



MAJESTIC OAKS

February Newsletter



Painting with a Twist: A Majestic Oaks Event!

Have an inner artist inside that is dying to come out? Or maybe your new year's resolution is starting a new hobby? In that case, come join us in the Clubhouse during community movie night for Painting with a Twist!

While we watch *Lady & The Tramp* we'll enjoy a delicious charcuterie board spread & sparkling juice. As we snack we'll also paint a lovely landscape with watercolors or come up with your own fun design!

When: Thursday, February 15th @ 6PM

Where: Majestic Oaks Clubhouse

Snacks and drinks provided!

Majestic Oaks FAQ

Whether you are a new neighbor or have been with us since the beginning we are happy to address some frequently asked questions about life at Majestic Oaks!

1. I have something that needs to be fixed in my apartment, what do I do?
 - a. Submit a work order through the Resident Portal app or website. If it is a water intrusion/HVAC issue please call the emergency number (850.479.6257) and leave a message.
2. I have guests coming over this weekend where should they park?
 - a. Guests and visitors are required to park where there is rocks/gravel. Parking passes are for residents only.
3. My rent might be late this month who should I contact?
 - a. Rent is due on the 1st and late on the 4th. After the 4th of the month you will be blocked from paying online and a \$100 late fee will be applied. We allow one payment arrangement per lease period. Contact the office as soon as you know rent will be late.
4. I see someone has a Reserved parking space how do I get one?
 - a. Reserved parking spaces are provided to individuals who submit a reasonable accommodation form and are approved by corporate. Residents who park in a reserved space and are not the approved resident will be towed at the car owner's expense.



HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY NEIGHBORS!

Brenna R. | Nicholas W. | Daniel L. | Petina H.
Ernesto T. | Gene S. | Jennifer M. | Desean C.





Community Movie Night

Don't forget, community movie night is now being held once a month. If you have a movie you are wanting to see make sure to email us at majesticoaks@willowbridgepc.com. This month's movie night will include Painting with a Twist. Yay!



See our two favorite doggy sweethearts fall in love in the Walt Disney Classic Lady and the Tramp. February 15th at 6PM in the Clubhouse



Know Your Team

Majestic Oaks wouldn't be the same without our lovely team. Be sure to say hi if you see us out and about!

Charleigh Makler - Business Manager
Meagan Corrado - Assistant Manager
Markeyst Ross - Leasing & Marketing Professional
Carlton Casey - Maintenance Supervisor
Maria Bradley - Maintenance Technician



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Spread the Love in Your Neighborhood

Living with others, whether they're in the same household or in the same building, can take work, but the results are worth the effort! With a little patience and understanding, everybody in your home and community can live in harmony, even if you have different habits and backgrounds. Here are some tips to help create a peaceful neighborhood:

Get to know your neighbors - This is the first step to any relationship. Start with a friendly wave when you see neighbors out and about

and then introduce yourself. Ask basic questions including their name, if they're new to the area, and their profession. Share your favorite local restaurants, grocery stores and other businesses.

Show kindness - Building relationships with both your neighbors and the people you live with is easier than you might think. Small acts go a long way; Give them a smile when you see them, hold doors for others and help them out if you see them struggling with shopping bags.

Be respectful - When you have guests, remind them of the community rules, show them where to park and be especially mindful of the noise levels during their stay. Even when you have no visitors, it's easy to go about a regular day without realizing how loud you are. Adjust your habits to be as quiet as you can. Talk to the people you live with when you're in the same room, rather than shouting across your home. Avoid loud activities - such as vacuuming, hanging décor or exercising - early in the morning or late at night.

Keep up curb appeal - Keeping the visible parts of your home tidy will help everyone take pride in their community. Make sure window coverings are in good condition, and report maintenance issues, inside and out, as soon as you notice them. Throw trash always in the proper places, and leave common areas clean.

Trivia: Black History Month

Think you know the answers to these trivia questions? Flip to page **6 to see.**

1. Where did Martin Luther King Jr. deliver his famous "I have a dream" speech?
2. What was the name of Maya Angelou's first body of work?
3. Madam C.J Walker is known as the first Black self-made millionaire. What product led to her success?
4. How many times did Kobe Bryant win the NBA Championship?
5. What is the name of Michelle Obama's debut memoir?



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Chocolate Strawberry Cake

Show that special person in your life just how sweet they are, with this delicious chocolate cake topped with fresh strawberries!

Instructions

1. Prepare the Cake Layers: Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour 3 (8-inch) round cake pans; set aside. Place chopped chocolate in a small heatproof bowl; pour boiling water over chocolate. Whisk until chocolate is melted and smooth. Let stand until cooled to room temperature, about 20 minutes.
2. Beat butter with a heavy-duty stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment on medium speed until creamy, about 1 minute. Gradually add granulated sugar and brown sugar, beating until light and fluffy, 3 to 4 minutes. Add egg yolks 1 at a time, beating until just blended after each addition. Add vanilla and cooled melted chocolate, beating until blended. Whisk together flour, cocoa, baking soda, and salt in a separate bowl. Add flour mixture to butter mixture alternately with buttermilk, beginning and ending with flour mixture, beating on low speed until just blended after each addition.
3. Beat egg whites in a separate bowl with an electric mixer on medium speed until soft peaks form, about 5 minutes. Gently fold into chocolate batter. Pour batter evenly into prepared pans.
4. Bake in preheated oven until a wooden pick inserted in centers of Cake Layers comes out clean, 20 to 30 minutes. Cool in pans on wire racks 10 minutes. Remove Cake Layers from pans; let cool completely on wire racks, about 40 minutes.
5. Prepare the Frosting: Beat butter with a heavy-duty stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment on medium speed until creamy, about 1 minute. Gradually add powdered sugar, vanilla, salt, and 2 tablespoons of the chopped strawberries, beating on medium speed until mixture is creamy with streaks of strawberries throughout. Increase speed to medium-high; beat until light and fluffy, about 1 minute. Gently fold in remaining strawberries.
6. Place 1 Cake Layer on a platter; spread about 1/2 cup Frosting over top of layer. Repeat process with 1 additional Cake Layer and 1/2 cup Frosting. Top with remaining Cake Layer; spread remaining Frosting over top and sides of cake. Garnish with whole and halved strawberries.



Ingredients

- Vegetable shortening, for greasing pans
- 1 (4-oz.) semisweet chocolate baking bar, chopped
- 1/2 cup boiling water
- 1 cup (8 oz.) salted butter, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 4 large eggs, separated
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups (about 8 1/2 oz.) all-purpose flour, plus more for pans



- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon table salt
- 1 cup whole buttermilk
- 1 cup (8 oz.) salted butter, softened
- 6 cups (about 11 1/2 lb.) unsifted powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon table salt
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh strawberries (from 6 whole strawberries), divided
- Whole and halved fresh strawberries

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Black History Month

"History has shown us the courage can be contagious, and hope can take on a life of its own" - Michelle Obama

Black History Month was created to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans to the United States. It honors all Black people from all periods of U.S. history, from the enslaved people first brought over from Africa in the early 17th century to African Americans living in the United States today.

Among the notable figures often spotlighted during Black History Month are Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who fought for equal rights for Blacks during the 1950s and '60s; Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American justice appointed to the United States Supreme Court in 1967; Mae Jemison, who became the first female African-American astronaut to travel to space in 1992; and Barack Obama, who was elected the first-ever African-American president of the United States in 2008.

Since the first Negro History Week in 1926, other countries have joined the United States in celebrating Black people and their contribution to history and culture, including Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, and the Netherlands.

Today Black History Month continues the discussion of Black people and their contributions through activities such as museum exhibits and film screenings, and by encouraging the study of achievements by African Americans year-round.



Let the Good Times Roll! Mardi Gras 2024

Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday", reflecting the practice of the last night of consuming rich, fatty foods in preparation for the fasting season of Lent. The festival season varies from city to city, as some traditions, such as the one in New Orleans, Louisiana, consider Mardi Gras to stretch the entire period from Twelfth Night (the last night of Christmas which begins Epiphany) to Ash Wednesday. Others treat the final three-day period before Ash Wednesday as the Mardi Gras.

In Mobile, Alabama, Mardi Gras-associated social events begin in November, followed by mystic society balls New Year's Eve, followed by parades and balls in January and February, celebrating up to midnight before Ash Wednesday.



WINTER BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Ages 7+:
Cars & Trucks & Things That Go
I am Extraordinary
Elijah's Easter Suit

Ages 11+:
Piper Chen Sings
The Misfits Series
Bumps in the Night
Paper Dragons

Ages 16+:
The Invocations
The Encanto's Daughter
Two Sides to Every Murder
Black Girl You Are Atlas

Ages 18+:
He Should Have Told The Bees
All The Light We Cannot See



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1  Rent Due!	2  Groundhog Day	3	4  National Sweater Day
5 Rent Late! Late Fee applied (\$100)	6 Pest Control: Bld 7	7  Fat Thursday	8	9	10  Chinese New Year	11  International Day of Women & Girls in Sciences
12  Mardi Gras! Pest Control: Bld 8	13	14  Valentine's Day	15 Painting with a Twist! Clubhouse @ 6PM	16	17  World Whale Day	18
19  Carnival Day	20 President's Day Pest Control: Bld 1	21	22	23  Play Tennis Day	24 	25 
26	27 Pest Control: Bld 2	28	29  Leap Day	30 		

This Month in History:

1827: MARDI GRAS IS CELEBRATED IN NEW ORLEANS FOR THE FIRST TIME.

1836: THE BATTLE OF THE ALAMO BEGINS. IT LASTS 13 DAYS.

1929: THE SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE OCCURRED. MOBSTERS, DRESSED AS POLICEMEN, GUNNED DOWN SEVEN MEMBERS OF A RIVAL GANG.

1930: A NINTH PLANET IS DISCOVERED IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM AND IS NAMED PLUTO. THE DISCOVERER IS CLYDE TOMBAUGH. NOTE: TO THE DISMAY OF MANY, IN 2006, SCIENTISTS RECLASSIFIED PLUTO AS A "DWARF PLANET".

1945: U.S MARINES RAISE THE AMERICAN FLAG OVER THE PACIFIC ISLAND OF IWO JIMA.

1964: MUHAMMAD ALI (CASSIUS CLAY) WINS HIS FIRST WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE, DEFEATING SONNY LISTON.

1981: PAUL MCCARTNEY AND STEVIE WONDER RECORD "EBONY AND IVORY".

2000: THE LAST ORIGINAL "PEANUTS" COMIC STRIP APPEARS IN NEWSPAPERS ONE DAY AFTER THE DEATH OF CHARLES M. SCHULZ, ITS CREATOR.

TRIVIA ANSWERS:

WASHINGTON, DC

I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRDS SING
HAIR GROWER

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BECOMING