



Warm
Wishes

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WELCOME HOME



The Four Seasons

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Get Cozy With a Cup of Coffee

Caffeine shouldn't get all the credit for making you feel awake and alert.

Experts say that the antioxidants in coffee—even decaf—may improve cognitive function.

Handcrafted Happiness

Knitting, drawing and woodworking are just some of the handicrafts that can amp up your happiness. Experts studying the benefits of these pursuits say making something with your hands fosters creative thought, which can produce moments of joy. Crafters also report feeling more energetic and enthusiastic not only while working on a project, but also after completing it.

Jingle All the Way

The jolly sound of sleigh bells ringing is a sign that winter's on its way. Bells have long been placed on horse harnesses as good luck charms, and before cars were invented, sleigh bells signaled that a horse-drawn carriage was coming down the street. This was especially important when snowy paths softened the sound of the animals' hooves, linking the jingle of bells to the winter season.



The Four Seasons celebrates the holidays with you! Thank you to our maintenance for lighting up the park and getting us into the Christmas spirit! And to you Mr. Scrooge, "Bah, humbug!"

Snow Plowing and Shoveling

It's snow plowing and shoveling season. Please make sure you place excess snow on the sides of your driveway and not out on the street or there will be a \$25 fee per occurrence. Snow in the street makes driving hazardous. The use of salt is not permitted, as it damages concrete. We recommend using ice melt or any

non-sodium product.

Yesterday I wore something from 5 years ago and it actually fit!! So proud of myself. It was a scarf. But still. Let's be positive here.

-Instagram

Reminder: Decorations

Holiday decor must come down 30 days from the holiday!

You'll Love Our Neighborhood!

CLASSIFIEDS

- Power washing: Jim, 815-520-3610

E&C Exteriors: Power washing, siding, skirting, patios and driveways: Hayes Villareal, 815-708-3896

*Interior and exterior painting: Mike Reidy, 815-323-5007

- Yard Cleaning: Dylan, 779-238-0609, or Nathan, 815-323-3205

• Lawn Mowing: Aydin, 815-979-9372, leave message if no answer

*Home repair & grass mowing: Ed Koenig, 815-484-3029

*RC Lawns & Landscaping, 608-449-8244

Lawn Maintenance: Alejandro Nevarez, (815) 329-3899

*Handyman Juan: tree trimming, tree removal and stump removal, 815-980-2029 or 815-372-7644

*J&A Lawn and Landscape: patios, fences, retaining walls, brush & tree removal, etc. For free estimates, call 815-544-4993; for 24/7 emergency service, call 815-540-1433.

- Residential & Commercial Cleaning, free estimates, call Brenda, 815-762-6115

*Dog Walker- Hour Walk or Less, Call Adriana 224-308-4663

*Help with Errands and Doctor's Appointments: Alice Marquis, 815-519-6602

- CZ Painting: Interior/Exterior painting: 815-558-9652
- Ultimate Exteriors: Free Estimates, gutter cleaning, siding and roof repair, exterior cleaning, etc. (608)295-6514
- Residential Snow Plowing/Snow Blowing & Shoveling, Ice Removal & Salting, call (815)394-9848
- Snow Plowing/Salting/Shoveling: Francisco, 815-593-1521

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The End of Your Driveway

The Four Seasons crew uses snow plows. As the plow moves forward, snow moves along the blade from left to right. The discharge from the blade is deposited along the curb or in the grass boulevard on the right of way. The discharge, officially known as "windrow," ends up leaving a relatively small amount of snow in driveway approaches along the route. While we understand the aggravation this can cause, this natural result of plowing is unavoidable.

Special Events In/Near Belvidere Park District

Hometown Christmas: This annual celebration is held on the first Friday night in December, which is December 6, 2024. The Belvidere Chamber of Commerce brings the community together with a variety of activities in downtown Belvidere.

Holiday Lights Display: Help us light up Belvidere Park and join our Holiday Lights Display! Express your holiday spirit with the community in a unique way. Businesses, organizations, schools, and churches are welcome to participate. Your organization can design or purchase your display to set up and take down in the park! Contact Taylor at tkuchenreuther@belviderepark.org for more information on how to get involved! Displays are up from December 1st-31st.

Skate with Santa: Come out to the

2024 Christmas Town at Summerfield Farm & Zoo in Belvidere

Make a new family tradition at the zoo! Saturdays, 10am-5pm, and Sundays 10am-4pm. **Live Reindeer! Reindeer Flight School!**

Saturdays 11am, 1pm, 3pm, & 4:15 pm. Sundays 11am, 1pm, & 3pm

Flying Reindeer Gift Shop for all your Christmas shopping needs!

Photos with Santa at his Cottage: Saturdays, 11am-5pm, Sundays, 11am-4pm.

Train rides and Christmas lights!

\$16 per person for entry, kids ages 1 and under are free. Purchase tickets online

@summerfieldfarmandzoo.com. Ends December 22nd!

Winter Is Coming

The coldest season will begin Dec. 21.

Riverside Ice Arena and skate with Santa to some classic Christmas tunes. After skating, come into the AJ Johnson Pavilion to warm up with some hot chocolate. Participants will receive a wristband for a skate rental, access to the ice rink, a candy cane, and one hot chocolate. Skate sizes are limited. *Opening night is December 6 at 4pm, Riverside Ice Arena 2024 in Belvidere.*

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas: Saturday, Dec. 14, 3:00pm-4:30pm, Coronado Theatre, 314 N. Main St., Rockford, IL

Vintage Holiday Pop-Up Market: Saturday, Dec. 7, 10am-2pm, Rockford City Market, 116 N. Madison St., Rockford, IL

Funny December

Q: Why did the hot dog put on a sweater in December?

A: Because it was a chili dog!



Foul-Weather Games

In snow, sleet, fog and rain ... dedicated athletes continue to play! Intense weather conditions can transform already exciting sports events into legendary moments. Maybe Mother Nature wanted to get in on the action in these high-stakes games:

Dec. 31, 1967: Known as the "Ice Bowl," this championship game between the Green Bay Packers and the Dallas Cowboys remains the coldest game in NFL history, at minus 15 degrees and a wind chill of minus 48 degrees. The Packers' home turf, Lambeau Field, froze solid when the heating system failed, and officials' whistles stuck to their lips.

Oct. 22, 1997: According to sportscaster Bob Costas, Game 4 of the 1997 World Series had "ideal conditions for baseball—if you happen to be a penguin." Snow flurries and a wind chill of 18 degrees inspired the nickname "Snow Globe Game." The then-Cleveland Indians (now the Guardians) defeated the Florida Marlins 10-3.

Jan. 1, 2011: It wasn't cold weather that caused the 2011 NHL Winter Classic to be delayed by seven hours, but thunderstorms paired with unseasonably warm temps in the 40s. These conditions meant the outdoor ice rink was at risk of flooding, and although the late start time prevented that from happening, players still encountered puddles caused by intermittent rain. Despite the soggy skating, the Washington Capitals defeated rivals Pittsburgh Penguins in one of hockey's most memorable matches.



Featured Recipe

Sparkling Green Tea Cranberry Spritzers

Add a refreshing twist to your holiday celebrations with this delightful drink!

Ingredients:

- 4 cups water
- 4 single-serving green tea bags
- 1 cup 100% cranberry or cranberry-pomegranate juice
- 1/2 cup plain seltzer or club soda, chilled
- 4 orange slices, for garnish

Directions:

In a small saucepan over high heat, bring water to a boil. Remove pan from heat. Submerge tea bags in water and steep for 4 minutes. Remove tea bags and discard.

Let brewed tea cool for 30 minutes. Pour into a large pitcher. Stir in cranberry juice. Refrigerate until chilled, about 2 hours.

To serve, pour tea-juice mixture over ice and top off with seltzer or club soda. Garnish with orange slices.

Tip: For an even more festive and flavorful beverage, make cranberry-flavored ice cubes! Simply fill an ice cube tray with cranberry juice and freeze until solid.

Find more information at Heart.org/eatsmart.



Our deepest condolences to Becky Seklease on the passing of her father and mother, Greg and Joan Fischer; to Allen Acker on the passing of his mother, Lou Ann Acker; and Eduardo Barrantes on the passing of his brother.



Sonia Montiel De Dominguez and Julio Dominguez



The Glee of Giving

"The happiest people are those who do the most for others," said leader and educator Booker T. Washington. That joyful feeling you often get from giving is apparently part of our biology. Neuroscientists studying the human impulse to help others used detailed brain scans and saw that acts of generosity lit up parts of the brain connected to pleasure. They say it's proof of why doing good can make you feel good.



Giving Out \$1500 Worth of Gift Cards!



Every home in the Four Seasons Park is being automatically entered into the drawing to win a \$15 gift card. We will be picking at random, 100 addresses from the park. The winners will be contacted to come pick up their cards here at the office. Drawing will be on Wednesday, 12/10/24.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Rent Is Due	2	3 Trash Pickup	4	5 Last Day to Pay Rent Before Late Fee	6	7
8	9 	10 Trash Pickup	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Trash Pickup	18	19	20 	21
22	23	24 Trash Pickup Office Closed.	25 Christmas Office Closed	26	27	28
29	30	31 Trash Pickup	<h1>DECEMBER</h1>			



Dear Santa Claus,

Love, _____