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NOTES & NEWS

Note From the Manager

I would like to say a big "Thank You" for all of the residents who make Timber Ridge such a great place to live. It is residents like you who make up the community that so many of you call "home". Please know that I have an open door policy. If you need to schedule an appointment or stop by the office to discuss an issue or concern in confidence, I would love to hear from you! Let us know how we can serve you better.

Your Property Manager-Leah Strickland

The Drop Box Is No Longer Available

According to the new Cottonwood Capital policy, we are no longer able to offer a drop box as an method of paying rent. As of November 1st, please do not plan to use the drop box as you will be unable to leave rent in there. Please make arrangements ahead of time to pay your rent during the regular office hours, or mail it in if you are going to be out of town. Thank you for your cooperation on this new policy.

OFFICE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, NOV. 24TH FOR THANKSGIVING

HIGHLIGHTS

Comcast Digital Transition

Comcast Cable has finally transitioned to their digital service. If you have not received your FREE digital equipment, you will not receive all of the channels offered. You may obtain your equipment by calling Comcast directly (476-7600) or visiting their office.

New Renters' Insurance Company

Timber Ridge is now offering the required \$100,000 in personal liability for just \$9.99 a month. If you are paying more, you are paying too much. You may sign up for the insurance through the office and pay monthly with your rent. Contact the office for more information.

Pay Online-Resident Portal

The resident portal has been updated and is up and ready for you to use. You can now pay your rent online for FREE, place a work order online, or send a comment to the office. To register to pay your rent online, simply call the office to obtain your resident ID and we'll tell you how to get started.

Fall/Winter Office Hours

As of October 1st, the office hours are back to 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. during the weekdays & remain the same on Saturdays, from 10:00-5:00 p.m. If you plan to pick up a package or stop by the office for any reason, make sure you adjust your schedule according to the new office hours.

Important Numbers

Office (251) 633-9192
Fax (251) 633-0177
Fire, Police, Emergency 911

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday Closed



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Turkey TV Dinners

Everyone wants a holiday gathering that goes off without a hitch, but even the best-laid plans can go awry. Here are some famous and, luckily, fictional Thanksgiving fiascoes audiences shared with their favorite television sitcoms over the years:

- *Trifle troubles.* In a 1999 episode of "Friends," the gang tries to stomach Rachel's (Jennifer Aniston) botched English trifle dessert. When her cookbook pages stick together, she ends up making a dish that's half English trifle, half shepherd's pie.
- *Turkey turf.* In a 1996 episode of "Everybody Loves Raymond," Debra (Patricia Heaton) plans to buck tradition and serve fish for Thanksgiving dinner. When overbearing mother-in-law Marie (Doris Roberts) hears the news, she ruffles feathers when she shows up to dinner with her own turkey.
- *Food fight.* The 1986 Thanksgiving episode of "Cheers" features a gigantic turkey dubbed "Birdzilla." The show ends in an infamous food fight where Norm's (George Wendt) wife makes her first appearance, but Diane (Shelley Long) throws a pie that hits her face, obscuring her to the audience.
- *Grocery grief.* A 1989 episode of "The Cosby Show" features a frustrated Dr. Heathcliff Huxtable (Bill Cosby), who makes several trips to the grocery store because he keeps forgetting items wife Clair (Phylicia Rashad) needs. After breaking eggs and getting caught in a downpour, Cliff can finally sit down to Thanksgiving dinner.

"You can tell you ate too much for Thanksgiving when you have to let your bathrobe out."

—Jay Leno

The Dish on Classic Thanksgiving Foods

Our reasons for celebrating Thanksgiving are as diverse as America itself. However, coast to coast, we typically raise our forks in gratitude with the same classic holiday foods. Fowl was a holiday mainstay in the Pilgrims' mother country of England, so turkey was a natural choice for gatherings in America. But what are the stories behind some other Thanksgiving favorites?

Cranberry sauce. Native Americans relied on the preservative power of cranberries to make pemmican, a dried meat mixture, last longer. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant reportedly believed in the health benefits of cranberry sauce and ordered it to be served to Union troops during the Civil War. In 1912, the Cape Cod Cranberry Company began selling cranberry sauce in the familiar canned form.

Green bean casserole. Dorcas Reilly, a home economist at Campbell's, first concocted the crispy onion-topped creation in 1955. Reilly aimed to devise a recipe using ingredients common in 1950s cupboards—canned green beans and canned cream of mushroom soup.

Pecan pie. The French get credit for inventing this sweet treat in the 1700s after settling in New Orleans. The dessert didn't really catch on until the 1930s, when the makers of Karo syrup marketed a pecan pie recipe as a tasty use for their product.



Fun Facts

Have a Nice Cliché Day

Every dog has its day, so why shouldn't clichés have one, too? Nov. 3 is Cliché Day, a day to trot out those tried-and-true phrases. There's no time like the present to get people's goat by jumping in with both feet and leaving no stone unturned when it comes to spouting off clichés. Cat got your tongue? Here are a few well-worn sayings and their origins:

Can't hold a candle to. In the days before electricity, a menial household task was holding a candle while a more capable person did the work.

Easy as pie. Pie isn't a piece of cake to make, but it's easy to eat. In 19th-century literature, the word "pie"

connoted "pleasant" in phrases such as "polite as pie."

Cut and dried. This phrase, which means clear and simple, refers to wood being cut and thoroughly dried before using it in a fire.

Greek to me. This saying comes from the Latin proverb "Graecum est; non legitur," which translates to, "It is Greek; therefore it cannot be read."

Fifteen minutes of fame. In the 1960s, pop artist Andy Warhol said, "In the future, everyone will be famous for 15 minutes." Considering the current fascination with celebrity culture and reality TV, Warhol's words were prophetic.

