

Classifieds

FOR SALE: BRAND NEW Maynardville 14x56, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$45,995. Financing available for qualified buyers. ASK ABOUT OUR SPECIAL LEASING INCENTIVES. Too many amenities to list. Visit www.kosmovillage.com/ForSale.htm or call 798-6689 for details.

FOR SALE: 1973 Sheffield, newly renovated. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. All flooring replaced and brand new linoleum and carpeting installed. New base cabinets in kitchen. Fresh coat of interior paint. No appliances. \$15,000. ASK ABOUT OUR SPECIAL LEASING INCENTIVES. Call 798-6689 for details.

FOR SALE: 2002 Clayton 32x72 double wide. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large den with fireplace. 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.

SERVICES: Pet grooming services (including brush, wash, dry, anal gland expression, nail clipping/filing, breath freshening, and eye/ear cleaning) available by local park resident. One-on-one training (with dog & owner), doggie daycare and pet sitting services also available. Call Lorin Mayhew at 752-7644.

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.

Local Area Events

May 26th: *Historic Cemeteries Bus Tour.* 10 am—1 pm. \$20. Reservations required. Call 649-0711, ext. 301.

May 26-31st: *Hurricane Preparedness Tax Relief Holiday.* During this weeklong period, the Virginia sales tax and local retail tax will be waived on generators valued at \$1,000 or less as well as other preparedness items such as bottled water, food storage containers, batteries, flashlights, tarps, and first aid kits valued at under \$60 each. This tax holiday, put in place by Governor Kaine, is meant to encourage all Virginia residents to get themselves ready for the upcoming hurricane season starting June 1st.

May 31st: *Maymont Garden's "Magnolias & Muffins" Tour.* Starts at 8:30 am. Tour the Maymont grounds while learning about its history and see their beautiful Magnolia. Continental breakfast to follow in the Stone Barn. \$20. Registration required by May 28th. Call 358-7166, ext. 310.

June 1st: *Richmond Ride for Kids.* Calling all motorcyclists! Help support the efforts of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Ride with fellow cyclists side-by-side in an endless column of bikes to show your support. Ride starts at the Brook Hollow Shopping Center on West Broad Street. \$35 minimum donation required. For more information, visit www.rideforkids.org.

June 6—7th: *Special Olympics Summer Games.* Come out and show your support for the more than 1,500 special Olympics athletes competing for gold in Virginia. Friday from 7:30 am—9:30 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am—4:00 pm at the University of Richmond's Robin Center. Admission is free.

KOSMO VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK & CAMPGROUND

Go Green: Reducing Solid Waste

In this month's highlight of becoming more environmentally conscious, we are providing tips for you to substantially reduce the amount of solid waste that you dispose of each day. This will not only reduce your "carbon foot print" (the measure used for individuals to conceptualize the amount of carbon dioxide they help emit) but will help free up landfill space and reduce your impact on global warming.



There are four basic principals of reducing solid waste:

1. Reduce the amount of trash discarded.
2. Reuse containers and products.
3. Recycle solid waste and use recycled products.
4. Respond to the solid waste dilemma by reconsidering waste-producing activities.



Reduce: When choosing two similar products, select the one with the least unnecessary packaging. Remember, wrenches, screwdrivers, nails and other hardware are available in loose bins. At the grocery store, consider purchasing tomatoes, garlic, and mushrooms that are not pre-packaged. When purchasing household cleaners, consider using products that are concentrated. They often require less packaging and less energy to transport to the store, saving money as well as natural resources.

Reuse: Instead of buying a tool you will only use once, consider borrowing, renting or sharing an infrequently used item. If you have items you no longer want, instead of throwing them away, donate them. You can get a tax write-off while providing an item someone else in the community may need. Don't throw out your plastic tableware. Sturdy plastic utensils can be washed and reused at home, for picnics, outdoor parties, and potlucks. Use products that come in refillable containers. When possible use rechargeable batteries to help keep toxic metals found in batteries out of our landfills.

Recycle: Take used car batteries, antifreeze, motor oil, old rechargeable batteries and cell phones to places like Autozone, Home Depot or Office Max for recycling. Take your glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans and newspapers/magazine to the Lewistown Road Solid Waste Convenience Center for recycling.

Respond: Encourage others in your community and in your workplace to use reusable, recycled and recyclable materials and efficient, long-lasting equipment.

Management Memos

We have received numerous complaints from our residents regarding the mail service provided in the park. While we understand your frustration over missing, delayed, or incorrectly delivered mail, we want to emphasize again that you need to file your complaints with the Post Master General. You must contact the Glen Allen Post Office (located on Sadler Road in Innsbrook) to file your complaint. Their phone number is 270-5573. You can also file your complaint on line at www.usps.com. Our office cannot file the complaint for you. In the meantime, please check your mail thoroughly before opening it. If it does not have your name on it, in an effort to be neighborly, please take a moment to put it in the correct mailbox. Alternatively, you can mark it as "Delivered to Wrong Address" and stick it back in your mailbox with the flag up. Please do not simply throw away incorrectly delivered mail and note that it is a federal crime to open mail which is not addressed to you.

Thought For The Month: "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."

~ Walt Disney

REMINDER: Please makes sure to close the doors on the dumpster after use. This will prevent cats and other critters from getting into the dumpsters.

Times Are Tough

With consistently rising gas costs, the mortgage/housing crisis, and a downturn in our economy, many individuals are beginning to feel the squeeze on their wallets. With summer just around the corner, here are a few money saving tips—everything from helping entertain your children over the summer to avoiding costly fast food:

- **Avoid the urge to over spend.** Prepare a grocery list and only buy the items on your list. Try to do all your shopping in one store or several stores in the same area to avoid driving all over town and burning up gas.
- **Learn to fish.** This relatively inexpensive activity is a way to spend time with your kids, keeping them entertained, all while catching your dinner!
- **Forget the soda.** The money spent on these costly beverages quickly add up. Instead, go the more healthy and cost-friendly way of drinking water. Fill up a sports bottle with water on your way out the door to quench your thirst when you are out and about. Invest in the much more cost-effective Kool-Aid packages (available in sugar free) for the kids to drink over the summer.
- **Cancel that subscription.** Consider canceling your newspaper subscription. You can read the paper at the library for free or even online.
- **Get Connected.** Visit your local library where the internet access is free. It's also free to get a library card that allows you access to thousands of books. While you are there, check out their Audio Books or DVDs. Most libraries will allow you to check out these items at no additional cost. That will help keep you and the children entertained. Don't forget the library also offers summer reading programs for children, teens and adults as well as storytime and other activities over the summer.
- **Use your Crock Pot.** After a long day at work, who really wants to come home and cook? However, avoiding those fast food urges can save you big money! Instead, try fixing meals in your Crock Pot. You can put the ingredients in the pot, set it on Low heat, and head off to work. When you come home, dinner is ready and you didn't even have to heat up the house!

Happy Mother's Day

*"Happy Mother's Day" means more
Than have a happy day.*

Within those words lie lots of things

We never get to say.

It means I love you first of all,

Then thanks for all you do.

It means you mean a lot to me,

And that I honor you.

But most of all, I guess it means

That I am thinking of

Your happiness on this your day,

With pleasure with love.



~Kay Hunt

Yard of the Month

Congratulations to this month's Yard of the Month Winner for "Most Beautiful" yard. The winner will receive \$30 off their lot rent.



10430 Arapaho Lane

Home Repair Tip: Window Screens

If you have a missing or damaged window screen, you probably need a new one. The tricky part is finding one that is the right size for your mobile home window. Luckily, with a little bit of "elbow grease" and these instructions from www.mobilehomerepair.com, you can make your own window screens without the high cost of ordering custom-made ones from your local home improvement store:

1. The first step is to get your measurements. Measure the old screen (or a same size screen from another window). If you don't have either of those, you can measure from frame to frame in window and subtract 1/4".
2. Purchase a window screen frame kit from your local home improvement store. Pick up a roll of screen that will match your existing windows. You will also need a spline tool. If the kit does not contain top springs and hand pulls, you will need to purchase those as well.



3. If the frame kit comes with the spline installed (as illustrated on the left), remove it by pulling up on one end.

4. Using the measurement taken from step #1 above, cut frame of screen using a hacksaw. Before cutting, be sure to subtract the length of each corner. Instructions with the screen kit should tell you how much to subtract.



5. Lay out bottom pieces as shown at left. Push corner pieces into frame. Set screen pulls into spline track.

6. Lay out top pieces as shown on the right. Insert top spring into frame and then push in corner pieces. Frame of screen should now be assembled.



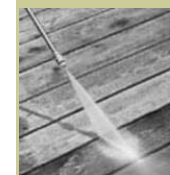
7. Unroll screen covering and lay across frame so that a couple of inches hangs over on each side. Using scissors, cut screen.



8. Using a spline roller (pictured on the left), push spline into groove. Gradually work the spline around the frame until it is well seated. As the spline is pushed into the groove, the screen will become taught.

9. Using an utility knife (with a brand new, sharp blade), carefully trim off the excess screen.

FREE Power Wash Month



Don't forget, May has been designated as "FREE Power Wash Month" in our park. Residents are encouraged to power wash their homes, sheds and decks as a part of their routine maintenance and spring cleaning. Residents who power wash this month will have the standard \$10 power washing fee waived. If you do not have access to a power washer, one can be rented at Home Depot. Alternatively, Ron Smith (a park resident) is offering power wash services for a small fee. He can be contacted directly at 402-3562.

Hanover News

Dog Tags: Animal Control officers have begun their annual visits to select neighborhoods to enforce Hanover County's requirement that all dogs over 4 months of age be rabies vaccinated and have valid dog tags. Failure of owners to display valid dog tags will result in a \$25 fine. A dog tag only costs \$6 and is available year round at multiple locations. The dog must be wearing the dog tag and rabies tag.

Social Services: Effective May 7th, Hanover will be extending the office hours at the Ashland Social Services office on Wednesdays. The new hours of operation will be from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. The operating hours for the rest of the week (Monday—Tuesday and Thursday—Friday) will remain 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.