

The Greens and the Meadows At Northridge

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MAY 2019



HIGHLIGHTS

POOL TIME!

The Community Pool will be opening later this month, just prior to **Memorial Day Weekend**. We know that you are all excited for the Pool Opening - you will receive a flyer just prior to the opening regarding Pool Passes and general Pool Rules. Let's have a fun & safe summer!

Visitor Parking

VISITOR PARKING is for VISITORS. If you are a RESIDENT and consistently using a VISITOR space, you will need to come to the leasing office. It is apparent that the same individuals are habitually parking in VISITOR spots for long periods of time. We are now monitoring very closely ALL VISITOR spaces and we will address the lease violations accordingly.

Deadline Reminders

Just a reminder that all **Lease Renewals** and/or **Recertifications** must be **COMPLETED** by the **10th of the Month, that is 60 DAYS PRIOR to the end of your lease**. You will receive reminders when it is time to do the renewal and/or recert; however, these **MUST** be done on-time. Please be flexible with your schedule when an appointment is requested; it is a necessary step to continue your rental agreement. If you are **NOT** renewing your lease, we **REQUIRE** a Notice-To-Vacate form completed 60 Days Prior to move-out (per your lease).

BULLETIN BOARD

Hours

Monday–Friday
9 a.m.– 6 p.m.

Saturday

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday

Closed

Phone-

540-825-6300

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RESIDENT REFERRALS!

All resident referrals will receive a \$250 Rent Credit - just make sure your referred friends let us know you brought them here! We appreciate you!

NOTES & NEWS

If You Believe Your Car Has Been Towed, Contact:

Trouble's Towing & Recovery
(540) 840-6072

Any motor vehicle without current license plate tags or a valid state inspection sticker, flat tires, or in unsightly state of repair is subject to towing. Any vehicle parked in a fire lane, parked on the grass, double parked, parked on or over the white line, or any other violation is also subject to towing.

For the GREENS: Your Northridge issued parking pass **MUST BE** clearly displayed and any guests must be appropriately parked in the spaces marked for visitors.

For the MEADOWS: At this time, there is no assigned parking or permits; however, a reminder that any aides that assist you (or visitors) should park in a **VISITOR** space and not in resident spaces.

Dumpsters are for BAGGED GARBAGE only. Absolutely no furniture/mattresses in or near dumpsters is permitted. You are required to carry those items to the county refuse site yourself.

Your Friendly Staff

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TRIVIA WHIZ



Green and Glorious

Emerald, the birthstone for May, represents honesty, loyalty and friendship. The green stone is part of a family of gems called beryl, and some specimens are valued more than diamonds. Here are some more fun facts about this dazzling jewel:

- Emerald is one of four recognized precious gemstones. The others are ruby, sapphire and diamond.
- The oldest emeralds ever discovered are almost 3 billion years old.
- One of Cleopatra's favorite gemstones was emerald. In fact, emeralds were first mined in Egypt around 1500 B.C. Those mines were used for more than 3,000 years.
- The South American country of Colombia yields more than 50 percent of the world's emeralds.
- The deeper an emerald's green color, the more valuable it is.
- Emeralds can chip and crack easily. This makes the stones more expensive to set into jewelry, since extra care is involved.
- Because emeralds have a lower density, a 1-carat emerald appears larger than a 1-carat diamond.
- Flawless emeralds are extremely rare. Each emerald's imperfections are embraced as unique features and are referred to as *jardin*—the French word for “garden.”
- Synthetic emeralds were developed in 1935.
- Emerald is the traditional gift for a 55th wedding anniversary.
- Actress Elizabeth Taylor owned an emerald necklace that sold in 2011 for \$6.5 million, which comes out to about \$280,000 per carat.



To Mom, With Love

Make Mother's Day extra special this year by treating the moms in your life to a thoughtful gift that expresses your love and gratitude. Whether you are shopping for your mom, grandma, mother-in-law or a new mother, you're sure to find one of these gift ideas the perfect fit.

Out and about. For the mother who likes to spend time outdoors, select a chic straw hat and stylish pair of sunglasses she can wear to the farmers' market or on a walk

around the block. Make Mom's backyard a popular hangout for her feathered friends when you choose a new birdfeeder and supply of seeds. For a jet-setting mom, consider a set of eye-catching luggage tags and passport holder.

Homebody. Moms who like to hang out at home might enjoy an aromatherapy diffuser and selection of essential oils. Help her feel cozy no matter what the temperature with a new fuzzy robe and slippers, super soft sheets or a comfortable nightgown. A selection of crossword puzzle books, coloring books or best-sellers will keep Mom entertained during a relaxing night in.

Tried and true. Go-to gifts that will almost always be appreciated include framed photos of family members; a potted orchid or succulent; a specialty cookbook; pretty tea towels or an apron; a leather clutch or tote bag; and a fashionable scarf.

Grow Your Own Herbs

Add garden-fresh flavor and beneficial nutrients to your meals by growing herbs indoors year-round.

A mix of herbs known to have high concentrations of antioxidants are basil, oregano, rosemary and thyme. These four can also be used in a wide variety of dishes. Other popular cooking herbs include cilantro, chives, parsley, sage and dill.

When deciding what to grow in your indoor kitchen garden, choose the herbs that you cook with most frequently.

Herbs grow best from seedlings, which you can find at a garden center. You'll also need potting soil designed for indoor plants, pots with good drainage, and a saucer or tray to catch excess water.

Most plants prefer at least six hours of sun daily. Water and fertilize as needed, but don't overdo it. If you have trouble remembering when you last

watered, keep notes on a calendar.

Wait until the herb plant is mature to harvest the first time. Cut leaves off the top, not the sides. Never harvest more than one-third of the plant at a time. Afterward, wait for that one-third to grow back before you harvest again.

If you end up growing more than you can use, consider drying your herbs to preserve them for future use or to share with friends and family.



Add flavor to your meals by growing your own herbs



WIT & WISDOM



Plan Your Playtime

School's out soon, but summer fun isn't just for kids. Discover the joys of the season all over again by scheduling some fun in the sun during the next few months.

Be a sport. Sign up for a community softball team, play a pickup basketball game at the park, or meet friends for a game of bocce or Frisbee golf. Go for a bike ride or hike. Enjoy America's pastime with your favorite baseball team, whether it's Little League, Minor League or Major League.

Make a splash. Hit the nearest water park to cool down with some big waves. For a more peaceful outing, choose a lake, river or pool and spend your time learning a new swimming stroke, floating and staring at the sky, or just lounging on the shore or deck with a good book and some breezy tunes.

Tour your town. Check a community calendar for special events such as art fairs, flea markets, outdoor concerts and fireworks shows. Spend a few weekends hitting area farmers' markets, art galleries or antique stores. Learn about your town's past by touring historical sites or visiting a museum.

Hang out with Mother Nature. Grab some snacks and a blanket and enjoy a picnic at your favorite park. Bring along art supplies so you can sketch or paint the scenery. To do some stargazing, pick a clear night, find a quiet spot away from city lights, and use a telescope to pick out planets and constellations.

Pork Chops With Mushrooms

Ingredients:

- 4 boneless pork chops
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons canola oil, divided
- 12 ounces sliced portobello mushrooms
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, divided
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onions

Directions:

Sprinkle both sides of pork chops with pepper.

In large skillet over medium-high heat, heat 1 tablespoon canola oil. Cook pork chops 4 minutes on each side, or until internal temperature reaches 160° F. Remove and set aside.

Add remaining canola oil to skillet. Cook mushrooms 4 to 5 minutes, or until tender and juices begin to release, stirring occasionally. Stir in garlic and 1/4 teaspoon salt; cook 15 seconds, stirring constantly. Place over pork chops; cover to keep warm.

Add vinegar, water, Worcestershire sauce, sugar and remaining salt to skillet. Bring to boil over medium-high heat and cook about 2 minutes, or until reduced to 2 tablespoons, scraping bottom and sides of skillet. Drizzle sauce over pork and mushrooms. Sprinkle with onions.

Find more recipes at www.CanolaInfo.org.



"A flower cannot blossom without sunshine, and man cannot live without love."

—*Max Muller*

"Challenge yourself, grow, blossom, and become who you were meant to be."

—*Carolyn Aronson*

"When the flower blossoms, the bee will come."

—*Srikumar Rao*

"Any human anywhere will blossom in a hundred unexpected talents and capacities simply by being given the opportunity to do so."

—*Doris Lessing*

"I like to think of thoughts as living blossoms borne by the human tree."

—*James Douglas*

"A flower blossoms for its own joy."

—*Oscar Wilde*

"Roses do not bloom hurriedly; for beauty, like any masterpiece, takes time to blossom."

—*Matshona Dhliwayo*

"Blossom by blossom the spring begins."

—*Algernon Charles Swinburne*

"If you want love to blossom in your heart, just sit in the garden, and watch the flowers grow."

—*Anthony T. Hincks*

"And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom."

—*Anais Nin*



May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<i>Mother's Day</i>						
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Happy Mother's Day

