

# Alexander Creek Newsletter

## **Dumb Jokes**

Always make sure someone in the relationship has good credit. That's why it's call SIGNIFICANT other. Sign/If/I Can't. Follow me for more marriage tips

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I have a vegetable joke for you . . . but it's corny.

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## **Recipe**

### Sweet and Sour Tortellini

1 pkg uncooked cheese tortellini  
1/2 lb boneless tender beef steak (sirloin, rib eye or top loin)  
2 teaspoons cornstarch  
2 teaspoons soy sauce  
1 small clove garlic, pressed  
1/2 cup sweet & sour sauce  
1/3 cup chicken broth  
1 tablespoon brown sugar  
2 tablespoons bourbon  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided  
1 medium onion, chunked  
1 small red bell pepper, chunked  
1 small green bell pepper, chunked

Cook tortellini according to package directions, omitting salt. Drain. Cut beef into thin bite-size squares.

Combine cornstarch, soy sauce and garlic in small bowl; stir in beef. Let stand 15 minutes. Meanwhile, combine sweet and sour sauce, chicken broth, sugar and bourbon; set aside. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in hot wok or large skillet over high heat. Add beef and stir-fry 1 minute; remove. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in same pan. Add onion and peppers; stir-fry 3 minutes. Add beef, sweet and sour sauce mixture and

tortellini. Cook and stir until beef, vegetables and tortellini are coated with sauce and tortellini are heated through. Serve. Makes 4 servings.

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## **Spring Maintenance in Alexander Creek**

1. Asphalt crack fill, seal and repair as needed. Requests for bid will be going out soon.
  2. Several trees on the front berm will be replaced this year. Removing diseased trees will be sent out for bid soon.
  3. Monument signs will be cleaned as soon as it's warm enough as will decorative street lights in the island.
  4. New plantings around the creek adjacent the walking trail entrance on Creekview Lane is being considered. Plants will be heat and drought tolerant so a sprinkler system doesn't have to be installed. Xeriscaping is a term I'd use for what I'm hoping for.
  5. Stream cleanup is planned again this year. Volunteers will be needed again. The date has not been scheduled yet as its dependent on weather and temperature.
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## **Treasurer's Report**

To reduce the financial impact on committee volunteers for purchases necessary to host HOA social events, a prepaid VISA card in the amount of \$350 will be provided for the social committees use. \$350 is the remaining amount on the social committee's \$1,200.00 yearly budget.

The pre-paid VISA is being used as YMG would not create a prepaid account on the HOA's books. The entire \$350 expense will be reflected on the February income statement. However, as the card is used, receipts will be given to the Treasurer who will be responsible for itemizing the expenditures made throughout the year. This itemized accounting will be reported monthly in the Treasurer's report. The board will analyze the usefulness of the card and determine whether the practice will continue for the next budget period.

The annual lawn care maintenance contract of \$106,480 is being invoiced and paid in monthly increments of \$8,873.33. To date, we have no snow removal expenses paid out.

### **Social Committee Report**

Alexander Creek social activities continue in 2023. On February 15, AC women enjoyed a tasty soup luncheon at the Raymore Christian Church. Canned goods were brought and donated to the food pantry in lieu of a fee for using the church,

Valentine bingo and treats were also a hit. The AC High Rollers Bunco group continues to play the last Monday of each month. The stakes have been high as has the laughter, friendships and sense of community.

The Bible study group that started last summer continues to meet every other week. Women of the Bible are currently being studied.

The book Club has completed the reading and discussion on four different books. The book club meets once a month.

The men of Alexander Creek continue to meet for breakfast. The next breakfast will be on March 24 from 6:30-9:00 am.

Bingo is being scheduled at the Community Room at Centerview. We are in need of someone with a great voice to call bingo numbers.

In April, we are planning a spring fling BBQ in the common area adjacent the pavilion. Music, cornhole and any other activities residents want us to plan will be happening.

In May, we are planning a women's tea with light sandwiches and desserts for Mother's Day. The month of May will also bring another wine event at the pavilion.

We are trying to create activities for everyone in our community. If anyone has any thoughts, suggestions for activities or want to volunteer or would like to help with planning please contact a member of the social committee.

### **Next Public Meeting**

The next public meeting will be in April instead of March. The exact date and time will be sent out via email.

### **Daylight Savings Time**

Daylight savings time begins on March 15.