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# RENEE'S REMINDERS

## TENANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

In an effort to maintain a five-star reputation, the owners of Homestead Run and the Business Office will be publishing a series of reminders and modifications to standard lease, rules, and regulations. This column will be called Renee's Reminders, and Renee means business!

 Winter is now in full swing. The weather system seems to be changing where we're getting a lot more precipitation and wind. Make note of any furniture, lawn ornaments, extra garbage cans, etc. If you want to keep those items and not have someone claim it as it tumbles down the street, please secure (or put in your shed – that's what it's for). Homestead Run is not responsible to maintain your lot or your belongings.

 To those Indy 500 speeders, your speeding days are numbered. The township and the owners have finally listened to our cry for speed bumps. We are working on it, so beware. Get used to driving slower. Tell your family to drive slower. Slower saves lives.

 This does not apply to the entire community. Those in arrears for their lot rent know who they are. Homestead Run is compassionate regarding situations that arise and complicate your ability to make payments. Laura is very diligent in sending statements regarding missed payments. If this applies to you, call the office. Talk to us. Don't ignore us. We are the last people that want to bring people to court for non-payment. You may not realize that going to court is on your record and should you decide to ever leave here, it could hinder your approval for other communities and/or loans. Once a month, the owners of the community review delinquent accounts. We have to explain why we have not received payment. Work with us, so we can work with you. Always remember – you can't live anywhere for free.



# Forget About Hallmark

Ah, February. Valentine's Day has officially been everywhere since December of 2023. (Do you think retailers are rushing things or what?) The annual showering of chocolates, roses, and an overload of the color pink is upon us. As someone that tends to have a touch of sarcasm in my pocket and a heart that's soft enough to get me into trouble, I've come to see this day as something more than just a Hallmark holiday.

You know, it's not just about romantic love, despite what overpriced greeting cards would have you believe. It's about love in all its forms -- platonic, brotherly, neighborly. It's a day to pause and appreciate the myriad ways love manifests in our lives, often in the most unexpected of places.

How should we celebrate, Homestead? If I had it my way, I'd say let's toss the cookie-cutter mold of love out the window. If you don't have a honey, it's not the end of the world. Please, for the love of everything, don't feel badly about that. Love isn't just a young couple kissing in the rain. Love is the older gentleman who feeds birds at a local park, remembering his late wife. (He's not feeding the geese here, because we frown upon that, y'know.) It's the neighbor who quietly shovels snow from your walkway, the friend who sends a meme that makes you laugh (so hard, you might pee), or even the barista who remembers your coffee order. It's in the little things. The little things are often the best things.

"LOVE ACTUALLY IS  
ALL AROUND."

~ From the movie *Love, Actually*

This February, let's challenge ourselves to show love in ways that don't fit neatly into a box with cupid on top. Write a heartfelt note to a friend, spend quality time with family, or indulge in some self-care. Take yourself out on a date or enjoy a quiet evening with a good book. Remember, self-care isn't selfish; it's necessary. I've been saying that for years now (particularly as a reminder to myself), but it's just as important.

Let us not forget -- love is also about kindness and compassion. A simple smile to a stranger, volunteering or donating to a cause close to your heart are all acts of love that make the world a little brighter. Let's redefine love on our own terms. Love is vast, varied, and doesn't come with a price tag. It's the little things, the everyday acts of kindness and understanding, that show us what love is all about. This February, I challenge you to celebrate love in your own unique way -- the world could certainly use more of it.

Until next time,

*Laura Lanzone*

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# VALENTINE'S STRAWBERRY TART

*Submitted by: Renee Stanzione*



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- 1 1/4 c. all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 3 tbsp. granulated sugar
- 1/2 c. (1 stick) cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- 2 tbsp. ice water
- 3 c. pie weights, dry beans or rice
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese
- 1/2 c. sour cream
- 1 c. very cold heavy cream
- 1/2 c. store-bought dulce de leche
- 1 1/2 lb. Strawberries, sliced
- Confectioner's sugar, for serving

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a food processor, pulse the flour, salt, and 1 tablespoon sugar to combine. Add the butter and pulse to form fine crumbs. Add the water and pulse until the dough comes together. Refrigerate until chilled, about 20 minutes. You can substitute with a ready-made pie crust.
2. Heat oven to 375 degrees F.
3. Beat the cream cheese and remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar until smooth, 1 to 2 minutes. Add the sour cream and beat to combine. With the mixer on low, gradually add the heavy cream, mixing until fully incorporated. Increase the speed and beat until the mixture has thickened and doubled in volume, about 2 minutes.
4. Spread the dulce de leche evenly over the bottom of the crust. Spoon the cream cheese mixture on top, gently spreading to smooth. Top with strawberries. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate overnight. Dust with confectioner's sugar just before serving, if desired.





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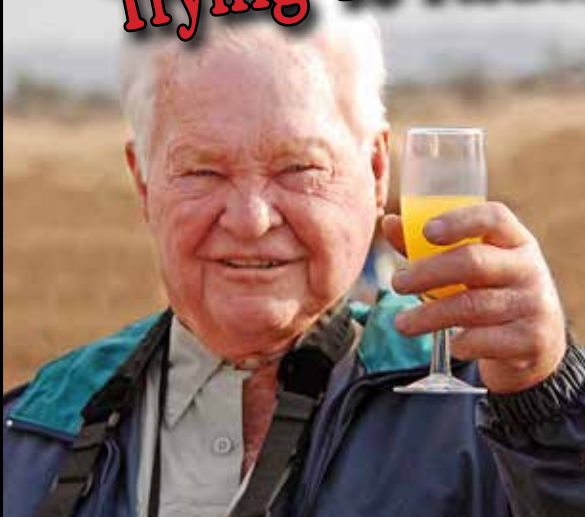


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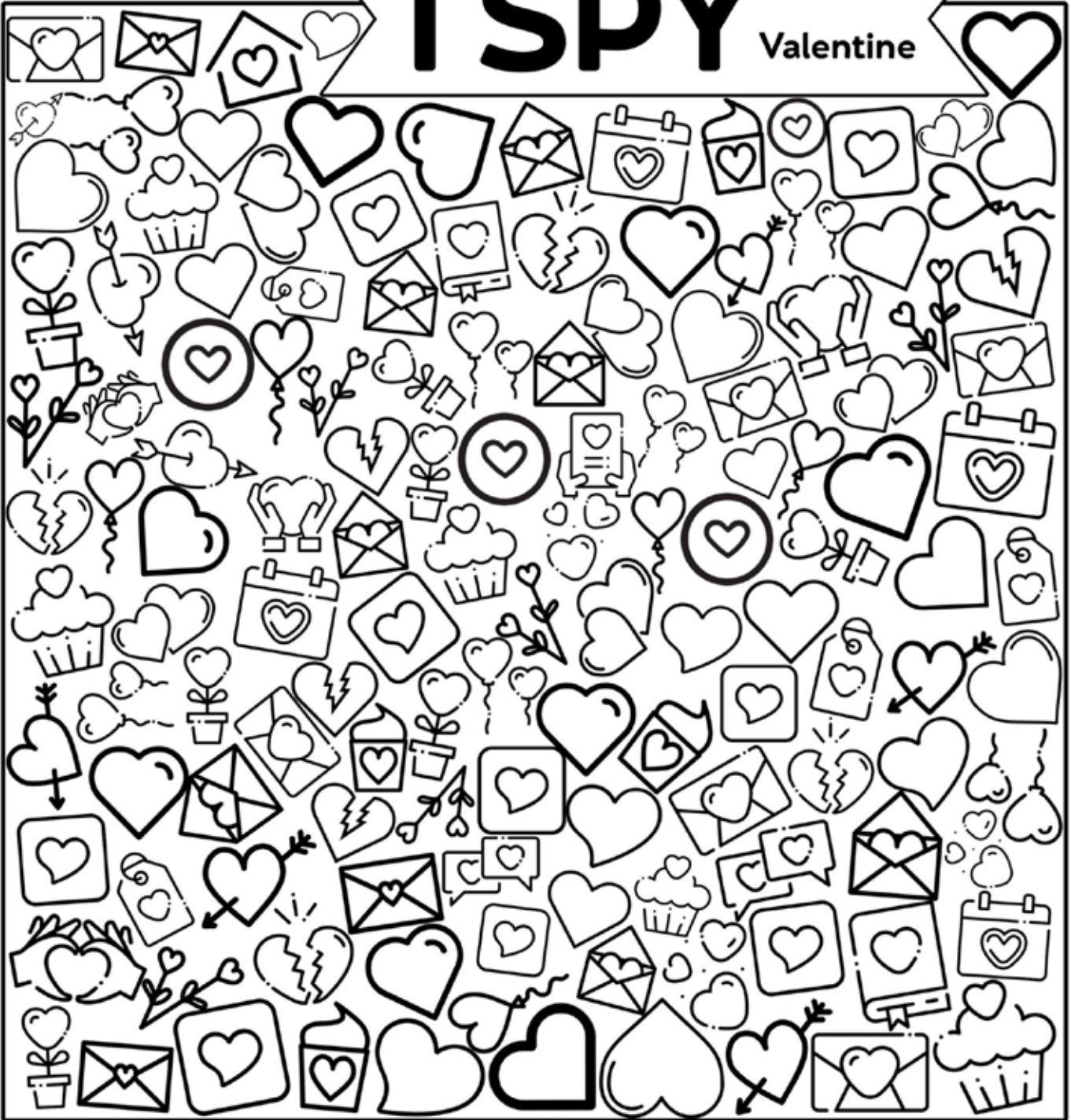
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4	5 Women's Charity Club Bingo, 7pm  (RECYCLE PICK UP) 	6	7 Social Club Meeting, 2:30pm	8 Line Dancing in Clubhouse, 1pm	9 <b>Resorts Bus Trip 8:30pm</b>  (GARBAGE PICK UP) 	10 <b>An Evening Lamar Peters 7pm</b>
11	12 Women's Charity Club Bingo, 7pm	13	14  <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b>	15 <b>Women's Charity Club fundraiser at Outback Steakhouse</b>  Line Dancing in Clubhouse, 1pm	16  (GARBAGE PICK UP) 	17
18	19 Women's Charity Club Bingo, 7pm  <b>PRESIDENTS DAY</b>	20 Women's Charity Club Meeting, 6:30pm  (RECYCLE PICK UP) 	21	22 Line Dancing in Clubhouse, 1pm	23	24  (GARBAGE PICK UP) 
25	26 Women's Charity Club Bingo, 7pm	27	28	29 Line Dancing in Clubhouse, 1pm		