

CONSOLIDATED CO-OP

NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations to The New Building Reps for 2015 !!!!

Buena Ventura } Bill Butler

Camelback } Sheila Jaques

Desert Star } Dan Free

Edgewood } Barbara Roberts

Fountain Bleu } Fred Weninger

Granite Reef } Eli Jackson

Hollyhock } Don Meredith

Saving Energy to Stay Cool

Energy bills-like the temperature-always rise in the summer. But don't fret: While there are big fixes (As always, be sure to consult with the front office to get approval for any major renovations on your unit) you can incorporate to make your home more energy-efficient, there are also many inexpensive energy solutions, as well as some simple and free steps that you can take to cut down on costs and save money. Here are a couple examples.....

- **Turn it up.** Set your thermostat at about 78 degrees when at home and 85 degrees when away. For each degree above 72 you set the thermostat, you save between 1-3 percent. Be sure to take into consideration your health and comfort, and drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated.
- **Open nights.** At night, if it's cooler outside than in, open your windows! Not only will this bring some fresh air into your home, it will give a chance to turn off that AC. Also, be sure to close your windows in the morning to keep the cooler air in longer.

Stay Safe in the Water

Swimming is one of the many joys of summer, and we hope you're able to make good use of the Co-Op's pools. While we want to make sure all our residents and guests have fun in and around the water, our top priority is safety. Please take note of the Co-Op pool rules, and follow them to help keep everyone safe. Pool rules promote safety, but safety is largely up to you: it's important to take precautions and be prepared for emergencies.

- Make sure you, your family and guest know how to swim properly. If you don't, there are plenty of swimming classes for people of all ages
- Always supervise children while they're around the pool. No matter how well they can swim. It only takes one misstep for someone to get hurt.
- Take note where the reach pole and life preservers are located in the pool area.
- Most importantly, consider learning CPR if you haven't already. This simple life-saving technique could save a life should an accident occur.

There's plenty of fun to be had at the pool, and knowing how to stay safe in the water help make this a great summer. For more safety tips, go to www.poolsafely.gov

Keep Your Home Safe While on Vacation

AS the summer heats up, many of you will escape the daily grind and head out on a well-deserved vacation. But before you hit the road, take a few precautions so your home isn't enticing to thieves or susceptible to fire and other disasters. Not only is having your home vandalized or burnt to the ground a highly unpleasant way to return from a trip, but it also puts the rest of the Co-Op at risk, as these problems have the potential to spread quickly throughout the neighborhood. So, before you take off, consider implementing these safety tips to keep your home and our community secure.

- **Call on friends for help-** If you're going to be away a week or more, ask a friend to check on your house every day or two-or better yet, housesit-while you're gone.
- **Make a last-minute checklist-** Are all the windows and doors locked? Stove and oven turned off? How about all the faucets? Are all the electronics unplugged and valuables secured? Take five minutes before you to ensure your house is vacation-ready.

Welcome New Members !!!

The Co-Op would like to welcome new members in Desert Star 112 & 203, Edgewood 102, Fontaine Bleu 212 and Granite Reef 113.

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