

Package Mania

As always, we are happy to accept your packages while you are not at home. But during the holiday season the volume of packages tends to increase, so please make arrangements to pick up your packages as soon as possible.



Make Online Shopping Easy

- Plan ahead. Have a set list of gifts you intend to buy.
- Use common sense. A golden rule of online shopping is that if something seems too good to be true, it probably is and you should avoid it. Shop with retailers you trust.
- Time your gift arrival. Check retailers' shipping deadlines.
- Know retailers' return and exchange policies. Return policies vary.
- If you aren't comfortable paying with a credit card, research other payment options. Retailers place a tremendous importance on keeping their websites safe and protecting customers' information. But for shoppers who are still nervous about paying by credit card, other options are often available.
- "Check It Twice" before confirming your purchase. Before you complete an online purchase, double-check billing and credit card information, shipping address and total cost of the order.
- File it. Print and save all confirmations of your purchases. This will help in many ways, from returning or exchanging items to verifying credit card or bank statements. Also, write down each purchase. It's easy to forget how much you've spent if you don't keep track. This will help both holiday spending on a budget and balancing your checkbook.

Decorating Safely

Although trees, lights and candles help homes look festive, don't sacrifice safety in the name of holiday decorating.

- Place Christmas trees away from fireplaces and other heat sources to prevent fires.
- Check your tree lights for broken or frayed sockets and wires or any loose connections. Use no more than three light sets on one extension cord.
- Don't treat old tinsel as a family heirloom. Make sure your tinsel and garlands are made of new material that is nonflammable. If using an artificial tree, be sure that it is fire-resistant.
- Turn off all lights and other decorations at bedtime or when you leave home. And of course, never leave burning candles unattended or in reach of small children.



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POST OAK APARTMENTS

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Wishing You the Best!

Our office will be closed on **Tuesday, December 25** for the Christmas holidays. We will reopen on Wednesday, December 26 for business as usual.

As a reminder, we will also be closed on **Tuesday, January 1** for New Year's Day.

The entire staff of Post Oak wishes you peace, health, and happiness this holiday and in the upcoming year.

A Time to Celebrate

December is here, and millions of Americans are celebrating this month. With all the Christmas decorations and marketing, it is sometimes hard to remember there are millions who are celebrating in other ways. This month many are celebrating Hanukkah and Kwanzaa as well. As you enjoy your holidays, remember to be respectful of other people, other faiths and cultures. Take the time to learn about other traditions. Happy Holidays to all celebrating this month!

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Monday-Friday
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Saturday
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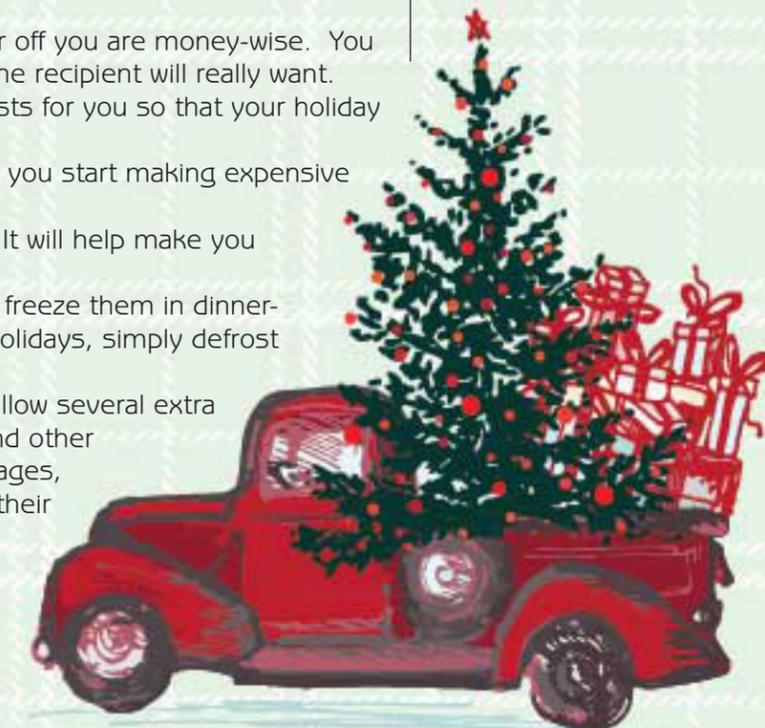
Happy Birthday!

SIDI BELLA AHMED
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KACIE BIVINS
RAVEN BRIGGS
MATTHEW DION
EVAN DONOHUE
ROBERT HUFFMAN
KAYLA NASH
HOLLY PERRY
ADRIENNE SMITH
JOHN THOMPSON

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December</h1>						RENT DUE 1
2	3	4	5	6 LATE CHARGES BEGIN	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 First Day of Winter	15
16	17	18 Christmas Day OFFICE CLOSED	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve					

Steps for a Stress-Free Holiday Season

- Make a list of family and friends you will be making a purchase for and set a dollar amount for each gift.
- The earlier in the year you start shopping, the better off you are money-wise. You have more time to hunt for bargains and for items the recipient will really want.
- Ask friends, relatives and co-workers to write wish lists for you so that your holiday purchases for them are right on target.
- If you feel tired while holiday shopping, leave before you start making expensive purchases for the sake of convenience.
- Try to pay for everything in cash – not credit cards. It will help make you stay within your budget.
- Make large batches of stew, soup or casseroles and freeze them in dinner-sized portions. When time gets scarce during the holidays, simply defrost what you need.
- If sending packages through the mail, be sure you allow several extra days for delivery. The postal service, UPS, FedEx and other carriers are loaded down this time of year with packages, and extra time will be needed to assure they make their destination in time for the holidays.



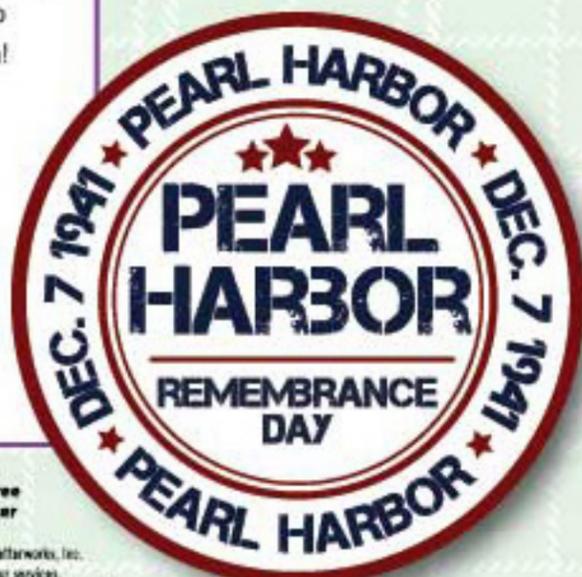


Raise your hands if you want to listen to some holiday podcasts! We've got you covered with some good ones – ready?

- **The Christmas Stocking** by Lee Cameron has been running 12 years strong. Episodes come out every few days during the holiday season plus you have past years.
- Catch stories behind your favorite holiday traditions as you listen to **Christmas Past**.
- **Can't Wait for Christmas?** Neither can comedian Tim Babb, as he gives us a taste of all the little things that make Christmas so much fun.
- How about some old time Christmas? Featuring Disney and Friends, Doris Day, Bing Crosby and more! Search for **Christmas Old Time Radio** and sing along to days gone by.
- Pretend you're by the fireplace, warm and comfy as you hear a collection of Christmas-themed short stories that will fill the heart. You'll definitely enjoy **Fireside Christmas Short Stories**.
- Want the holiday season 365 days a year? At **'Tis The Podcast** you'll hear reviews of Christmas shows, music and specials. It just might give you some ideas of movies you need to watch.
- Not everything is holly and jolly. That's why you'll especially enjoy **Weird Christmas** podcasts.
- Do you enjoy the movie "A Christmas Carol" as much as we do? Just type the title in your podcast search bar and get ready to listen!



It's time to celebrate or at least plan for a celebration! Make your New Year's Eve party fun and simple. Plan your menu and have a sign-up list. Have games ready, make a photo booth making people want to have their photo taken! Be sure to plan for kids – let their night be special too! We have some great ideas and games on our Hassle Free Pinterest page. Check it out!



You have almost a whole month to enjoy your home decked out. Here are some ways you can decorate cheaply.

Put up a tree – big or small, lights or no lights – that's the easiest way to decorate. Make your own decorations with pinecones, popsicle sticks to look like stars, paper doilies. Side note: shop for ornaments after Christmas for decorating next year.

Hang a wreath – on a door, on a wall, on something you wouldn't necessarily think of. Leave it plain, decorate with ribbon, or goodies around the house. Consider buying fabric and cutting into strips for multi-purpose decorating.

Pillows that are colored, mixed and matched with a few holiday patterns, colors or sayings, make a fun, festive place to relax. Don't forget inexpensive throws or blankets.

Even if you haven't bought all your Christmas gifts, go ahead and wrap what you have. Inexpensive fabric is also great to wrap now and rewrap later. Presents under the tree just say, "Happy Holidays!"

Have stairs? Line topiaries in white pitchers up the top three steps. Add ribbon and lights for a festive look.

Make fun little groupings like candles, holiday décor and sprinkle on the top of some of your cabinets, tables, mantels. Hit up thrift stores for special finds.

How about a coffee/hot chocolate bar? Add some red and white candy canes and marshmallows and you're set!

Use vintage hand towels on your bed pillows or hung over a chair. Red striped placemats and towels add a special touch.



WINTER IS OFFICIAL

Although it may already feel like winter where you live, the official start of winter is December 21. Since it has the fewest daylight hours of the year, let's make sure we get our required amount of sleep during the month.

Proper rest will make you want to take advantage of exercising. Don't let cold weather slow you down. Whether you walk or run outside, circle laps in your home or take advantage of your community workout facility, make time for your health.

'Tis the Season FOR THE CHALLENGE

Try to fill in the missing numbers.

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	5		3	19
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The missing numbers are integers between 0 and 9.

The numbers in each row add up to totals to the right.

The numbers in each column add up to the totals along the bottom.

The diagonal lines also add up the totals to the right.

BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

December is a month to volunteer. Find your passion and give of yourself.

Read to kids in school, tutor students in math, teach English to refugees, help at your local food bank, or homeless shelter.

The list is endless and the needs are great.



RECIPE

CHICKEN/TURKEY CRESCENT ROLL-UPS



Here's a great way to use leftover turkey or chicken!

INGREDIENTS

- 2-3 chicken breasts
- Chicken broth, enough to cover chicken while cooking
- 1 can crescent rolls
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese or 1 can of cheddar cheese soup
- 1 tsp. onion powder

DIRECTIONS

Place chicken breasts in crock pot and cover with broth. Cook for approximately 4 hours (on low) or until done. Remove from crock pot and let cool. Cut the chicken into small pieces and place a tablespoon of chicken in crescent rolls and roll up. Place in a greased casserole dish. Mix the other ingredients together and heat until cheese is melted. Pour over rolls. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-30 minutes or until brown.

