

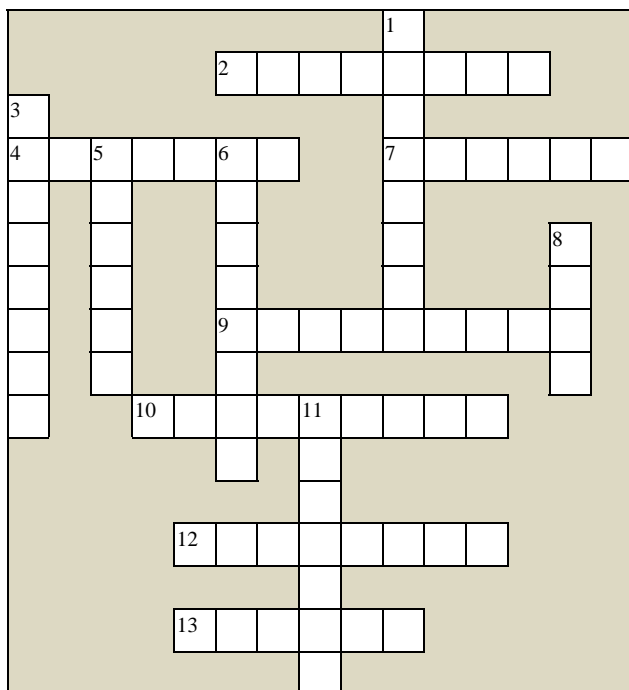
Drought Update

Unfortunately, the drought condition continues to persist in our area. In response to low water levels in the James River, Hanover County instituted mandatory water restrictions effective October 22nd. As a result, Kosmo Village Management will continue its current policy of not authorizing any extra water usage for the tenants in our park. This means no 2-week watering or powerwash passes will be issued until the mandatory restrictions have been lifted. We would like to thank our residents, in advance, for their patience and understanding. Residents are asked to do their part to conserve water resources by promptly repairing any known leaks such as dripping faucets and running toilets. Also, please be advised that the Fire Marshall's office has issued a burn ban until further notice. This burn ban includes any open fire, including recreation fires, due to the extreme dry conditions and lack of rainfall. If you would like more information regarding the mandatory water restrictions, please call 365-6024. For information regarding the burn ban, please call 365-6195.

Did You Know

In addition to changing the overall look of the Kosmo Village website, we have created a Resident Connection page. From here, residents can submit complaint forms, review park rules and regulations, complete a vehicle information update form, request a visitor parking pass, request maintenance service, view our newsletter archive, view the Hanover County Community Resource Guide and check out our Yard of the Month and Early Bird Contest winners. The goal of the Resident Connection page is to help keep our residents informed of what is going on in their neighborhood and to serve as an informational hub 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you haven't done so already, we hope that you check out our new website and bookmark the Resident Connection page for quick and easy reference in the future. We will be continually adding new features to serve you better!

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Thanksgiving Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 2 Pilgrim landing rock
- 4 Shared feast with Pilgrims
- 7 Holiday bird
- 9 Ship settlers came over on
- 10 Bouties
- 11 Holiday day of week
- 12 Thank you shortened

Down

- 1 Sport enjoyed on this holiday
- 3 Settlers that came over
- 5 Meal
- 6 Thanksgiving month
- 8 Vegetable at first Thanksgiving
- 11 Giving some of what you have



KOSMO VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK & CAMPGROUND



Holiday Schedule

We are nearing that time of year when we gather with friends and family to enjoy Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. The following is a list of days our office will be closed over the holiday season. Please make a note of them:

Thanksgiving

- CLOSED Thursday, November 22nd
- CLOSED Friday, November 23rd

Christmas

- CLOSED Monday, December 24th
- CLOSED Tuesday, December 25th

New Years

- CLOSED Tuesday, January 1st

From our family to yours: Have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

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Management Memo

Children seem to love dogs with a passion. They just need to learn to love dogs with some caution. According to an article by The Humane Society of the United States, 4.7 million people in the U.S. are bitten by dogs each year—80% of them by dogs they know and interact with regularly. It is estimated that more than half of those victims are under the age of 13. Children are three times more likely to sustain a serious dog bite. The good news, however, is that most bites can be prevented. Even the friendliest of dogs can be uncomfortable with a child's quick movements and loud tone of voice. Children tend to get excited around dogs, approaching quickly, talking loudly, and even hugging. Any of these actions can result easily in a bite.



As you all know, pets are a welcomed part of our community but we want all of our residents to be safe. Therefore, we are asking parents to go over a few simple tips with their children to help prevent accidental injuries:

- Always seek the owner's permission before petting a dog. If it is okay, approach slowly and quietly. Let the dog sniff first and then pet the dog's sides or back gently.
- Never sneak up on or pet a dog who is eating or sleeping. Animals may bite when they are startled or frightened.
- Never pet a dog who is playing with a toy. Dogs are often protective of toys and may think you are trying to take it.
- Never try to pet a dog who is in a car.
- Never pet a dog who is behind a fence. Most dogs naturally protect their property and home.
- Do not approach a barking dog.

It is important that children be reminded to observe their neighbor's boundaries:

- Do not reach through or over someone else's fence.
- Do not run back and forth along the fence line or use toys or sticks to hit the fence.
- Do not throw toys, sticks or other items over the fence.
- Do not enter a neighbor's yard without permission.
- Do not tease, annoy or intentionally aggravate a neighbor's dog.

Helping your children understand these simple tips will go a long way towards preventing bites and encouraging positive relationships between the residents and the pets in our park.

Money Matters: 10 little expenses that add up fast!

Do you ever wonder where your money goes especially if you are not a big spender? It is surprisingly easy to spend thousands of dollars just a few dollars at a time. According to a recent article published by BankRate.com, it is easy to throw money away on little daily expenses without even taking time to stop and think about it. If you fall into any of the money traps below, learn how to avoid them and pocket the savings!

Coffee: The average price for a cup of brewed coffee is \$1.38. There are roughly 260 weekdays per year, so buying one coffee every weekday morning costs almost \$360 per year.

Cigarettes: The average price for a pack of cigarettes in the United States is \$4.54. Pack-a-day smokers fork out \$1,650 a year. Weekend smoker? Buying a pack once a week adds up to \$236 annually.

Alcohol: Drink prices vary based on the location, but assuming an average of \$5 per beer including tip, buying two beers per day adds up to \$3,650 per year. Figure twice that for two mixed drinks a day at the local bar.

Bottled water from convenience stores: A 20-ounce bottle of Aquafina bottled water costs about \$1. One bottle of water per day costs \$365 per year.

Manicures: The average cost of a manicure is \$20.53. A weekly manicure sets you back about \$1,068 per year.

Weekday lunches out: \$9 will generally cover a decent lunch most workdays. If you buy, rather than pack, a lunch five days a week for one year, you shell out about \$2,340 a year.

Vending-machine snacks: The average vending machine snack costs \$1. Buy a pack of cookies every afternoon at work and pay \$260 per year.

Interest charges on credit card bills: According to a survey released at the end of May, the median amount of credit card debt carried by Americans is \$6,600. The average interest rate on a standard card is about 13%. Making the minimum payment each month, it will take 250 months (almost 21 years) to pay off the debt and cost \$4,868 in interest. Ouch!

Unused gym memberships: Costhelper.com reports that the monthly service fee at gyms averages between \$35 and \$40. At \$40 per month, an unused gym membership runs \$480 per year.

Classifieds

FOR SALE: Brand new 2007 Maynardville 14x56, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$45,995. Financing available for qualified buyers. Too many amenities to list. Visit www.kosmovillage.com/ForSale.htm or call 798-6689 for details.

FOR SALE: 1998 Oakwood mobile home for sale. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Call 519-7564.

SERVICES: Handyman/plumbing services with local neighborhood references available. Free, honest estimates. Call Ken Parady at 798-7223 or 400-3221.

SERVICES: Painting services offered. Call Robert Spence at 253-3900 or 798-4046 for an appointment.

SERVICES: Notary services by appointment. Call Sonja after 5 PM weekdays and any time weekends. 798-4046.

SERVICES: Lawn services provided to mobile home park residents. Contact Ron Smith at 402-3562 for more information.

Starting in December, we will feature our the Classified Ads not only in our monthly newsletter but also online at www.kosmovillage.com. Don't forget, whether you have an item to sell or a service to offer, ads for our residents are FREE! Make sure to submit yours by no later than the 15th of each month. You can phone it into the office at 798-6689 or email it to nicole@kosmovillage.com.

Thanksgiving Crossword Puzzle Answers: Across: 2-Plymouth, 4-Indians, 7-Turkey, 9-Mayflower, 10-Blessings, 12-Thursday, 13-Thanks. Down: 1-Football, 3-Pilgrims, 5-Dinner, 6-November, 8-Corn, 11-Sharing.

**Yard of the Month**

We know that the drought we have experienced in recent months has been quite challenging! However we appreciate our residents' efforts to keep up with their lots. Congratulations to this month's Yard of the Month winner who receives \$30 off their lot rent for the "Most Beautiful Yard."

**10506 Comanche Lane****Hanover News: Smoke Detectors**

A smoke detector that is not working is no better than having no smoke detector at all. The fact is, having properly functioning smoke detectors in your home can increase your chances of surviving a house fire by 40%. Hanover Fire/EMS would like to remind everyone to replace your smoke detectors' batteries twice a year, when you adjust your clocks for Daylight Savings Time. Remember, for minimum protection, you should have a smoke detector outside of each sleeping area. If you are in need of a smoke detector, contact the Fire Marshall's office at 365-6195.

**Focus On Community**

Do you have a particularly noisy neighbor? If you have exhausted all efforts to work with the neighbor to get him/her to turn the noise down, perhaps it is time to consider other alternatives. This month's focus on community highlights the Hanover local ordinances regarding noise disturbances.

It is a violation of the noise ordinance to play music inside a vehicle so loud that it may be heard outside the vehicle at a distance of 50 or more feet. Likewise, it is unlawful to play any radio, television, or musical instrument in such a manner or with such a volume, particularly during the hours of 10:00 pm to 8:00 a.m. as to annoy or disturb the quiet or comfort of persons in any dwelling or residence.

Call 365-6140 to request a deputy who can issue a summons only upon catching the individual in the act. The deputy can only issue a warning if the individual is not caught in the act. In this instance, it is helpful for you to keep a log of the date and time of disturbances. If the disturbances continue and the deputies are not able to catch the individual directly, the next step is to take your log to the Hanover County Magistrate. Because the magistrate will require certain specific information about the offender, you may need to ask the deputy to meet you at the magistrates office to provide the information or ask the deputy to provide the case numbers for any calls you have placed requesting deputy assistance so you can present it to the magistrate. You will need to convince the magistrate of the truthfulness of your claims, so it is advisable to bring with you one or more of the following forms of evidence: one or more witnesses, audio tape, video tape, chronological journal or log with as much information about the disturbances as possible. If the magistrate issues a warrant based on your evidence, you and your evidence will need to appear in open court.

If you would like more information, the Hanover County Sheriff's Department has published a Community Resources Guide to help its citizens understand local ordinances. If you would like to review the entire resource guide for yourself, you can view it online at www.co.hanover.va.us/sheriff, on our Resident Connection page at www.kosmovillage.com, or you can stop by the office to pick up a copy.