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#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

Happy New Year to all Starlight residents.... Now lets get started! We have several issues we need to deal with starting with the lot rent. We will do all we can to get minimal increase or zero increase. However, I need something from all of you.

Our HOA membership is low. Please join the HOA. It is at a minimal cost of only \$10.00 for the entire year. By joining the HOA, your membership in larger numbers gives us bargaining power to deal with ELS. Greater numbers mean better leverage.

Also, I realize we have many water issues and I am dealing with those and working closely with Mirta, the property manager.

I have spoken with many of you and we have a diverse community and we now have a much more diverse board in the HOA. I want you to feel like you are part of the solutions. If we work together, we can and will make a difference in Starlight Ranch becoming a better place to live and be proud of. It will take time, but we will work hard for you.

On a lighter note, you guys did a great job decorating with lights for the holidays-WOW!!! The community looks great.

We look forward to seeing you at the board meetings and I will be riding around the park on a golf cart regularly to meet as many residents as possible.

I want to wish all of you a happy and blessed New Year!

James Irvine
President/Director
Starlight Ranch

#### FYI-

Starlight Ranch is a community of 700+homes. The HOA only has membership under 10% of the total park. We MUST increase that membership drastically if we want to be able to get the attention of management and work together to improve the conditions here.

Over the next couple of months, we will be reaching out and encouraging EVERYONE to join! Lets do this together.



#### Good Bye 2020!

Lets face it, for the most part, most everyone will look back on this year and will always remember the invasion of the COVID pandemic.

Almost everyone has been affected by this virus either personally or professionally. It has taken a toll on families and businesses. The United States alone has seen over 300,000 deaths and millions of individuals testing positive for COVID.

Although it has been a challenging year, we must also look back and be mindful of the lessons it has taught us as well in a positive manner. For example, we have seen the humanity in so many people reaching out to provide food and shelter for those who were toughest hit.

We also cannot forget that this time has taught us to be grateful for the things we have and not to take them for granted. Our family and friends are at the top of that list as well as those who have been able to keep their jobs or find new ones in such a difficult time.

As we move into a new year, lets all count our blessings and hope we continue to see the light at the end of the tunnel and look forward to whatever our "new normal" will look like once this virus gets under control.

If we try hard enough, we all can find good things that transpired throughout the past year.

So here is to putting 2020 behind us and make ourselves a promise to make 2021 better than could ever have been imagined.

Phil Palumbo-Newsletter Editor



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#### THE TOP 10 RESOLUTIONS

- Eat healthier
- Exercise more
- Lose weight
- Travel more
- Pick up a hobby
- Read more
- Be more grateful
- Stop procrastinating
- Stop smoking
- Spend less money

Any of these particular resolutions sound familiar?

Challenge yourself to pick one or two and see if you can make it stick!

#### THE

#### **NOSEY**

#### **DETECTIVE....**

No matter where you live in the world, everyone is concerned about their drinking water. At Starlight Ranch, we are fully aware of the incidents where we have had to be on a water boil alert due to all different types of unfortunate situations.

The nosey detective decided to do an investigation of his own into ways of ensuring the drinking water was safe. The first thing on the agenda was to test the water. The best and most efficient way of doing that was to look at different water testing kits.

The detective found several different kits that ranged in price from \$12.00 to \$135.00 depending on what type of contaminants you want to test. The top concerns are usually bacterial contaminants and a wide range of chemicals that are put into water systems. Although most water systems around the country contain some or all of these things, it is important to make sure the levels are within a safety range that allows you to drink it and not get sick or develop illnesses. These water kits are available on Amazon and a wide range of stores in the area like Lowes, Home Depot and Walmart.

When the water kit arrived, the detective immediately went to work. Much to his

surprise, the kit was easy to read and the directions easy to follow. The best part about some of the kits is that the products can be used over and over again to make sure the water stays safe to drink. At Starlight Ranch, these particular kits can come in very handy- especially after a boil water mandate is lifted.

Some tests can get results in a matter of minutes and others can take up to 48 hours.

#### HERE ARE THE RESULTS....

The first test came back within minutes.

After examining the results, the detective found all 16 chemicals were in the safe drinking zone. The only one that was close to the danger zone was chlorine. However, that chemical was still in the safety range.

The next test took 48 hours to materialize and yet, only one minute to conduct. When the 48 hours was up, it was determined that once again, no alarming bacterial contaminants showed up.

If everything was fine, why bother to purchase filters of any kind? The answer is easy. Whether it is a PUR or Brita filter, a filter in your refrigerator or an expensive filtration system, these all bring the numbers way down. Not only will they help your health, they can make bathing easier on your skin and minimize the damage to your clothes when you wash them.

Please keep in mind, these results were conducted at only one house. To find out how safe your water is, get a testing kit and be empowered.

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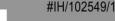
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#### **Traditional New Years Recipe!**

#### **Sauerkraut and Pork**

INGREDIENTS- 1 pound of whole pork tenderloin

1-24 ounce bag of baby potatoes unpeeled

1-20 can of sauerkraut undrained

1 cup of water

¼ cup of butter

salt and pepper to taste

Place whole pork tenderloin into a slow cooker and arrange the potatoes around the pork.

Pour in the can of sauerkraut and add the water, butter, salt and pepper. Cook on low for 8 to 10 hours adding water if needed. Serves up to 4 people.

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Tim Liversidege	1/6
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## Retirement from a wife's point of view...

A frustrated wife told me the other day her definition of retirement.

"Twice as much husband on half as much pay"

#### AT THE BAR THE OTHER NIGHT....

An elderly looking gentleman in his mid nineties, very well dressed, hair well groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel, smelling slightly of a good aftershave, walks into an upscale cocktail lounge.

Seated at the bar is an elderly lady. He walks over, sits beside her and order a drink. He takes a sip, turns to her and says, "So tell me, do I come here often?"

# GIVE US.... THE GOOD NEWS!

- 1. The holiday decorations throughout the park were nothing less than spectacular. We are looking into doing a contest in 2021 for the best decorated house which will include a cash prize.
- 2. The landscaping team deserves a big congratulations for making the front entrance look so nice. The red mulch laid in the front leading to the complex and on the side directly next to the front clubhouse gives our park a really nice upgrade.
- 3. The selfless individuals who provided hot meals for those in need during the holiday season. Your actions are truly kind and much appreciated.

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