



HACB

Housing Authority of the County of Butte

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NOTES & NEWS

REAC Inspections

The annual Public Housing REAC inspections performed by HUD Inspectors are scheduled for the third week of October 2013. Units to be inspected are chosen at random by the inspector.

The inspection will include the exterior of your unit as well as the interior. It is very important that you notify HACB of any potential issues with your unit so that they are addressed prior to inspection.

HACB will be performing a pre-inspection early in October to check for deficiencies. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Storage of Flammables

Storage of flammables (gasoline, lighter fluid, kerosene, etc.) in storage closets is **prohibited**. This only applies to storage closets that have a light switch in them. The light switch is considered an ignition source which can start a fire. For units located on Oro Dam and Hammon Park Dr, this would not apply, as there is no ignition source.

HIGHLIGHTS

Flammables (cont.)

When storing gas powered lawn mowers and weed eaters, gas must be removed from equipment prior to storing.

Water Meters

In an attempt to save on the cost of water and sewer in public housing, it has become necessary to meter each unit individually and have each resident pay for their own water and sewer services. This does not apply to all residents, as not all units have been individually metered. If this does apply to you, you will receive a letter in the mail as to whom to contact to transfer service into your name. This will be effective as of Jan. 1, 2014.

Please note that if you are asked to pay for your own services, you will be given a higher utility allowance which in turn will lower your rent. Maria will be contacting you with your new rent amount prior to Jan. 1, 2014.

If you have any questions or need assistance with this process, please contact HACB.

Yard Reminders

Absolutely **no** storage of tires, car parts, car batteries or oil is permitted. Storage of personal belongings in front or backyards or alongside walls are also prohibited. Items that cannot be stored in your storage closet must be removed to off-site storage unit.

The Year Was: 1956

- Elvis Presley releases his first hit, "Heartbreak Hotel."
- "My Fair Lady" opens on Broadway, starring Julie Andrews and Rex Harrison.
- Dwight D. Eisenhower defeats Adlai Stevenson in the presidential election.
- Gasoline costs 22 cents per gallon.
- Don Larsen of the New York Yankees pitches the only perfect game in World Series history.

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Numbers to Remember

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TRIVIA WHIZ

Bat Basics

Some people are frightened of bats, but others are fascinated by them. After learning about these unusual creatures, you'll probably find them interesting, too.

Bats are the only mammals capable of true flight. Anatomically, a bat wing resembles a human hand, but with a wing membrane stretched between extremely elongated fingers.

There are about 1,000 different bat species, and bats can be found almost everywhere in the world.

Although some prey on fish, frogs, fruit or nectar, 70 percent of bats eat insects. A single brown bat can catch 1,200 mosquito-size insects in one hour.

Bats find shelter in caves, buildings, under bridges and in tree cavities. Some species are solitary while others form groups, called colonies, of more than a million individuals.

Other bat facts:

- Most bats rest, sleep and give birth upside down.
- To survive cold winters, some bat species migrate and others hibernate.
- Female bats usually give birth once a year to one baby, called a pup.
- Most bats live about 10 years, although some species of brown bat can live 30 years or longer.
- Three states have an official state bat. Virginia has the Virginia big-eared bat, and Oklahoma and Texas have the Mexican free-tailed bat.

Itty-Bitty Bat

The Kitti's hog-nosed bat, also known as the bumblebee bat, is generally considered the smallest mammal in the world. It weighs less than a penny and is about the size of a bumblebee. The bats roost in limestone caves in western Thailand.



Home & Garden

Refresh Your Home for Fall

The switch from summer to fall is a great time to update your décor. Try these simple design tips to bring a touch of autumn to your home.

Embrace the outdoors. Nature lets us know that fall has arrived with falling leaves, acorns and pinecones. These items make great decorative elements—put them in jars or bowls and place on tables or shelves. Don't forget to include seasonal blooms such as sunflowers and mums.

Fun with fall fabrics. Pack away linen and cotton accessories and bring out pillows, throws, and kitchen towels in rich colors and geometric patterns such as plaid or houndstooth. For a unique, stylish

table runner, use a pretty scarf.

Home is where the harvest is. Traditional fall foods are another symbol of the season. Go literal with a cornucopia centerpiece of goodies, or add subtle touches of decorative corn, pumpkins and gourds around your home. Fill a pretty bowl with multi-colored apples or pears and set it on a counter or coffee table.

Breathe in fall beauty. Nothing says fall like the smell of cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg. Boil them together in a saucepan to enjoy the pleasant aroma of autumn.



How Sweet It Is

The sweet course of a meal we know as dessert has been enjoyed since ancient civilizations savored fruits and nuts flavored with honey. Since that time, those with a sweet tooth have been indulging in an ever-expanding array of delectable treats. Cakes, pies and ice cream are standard after-dinner fare, but are you familiar with these less common confectionery concoctions?

Crème brûlée. Several countries claim to be the birthplace of crème brûlée. The name is French, meaning "burnt cream," and the dish consists of individual portions of custard with a crispy top layer made by caramelizing sugar beneath a broiler or with a kitchen torch.

Baked Alaska. Named by a chef in 1867 to honor the recently acquired territory, Baked Alaska is created by placing hard ice cream on a bed of sponge cake and covering it with

meringue. It is placed briefly in a hot oven to toast the meringue.

Trifle. Recipes for trifle have been dated to 16th century England. Trifle is traditionally made in a deep, clear glass dish that showcases the layers of sponge cake, jam, custard and whipped cream.

Charlotte russe. There are several Charlottes who may have inspired the name for this dish; it could also be from the Old English word *charlyt*, which means a dish of custard. *Russe* is French for Russian. This cold dessert consists of Bavarian cream topping sponge cake or layered in a mold lined with ladyfingers.



WIT & WISDOM

"Autumn is the bite of the harvest apple."

—*Christina Petrowsky*

"For man, autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together. For nature, it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad."

—*Edwin Teale*

"Knowledge is like a garden; if it is not cultivated, it cannot be harvested."

—*African proverb*

"Reason clears and plants the wilderness of the imagination to harvest the wheat of art."

—*Austin O'Malley*

"Care less for your harvest than for how it is shared and your life will have meaning and your heart will have peace."

—*Kent Nerburn*

"It is like the seed put in the soil—the more one sows, the greater the harvest."

—*Orison Swett Marden*

"It is only through books that we partake of the great harvest that is human civilization across the ages."

—*Ibrahim Babangida*

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."

—*Robert Louis Stevenson*

"Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later."

—*Og Mandino*

"With every deed you are sowing a seed, though the harvest you may not see."

—*Ella Wheeler Wilcox*



One Minute Chef

Slow Cooker Hawaiian-Style Ribs

Ingredients:

- 2 cups hoisin sauce
- 1 cup pineapple juice
- 3 tablespoons grated fresh ginger
- 3 tablespoons sesame oil
- 2 racks pork back ribs (2 1/2 to 3 pounds each), cut into 3- or 4-rib sections
- 3 scallions, thinly sliced (optional)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sesame seeds, toasted (optional)

Directions:

In medium bowl, combine hoisin sauce, pineapple juice, ginger and sesame oil. Arrange ribs in a slow cooker and pour half of the sauce mixture over ribs. Refrigerate remaining sauce. Cover ribs and cook on low for 5 to 6 hours, until ribs are very tender.

About one-half hour before ribs are done, remove sauce from refrigerator to bring it to room temperature.

Arrange ribs on a platter and brush both sides with some of the remaining sauce. Sprinkle with scallions and sesame seeds, if using. Serve remaining sauce at the table.

Find more recipes at
www.PorkBelInspired.com/porksocal.



The Rights and Wrongs of RSVPs

Planning a party can be a lot of work, and even more so when there isn't an accurate guest list. Fortunately, you can avoid giving hosts a headache by following some basic etiquette rules.

Most event invitations contain the initials RSVP, which stand for a French phrase meaning "please respond." This means you should contact the host as soon as possible to indicate if you are coming or not. (It's polite to do this even if there is no RSVP on the invite.) If the invitation specifies "Regrets only," you should only contact the host if you will not be attending.





An invitation to a more formal event, such as a wedding, will often include a response card that you can mail back. Sometimes a phone number or email address is printed on the invite. Be sure to respond by the date indicated so the host can plan accordingly.

Canceling a "yes" reply is considered very rude. Try to stick to your original response. Don't cancel on your host because something more interesting comes up. Acceptable excuses are illness or injury, a family or work emergency, or a death in the family. Always let the host know if you have to cancel, even if it's last-minute.

Invitations are addressed to specific people for a reason; each additional guest means the host must provide extra food, seating and entertainment. Don't assume that other people, including children, are welcome unless their names appear on the invitation.



October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	Veterans Day HACB Closed	11	12	13	14	15
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24	25	26	27	Thanksgiving HACB Closed	Holiday HACB Closed	29
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December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	Holiday HACB Closed	Christmas HACB Closed	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			