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Earth Day, Every Day

April 22nd is Earth Day, a global initiative aimed to inspire awareness of and appreciation for the Earth's environment. Earth Day 2018 is focused on ending plastic pollution (www.earthday.org). In conjunction with Earth Day, the property management team is planning a week of events at Grand Oak:

Monday, April 16 | Clothing Drive

- Donations will go to DAV (<http://donatedavmn.org/content/acceptableitems>)
- Donation boxes located in the lobbies of the 860, 880, 2854 and 2805 Buildings

Tuesday, April 17 | 9:00-11:00 am | Electronic Recycling

- Our Vision Recycling (www.ourvisionrecycling.com/home.html)
- 860 Blue Gentian Road parking lot

Wednesday, April 18 | Toner & Ink Cartridge Recycling

- Twin Cities Recycling (www.twincitiesrecycling.com)
- Boxes located in the lobbies of the 860, 880, 2854 and 2805 Buildings

Thursday, April 19 | 1:00-3:00 pm | Paper Shredding

- Shred Right (<https://shredrightnow.com>)
- 2805 Dodd Road parking lot

Friday, April 20 | Green Team Day

- Form your own office "Green Team" and find ways to conserve in your office
- Wear green for Earth Day
- Use reusable water bottles instead of plastic
- Turn off computers and other equipment when not in use
- Try working without lights for an hour & turn lights off when no one is in the room



TAKE NOTE OF THE UPCOMING DATES:

Earth Day

Sunday, April 22

Administrative Professionals Day
Wednesday, April 25

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 13

Memorial Day
Monday, May 28

Father's Day
Sunday, June 17

Summer Begins
Thursday, June 21

Independence Day
Wednesday, July 4

Tenant Appreciation Ice Cream Social
Tuesday, July 31



You Thought It Was True...But It Really Isn't

Young minds are like a sponge and students typically believe most of the information that is thrown their way. Despite what may have been taught in school, following are some common misconceptions:

Ben Franklin Discovered Electricity with a Kite & Key

One of history's most brilliant and prolific inventors, Ben Franklin is famous for flying a kite fixed with a metal key during a thunderstorm to harness electricity. That almost certainly didn't happen. This popular legend likely originates from a hypothetical "key on kite in thunderstorm" scenario Franklin once wrote about.

Water Towers Store Drinking Water

While some water towers store drinking water, the main function of a water tower is to create water pressure. Most drinking water comes from wells, reservoirs, lakes or rivers. The reason water rushes out when you turn on your faucet is because massive stores of water in vertical, gravity-fed water towers apply enough pressure to force water to flow through your municipality's network of underground pipes leading to your house.

"I Before E Except After C"

One of the most common and easy-to-remember rhyming spelling lessons is "i before e except after c" or when sounding like 'a' as in neighbor or weigh. The rule is wrong at least 25 percent of the time. Need some proof? Science. Forfeit. Weird. Glacier. Albeit. Fancier.

Humans Use Only 10% of Their Brains

A persistent myth suggests that 90% of the human brain lies dormant, leaving kids imagining what kind of super beings they could be if only they could harness the other 10%. In reality, humans use their entire brain and there is no scientific evidence to suggest otherwise. The 10% myth probably comes from a misquote attributed to Albert Einstein.

Chameleons Change Color for Camouflage

While chameleons indeed have the ability to change color, it is not to blend in with their surroundings while hiding from predators. Some chameleons change with the temperature or amount of stress they're experiencing. Others change colors to warn other lizards of danger. And, of course, some males brighten up to attract female chameleons.

Spring Has Sprung

Spring is in the air! It's time to get outdoors and embrace the fresh air, sunshine and warmer temperatures. Consider the following suggestions to experience the season to its fullest:

- Have a picnic at the park
- Find the first crocuses and snowdrops
- Sit outside at a café
- Walk on a deserted beach
- Fly a kite
- Get dirt under your fingernails
- Find a playground and swing on the swings
- Skip stones across a pond
- Visit a local farmers market or flea market
- Listen to the rain or get caught in a spring shower
- Spot a rainbow



- Stargaze
- Leave your windows open to catch a spring breeze
- Play tourist in your own town

Military Appreciation

National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM) is celebrated every May and is a declaration that encourages U.S. citizens to observe the month in a symbol of unity. NMAM honors the current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom.

Join in honoring, remembering, recognizing and appreciating those who have served and those now serving.



Explore a National Park

Experience America's national parks – there are more than 400 parks available to everyone, every day. All National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission the following dates in 2018:

- April 21: First day of National Park Week
- September 22: National Public Lands Day
- November 11: Veterans Day

If you're planning a summer road trip, there is an annual America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass for \$80 that allows unlimited entrance to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including all national parks that normally charge an entrance fee.

Visit www.nps.gov to search for national parks by state and for helpful tips on where to go, when to go, and how to stay safe.



Major Purchase Guide

To avoid impulsive purchases and ensure you are making smart financial decisions, it's a good idea to ask yourself a few questions before you decide to splurge on the purchase of a big-ticket item. Following are five key questions:

- 1) Does it fit my budget?
- 2) Do I need it?
- 3) Will I still need it in six months?
- 4) Will it bring me joy?
- 5) What will I be giving up to buy this?

Answering these questions prior to a major purchase will help you avoid unnecessary financial stress down the road.

Brain Teasers

- 1) When you have me, you immediately feel like sharing me. But, if you do share me, you don't have me.
- 2) What has a mouth but cannot eat, what moves but has no legs, and what has a bank but you cannot put money in it?
- 3) What can you catch but not throw?
- 4) Arnold Schwarzenegger has a long one. Michael J. Fox has a short one. Madonna doesn't use hers. Bill Clinton always uses his. The Pope never uses his. What is it?
- 5) What can you hold without ever touching or using your hands?

Source: www.buzzkenya.com

Recognizing Grand Oak Tenants

Equus Capital Partners and Transwestern recognize the following tenants for lease transactions completed during 1st Quarter 2018:

New:

Entitle, Inc.
(860 Blue Gentian Road)

Expansion:

Cerasis
(880 Blue Gentian Road)

Renewal:

Healthcare Management Resources, Inc.
(2854 Highway 55)
Farley Financial Partners, Inc.
(880 Blue Gentian Road)
DaVita, Inc.
(2750 Blue Water Road)
Great Lakes Educational Loan Services, Inc.
(930 Blue Gentian Road)

Area Events

Following are some fun activities taking place near Grand Oak this spring and summer. Visit www.cityofeagan.com/community-events for more information.

- Holz Farm Spring Festival | May 20
- Eagan Market Fest | Wednesdays, June 6-September 26
- Lake Fest | June 9
- Eagan Art Festival | June 23-24
- Eagan Fun Fest | July 2-4
- Food Truck Festival | August 11
- Lone Oak Days | September 22-23

Brain Teaser Answers

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| 1) A secret | 4) A surname |
| 2) A river | 5) Your breath |
| 3) A cold | |

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