

March Fun Facts

The month of March hosts several national events such as:

- Foot Health Month
- National Furniture Refinishing Month
- National Frozen Food Month
- National Noodle Month
- National Peanut Month

March 3rd is National Anthem Day, March 14th is National Potato Chip Day, and March 22nd is National Goof Off Day. Wouldn't it be great if we could all get a day off to celebrate these bizarre American holidays?!?!?!?

Community Classifieds

FOR SALE: BRAND NEW 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: 1973 Sheffield. 12x65. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Call Larry Anthony for details (321) 626-1639.

FOR SALE: 2002 Clayton 32x72 double wide. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large den with fireplace. \$76,000. Call Bob Lucas at 798-3206.

FOR SALE: 1998 Oakwood mobile home for sale. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. \$13,500. Call 519-5820 or 262-6079.

FOR SALE: Tan floral print sofa. \$25. Brown stripe print chair. \$15. 10463 Comanche Lane. Call Kelly Kohlndorfer at (804) 798-2058.

HELP WANTED: Cashiers and Cooks needed at the new Popeyes Chicken & Biscuits chain located at TA Center on Lewistown Road at the I-95 junction. Competitive salary and comprehensive benefits offered. Paid training available for motivated individuals. Call Monica Davis at (301) 671-9971 or visit www.tatravelcenters.com.

SERVICES: Leaf removal services offered. Please leave message 798-1275.

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

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.

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

News You Can Use



For those who may not have already noticed, the speed limit in the park has been lowered to **10 mph**. The new speed limit sign has been posted just past the campground before entering the mobile home park. The speed limit has been lowered to ensure the safety of all of our residents. Those who are found to be driving at excessive speeds in the park are subject to being issued a lease breach.

KOSMO VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK & CAMPGROUND

Local Events

Fri-Sun, March 14-16th: 9th Annual St. Patrick's Day Party at Sine' Irish Pub & Restaurant (1327 E. Cary St). Live music, food and fun. Free before 6 PM; minimal cover after.

Sat. March 15th: Meadow Farm/ Crump Park Old Fashioned Easter Egg Hunt. 11 AM—Noon. For ages 1-5. Event is free but space is limited so please call for reservations.

Sat/Sun March 15-16th: Craftsmen's Spring Classic Arts & Crafts Festival at Richmond Raceway Complex. Tickets: Under 6-FREE; 6-12-\$1; adults-\$7.

Sun-Thur March 16-20th: "The Living Supper," a musical drama, will be presented at Trinity Christian Church (8469 Atlee Rd). Performance at 4 PM Sunday and 7 PM Monday—Thursday. Admission is free but reserved seating tickets required. Call 746-4838.

Thought For The Month

"You have to find something you love enough...to take risks, to jump over the hurdles and break through the brick walls that are always going to be placed in front of you."

~George Lucas, Director
Star Wars



Management Memos

Preparing for Spring

As we start nearing the spring season, we wanted to take the time to remind our residents who may be doing an overall clean up of their lots to prepare for those spring flowers, that all open burning is prohibited in Kosmo Village. Our community is located in Hanover's Suburban Services Area and is prohibited from open burning at any time of the year. A violation of this law is a Class 3 misdemeanor, punishable by up to a \$500 fine. Furthermore, trash or leaf burning is prohibited as outlined in Section 9(T) of the Rules & Regulations incorporated into the Manufactured Home Lot Lease.

The use of charcoal and gas grills or fires contained in approved fire pits are permitted. However, you must take proper care and precaution by clearing all flammable material from the area where your contained fire will be and you must stay with it until it is completely extinguished or turned off.

Residents who have not already raked the leaves from their yards are required to do so, bagging them and disposing of them properly in the dumpsters. They may not be placed in or along the woods edge surrounding the property. Removal of the leaves is not only an excellent fire preventative but will also help reduce snakes in the area around your home.

Now would also be a great time to check the condition of your roof to determine if it is time to clean, reseal or make patch repairs this spring. You may also want to assess your shed to see if it is in need of repair or a fresh coat of paint.

Don't forget to leave your heat tape turned on through April 15th and be sure to mark your calendar for National Water Checkup Day on April 2nd. This is the day that you need to make sure you know where your water shut off is and verify the valve does indeed work. It's also the time to inspect all your water connections both inside and outside of your home to make sure there are no leaks. This includes the lines to your toilets, sinks, wash machines, dishwashers and garden hoses. Taking the time to inspect your water connections at least once a year can save you a lot of money by being able to detect and repair leaks before they cause serious damage.

If you would like to see your spring flowers featured in an upcoming Kosmo Community Courier Newsletter, feel free to submit your photos to the office. You can also email them to kosmovillage@comcast.net.

Trivia: Did you know that a peanut is not actually a nut but a legume (a bean) that is cholesterol free? How many pounds of peanuts/peanut products does the average American consume each year?

Answer: 6 lbs

Flower Power

Are you considering adding some flower power to your yard? Flowers are a wonderful (and relatively inexpensive) way to add color to your home. Flowers, plants and other forms of landscaping can also be used to mask unattractive areas or attributes of your home or yard. For instance, to make a small yard look larger, plant brightly colored flowers in the front of the yard and pastels towards the back. You can divide a long, skinny yard into smaller areas by positioning plantings to break up the line of sight.

If you are looking for improvements that can make your home easier to sell, pick conservative plants (especially border plants) over wilder, more "specialty" type flowers.

If you are looking for function and beauty, why not install a pathway to your front door? A straight path encourages guests to advance directly to your entry and works well for formal or evenly proportioned homes. A winding path offers a more relaxed and casual appeal to your entry. No matter which walkway you choose, you can avoid the hassles of concrete by using paver stones instead. To make your path look even more striking, embellish both sides of the walkway with strong symmetrical landscaping borders and border plants and flowers.

The Virginia Cooperative Extension office is the perfect place to learn more about what plants and flowers will be best suited for your needs and what will thrive in our locality. The Hanover office is located at 13224 Hanover Courthouse Road (804-752-4310). The following is information provided by Diane Relf, Extension Specialist:



Bluebell



Liriope



California Poppy

- Bluebells prefer shadier locations and will bloom even where they get no direct sun at all.
- As tulip, narcissus and other large bulbs begin to emerge, set pansy plants between them for added color.

- Impatiens, one of the best annuals for shady spots, start blooming 3 months from seeding. Start seeds indoors now and they'll be ready to set out after the last frost date. Pinch back seedlings once or twice before setting out to promote compact, bushy plants.
- If weeds occur in bulb beds, pull them by hand so the bulbs and roots will not be disturbed.
- Rejuvenate your liriope by using a lawnmower to cut back the old foliage to a height of 2-3". Avoid mowing too close and damaging the crown of the plant since that is where the new growth emerges.
- Perennials perform best in well-drained soil with plenty of humus. Hostas, liriope, daylilies, dicentra, Shasta daisies and coral bells can be divided before growth starts in the spring.
- Many annual flowers are very frost hardy when plants are small, including alyssum, California poppy, candytuft, larkspur, pansy, viola, phlox, pinks, Shirley poppy, snapdragon, stock and sweet pea. Seeds can be sown as soon as the soil has thawed.
- When leaves of spring-flowering bulbs emerge, apply a complete fertilizer to ensure quality blooms next year. Remove bulb foliage only after it dies naturally.

Overnight Parking

Some residents have already noticed our increased efforts at ticketing improperly parked vehicles. If you have not already done so, please update vehicle information with the office and make sure you have a parking permit displayed in the rear window in the bottom corner of the driver's side. All vehicles remaining in the park overnight must display a valid permit (or visitor pass) as well as valid inspection, county or license plate stickers. Vehicles ticketed can be towed from the premises if the violation is not corrected within 24 hours and will be towed at owner's expense. Guests are asked to park in the overflow parking areas located in the park. If your guest arrives after office hours, please leave their vehicle information on the answering machine to avoid having their vehicle ticketed in the morning. If you get a new vehicle, please remember to transfer your parking permit and contact the office with the new information. If your permit no longer "sticks" to the window, please bring it in for a FREE replacement. If you lose your parking permit or fail to transfer it, you will be charged a \$25 replacement fee.

Yard of the Month

Congratulations to this month's "Most Beautiful" Yard of the Month. The winner receives \$30 off their lot rent.



10441 Arapaho Lane

Early Bird Contest

The winner for February's Early Bird Contest drawing was **10457 Comanche Lane**. The winner received \$30 off their lot rent. Remember, each time you pay your rent early, your name is automatically entered into the drawing. The more often you pay your rent early, the more chances you have to win! Drawings are held several times each year, with the next scheduled to run in July.



Daylight Savings

On March 31, 1918, President Wilson established Daylight Savings Time in the U.S. which is observed in every state, save for Arizona and Hawaii. If you have ever spent any time in the sweltering summer sun in those regions, you can understand why they don't need an extra hour of sunlight! This year, Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 9th and ends on November 2nd. Don't forget to "spring forward" your clocks by one hour before you go to bed Saturday night. In the fall, when we return to "standard time," your clocks will "fall back" one hour. Daylight Savings Time is also an excellent time to test the batteries in your smoke detector to help keep you and your family safe!



Community Yard Sale

All those interested in participating in a community yard sale this spring, please contact the office. We can start planning for the yard sale only if we have enough interested parties.

Hanover News

Poetry Contest: The Pamunkey Regional Library will be holding its 6th annual Poetry Contest at all branch libraries March 1st—March 31st. Contestants will be judged in categories K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, 6th-8th grade, 9th-12th and adults. The winner will be announced in April with prizes awarded in each category at each branch for the overall best poems. Contestants are invited to read their poem during the Library's poetry celebration programs during April, which is National Poetry Month. For more information, visit your local library branch or call (804) 365-6211 (email: information@pamunkeylibrary.org)

Tax Preparation Assistance: The Hanover Department of Social Services will once again be offering free tax preparation assistance through April 9th. Trained volunteers will be on hand each Wednesday evening from 4:30 -7:30 PM. Taxpayers must bring all W-2 forms for the year, your spouse (if filing jointly), photo ID and Social Security cards for all parties (including children). There are no exceptions. Assistance will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis at the Social Services office located near the corner of Rt. 1 and Ashcake Road.