supply of quarters to make change for the coin-operated laundry facilities. Stop by anytime during office hours.

Keep Hallways Clear

Please remember that for fire safety, our rules prohibit any items—with the exception of doormats—from being kept in hallways. We appreciate your cooperation.

Resident Referrals

When you refer someone to Great Oaks Apartments, you will receive a \$300 credit on your rent. Make sure your name appears on our Welcome Card to receive credit.

Great Oaks Office Staff

Catherine M. Dube Residential Manager
DeAunte Fuller Maintenance Supervisor
Debra Becknell Associate Res. Manager
Kendra Plotner Leasing Agent

Carport Etiquette

Please respect your neighbor's carport space. Do not park in a carport unless it has been assigned to your apartment through the office. Also, please remind your visitors of this rule. Violators will be towed without notice at the vehicle owner's expense. Thank you for your cooperation.

Web Address

info@greatoaksapartments.com

Important Numbers

Management/Leasing Office .. (248) 651-2460
Emergency Maintenance (248) 275-2048
Fire, Police, Ambulance 911

Great Oaks Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



Cause for Kids

- The annual Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon hasn't always been a Labor Day event. The telethon originally began in June 1955.
- The first event raised \$600,000. The total today is more than \$1 billion.
- According to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, a \$30 donation equals one flu shot; \$82 pays for 1 minute of research.
- MD is a group of genetic diseases characterized by degeneration of skeletal muscles that control movement. The most common type, Duchenne, can leave youths unable to walk by age 12.
- 78.4 percent of the money raised by the telethon goes to research, services and education.
- Johnny Carson answered phones for the telethon in 1969.



THE 1-MINUTE CHEF

Sweet & Sour Pork and Pineapple Stir-Fry

Ingredients:

- 1 pound pork tenderloin
- 1/2 t. salt
- 2 T. plus 1 t. cornstarch, divided
- 2 cups fresh sugar snap peas
- 1/2 pineapple, peeled and cored
- 3 T. soy sauce
- 1 T. rice vinegar
- 1/3 c. apricot preserves
- 1 T. vegetable oil
- 1 medium red onion, cut into wedges
- 3 c. hot cooked rice

Directions: Trim fat from pork tenderloin and slice lengthwise into four strips, then slice crosswise. Combine pork, salt and 2 T. of the cornstarch in bowl; set aside. Next, cut sugar snap peas in half crosswise on a bias. Cut pineapple



half into 1/4-inch pieces. For sauce, combine soy sauce, vinegar and remaining cornstarch in small bowl; whisk well. Add preserves and whisk well; set aside.

Add oil to skillet; heat over medium-high heat 1-3 minutes or until shimmering. Place pork flat into skillet and cook undisturbed 4-6 minutes or until browned on one side. Turn pork over and cook an additional 1-2 minutes. Add onion. Cook until onion begins to brown. Reduce heat to medium; add snap peas, pineapple and sauce. Cook 1-2 minutes or until sauce is thickened, stirring constantly. Serve over rice.

Source: *The Pampered Chef*. Find more recipes or a consultant at www.PamperedChef.com.



CONSUMER TIPS

A Guide to Green:

Sorting Through Advertising Claims

As consumers become increasingly conscious of the environmental impact of their purchases, it can be challenging to understand the marketing claims of various products in any significant way. That's why the Federal Trade Commission offers a fact sheet for consumers on its web site, www.FTC.gov, that attempts to cut through the advertising fog.

Perhaps the chief obstacle to clear and meaningful labeling for environmentally friendly products is the so-called "universal" recycling symbol of three chasing arrows. Some companies use it to indicate that the product or packaging is made from recycled materials,



while other companies employ the symbol to demonstrate that the product itself may be recycled. Unless the product and packaging are 100 percent recycled, regulations mandate that the label says how much is recycled. Regarding what can and cannot be recycled, it's best to check with your local recycling or solid waste officials to clarify.



You can safeguard yourself against online dangers with a consumer-safety web site.

Web Smarts: Avoiding Fraud

Sure, the web offers a multitude of opportunities for learning, organizing and sharing—but how can we make sure that hoaxes, scams and fraud don't stand in the way of the Internet enriching our lives? A wide array of government and nonprofit institutions—including the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Homeland Security and the National Crime Prevention Council—have allied to bring an essential utility to safeguard consumers from online dangers. OnGuard Online helps users better understand

Vague or general claims, such as "environmentally friendly" or "eco-safe," are also not helpful when making purchasing decisions. For one, all products, packaging and services have an environmental impact of one kind or another and to varying degrees. Look for specific information that aids in comparing alternative products and explains the criteria for such a claim.

Some products also bear labels like "degradable." This can be misleading, because any product will take much longer to degrade in a landfill than it would exposed to air and water. Cleaning products, such as detergents, often display "biodegradable" claims, but most of these products have always degraded in the wastewater system, causing no environmental harm.

Visit the FTC's Consumer Protection page to learn more about "green" advertising claims.

the internet and how they interact with it.

At the web site (www.OnGuardOnline.gov), straightforward, plain-language materials are available to educate users about internet fraud and how to protect their computers and personal information. For a quick brushup or to research a particularly suspicious subject, peruse instructive and thorough manuals on a range of topics, such as e-mail scams, identity theft, auction sites, social networking sites, spyware and wireless security. An overview titled "Stop. Think. Click." furnishes a condensed guide to online scams.

Still not sure what "phishing" is? Wondering how to avoid vulnerabilities and spot potential fraud? Several short videos demonstrate how to guard your personal information, keep children safe online and reduce spam.



GAME ON

Pigskin's Past

Way before Peyton Manning, goal posts and the Chicago Bears, the game of football was shaped by the first permanent settlement in North America. The origin of American football can be traced to the Virginia colony in Jamestown in the 1600s, according to the book "A Brief History of American Sports," by Elliott J. Gorn. He notes how settlers participated in a game of catch and carry, using a silver ball. The playing field was the countryside, with well-known landmarks serving as goals, where players engaged in a rough-and-tumble exercise of dragging each other over hills and dales to reach the ultimate destination. The winners received some type of prize, and everyone celebrated afterward with a feast.

More recently, the Oneida Football Club, a group of Boston prep school boys, formed a team in the early 1860s and created a game that combined soccer and rugby. In 1869, Rutgers and Princeton played what is considered to be the first college football game, though it hardly resembles today's sport. Each team lined up 25 players and simply went at it. Rutgers won, 6-4.



"Honey is sweet
But the bee stings."

—Proverb

"If you want to
gather honey, don't
kick over the beehive."

—Dale Carnegie

"Tart words make
no friends; a spoonful
of honey will catch
more flies than a
gallon of vinegar."

—Benjamin Franklin

"When you shoot
an arrow of truth, dip
its point in honey."

—Arab Proverb

"Life is the flower
for which love is
the honey."



—Victor Hugo

"Bee vomit," my
brother said once,
'That's all honey is,'
so that I could not put
my tongue to its jellied
flame without tasting
regurgitated blossoms."

—Rita Dove



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Rent Is Due Early Bird Drawing	2	3	4	5 Last Day to Pay Rent to Avoid Late Fees
6 \$50 Late Fee Assessed for Late Rent	7 Labor Day Office Closed Pool Closes for Season	8	9	10	11 	12
13 <i>Grandparents Day</i> 1st Sunday after Labor Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	 <p style="text-align: right;">"For summer there, bear in mind, is a loitering gossip, that only begins to talk of leaving when September rises to go." - George Washington Cable</p>		

September Month in "This History"

1297: Scottish rebel William Wallace defeats the English at Stirling Bridge.

1752: The Liberty Bell arrives in Philadelphia.

1796: President George Washington gives his farewell address.

1807: Aaron Burr is acquitted of treason. Allegedly he had a plan to form a new nation.

1848: Baseball rules that the first baseman can tag the base for the out instead of the runner.

1851: "The New York Times" goes to print for the first time.

1888: George Eastman patents the first camera that uses roll film and registers his trademark Kodak (a combination of some of his favorite letters).

1900: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid commit their first bank robbery together.

1908: Orville Wright takes Lieutenant Thomas Selfridge on an airplane ride. They crash, and Selfridge dies, becoming the world's first fatality from a plane accident.

1939: World War II begins after Hitler invades Poland.

1969: The first automated teller machine (ATM) in the United States is installed in New York City.

1982: The Boeing 767 makes its first commercial flight from Chicago to Denver.

1987: NFL players go on strike, but the NFL hires substitutes to continue playing the scheduled games. Twenty-four days later, the strike ends.