



Apr/May/June 2011

RESIDENT APPRECIATION WEEK

May 2-6

May 2 Family Dinner and BINGO, 5:30 p.m.

please register by April 25.

May 4 Breakfast on the GO!

What a way to start your DAY!!!!

See you in the front of the community.

May 7 Turn in resident update form enclosed with newsletter for raffle entries.

Available all week:

Dumpster, dirt and grass seed



Have Your Next Party Here!

Call to schedule your reservation 697-5801.

\$50 usage fee plus

\$100 refundable deposit

Belleville Manor Staff  
Manager and Sales ..... Belinda Lawson  
Assistant Manager ..... Sherri Gerardy  
Maintenance ..... John Smallman

Important Numbers

Office ..... (734) 697-5801  
Emergency Number ..... (800) 708-0420  
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Franklin Communities



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Easter Celebration!

Come visit the Easter Bunny on April 16 at 10 a.m. in the clubhouse.

Please sign up at the community office by April 8.



Welcome Aboard!

Please welcome Sherri Gerardy as our new Assistant Manager!

New Neighbors!

Please welcome our new neighbors:

Randy Lyell & Family  
Stephanie Bean's Family  
Barbie Schlecter's Family

New Arrival!

Congratulations to the proud new parents of Jamar Shane Dangelo Williams!

Annual Drive-In Dog Clinic

Residents of Van Buren Township

When: Saturday, May 7

Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Van Buren Township  
46425 Tyler Road

Fees: one year rabies ~ \$16

one year distemper ~ \$28

one year dog license ~ \$5

Senior's cost of dog license ~ \$2.50

Veterinarian Information:

Dr. Graf and his staff from Belleville Animal Hospital will be on site to administer all vaccines.

For more information, please call 699-8903.



260 Ponderosa Trail South  
1991 Patriot 14X70 3/1 \$19,900

Take Advantage of Our Referral Program!

Sign up at the community office to become a referral specialist.

1st referral is \$500, 2nd is \$750 and 3rd is \$1,000. Stop by the

office to sign up; it's easy and free.

### Umbrella Coverage

Showers pop up in April, and so do umbrellas. The first umbrellas actually were parasols, used to block the sun. Umbrellas are depicted in the art of ancient Egypt, Assyria and Greece, but the Chinese were the first to wax and lacquer paper parasols for rain protection. Here's a sprinkling of facts about umbrellas:

- The word umbrella comes from the Latin word "umbra," meaning shade.
- The oldest written reference to a collapsible umbrella dates to 21 A.D., when Chinese emperor Wang Mang had one designed for a ceremonial carriage.
- In 1708, Kersey's Dictionary described an umbrella as "a screen commonly used by women to keep off rain." At the time, protecting oneself from the elements with an umbrella was considered unmanly.
- The English call the umbrella a "brolly" or a "gamp," after Charles Dickens' character Sairey Gamp, who nearly always toted a battered umbrella.
- *Umbrellastand.com* has devised rules for "umbretiquette"—good umbrella manners. For example, when two people pass through a tight space the taller person should raise his umbrella, and you should never open an umbrella at a sporting event.

### Will Misfortune Unfold?

Legend has it that opening an umbrella indoors is bad luck. This superstition probably harks back to the days when umbrellas were shields from the sun, and opening one inside was considered an insult to the sun god.

### The Power of Microloans

Imagine that a loan as small as \$100 could change the life of one person, eventually helping her family and entire village. Sound impossible? It's not, and it's already happening in poor communities around the world.

Microfinancing—the extension of credit to low-income people—is considered to have begun in the 1970s with Grameen Bank in Bangladesh. Now it has spread around the world and is helping thousands of people become self-sufficient entrepreneurs and climb out of poverty.

Most of the loans go to women. This not only helps them build businesses—it helps their whole families, as women are more likely to spend their income on their families. They send their kids to school, improve their nutrition and get them health care. Proponents say the loans

have even helped curb domestic violence, because a husband is not as likely to abuse a wife who provides for the family. There have even been cases where a woman's business has been so successful she could hire people from her village, helping an entire community overcome poverty in the process.

Poor communities still often have to contend with bad roads, poor water quality and lack of health care, but microfinancing is a strong tool to help end some suffering.



*Rug weaving is a common business started with microloans. Visit [www.GrameenFoundation.org](http://www.GrameenFoundation.org) for more information.*



### Power Up Your Dental Health

Brushing teeth at least twice a day means fewer cavities, fresher breath and less plaque. Dental plaque causes gum disease and has been linked to more serious health problems, such as heart disease and stroke. So good oral hygiene goes far beyond keeping your smile pearly white.

For the most effective plaque removal, many dentists recommend power toothbrushes, which are available in two types:

*Rechargeable electric toothbrushes* clean teeth with a small, rapidly oscillating brush or sonic vibration technology. Prices range

from about \$25 for a basic electric model to more than \$100 for a top-of-the-line sonic version.

*Battery-operated toothbrushes* are similar to manual brushes in design but provide enough vibration for extra cleaning action. They usually cost less than \$10.

Power toothbrushes deliver thousands of strokes per minute, whereas a very efficient manual brusher gives his teeth about 300 strokes per minute. With its larger handle, a power toothbrush is easier to grip. You simply guide the power brush head along your teeth and gum line, and no brushing motion is required—a plus for people with limited mobility.

No matter what type of brush you use, consistent, thorough brushing and flossing, along with regular checkups, are essential for good dental health.

## These Zoos Are Made for Walking

In 2010, a slumping economy had people searching for attractions close to home, which meant record attendance for many zoos. If you're looking to observe wildlife usually seen only in far-off places, try to visit a zoo accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). These zoos must meet the highest standards for animal care, education and conservation, and many follow the "environmental immersion" model with exhibits designed to mimic animals' natural habitats. Following are a few AZA-accredited zoos:

**Philadelphia Zoo.** "America's first zoo" opened in 1859, although the Civil War kept it closed to the public until 1874. It's the first in the country to implement a carbon-offset program. [www.PhiladelphiaZoo.org](http://www.PhiladelphiaZoo.org)

**San Diego Zoo.** Its Institute for Conservation Research is the largest zoo-based research team in the world, dedicated to preserving rare and endangered wildlife and habitats. [www.SanDiegoZoo.org](http://www.SanDiegoZoo.org)

**Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo.** The Lied Jungle is the world's largest indoor rainforest, and the Center for Conservation and Research conducts state-of-the-art research in animal care and nutrition. [www.OmahaZoo.com](http://www.OmahaZoo.com)

**Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.** The zoo funded more than 60 conservation projects around the world in 2009 and was named the No. 1 zoo in the country that year by USA Travel Guide. [www.ColsZoo.org](http://www.ColsZoo.org)



## One Minute Chef



### No-Frying Chicken Parmesan

#### Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup plain, dry bread crumbs
- 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 6 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 2 pounds)
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 jar pasta sauce
- 1 cup shredded, part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 12 oz. pasta, cooked and drained

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 400° F. Combine bread crumbs, Italian seasoning and garlic powder in shallow dish. Dip chicken in egg, then crumb mixture; turn to coat.

Arrange chicken in 13 x 9-inch baking dish. Bake 20 minutes.

Pour pasta sauce over chicken; top with cheese. Bake an additional 10 minutes or until chicken is thoroughly cooked. Serve with hot pasta.

*For more healthy recipes, visit [www.Culinary.net/HealthyLife](http://www.Culinary.net/HealthyLife).*

### Whole-Grain vs. White Pasta

A 2-ounce serving of whole-grain pasta contains 5 to 6 grams of dietary fiber, compared with only 2 grams in the refined, white variety.

#### Wit & Wisdom

"A fool thinks himself to be wise, but a wise man knows himself to be a fool."  
—William Shakespeare

"A wise man can learn more from a foolish question than a fool can learn from a wise answer."  
—Bruce Lee

"Sometimes one likes foolish people for their folly, better than wise people for their wisdom."  
—Elizabeth Gaskell

"I have great faith in fools; self-confidence, my friends call it."  
—Edgar Allan Poe

"Suffer fools gladly; they may be right."  
—Holbrook Jackson

"Any fool can make a rule, and any fool will mind it."  
—Henry David Thoreau

"If I make a fool of myself, who cares? I'm not frightened by anyone's perception of me."  
—Angelina Jolie

"Power does not corrupt men; fools, however, if they get into a position of power, corrupt power."  
—George Bernard Shaw

"Fools' names, like fools' faces, are often seen in public places."  
—Thomas Fuller

"To write something, you have to risk making a fool of yourself."  
—Anne Rice

"The first prerogative of an artist in any medium is to make a fool of himself."  
—Pauline Kael

## Annual Homesite Inspection



We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our annual homesite inspections. We regularly inspect the community to help improve the appearance of the community. Please take an opportunity to ask yourself the questions below, make any corrections or repairs as necessary prior to our annual review scheduled for the last week of May.

- Does my home and/or steps need to be power-washed or painted?
- Does my deck need to be stained or painted?
- How is the condition of my shed? Does it need to be washed or painted?
- How is the condition of my roof? Is it in need of seal coating or shingles?
- Are there any broken or missing windows?
- Any damaged/missing skirting?
- Do I have proper window covering?
- Do I have any stains in my driveway? Does my driveway need to be seal coated?
- Are my shrubs trimmed and flower beds weeded?
- Does my grass need to be trimmed around my home, shed and pedestal?
- Is my garbage in covered containers not visible from street?
- Are my vehicles in working order and properly plated?
- Does my home site have a clean appearance?

We thank you in advance for your efforts to maintain our community.

## Helpful Hints



Have a heart, do your part. Help keep our community clean.

### **Sewer Guidelines**

The easiest way to prevent sewer problems is not to discard improper items, which include:

- Cooking grease and oil.
- Paper products such as paper towels, wipes, diapers and feminine products.
- Cleaning fluids, solvents or any chemicals.
- All sink and tub drains should be fitted with baskets/strainers to catch debris.

In the event that a blockage is determined to have been caused by the tenant, the tenant shall reimburse management for all costs incurred for repairs to water and sewer lines.

### **Trash Guidelines**

Please place bags in appropriate containers secured with a lid so they are not visible from the road. Mark your address on each container.

To avoid fines from the state inspector, please do not store your garbage bags on your deck, porch, driveway or yard. **Garbage must be stored in containers.**

Please do not use the trash containers at the mailboxes for your household trash. If you have a bulk item, you must purchase a sticker for \$10 at the community office prior to setting the item out.