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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!


 It's February. Where the hell did January go? Winter is upon us. Let's take some inventory.

 Rain. It's winter. Rain turns to ice. If you have standing water around your home, your steps, your driveway – buy yourself some ice melt. We have no control over this, so it's not our fault if you slip. We take care of the roads and the clubhouse. We do not take care of your homes. Remember, your life is worth a lot more than your junk mail, which brings us to snow...

 If the weather forecasters are calling for snow, any cars on the street should be brought to the pool parking lot. This helps us plow. If you do not relocate your vehicle before a storm, we will tow your vehicle. I know we've been threatening for a while, but our threats are going to come to fruition. We're only as efficient as you allow us to be.

 Let's talk about the dreaded freeze ups. There is no reason for them. If you allow your water to run a pinky's width and your cabinets are open, you should have no issue. What else can we possibly say about this? This is a constant reminder, so if you get a freeze up, shame on you!

 No one should be without heat due to neglect. Furnaces do break down. We understand that, but that's due to age or condition. As a homeowner, it is your responsibility to maintain the unit. Calling the office because you have no heat and expecting us to fix it immediately is an unrealistic expectation. While we do have staff members that can help, they can't be everywhere. We can't keep all parts for all furnaces in our inventory. That's not our job. Unbeknownst to some people, maintenance is here for the community, for the park – not individual homeowners. We help when we can, but it's not our responsibility to keep your home running.

 We're not trying to sound harsh – yes, we are. We want you to realize that you have responsibilities. Homestead Run is not an assisted living facility. We want the best for you, but we're not responsible for making that happen. Help us help you!

## Winter's light

I've been hearing a lot of the same lately. I've been hearing residents tell me they hate the winter, that it's too cold, that they're ready for summer. It's no secret, despite being born in July, I am not a summer baby at all. Give me the fall, and I'll tolerate the winter. Sometimes, I even like the winter, and I suppose it's worth sharing why. If I can help shift a perspective towards a positive, I always try to. One might say it's kind of my thing.

Winter has a way of slowing things down. It helps us to draw inward. The world outside also slows itself, often covered in frost. Trees are bare, not as a sign of loss, but a preparation of what's to come. There's something to be said for the season of stillness, for the way it nudges us, asking us to take stock, settle in, and maybe even enjoy the pause before life speeds up again.

Have you ever tried to think of winter as nature's way of reminding you to take a breath? Without the constant pull of sunny days and long evenings, there's finally space to reflect a little, to rest, to enjoy the smaller things that often get overlooked. A warm cup of tea by the window, a good book, an old movie you've been meaning to rewatch. Somehow, these things feel richer when the world outside is cold and quiet.

I know darkness gets a bad reputation, but it's not all bad. There's a certain kind of wisdom in honoring the darkness rather than fighting against it. It is easy to think of darkness as something to endure, but it also holds its own kind of beauty. Seeds begin their journey in dark soil. Stars reveal themselves only when the sun has set. Candlelight feels warmer, and there's something comforting about cozying up while the wind whistles outside. It's a time for slowing down, for reconnecting with people, for reaching out with a phone call or a letter (if anyone does that anymore), for filling the long evenings with things that bring a sense of lightness. I've always tended to think that light is more impactful when it's needed most.

I ask you to remember this -- winter isn't just about waiting for the next season to arrive. It's about using this time well. Maybe that means reflecting on the past year, maybe it's thinking about what comes next, or maybe it's simply enjoying being in the present. Before we know it, the days will seem longer, temperatures will rise, and the world will wake up. But for now, winter is here, and there's light to be found in it if we know where to look, Homestead.

Until next time,

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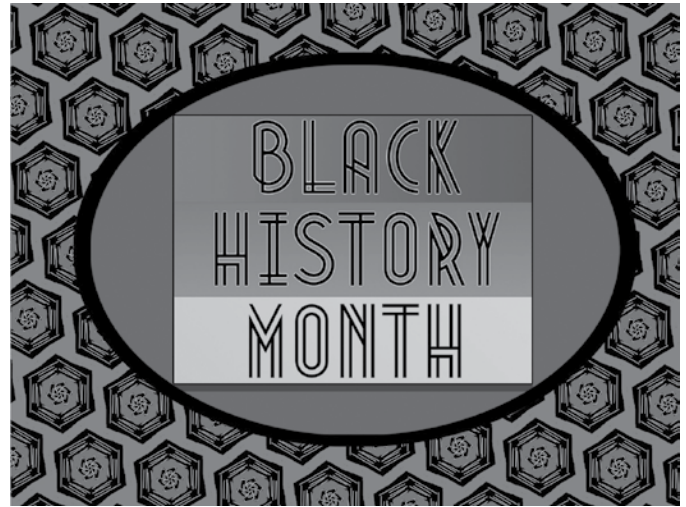
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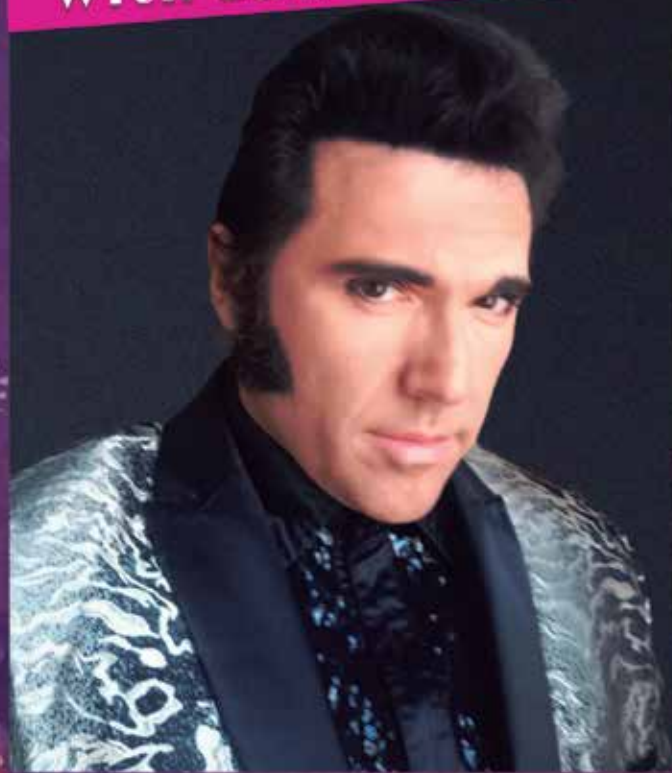
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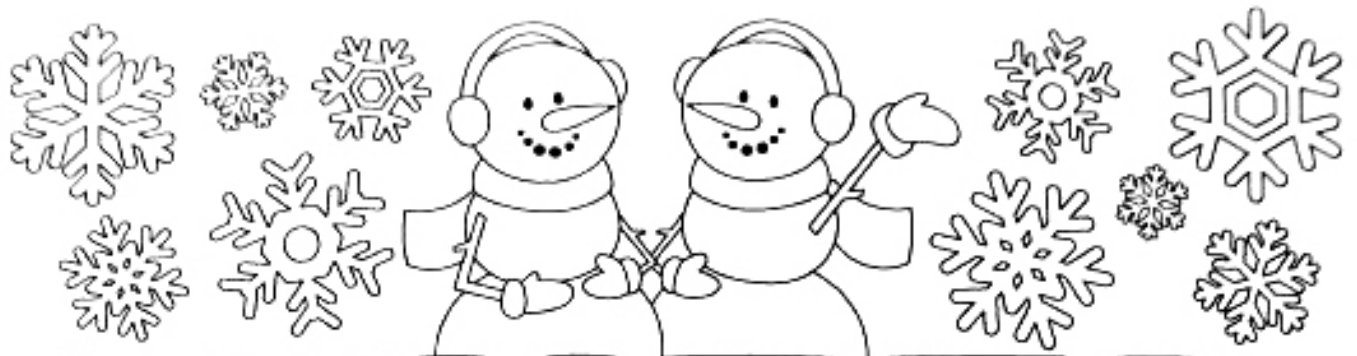
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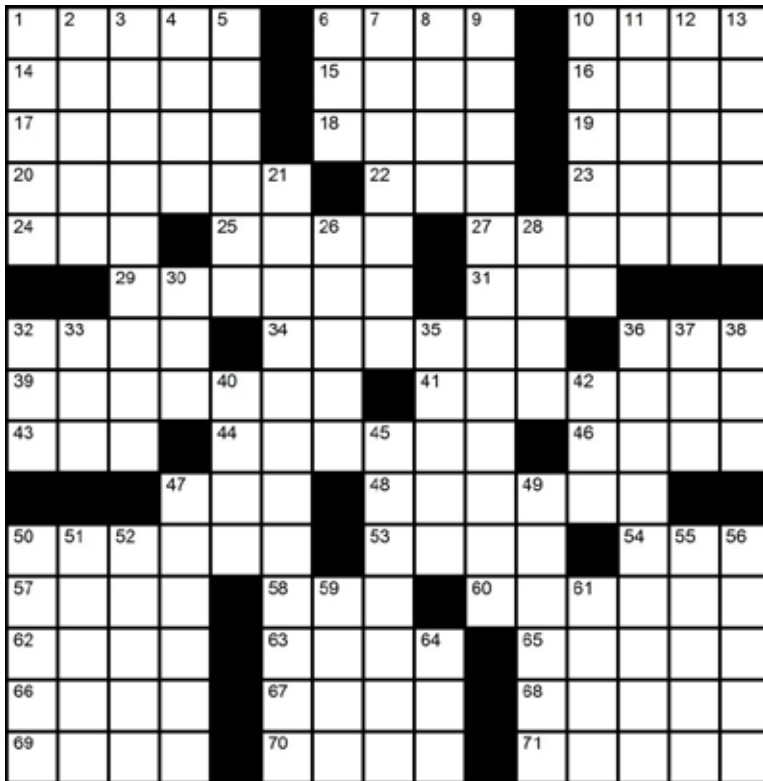
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer on page 15



## ACROSS

- 1 With a forward motion
- 6 Guitarist --- Clapton
- 10 And others in Rome
- 14 "Boléro" composer Maurice ---
- 15 Lead vocalist of U2
- 16 Sleepless in Seattle director --- Ephron
- 17 Overweight
- 18 Embryonic flowers
- 19 --- Lane, Clark's love
- 20 Shell lobster
- 22 Exercise venue
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- 24 Adeptness
- 25 A lot
- 27 Think constantly
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- 34 Pulpit delivery
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- 53 Pricey

- 54 World's largest economy
- 57 Stock-market debuts
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- 60 Daytona racing supervisory grp.
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- 66 Sweet
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## DOWN

- 1 Bouquet
- 2 Toil
- 3 Brought down
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- 7 Harsher
- 8 --- 500, car race
- 9 Of worldwide scope
- 10 Sign up
- 11 Common odds ending
- 12 Operatic solos
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- 21 "A Beautiful Mind" actor
- 26 Record keeper
- 28 Deform
- 30 Emulator
- 32 Fire residue
- 33 Consumed
- 35 Donnybrook
- 36 Bringing forth
- 37 Everyone
- 38 Stain
- 40 One paid to jump out of perfectly serviceable aircraft
- 42 Before, poetically
- 45 Soon afterwards
- 47 Invisible
- 49 Areas of land
- 50 About
- 51 Anything that stupefies
- 52 Have to
- 55 Generous annual visitor
- 56 Fire-raising
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- 61 Mets' old stadium
- 64 Alias



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*Solution on pg 15*

# COZY CHICKEN CHILI

Submitted by: Renee Stanzione

## INGREDIENTS

- 2 ½ pounds ground chicken
- ¼ cup vegetable oil, divided
- 1 red onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, diced
- 1 cup diced carrots
- 1 cup diced celery
- ½ Mexican chipotle chili or ½ cup any smokey tasting chili sauce
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 2 (28-ounce) cans crushed tomatoes
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 (5-ounce) can chick peas, drained, rinsed
- 1 cup chopped scallions
- 1 cup chopped fresh cilantro, and parsley
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large saucepan over medium heat, saute the chicken in a little oil for about 8 minutes and season to taste with salt and pepper.
2. Remove from the pan and set aside. Drain off any fat. Add a little more oil to the same pan and saute the onion, garlic, carrots and celery until soft, about 5 minutes
3. Add the peppers, chipotle, tomato paste, crushed tomatoes, cumin and oregano. Cook for another 10 minutes.
4. Add the chickpeas and chicken. Continue cooking for 15 minutes longer. Add the scallions and parsley and serve.



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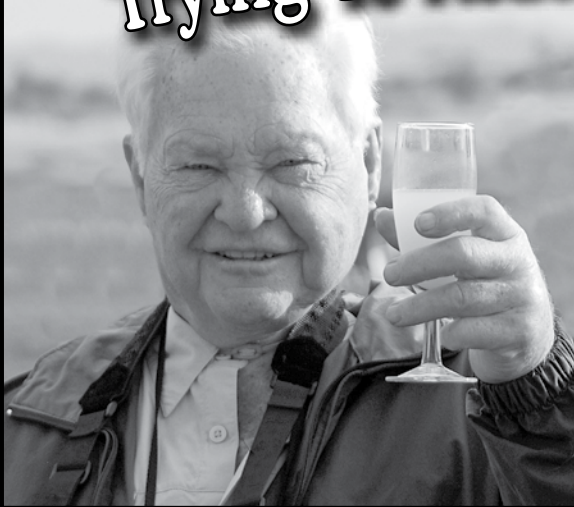
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Women's Charity Club Bingo, 7pm	4	5 Social Club Meeting, 6:30pm	6	7	8
<b>GROUNDHOG DAY</b>	(RECYCLE PICK UP) 				(GARBAGE PICK UP) 	
9	10 Women's Charity Club Bingo, 7pm	11	12 Chocolate Tasting, 1pm	13	14 Atlantic City Bus Trip	15 A Tribute to the Greats with Lamar Peters, 7pm
					<b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b> (GARBAGE PICK UP) 	
16	17 Women's Charity Club Bingo, 7pm	18 Women's Charity Club Meeting, 6:30pm	19	20	21	22
	<b>PRESIDENTS DAY</b>	(RECYCLE PICK UP) 				(GARBAGE PICK UP) 
23 Women's Charity Club Game Day	24 Women's Charity Club Bingo, 7pm	25	26	27	28	
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