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Social Media: Be Careful & Be Aware

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As the new dawn of Facebook, Tweeter, Instagram and some of the other social media outlets that I'm still learning about have become the way this generation of youth and young adults communicate with one another. I am still not sure how we as a society can truly become a beloved community without some form of physical interaction with your neighbors, family and close friends. It is a sad sight to see a 6 and 7 year old brother and sister sitting next to one another in a clothing store but, with their heads down and fingers typing out messages, and not engaged by holding a simple conversation with their own sister or brother.

Has this new technology now given us the way out not interacting or talking to our siblings, mothers and fathers? Does Face-

book now mean No-Need-to-Face a person ever again? Instead of beloved communities what we now have instead are viral communities. Viral communities have no bounds. They are open to the world and anyone can become a part of them. There are really no controls in the social media world; people can pretty much post and say virtually anything they want. The issue of kids being bullied through social media and then committing suicide because of it is unbelievable. What about the hurtful comments, the sordid pictures and trash sex videos people send to you or your child?

What kind of society have we now become because of the social media explosion? What was once meant to be a good thing has now become a weapon of

mass deception and destruction; because it is being used as a weapon to destroy the personal lives of the weak and vulnerable amongst us. It is being used to send out false information about you, your friends, your co-workers or members of your family. These powerful social media tools or toys come with responsibility and accountability to society as a whole.

Be careful of opening your lives to strangers and even classmates you having seen or heard from in years; because people change and sometimes their moral values and principles on life also change. Be careful for your personal health and safety.

Thank you,

Michael Bates
Executive Director

HUD Inspections This Month!!!!!!

It's that time of year again....the dreaded HUD REAC inspections. The HUD inspector will be in Gallatin the week of February 8-13, and in Gordonsville and Carthage from February 18-20th. Here are a few reminders as you prepare for inspection.

- Clean your apartment thor-

oughly, removing any trash.

- Make sure your smoke detectors work properly
- Make sure you have bulbs in ALL light fixtures
- Remove any cords that are running on the floor and may present a tripping hazard.

- Call in any last minute work orders
- Remove foil from drip pans
- Make sure your windows and doors are not blocked by furniture or possessions
- Make sure there are no flammable liquids in the house!

February 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 Rent Due	3 Bug Day 1,2,4, & 5B	4	5	6	7
8	9 10% late fee	10 Bug Day 5A & 14 HUD INSPECTIONS IN GALLATIN ALL WEEK!	11	12	13	14
15	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17 Bug Day 11 HUD INSPECTION CARTHAGE	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Last day to pay; Bug Day Carthage & S. Carthage	25	26	27	28



This Month . . .

- 02/02 — Rent Due
- 02/03 — Exterminator to visit Gallatin developments 1, 2, 4, & 5B
- 02/09 — 10% late fee on all unpaid rent
- **02/09-02/13 — HUD INSPECTIONS ALL WEEK!**
- 02/10 — Exterminator to visit Gallatin developments 5A & 14
- 02/16 — OFFICE CLOSED for President's Day
- 02/17 — Exterminator to visit Gallatin Development 11
- **HUD INSPECTIONS CARTHAGE & S. CARTHAGE**
- 02/24 — Last day to pay before legal action; Exterminator to visit Carthage & South Carthage.

Lightbulbs are the Tenant's Responsibility



There has been some confusion lately about what is tenant responsibility and what the Housing Authority will provide. This confusion seems especially linked to varieties of light bulbs required in Housing

Maintaining light bulbs is tenant responsibility

After that, light bulbs are the tenant's responsibility. IF for some reason you are physically incapable of changing your own light bulbs, maintenance staff will install them for you, but you **MUST PROVIDE THE BULBS**. If you do not provide

Authority properties. Please be reminded that the Housing Authority will make sure that all light bulbs are present and functioning at move in.

the bulbs you will be charged for the bulbs AND for the \$50 trip charge.

But what if you have those weird fluorescent bulbs that are hard to find in the store? They are being added to the Tenant Charge Sheet (Please see article below) and you will be charged for the Housing Authority to provide those bulbs. The proposed charges are \$7 for compact fluorescent bulbs and \$10 for specialty fluorescent bulbs. No trip charge will be added for specialty bulbs that are difficult to locate in stores.

Review proposed changes to the Tenant Charge Sheet in the main office!

New Tenant Charge Sheet

Gallatin Housing Authority has reviewed and updated its Tenant Charge Sheet. You may pick up a copy of the new Charge Sheet and submit your comments in writing for consideration of the Board. After thirty (30) days, the Board of Commissioners of the Gallatin Housing Authority will review the proposed changes and all written comments, and implement final

changes at their next regular board meeting. Proposed changes include the following: Under the heading of Electrical Supplies, all interior light fixtures will be increased from \$30 or \$35 each to \$50 each to reflect the increased prices paid by the Agency to replace these items. Traditional screw in light bulbs will remain \$2.50 each, fluorescent bulbs will be added at \$7.00 each

and specialty fluorescent bulbs at \$10 each. Under the heading of Heaters and Hardware, the wall thermostats used in 29-1 and 29-1 have increased to \$125 as the Agency now employs programmable digital thermostats. Under the heading of Paint, the per gallon charge for interior paint will be increased from \$15 per gallon to \$20 per gallon.

Regular Maintenance Reminders

Filters are changed every other month and February is filter changing month! The First Monday of the month, filters will be changed in developments 1, 2, & 4 (Hull, N. Boyers, Owen, Blythe, Chambers, & Small). The First Tuesday of the month, filters will be changed in developments 5a & 5b (Cosco, Yale, & N. Blakemore). The First Wednesday of the month, filters will be changed in 11 (Lackey, Lake,

Alexander, & Pace). And the First Thursday, filters will be changed in 14 (Chaffin, Womack, Trimble, Vine, & Santa Monica)

February is an OUTSIDE month for pest control. Pest control will be treating the outsides of the buildings unless you have a special concern or request. Please make these concerns and requests known in the main office.

Please be reminded that if you call in a work order maintenance will perform the work even if you are not home UNLESS you specify that you want to be present. Make such requests known when making the work order request with the main office.



Don't forget that maintenance will be changing filters this month!



Our idea of football emerged from Rugby in the 1800s.

Though Americans called the game football, it was still rugby rule until Walter Camp came along.



Evolution of American Football

Did you know that in most countries around the world, the term football actually refers to what Americans think of as soccer? In fact our variety of football is ever-changing and indigenous to this country. So where did the idea for this game come from?

While soccer has been around for hundreds of years, our version of football is a 20th century invention. In 1823, an English soccer player, frustrated with the game, picked up the ball and ran with it toward the goal. Obviously, using

one's hands is illegal in standard soccer rules, but that frustrated soccer player, William Ebb Ellis, tapped into a common complaint and inspired a totally new game — rugby.

Rugby became a world-wide phenomenon and found its way to America by the mid-1800s. Many northeastern colleges began playing rugby competitively and it wasn't long before officials from Harvard and Yale met to standardize the rules. In 1876, those officials decided that while English rugby rules were great, they wanted to customize

their game just a little by changing the shape of the ball from round to egg-shaped. They also formed an organization to preside over their new American sport calling it the Intercollegiate Football Association.

Though that meeting in 1876 was essentially the birth of American football, football at that stage was still mainly rugby. In 1880, a Yale player named Walter Camp finally convinced the IFA to change a series of rules in football to make a game that is similar to the one we know today. For that reason, Walter Camp is considered the father of modern football.

Walter Camp's Rules

Yale, was the general athletic director and advisory football coach for Yale and chairman of the Yale Football Committee from 1888-1912. Camp was instrumental in changing the rules of "football" away from Rugby and Soccer and towards the American Football we know today.

So what changes did Camp make?

- One side retained undisputed possession of the ball, until that side gave up the ball as a result of its own violations.
- The line of scrimmage
- 11 on a team instead of 15
- Created the quarterback and center positions.
- Forward pass (football used to be only a running game!)
- Standardized the scoring system
- Created the safety, interference, penalties, and the neutral zone.
- A touchdown increased in value to 6 points and field goals went down to 3 points. (1912)

What a different game it would have been without Mr. Camp!

Hosting the Big Game

The location of the Super Bowl is chosen by the NFL well in advance, usually 3-5 years before the game. Cities place bids to host the game, and are then evaluated in terms of stadium renovation and ability to host teams, press, large crowds, etc. The following are qualifications a potential venue MUST meet in order to host

the Super Bowl:

1. Average high temperature of at least 50 degrees Fahrenheit in February, unless the game is being played in an indoor stadium.
2. Stadium with 65,000 seats or more.
3. Space for 10 trailers and 40 television trucks
4. 600,000 square feet of exhibit space for fan events.
5. Large, high-end hotels for teams and NFL.
6. 50,000 square feet for news media
7. Separate practice facilities for each team.
8. Enough "quality" hotel rooms within a one hour drive for 35% of the stadium's capacity.

Super Bowl Trivia



- 25 of 48 Super Bowls have been played in one of three cities: New Orleans (9 times), the Greater Miami Area (10 total), and the Greater Los Angeles Area (8 total). Those

The Vince Lombardi Trophy

three cities are followed by Tampa, and San Diego who have hosted 4 and 3 times respectively.

- Super Bowl Sunday is the second largest U.S. food consumption day, following Thanksgiving. 14, 500 tons of tortilla chips and 8 million pounds of guacamole are eaten on super bowl Sunday!
- The Super Bowl uses Roman

Numerals rather than the year it was held since the NFL season extends beyond New Year's Eve. For example, the Colts won Super Bowl XLI and were champions of the 2006 football season even though the Super Bowl was not held until February of 2007.

- Super Bowl XLI was the first to feature rain, and it has NEVER snowed on the Super Bowl.

Super Bowl XLVIII broke records at 111.5 million viewers!

This year's Super Bowl is expected to match or exceed that number.

The Super Bowl on TV

The Super Bowl is one of the most watched television programs in the U.S. every year. On average, 40 percent of U.S. households and 60 percent of all homes tune in to watch the game. That means on average 80-90 million Americans are watching the Super Bowl at any given moment. It is also estimated that 130-140 million people tune in to some part of the game.

Interestingly, though the Super Bowl is a popular rated TV program now, videotapes of the telecasts of the first several Super Bowls do not exist (even though Super Bowl I was covered by both CBS and NBC). It seems that during the early days of television, and into the 1960s, broadcasts were routinely erased because executives thought that no one would want to

watch the same show more than once! And, of course, videotape was quite expensive at that time.

Television execs were shocked when Super Bowl XVI in 1982 had 40 million viewers. Last year's super bowl exceeded 100 million viewers and this year is expected to reach as many as 184 million viewers!

Super Bowl Commercials

Because the Super Bowl is one of the most widely watched television programs in America each year, there is a large demand for advertising time during the game. What better way to reach as many people with your message as humanly possible? But Super Bowl commercials didn't get popular in their own right until 1984 when famed movie director Ridley Scott directed a com-

mercial to introduce the Apple MacIntosh computer. From that point on, the Super Bowl has been the premier showcase for high concept or simply extravagantly expensive commercials. Many memorable campaigns, like the Bud Bowl commercials of 1999 and 2000, have been launched during the Super Bowl, and the prices just keep rising. Reports show that a

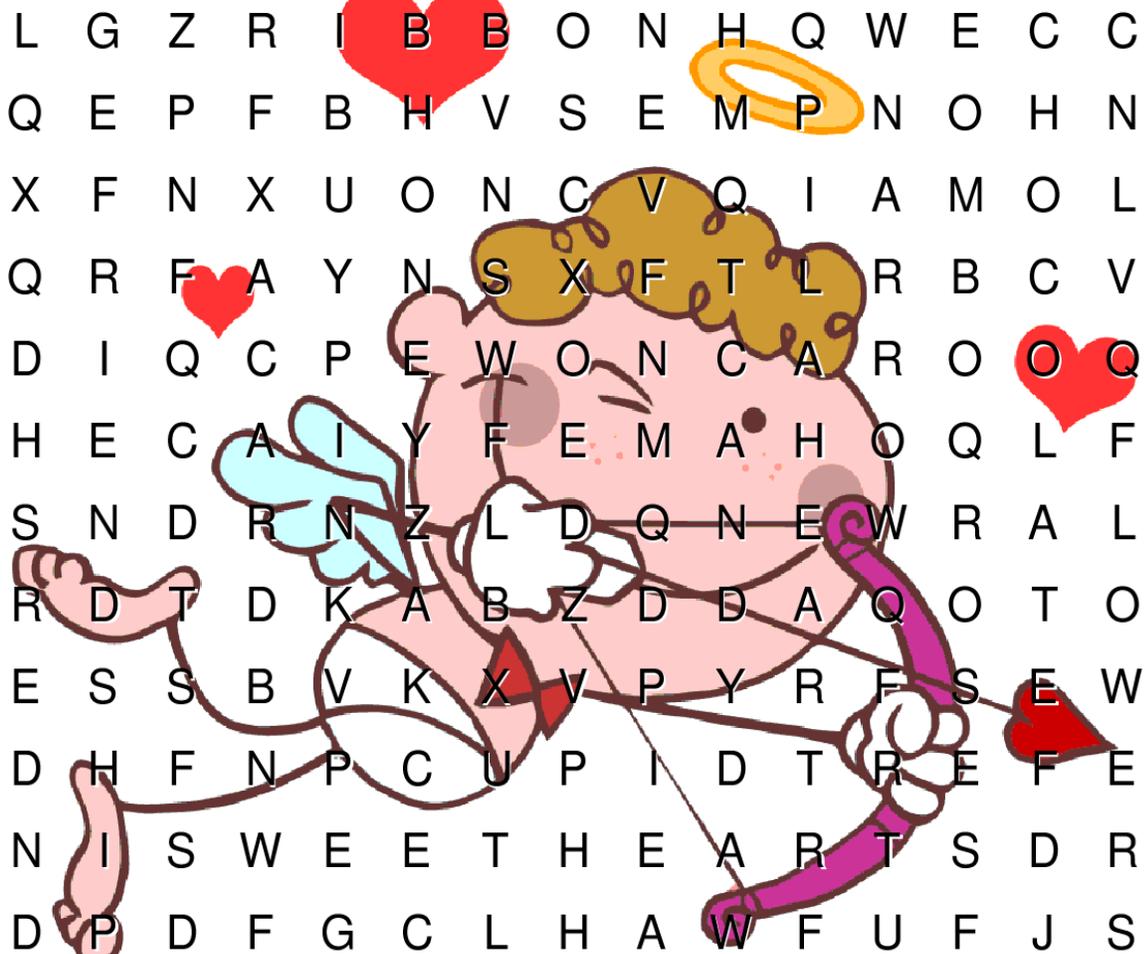
30 second ad in the Super Bowl game starts at \$2.8 million. Is it any wonder that more and more people tune in for the commercials rather than the game each year?



A still shot from Apple's "1984" Ridley Scott commercial.

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FLOWERS

SWEETHEART

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VALENTINE

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RIBBON