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HI NEIGHBORS!

"You don't love someone because they're perfect, you love them in spite of the fact that they're not." — Jodi Picoult

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day is most commonly associated with romantic love, with millions of Valentine's Day cards being exchanged each year. Gifts of flowers or a single red rose are sent with romantic messages to loved ones and couples spend special time together.

Many couples choose to celebrate Valentine's Day with dinner, a picnic or special home-cooked meal. Many restaurants offer Valentine's Day dinner promotions and food is often presented with symbols of love like hearts and flowers. Another popular Valentine's Day activity is to indulge in a luxury hotel stay in a beautiful location, allowing a couple to get away from it all and enjoy some quality time together. Marriage proposals are also popular on Valentine's Day, and it is often chosen as the perfect day to express their love and commitment. Some marriage proposals are delivered very creatively, such as after climbing to the top of a mountain, or posting a message on a billboard. Whatever the method, marriage proposals made on Valentine's Day are generally romantic and memorable.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SHED

One common issue that mobile home residents face is a lack of storage space. With limited square footage, finding creative ways to maximize storage in a mobile home is essential. One often-overlooked area for storage in a mobile home is the space underneath the home. This under-home storage area can be a valuable resource for storing items that you don't use frequently or that take up too much space inside the home. Learn more by reading the article **"How Mobile Home Residents Can Use Under the Home for Storage by Mike Whitty"** on the website.

IF YOUR WATER PIPES FREEZE

Keeping your water pipes from bursting in a mobile home is crucial to maintaining the integrity of your plumbing system and preventing costly repairs. Mobile homes often have unique challenges when it comes to plumbing, as they are typically constructed with thinner walls and less insulation than traditional homes. This can make them more susceptible to freezing temperatures, which can lead to frozen and burst pipes.

There are several steps you can take to prevent your water pipes from bursting in a mobile home. By following these tips, you can protect your plumbing system and avoid the headaches and expenses that

come with burst pipes.

1. Insulate Your Pipes
2. Keep Your Home Warm
3. Let Your Faucets Drip
4. Seal Cracks and Gaps
5. Disconnect and Drain Outdoor Hoses
6. Open Cabinet Doors
7. Monitor Your Water Pressure
8. Install a Pipe Heating System
9. Know How to Shut Off Your Water

By following these tips, you can keep your water pipes from bursting in your mobile home and protect your plumbing system from costly damage. You can read the entire article **“Keeping Your Water Pipes from Bursting in a Mobile Home”** by Mike Whitty on the website.

I HATE PAYING INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Car insurance, home insurance, health insurance, phone insurance, no matter what the insurance is, it pains me to see a payment going out of my checking account every month. And I’m sure you feel the same way. The thing is, premiums are different from company to company. So being on a fixed income, I check my health and auto insurance every year. I’ve become a believer that they won’t be loyal to me, so there’s no need to be loyal to them. Fortunately, I have two companies that I’ve been with for a long time, and I still check them every year.

If you’re interested in possibly saving some mone, give these guys a call. You may be missing out on valuable benefits, especially with your Health Insurance. Tell them Mike Whitty from Mr. Mike’s Neighborhood recommended them and they’ll treat you real well. Share this information with all your friends and relatives. I’m sure they’d appreciate saving some money also.

Auto Insurance

Tracy at Lee Steinman Insurance, 989.453.2257

Health Insurance

Todd at Todd Chaney Group, 810.600.1318

EXPANDING OUR FREE CHILDREN’S BOOK LIBRARY

I’ve had several Neighbors asking if I had any adult paperbacks. So I’ve decided since there’s an interest, I’ll be adding paperback and hard cover books to the library. There’s more than enough space for both kids and adult books. If you’d like to donate books, please leave them on my porch at #828.

And don’t forget to donate to our Free Food Pantry. We have so many wonderful Neighbors, and even visitors from outside the park donating some really good food. I’ve even taken a couple for my own eating pleasure. Don’t hesitate to take some if you need it, that’s what it’s there for. We have noticed that since I put a light in the Pantry, Neighbors will come at night to get food and books. Thank you for taking advantage of this service, Miss Linda and I are really proud of it.

FINAL THOUGHT:

Historian Carter G. Woodson launched Black History Week in 1926 to recognize the significant contributions of African Americans during the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (February 12) and abolitionist/writer Frederick Douglass (February 14). Congress expanded it to National Black History Month 50 years later during the nation’s bicentennial celebration at which time then-President Gerald Ford urged the country to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”
