

America needs you Ferris Bueller

Here we are in the eighth month of 2022. School is starting the 23rd, the crops are growing close to harvest, and the City of Smithville is a buzz of activity. I enjoy watching movies that have a bit of an upbeat approach. In 1986 the movie Ferris Bueller's day off opened in theatres. It's about a kid skipping school and having a wonderful adventurous day. If you get a chance go to you tube and play the clip of "Twist and Shout Ferris Bueller's day off." It is funny and well orchestrated.

For the last few years there have not been to many light hearted moments in the world. Covid, gas prices, Ukraine, housing shortages, mass shootings and a variety of other worrisome issues are what folks wake up to daily.

I grew up in the 1950's and 60's when there wasn't any media hype. Our entertainment was Gunsmoke, leave it to Beaver, and when I started driving the "Hillcrest Drive-in Theatre" on 95th terrace and North Oak.

There were problems in the 60's with social injustice and neighborhood inequity.

August was a big month for the U.S. Civil Rights Movement. It was on August 28, 1963, that Martin Luther King Jr gave his famous "I have a dream" speech to 250,000 people on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. Considered to be one of the most iconic speeches in the history of the US, King's speech called for the end of racial discrimination and for equal rights to all. King along with Bobby Kennedy were both assassinated in 1968. Rock music lost a living legend on August 16, 1977, when Elvis Presley left the world behind. The King of Rock's health had been going downhill for some time, but his death was a shock to the world.

It's a good time to read a book, watch an old movie, take a walk, and free your mind of the woes of the world. We live in a great country and a great community here at SHA. As Jack Hartman's cute song says, "Spread a little sunshine."

Hope you are doing well and that good things will come your way.



I ❤️
MY NEIGHBORS



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

CHEESE TORTELLINI WITH TOMATOES & CORN

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package (9 ounces) refrigerated cheese tortellini
- 3-1/3 cups fresh or frozen corn (about 16 ounces)
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup minced fresh basil
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 4 teaspoons olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper



DIRECTIONS

1. In a 6-qt. stockpot, cook tortellini according to package directions, adding corn during the last 5 minutes of cooking. Drain; transfer to a large bowl. Add remaining ingredients; toss to coat.



PEST CONTROL FOR AUGUST

The Housing Authority has a pest control company come in every month to our facility and usually covers 1/3 of our apartments and inspects other areas reported by our staff.

Due to changing weather patterns and environmental issues pest issues are ever changing. Please do not leave garbage or trash outside on your porches and please make certain to keep food in your homes (both human and animal) sealed and get rid of spoiled and outdated items.

The exterminators primary job is to inspect the apartments to see if any treatment is needed. If you do not want them to spray please notify the pest control specialist. If there are roaches or other infestations due to housekeeping issues that will be reported to our office. Please contact us with any questions.

Pest control on August 16 will be apartments 129 through 160. You do not need to be home for the exterminator. They will always be accompanied by one of our staff members. Please secure your animal.





PAYMENT METHOD SURVEYS AND RESEARCH

In the past few months we have sent out 3 surveys asking residents preferences on different methods to pay rent. After we found out the cost we sent out options to our residents again. Everything has a cost except for on line or auto pay. Credit card prices are ridiculous and debit will cost the tenant \$4.95 per transaction. We are not putting any of this in place until we get a feel that more than half of our tenants want to change their payment method.

You may always pay **by check, cash, or money order**. We don't want any of our folks getting ripped off, we are simply trying to make available alternate methods if enough interest is shown.

Each day there are requirements for people to do stuff on line. If you have not furnished our office with an email address and would like us to have it please contact the office. We send out notices a lot by email.

We will accept cash payments but **you must have correct change, we can't make change but can apply overpayments as a credit to your account.**

Our residents do a great job of paying rent, we appreciate that and helps balance the books each month.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

M. DIVELBISS 8-5

W. RITTMAN 8-12

C. HARRIS 8-14

J. BALLARD 8-17

R. DEAN 8-17

R. HANSEN 8-17

C. YEAGER 8-23

A. BLACKWELL 8-25

J. BENTON 8-30



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To cool for school

When our students began raising donations for Child Abuse Prevention Week, the school administration did its part by setting up a collection box outside the principal's office and displaying a banner by the front door of the lobby. It read "Please give \$1 to help stop child abuse in the front office."

At a planning meeting at my college, I congratulated a colleague on producing some superb student-guidance notes explaining how to combat plagiarism.

"How long did it take you to write them?" I asked.

"Not long," he said. "I copied them from another university's website."

Teacher: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree but also admitted it. Now, Joey, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

Joey: Because George still had the ax in his hand?

One hard thing to explain to teens is how legitimately exciting it used to be when someone would wheel in an overhead projector.

Teacher: Why can't freshwater fish live in salt water?

Student: The salt would give them high blood pressure.

How did you find school today?

A. I simply hopped off the bus – and there it was.

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COMPLIANCE REMINDERS AND INSPECTION

1. Please call work orders or email them to the office.
2. You must sign off on completed paperwork to have a compliant file.
3. Residents can not provide accommodations for boarders or lodgers. Anyone who's name is not on the lease may not occupy the unit for more than 3 consecutive days or 30 non consecutive days in a calendar year. There are exceptions for medical reasons or other reasons approved by the office. Subleasing is a violation.
4. Quiet hours 10:00 P.M. until 8:00 A.M.
5. Visitors: If a tenant has a guest that causes disturbances or engages in criminal activity the tenant on the lease is responsible.
6. Children supervision: Please keep track of your kids (any age) and make certain that they don't skateboard or ride bicycles on SHA sidewalks.
7. We will have an inspection October 3, 2022 see next page.



Hot Summer Nights

Smithville will be hosting bands on the stage in the courtyard park every Saturday night in August.

Fest-ville August 13

This is an all day event on Saturday August 13 downtown. There are a lot of events coming up . The best source of information is the Smithville Chamber of Commerce web page.



SHA food and a price for showing Up Aug. 17 noon in the community room.



Air conditioning issues

We do what we can to make sure everyone has air conditioning. Parts and freon are in short supply,

Please have a backup plan such as a fan or a relative or friend you can stay with. We will try to get you running with in 24 to 72 hours. Keep the unit free of animal hair and dirt. If it goes out on a weekend parts and repair persons will not be available.



Inspection October 3, 2022 7:00 A.M.-4:00 P.m.

We will have a REAC inspector here on October 3, 2022. All units will be inspected. This inspection will be followed up in early 2023 by a HUD mandated random inspection. Please make certain that the clutter, excessive plants, vegetation touching the building, cords, etc. are all safe. No blocked doors, breaker panels, or windows. Contact the office with questions. You will receive one more newsletter notice plus 2 letters.