

PARKRIDGE NEWS



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Dates To Remember

February 14
Valentines Day

February 20
President's Day

February 28
Mardi Gras

March 1
Ash Wednesday

March 17
St. Patricks Day

March 20
Spring Begins

April 1
April Fools Day

May 29
Memorial Day

June 21
1st Day of Summer

EXPENSIVE COMMON HOUSEHOLD HABITS

Sometimes, even the most frugal people throw money down the drain without even knowing they're doing it.

If you don't pay attention to what's going on inside your own home, you could be missing out on some serious savings.

Here are some common ways your home could be losing you money—and how you can fix them.

- **KEEPING OLD APPLIANCES FOR TOO LONG.**

Older appliances don't run as efficiently as their newer Energy Star Rated counterparts. Old appliances can do a lot of damage to your electric bill. Investing in new ones will save you money in the long run.

- **NOT TURNING OFF APPLIANCES**
You should always unplug appliances when you

are not using them.

Even a hair dryer plugged in constantly could be wasting electricity.

- **USING TOO MUCH WATER**

You could save up to \$50 per month by cutting back on showers and only running washer and dishwasher when it's full.

- **NEGLECTING SMALL REPAIRS**

Minor problems like that tiny leak in the toilet could turn into a major problem that costs a ton of money.

- **NEVER NEGOTIATING**

If you just pay what you're billed, you may not be getting the best rate. You'll be surprised how many companies will give you a better rate if you call and tell

Winter weather thus far has been mild with temperatures close to 70 on some days. According to WHAS the average snowfall for February is 4.5". We are also far below average for Dec. and Jan. Lets hope it doesn't try to catch up.

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them your bill is too expensive. You could end up saving \$5 to \$40 monthly.

- **KEEPING HOME-CLUTTERED**

You could be losing a lot of money if you hold onto everything you've ever bought. With Ebay and Craigslist you can find someone who wants what you're selling. List it online.

Neighborhood Safety

LMPD WARNS

Scam artists are requesting money for the police department. The Louisville Metro Police Foundation is the only entity authorized to solicit funds. They do not make "cold calls" and ask for credit card or other financial information. If you believe you've been the victim of this scam, call 574-7045.

Criminals are breaking into cars and stealing guns. These guns add to more crime in the area. They are also stealing phones, notebooks, and laptops. With the rash of robberies and guns stolen from unlocked cars, the police are reminding everyone to lock up their cars and hide valuables.

BLOCK WATCH

We are still in need of Block Watch Captains. LMPD is asking Block Watch Captains and Neighborhood Associations to get involved in crime prevention for their area and remind their Neighbors to be aware and lock up. Also to be accountable for their firearms and keep them put away.

Neighborhood News



HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Our subdivision looked beautiful this year during the holidays. The 3 best decorated houses chosen by our judges each received a \$50 gift cert to Krogers. Thanks to the Vonsicks, the Reeves, and the Twomeys for decorating and making our season bright.

YARD SALES

Our bi-annual yard sales will continue on the 2nd Saturday in June and the 4th Saturday in September. Save your throw-away items

ITEMS OF INTEREST

MAILBOX

Check your mailbox. As we deliver these newsletters, some need painting and some need replacing. Some need doors and some even need to be secured on the post. If your mailbox needs to be repaired or painted, please take responsibility and do so. If it needs to be replaced, call Duggins Company. Your mailman will be glad you did.

FUN TIME

My husband and I purchased an old home from 2 elderly sisters. Winter was fast approaching and I was concerned about the house's lack of insulation. My husband said "If they can live here, we can do it". One cold morning we awoke to find frost on the walls so he called the sisters and asked how they kept house warm. "We went to Florida in the winter for the past 30 years" they replied.

DACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Replaced various shrubs and trees.
- Repaired irrigation system and electrical.
- Repaired and replaced street signs and broken fences.
- Repaired Fountains.
- Replaced Lights.
- Cleaned up around lake.
- Worked with David Yates to get streets resurfaced.
- Printed and delivered bi-annual newsletters.
- Delivered ByLaws and restrictions upon request.
- Sent letters to homeowners concerning parking, Boats, trailers, etc.
- We also have worked with our attorney on various problems in the neighborhood that need legal attention including delinquent Association Dues.

Thanks to all Parkridge residents who have observed the Restrictions for our subdivision. Keeping your house in good repair and your lawn well maintained protects the value of our property and the image of our subdivision. We appreciate all of you.

THE LAKE

Have you walked around the lake lately? In addition to the new sidewalks installed by our Association, we now have lighting which was installed by the electric company at no cost to us. The lights not only beautify the area, they also make it safer for those who visit. The only cost is the electricity they use. If you get a chance, go take a walk or take the children down there to fish. I hear there are some really big fish waiting to be caught.

BEWARE

We have had several neighbors who reported putting out going mail in their box and it was stolen before the mailman picked it up. This happened around the end of December. It is recommended that you take your outgoing mail to a post office box to be safe. These people realized their mail was stolen right away.

REMEMBER

To check your smoke alarms to make sure they are working. A good rule of thumb is to check in the Spring and Fall when the time changes.

REMINDER

If you have guests, please ask them to park on the same side of the street. When cars are parked on both sides, it makes it very difficult for emergency vehicles to pass.

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EASY WHITE CHILI

- 2 lb grilled Chicken Breast
- 1 48 oz can Northern Beans
- 1 lg. Jar Salsa
- 8 oz. Monterey Jack cheese
- 2 t Cumin
- 1 can Chicken Broth

Mix together and simmer for 3 hours.

POINTS TO PONDER.

Drink more water. Small studies show that water has the potential to boost metabolism. It takes calories to process water because everything we do takes calories.

The more water we drink, the more calories we burn up. It is suggested to drink 2 liters per day.

