

# Evergreen Park

## Autumn 2021 Newsletter

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Please remember to always be safe and respectful when grilling. You must keep your grill 15 feet from the apartment building at all times—that means during use and storage.

### Using Your Space!

Each and every tenant has an area of responsibility which they can expect a certain level of privacy and space. This area is comprised of the space within their apartment and the patio outside. No tenant has any ownership of the grass around their apartments, nor should they claim use of such space be avoided by any other tenant. All tenants are welcome to traverse grass covered stretches between buildings and along apartments; however loitering and lingering outside others apartments is discouraged.



### Winter is Coming! Winter is Coming!

With Autumn on our doorstep, winter is just around the corner. As we enjoy these cooler evenings, remember to take the time to clean up outdoors to prevent items from getting lost in the winter snow and ice. Outdoor toys should be collected and cleaned; Outdoor patio furniture should be cleaned and covered. No items should be left anywhere maintenance will need to mow, plow, or salt.

### Watch Out for that School Bus!

Learn and obey the school bus laws, as well as the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists of pending actions:

**Yellow flashing lights** indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.

**Red flashing lights and extended stop arms** indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.



## Office Hours

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What did the astronomers do when they got sick of watching the moon's revolution around the earth? They just called it a day.

Why is the man on the moon so fond of Darth Vader?

Because he also has a dark side.

What does Buzz Aldrin say when he meets

people? I am the second person to land on the moon. Neil before me.

What is a lunar body of water called? Luna-sea.

Why was the moon landing fake?

Because the moon is still up there. It did not land anywhere.

An intern was sent to collect a new skeleton from the central store. When he arrived at the consultant surgeon's office there was already a queue of patients waiting. As the intern wrestled the skeleton through the outside door he became aware of people gazing at him enquiringly. He gave them a smile and said, 'I am bringing him to the doctor.' An old lady said sympathetically, 'My dear! Isn't he a bit late for the doctor?'



Four jolly men sat down to play, And played all night till the break of day. They played for cash and not for fun, With a separate score for every one. When it came time to square accounts, They all had made quite fair amounts. Now, not one has lost and all have gained, Tell me, now, this can you explain?

## Fire Extinguishers

⇒ Get training from the fire department or a fire extinguisher manufacturer. Fire extinguishers from various manufacturers operate in different ways and there is no time to read directions during an emergency. Only adults should handle and use extinguishers.

⇒ If you try to use a fire extinguisher on a fire and the fire does not immediately die down, drop the extinguisher and get out. Most portable extinguishers empty in 8 seconds.

Before you begin to fight a fire with a fire extinguisher, be sure that:

- ⇒ The fire department has been called.
- ⇒ Everyone has left or is leaving the home.
- ⇒ The fire is small and not spreading.
- ⇒ Your back is to an exit you can use quickly.
- ⇒ There is not much smoke in the room.

# FIRE SAFETY



Remember the word PASS when using a fire extinguisher:

**P:** Pull the pin, holding the extinguisher upright.

**A:** Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.

**S:** Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.

**S:** Sweep the nozzle from side to side.

Make Sure To Plan Your Escape Routes And If a Fire Starts:

- ⇒ Remember to GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL 9-1-1 or your local emergency phone number.
- ⇒ Yell "Fire!" several times and go outside right away. If you live in a building with elevators, use the stairs. Leave all your things where they are and save yourself.
- ⇒ If closed doors or handles are warm or smoke blocks your primary escape route, use your second way out. Never open doors that are warm to the touch.
- ⇒ If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit. Close doors behind you.
- ⇒ If smoke, heat, or flames block your exit routes, stay in the room with doors closed. Place a wet towel under the door and call the fire department or 9-1-1. Open a window and wave a brightly colored cloth or flashlight to signal for help.
- ⇒ Once you are outside, go to your meeting place and then send one person to call the fire department. If you cannot get to your meeting place, follow your family emergency communication plan.