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From the Manager's Desk...

Warmer weather will soon be here. March 20th is the first official day of Spring!

It's that time again! Time to file your taxes. Instead of the traditional April 15 deadline, the 2011 tax deadline for your 2010 tax return is **April 18, 2011**.

We would like to take this opportunity and thank all the residents that showed up for our BRAIN-STORM BASH for the new facelift for our Community Room. Many changes are about to happen, and we want all of you to be a part of it. We would also like to give a WARM shout-out to our VHP Ambassadors: Ron, Karen, Susan, and Terry. Thank you again, for taking time out of your schedules to make these changes possible. We can't wait to see the new décor for our Community Room.



I'm looking over a four leaf clover that I overlooked before!



One leaf for sunshine, the second for rain, third for the roses that grow in the lane.

No need explaining the one remaining for somebody I adore.

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 12th.

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 13th.

This is also a great time to test your smoke detector batteries.

SPRING CLEANING TIPS:

- ★ Wear comfortable, old clothing that you won't mind getting stained or dirty.
- ★ Take inventory of your cleaning supplies.
- ★ If you have things that you do not need anymore, donate them to a local charity.
- ★ Make a checklist of all springtime jobs that you only do once or twice a year. Mark them off as you accomplish them.
- ★ Open your windows to let some fresh air in.
- ★ Turn on some music. This will get your adrenaline going and you'll have more energy to accomplish your task.



PASTA WITH IRISH

BACON AND BROCCOLI

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 slices Irish Bacon, cut into 1/4in strips
- 8 ounces dried corkscrew shaped pasta
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup de-fatted chicken broth
- 1/8 teaspoon dried hot pepper flakes
- 4 cups fresh broccoli florets
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Instructions:

Cook pasta in large amount of salted boiling water. While pasta is cooking:

Cook bacon strips in a non-stick skillet over medium heat, just until they begin to brown. Stir in garlic and onions; cover and cook for several minutes or until onion is soft. Raise heat to medium-high. Add chicken broth, hot pepper flakes and broccoli. Cover and cook for 7 to 8 minutes until broccoli is crisp-tender and still bright green. Stir in grated Parmesan and salt to taste. Toss with hot cooked pasta. Serve immediately.

Have a recipe you'd like to share? Drop it off at the Community Management Office and we'll feature it in a future newsletter!



Green Gene Says:

Here is a great eco-friendly window cleaner just in time for Spring cleaning!

1/4-1/2 tsp. liquid detergent
3 tbs. vinegar
2 cups water
spray bottle

Put all the ingredients into a spray bottle, shake it up a bit, and use as you would a commercial brand. The soap in this recipe is important. It cuts the wax residue from the commercial brands you might have used in the past.

