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# Patriotism.



## Important Numbers

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## Office Hours

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Closed

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## Enjoy The Fourth

We would like to wish you a fun filled and safe Fourth of July holiday. If you will be traveling, remember to drive safely and have a good time. For those of you sticking around, please remember that the use of fireworks, firecrackers and sparklers is not allowed on the property. Your cooperation is important to maintain the safety of everyone in our community. Have a great holiday!

## Puppy Love

Want your neighbors to love your dog as much as you do? Always pick up what your dog leaves behind. Encourage puppy love by being a responsible pet owner. Thanks.

## You Made It!

We'd like to say "Congratulations!" to our residents who have graduated from high school, college and other educational programs in the last couple months. All your hard work and determination has paid off. May you be as successful with your future endeavors.

## Can We Reach You?

Please keep us up to date on changes in your work or home phone numbers. We need to be able to reach you for deliveries or if an unexpected situation arises. Thanks for keeping us informed!

## Are You Having Guests?

If you are having guests this summer, don't forget our Guest Suite. Call the office for more information.

## Are You Insured?

Do you currently have renter's insurance on the contents in your apartment? If not, look around your apartment and calculate the value of your personal belongings. You'll probably find the total to be well worth the low cost of renter's insurance. Contact a local insurance agent to find out how you can be protected by renter's insurance.

## Garbage Disposal Tips

Garbage disposals can become smelly when the weather is hot. Please remember to run plenty of cold water down your garbage disposal to flush out any ground up food. Also, a lemon or orange rind or baking soda will help eliminate odors.

## Let Us Know What's Up

Paying attention to what people have to say and how they feel is an every day thing when you care about people. If you have any questions or concerns about our community, please let us know. You matter to us.





# Spirit. Brave.



## Words in Words

You can sometimes make words using the letters in a larger word. For example, from the word "tube" you can make "be," "bet," "but," and "tub." Now onto a harder one: how many words can you make from the word "macaroni"? (Hint: we found 47.)

Answers: Acorn, aim, air, am, amino, an, arc, ara, arm, aroma, can, car, coin, coma, con, corn, cram, icon, in, ion, iron, macro, main, man, mania, maniac, manic, manor, mar, marina, micro, micron, minor, moan, morn, no, nor, norm, oar, on, or, orca, rain, ram, ran, rim, roam.

## U.S. Flag Trivia

- Betsy Ross was reportedly able to create a 5-pointed star from a single sheet of paper with one cut.
- The first U.S. flag had 13 stars, representing the 13 original colonies. The second flag had 15 stars, as more states entered the union. Often states came in groups, so there were no U.S. flags with 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 39, 40, 41, 42, or 47 stars.
- New U.S. flags can be introduced only on the Fourth of July.
- No U.S. flag ever becomes obsolete. Each of the 27 flags is still a legal U.S. flag and may be flown at any time.
- A person who is an expert in the history of flags is called a vexillologist.
- Flagpole sitting was a craze started in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1929. "Shipwreck" Kelly became famous for setting several flagpole-sitting records. He sat for 49 days on one flagpole and once estimated that he spent a total of over 20,000 hours sitting on flagpoles.
- If you are supposed to fly a flag at half-mast, and your flag isn't able to be moved up and down a pole, you should place a black ribbon on the flag instead.
- Gold fringe is allowed on U.S. flags, but should be limited to flags that are to be flown indoors.

## Internet Tidbit

If you have a greedy or a needy wish, the website GreedyorNeedy.com may be the place for you. On this site, you can submit a desire, big or small, that is then voted on by the community of website users. Every week, one wish in each category is fulfilled from a communal pot. You may have a real need like medication or some snow boots for your child, or you may just want something nice to indulge yourself for a change. You can express your heart's desire at this website. Each month, \$100 goes to the top-rated "needy" wish and \$100 goes to the top-rated "greedy" wish. If those wishes do not need the full \$100 to be granted, the excess funds are awarded to runners-up. They also have a community forum designed to allow the community to comment on wishes and to offer support to those in need.

## Trivia Quiz: Fireworks

Test your Independence Day knowledge with this trivia quiz. Just remember, that fireworks can cause serious injury. Play it safe this year and watch a fireworks display instead of staging your own.

1. What year did Cherry Bombs and M-80s become illegal in the U.S.?
2. What color smoke balls are prohibited in California?
3. A huge fireworks display was given on July 4th, 1986. What was the special occasion?
4. Where is the world's largest fireworks display held every year?
5. Who invented fireworks?
6. Who is largest purchaser of American made fireworks?
7. What do you call a cluster of fireworks that revolve?
8. In Brazil, what holiday is celebrated with fireworks?
9. What Disney character always sets off the "Fantasy in the Sky" fireworks display at Disney's Magic Kingdom?
10. What type of fireworks cause the most injuries every year?

Answers: 1. 1966. 2. Red. 3. The centennial anniversary of the Statue of Liberty. 4. Kentucky at the opening of the Kentucky Derby. 5. The Chinese in the 9th century. 6. Taiwan. 7. A girandole. 8. Christmas. 9. Tinkerbell. 10. Bottlerockets.

# Splendor. Dazzle.





## Fourth of July Yums

### Quick American Flag Cake

Make a sheet cake from your favorite cake mix or recipe. Frost in white frosting. Arrange strawberries and miniature marshmallows in alternating rows to form the flag's stripes. Use blueberries in the upper left corner. Keep in refrigerator until ready to serve.

### Pretzel Sparklers

Melt white chocolate in a double boiler. Dip long rod-shaped pretzels halfway up into the melted chocolate. While still wet, sprinkle with red, white, and blue sprinkles. Lay on waxed paper to dry.

### Fourth of July Rice Krispies Treats

Make Rice Krispies Treats according to package directions. Spread out onto a large, flat well-greased cookie sheet. While still warm, sprinkle with red, white, and blue decorative candies. Using a star shaped cookie cutter, cut into star shapes. Insert an ice cream stick into each before serving.

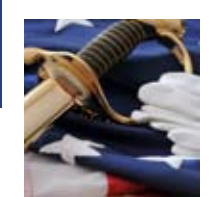
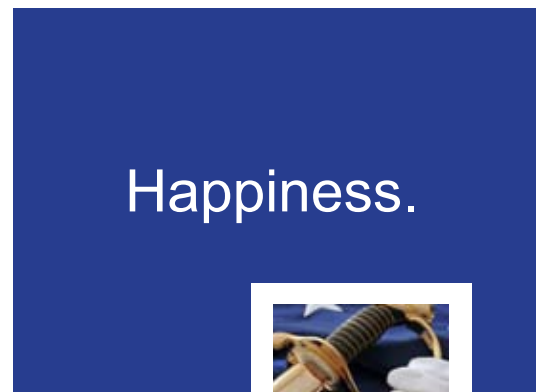
## The Mystery of Hiccups

Imagine having the hiccups for almost your whole lifetime! Charles Osborne of Anthon, Iowa, did just that, hiccupping for over 68 years. He started hiccupping in 1922. Two wives and eight children later, in 1990, his hiccups finally went away. Thankfully, this type of condition is incredibly rare.

Believe it or not, hiccups are somewhat of a mystery to the medical profession. Although many causes of hiccups are understood, such as eating spicy foods or drinking too much, many cases are unexplained. Hiccups can also be a symptom of a stroke or a tumor. But many times, the cause is just "nothing."

Hiccups have been studied for thousands of years, since the time of Hippocrates. In fact there is even a technical term for hiccups, "singultus." But as of yet, there is no known cure. There are, however, many home remedies. Some involve stimulating the back of the throat, like sipping ice water, swallowing sugar, or sucking on a lemon. Others interrupt normal breathing, like holding your breath, breathing into a paper bag, or reacting to sudden fright. Eventually, most hiccups will subside. However, if you do ever have a case of the hiccups that don't go away, consider seeing your doctor.

## Freedom. Flag.



- Cell Phone Courtesy Month
- Family Reunion Month
- Herbal/Prescription Awareness
- International Blondie and Deborah Harry Month
- National Blueberries Month
- National Grilling Month
- National Horseradish Month
- National Hot Dog Month
- National Ice Cream Month
- National Make a Difference to Children Month
- National Recreation and Parks Month
- National Wheelchair Beautification Month
- Sandwich Generation Month
- Smart Irrigation Month
- Social Wellness Month
- Women's Motorcycle Month

# Liberty. Life.



Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.  
- James Matthew Barrie

No matter how dark the night, somehow the sun rises once again and all shadows are chased away. - David Matthew

Truth is like the sun. You can shut it out for a time, but it ain't goin' away. - Elvis Presley

Some painters transform the sun into a yellow spot; others transform a yellow spot into the sun. - Pablo Picasso

## Welcome Home

We'd like to say "Hello!" to the new residents in our community. We are glad you're here. Make sure you introduce yourself to your neighbors and don't miss our upcoming social events for the month. Welcome!

## Bumper Sticker Humor

It's not whether you win or lose - it's how you place the blame.

You know you are over the hill when work is less fun and fun is more work.

I've had amnesia as long as I can remember.

## Green Living Tip

Summer is the perfect time to enjoy your local farmers' market. Not only will you enjoy a nice selection of fresh and healthy produce, you will also be leaving a smaller carbon footprint. The food sold at a farmers' market is transported less, making this a greener alternative to shopping at your local supermarket. You will also often find lower prices and fresher products, along with a family-friendly atmosphere.

If you take advantage of everything America has to offer, there's nothing you can't accomplish. -Geraldine Ferraro

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 2009 july			1 Rent Due Thank You!	2	3  Office Closed	4 Independence Day 
5	6  Rent Late	7	8	9	10	11
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19	20	21	22  Pizza And Pop	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



# Celebrate. Splendor.