

*Serving the Wildwood and Morrison Creek communities.*

# March News Magazine



## *A message from the President –*

Greetings to all homeowners and residents. It appears that Spring will be upon us before we have had a chance to close out the winter holidays and festivities. I do need a bit of your time and attention for a somewhat controversial matter that continues to be an issue within our community. Specifically, as it is the responsibility of the HOA, there is work performed by the HOA to the common areas within the community on a daily bases. Sometimes, this work is a result of residents within the community. Typical repairs include damage and vandalism to the common area and/or illegal dumping. As these types of activities affect the common areas, it is the sole responsibility of the HOA to perform the necessary repair or clean up. Subsequently, the HOA, in most cases, is able to identify the offending owner or responsible party. In such cases, when the HOA follows through with a billing to that respective owner, the initial response from the owner is that they should have been given first opportunity to make said repairs and/or remove trash left by their respective tenants. Here in lies the problem: our HOA would be at great exposure if individual owners were first afforded an opportunity to perform not only routine maintenance and repairs, but also for repairs and maintenance outside the realm of routine. More simply stated, the HOA must take responsibility for all common area issues and the homeowners must do the same for items and repairs within their respective units. In short, when you choose to own in a planned community such as this one, you also choose to follow the documents that define responsibility.

In closing, thank you for your attention in these matters and for your continued support of the community as it moves forward on a positive path. Should you have further concerns or questions, please bring those issues to one of the upcoming HOA board meetings.

*P. Bohner*

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### **MCE Board Meetings**

**Board Meetings are held every month (provided there is a quorum) notice is posted prior to the meeting. Meetings current schedule is;**

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday @ 5:30 pm (subject to change)

### **WW Board Meetings**

**Board Meetings are held every other month (provided there is a quorum) notice is posted prior to the meeting. Meetings current schedule is;**

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday @ 11:30 a.m. (subject to change)

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## Blue line extensions

The south line phase 2 project proposes an extension of the light rail system from the end point of south line phase 1 at Meadowview road, approximately four miles to Consumes River College. Light rail will help serve the regions growing population by providing reliable transit serve, reducing automobile congestion, and decreasing air polluting emissions.



### New Green Line?

**GREEN LINE** The Sacramento regional transit district (RT) is currently working on the first phase of implementing the DNA-Green Line Lightrail extension.

The first segment, known as the Green Line to the river district, will provide service to Richards Boulevard along 7th street. The Next phase of the green line to the airport will be determined by RT's transitional analysis.

As part of the work for the transition analysis, Regional transit will be holding a five day community review at the end of August. The purpose is to develop a common vision of how to best integrate the green line into the Natomas communities

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## CONTACT

**Student/Disabled passenger**

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**Saint Patrick** is the Catholic saint who is celebrated each year on March 17, which is called Saint Patrick's Day. He is revered by Christians for establishing the church in Ireland during the fifth century AD.

The precise dates and details of Saint Patrick's life are unclear, but some points are generally agreed: as a teen, he was captured and sold into slavery in Ireland, and six years later he escaped to Gaul (now France) where he later became a monk. Around 432 he returned to Ireland as a missionary and succeeded in converting many of the island's tribes to Christianity.

Late in life he wrote a brief text, *Confessio*, detailing his life and ministry. (It is now known as *The Confession of St. Patrick*.) The feast day of Saint Patrick, March 17, is celebrated as a day of Irish pride in many parts of the world.



**HAPPY  
ST. PATRICKS DAY**

## CABBAGE & CORNED BEEF



- 1 small head cabbage, cored and cut into wedges
- 6 large potatoes, quartered
- 4 large carrots, peeled and sliced
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

2 tablespoons butter

Prep Time:

20 Min

Cook Time:

3 Hrs

Ready In:

3 Hrs 20 Min

Servings (Help)

Original Recipe Yield8 servings

Ingredients

4 1/2 pounds corned beef brisket

5 black peppercorns

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

1 onion, peeled and left whole

2 bay leaves

1 pinch salt

### Directions

1. In a 6 quart Dutch oven, Place the beef brisket, peppercorns, garlic powder, onion, bay leaves and salt. Fill pan with water to cover everything plus one inch. Bring to a boil and cook for 20 minutes. Skim off any residue that floats to the top. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook for 2 to 3 hours, until meat can be pulled apart with a fork.
2. Once the meat is done, add the cabbage, potatoes and carrots, pressing them down into the liquid. Simmer for an additional 15 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. Skim off any oil that comes to the surface. Stir in the butter and parsley. Remove the pot from the heat.
3. Remove meat from the pot and place onto a serving dish and let rest for 15 minutes. Also remove vegetables to a bowl and keep warm. Slice meat on the diagonal against the grain. Serve meat on a platter and spoon juices over meat and vegetables.

### Nutritional Information

**Amount Per Serving** Calories: **515** | Total Fat: **24.4g** | Cholesterol: **117mg** Powered by *ESHA Nutrient Database*

# Scholarship Info

## Zinch.com

Are you tired of sifting through millions of scholarships and applying to many that aren't in your range? Well Zinch.com is your savior. Zinch is a new simple way to filter through countless scholarships to find which one is fit for you. With Zinch you make a student profile with all of your high school accomplishments, interests, and information about yourself and the site will bring all the scholarships that you are eligible for, to your profile.

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## Nordstrom Scholarship info

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[Apply now](#) through May 1, 2012.

### 2. SEMI-FINALISTS SELECTED

Semi-final entries are reviewed by regional selection committees. Semi-finalists will be notified via e-mail.

### 3. FINALISTS SELECTED

All finalists are interviewed in person or via video conference.

### 4. WINNERS NOTIFIED

Winners will be notified by the end of October 2012 To ensure you receive prompt notification, add [nordstromscholarship@ACT.org](mailto:nordstromscholarship@ACT.org) to your address book.



## ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

### Scholarship Experts

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The best scholarship search engine we've found. There is no fee to search its database of national, state and local awards and the payback may be thousands of dollars in college aid. The nine-page questionnaire covers all the bases, like whether the student is from a single-parent home or the first family member to attend college. Though some questions seem a bit ludicrous: like whether a student is right-handed, or lives in the delivery area for Papa John's Pizza, there are actually matching scholarships in the database for just such students. Our profile pulled up 55 national and four state awards, arranged by deadline, far more than the free scholarship search engines we examined. Click on each, such as the Pablo Neruda Prize for Poetry offered by the University of Tulsa, and you'll get details such as award amount, number of recipients and contact information.

**BEST:** Helpful tools like a customized Application Request Letter generator and the Bundle & Print feature that lets you download/print all results at once.

**WORST:** Can't search for awards without filling out a profile.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS OFFERED TO JOB SEEKERS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
11	12 RESUME WORKSHOP  Interview Workshop  Resume Workshop  Youth Workshop – Green Technology	13 METRIX LEARNING ORIENTATION  Background Wizard Workshop	14 SCORE-QuickBooks Overview & Lab  SCORE-Simple Steps Start-Up Basics/Pre-Business Orientation  Interview Workshop	15 Workshop – Mock Interviews  Workshop-Interviewing with Style  Youth Workshop – BeMoneySmartUSA presents Financial Literacy  YOUTH WORKSHOP	16 Key Train Workshop	17	
18	19 Interview Workshop  Resume Workshop  Transferable Skills Workshop	20 Coach Workshop  Background Wizard Workshop	21 EDD/IRS-Payroll Tax Workshop  Resume Workshop  Workshop-Soft Skills in the Workplace  Find a Job Workshop	22 Workshop- Financial Literacy  Interview Workshop  Resume Workshop -Tips & Techniques for a better job!  Youth Workshop – BeMoneySmartUSA presents Financial Literacy  YOUTH WORKSHOP	23 It Works Recruitment Event  Metrix Workshop	24	
25	26 METRIX LEARNING ORIENTATION  Youth Workshop – Staying Healthy	27 Sacramento Professional Network Workshop  Background Wizard Workshop	28 VETERANS WORKSHOP	29 Workshop-Resumes and More!  PC BASICS WORKSHOP	METRIX WORKSHOP  Youth Workshop – BeMoneySmartUSA presents Financial Literacy	30 Key Train Workshop	31

## ONLINE LEARNING RESOURCES

This page contains links to websites that offer a variety of free online learning and training courses that you can use to expand your knowledge and skills. The links are grouped into the following sections: [ALISON Online Courses](#), [Workplace Skills](#), [Education \(K-12 and College\)](#), [Business and Technology](#), [Writing and Languages](#), and [Miscellaneous](#).

### ALISON ONLINE COURSES



[ALISON](#) is one of the leading FREE online learning websites. ALISON offers courses on a variety of topics,

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## WORKPLACE SKILLS

[GCFLearnFree.org](#) - Funded by the Goodwill Community Foundation, GCFLearnFree.org provides free computer, technology, and life skills training online. Users can sign up for scheduled online classes, or take any of the free tutorials at their own pace. Popular topics include [computer technology](#), [math and money basics](#), [career](#) and [workplace](#) development, and other everyday life skills.

[Vocational Information Center](#) - The Vocational Information Center website is a directory that provides links to online resources for career exploration, career and education, work opportunities, trade and technical schools, and career-related references.

[ERI Human Resources Distance Learning Center](#) - ERI offers more than 50 different free courses in human relations topics such as health insurance and retirement investment plans, employee benefit programs, tax issues, compensation and salary administration, and online recruiting.

[LINCS Workforce Education LAB](#) - The Learning Activities Bank collects and distributes high-quality learning activities that focus on the basic skills and knowledge adults need to be effective in the 21st Century workplace.

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## How to Start a Career in Crafting

Crafting careers range from working with paper, textiles, glass, wood, stone, metal or clay to make unique, one-of-a-kind art and handicrafts.

Love creating hand-crafted gifts for friends and family? Have a good business sense for what the crafting market will demand - and pay you for - unique handmade works of art?

For amateurs who have a talent for making clever and beautiful craft pieces, there are a variety of ways that may one day lead to dropping the traditional 9-5 job and pursuing a fulfilling career in crafting.

Wood & stone carvers, jewelers, potters, stained glass artists, and textile workers all employ unique skills to shape their materials so the skills necessary for a career as a craft artist vary.

However, a creative mind combined with a good work ethic generally holds great promise for any crafter. And, since many of them are necessarily self employed, a natural head for business and a special feel for marketing and public relations are also absolutely essential for building a successful career.

### Tips for Selling at Arts & Crafts Shows

In fact, a good business sense can be the determining factor in how much a craft artist can make. Displaying their work at craft fairs and studios (and increasingly in [online crafts directory sites and galleries](#)), a craft artist's salary is almost entirely dependent on their ability to show and sell their work before appreciative audiences.

#### Selling your crafts

A crafting career is just that, and entails not only finding quality time to create, but organizing your day to schedule the equally-important business of crafting. This may include networking with other professionals in online [craft forums](#), for instance, or for buying materials and supplies, bookkeeping and accounting, developing sales leads, or for keeping on top of upcoming venues.

The good news is that the job outlook for craft careers is surprisingly high, compared to other 9-5 industries, but this doesn't change the fact that there is, and likely always will be a high amount of competition. A craft artist will have to work hard, and match their creative talents with a passion for handcrafting a successful business and reputation within the industry..

More about the crafts business around the Web:

[Starting and Running a Successful Crafts Business](#) - About.com guide with helpful tips, tricks and resources including pricing, sales and marketing techniques, craft show reviews, suggested publications, forums, trade shows.

[Craft Marketer.com](#) - An extensive video library of craft business how to's, including marketing and promotion, tips on the best selling crafts, places to sell your crafts online, and related tips.

[Craft Business Blog](#) - Learn the art of self-promotion with additional tips on selling at craft fairs, setting up booths, pricing, sales and marketing, and customer service, with related resources

[CraftBoom - Marketing an Art & Craft Business Online](#) - Insider pros and cons, starting up, organization checklists, tips on getting found by the search engines and developing visitors, and other helpful advice for online craft businesses or brick and mortar operations.



## Sacramento Flea Markets

Sacramento flea markets are a booming way to make extra money in this market. They are a type of [bazaar](#) that rents space to people who want to sell or barter cut-rate merchandise or secondhand goods. Many markets offer fresh produce and plants from local farms. Renters of the flea market are vendors. It may be indoors, such as in a warehouse or school gymnasium; or it may be outdoors, such as in a field or under a tent. Flea markets can be held annually or semiannually, others may be conducted monthly, on weekends, or daily. Flea-market vendors may range from a family that is renting a table for the first time to sell a few unwanted household items to scouts who rove the region buying items for sale from garage sales and other flea markets, and several staff watching the stalls. These are your two Sacramento area flea markets.



## More Resources to help you start a successful craft business!

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#### Resources

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- [Art Forums](#)
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- [General Information](#)
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- [Art & Craft Business](#)
- [Artists Services](#)
- [Suppliers](#)



## How to Start a Career as a Writer

For those who find great enjoyment in writing, and who love to see their ideas and words come to life on the page, a career as a writer could be the perfect way to turn a writing hobby in to an enjoyable and maybe even lucrative career.

Writing, like many creative pursuits, is a career in which competition is high and job opportunities are often difficult to land. Self-motivation, focus and concentration, a natural love of writing - and pure stubbornness - are all that are needed if a potential writer is going to weather the rejection that many new writers face.

Fortunately, there is a wealth of information on [writer's markets](#) available for beginners to help increase their odds of receiving their first acceptance letter. Even younger writers just starting out can take advantage of a variety of [teen writing competitions](#) that can open doors to a varied number of writing assignments available to seasoned writers.

### Writing Careers

Writers typically fit into two broad categories, the first of which include authors and writers. These are the writers of fiction or nonfiction books, [children's books](#), or writers of articles for newspapers or magazines, scripts, advertisements, or online publications. For these writers, a degree in English or journalism can certainly be useful in some cases, but generally it isn't necessary especially for [freelance writing](#) work.

The other kind of writer is the technical writer, typically responsible for product

manuals, assembly instructions, or help documents for computer programs. For these types of jobs, especially when working directly with an engineer or software designer, it is often very helpful to have either a technology degree or a very good understanding of the subject matter at hand.

### How to Negotiate Pay as a Freelance Writer

Writers may also find work as editors. Editors must have an extremely good eye for grammar and typographical errors, and often must work closely with production managers on the overall layout of a publication.

### Writing Jobs Outlook

The job outlook for writers is good, with growth expected to be about average.

Writers who are looking to take advantage of areas of the industry that are growing more quickly should learn [how to write for the Web](#), as this is one part of the industry growing especially fast.

The average earnings for salaried writers is just under \$50,000 a year, and for technical writers it's about \$58,000 a year. Editors earn an average of about \$47,000 a year. Wages that freelance writers earn greatly depends upon their experience, rates, and the number of assignments they successfully pursue.

### More about writing careers around the Web:

#### Careers in Writing -

Comprehensive guide from Kennesaw State University with tips on education and training, writer's markets, interviews with professional writers, and resources to more information on how to write a query letter and related career advice.

Preditors & Editors - "A *guide to publishers and writing services for serious writers!*" with focus on the business of writing and book authoring, including insider tips and reviews of literary agents and publishers, how to's for managing a freelance career, and extensive lists of related resources.

#### Freelance Writing.com -

Tips, tricks and how to's for breaking into the freelance market with helpful feature stories, information on writer's markets and submission guidelines, writing competitions, and industry news.

#### A Career in Technical Writing -

Good overview with general job description, advice on rates and salaries for freelancers and employees, along with tips on managing a technical writing staff.

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 **TabletPC  
Review™**

**Asus Eee Pad Slider SL101**

UK release date: Autumn/Winter 2011  
 Specs: Android 3.2, Nvidia Tegra 2 dual-core CPU, 10.1-inch capacitive display at 1280x800, slide-out keyboard, microSD, HDMI-out, rear-facing camera, front-facing camera  
 What we think: While the form factor might not suit those going for an iPad-like Android option, the Slider is still a gorgeous tablet. With its slide-out QWERTY keyboard, it offers the perfect balance between portability and functionality. It's also got an absolutely gorgeous screen, and offers the best Android 3.2 touch experience of any tablet out there.



**Samsung Galaxy Tab 8.9**

UK release date: Autumn 2011  
 Specs: Android 3.1, 1GHz dual core Nvidia Tegra 2 CPU, 1GB RAM, 16GB storage, 8.9-inch capacitive screen at 1280x800 (WXGA), Wi-Fi only, 447g.  
 What we think: The Samsung Galaxy Tab 8.9 is almost indistinguishable from its 10.1-inch big brother. To that end, it's a fantastic tablet which is both significantly lighter and thinner than the iPad 2. It's ideal for anyone who thinks 10.1 inches is just slightly too big for a tablet, but also finds 7-inch options a tad too small. A great screen, and premium features across the board make it a superb option.



**Asus Eee Pad Transformer TF101**

UK release date: Out now  
 Specs: Android 3.2, Nvidia Tegra 2 dual-core CPU, 10.1-inch capacitive display at 1280x800, full-size keyboard dock, card reader, HDMI-out, rear-facing camera, front-facing camera  
 What we think: Asus is keeping all its bases covered by offering a variety of different tablet options, and waiting to see what people buy. The Eee Pad Transformer comes with a keyboard dock and the whole package costs just

£429 - a veritable bargain. Asus is certainly flying under the radar when it comes to marketing its new tablets, but you should associate the name with words like 'quality' and 'user experience'. This is a fantastic product.



**Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1**

UK release date: Out now  
 Specs: Android 3.0, 1GHz dual core CPU, 1GB RAM, 16GB/32GB storage, 10.1-inch capacitive screen at 1280x800 (WXGA), 3MP rear-facing camera, 2MP front-facing camera, 3G, 599g.  
 What we think: As an out-and-out tablet, the Galaxy Tab 10.1 is brilliant. It matches the performance of the other Honeycomb Tegra 2-based tablets while beating the pants off them in the portability stakes. This tablet is the lightest and thinnest 10-inch tablet in the world - and yep that includes the iPad 2. So unless that keyboard dock above is a serious draw for you, this is currently the one to watch.



**Motorola Xoom 2**

UK release date: Out now  
 Specs: Android 3.2, OMAP 4 1.2GHz CPU, 1GB RAM, 32GB Flash storage, 10.1-inch capacitive LCD at 1280x800, proximity sensor, ambient light sensor, barometer, gyroscope, 5MP rear-facing camera, 1.3MP front-facing camera, 599g.  
 The Motorola Xoom 2's most noticeable upgrade might be in the chassis, but it's also had an upgrade to a 1.2GHz CPU, along with Android 3.2. This has produced a tablet that's quite snappy overall, though it does still suffer from the odd moment where swipes take a moment to register.  
 In all honesty, we're rather disappointed with the Xoom 2. It's not the all-conquering tablet we were hoping it was going to be. It doesn't quite match the best tablets above or the iPad for quality, and many good Android tablets have it beaten for price.



**Sony Tablet S**

UK release date: Out now  
 Specs: Android 3.2, 1GHz dual core CPU, 1GB RAM, 16GB/32GB storage, 10.1-inch capacitive screen at 1280x800 (WXGA), 3MP rear-facing camera, 2MP front-facing camera, 598g.  
 What we think: We love the Sony Tablet S and its wedge-shaped design. It really makes it stand out from the crowd. The responsive touchscreen and unique shape combine to make this tablet extremely usable, and a joy to type on. If you're choosing an Android tablet you won't be disappointed, but if it's a shoot out between the Sony Tablet S and the iPad 2, unless you're a hardened Sony fan, then your money is still better spent with Apple.



**Motorola Xoom**

UK release date: Out now  
 Specs: Android 3.0, Nvidia Tegra 2 dual-core CPU, 1GB RAM, 32GB Flash storage, 10.1-inch capacitive LCD at 1280x800, proximity sensor, ambient light sensor, barometer, gyroscope, 5MP rear-facing camera, 2MP front-facing camera, 3G, 730g.  
 What we think: The Motorola Xoom is one of the second-generation Android tablets that the tech world got very excited about when it came out. Packing Nvidia's super-powerful Tegra 2 chip and running the tablet-friendly Android 3.0 OS, the Xoom was the first genuine iPad challenger. Ultimately though, it failed to attract buyers, which is why you've probably never seen one. These days, while the Xoom is still a decent, premium and well-built tablet, there are simply better options available. Stay tuned for the Xoom 2, coming very soon!





BlackBerry Playbook

Specs: BlackBerry Tablet OS (QNX), 1GHz Cortex A9 dual core CPU, 1GB RAM, 7-inch capacitive LCD at 1024x600, 3MP front-facing camera, 5MP rear-facing camera, 400g.

What we think: The BlackBerry PlayBook is designed to be mobile and business-friendly. That means, at 130x194mm, the device is small enough to hold with one hand, slip in a laptop bag side pouch, and even carry around all day to meetings. The problem's start, though, with the lack of an email app, the dependence on owning a BlackBerry smartphone and a terminal lack of apps. The Playbook is powerful and has brilliant multitasking capabilities, but for now it's one to watch rather than one to buy.



LG Optimus Pad

UK release date: Out now

Specs: Android 3.0, 1GHz Tegra 2 CPU, 1GB RAM, 32GB storage, 8.9-inch capacitive screen at 1024x768, 2x 5MP rear-facing cameras for 3D capture, 2MP front-facing camera, phone-friendly 3G, 630g.

What we think: The Optimus Pad is a super-looking tablet and has the USP of having dual 5MP rear-firing cameras for 3D image capture. Add to that dual-core Tegra 2 CPU, a decent screen and Android 3.0 and you've got an exciting tablet on your hands. But pricing could be this tablet's Achilles heel – it's pricey. And frankly, 3D image capture without a 3D display = a product before its time. In 2012 we expect to see the LG Optimus Pad 3D, but until then, this probably isn't for you.

Toshiba AT100 (aka Toshiba Thrive)  
 UK release date: Out now  
 Specs: Android 3.2, 1GHz dual core CPU, 1GB RAM, 8GB/16GB/32GB



storage, 10.1-inch capacitive screen at 1280x800 (WXGA), 5MP rear-facing camera, 2MP front-facing camera, 725g. What we think: The Toshiba AT100 (known as Toshiba Thrive outside Europe) is a good choice for those who like the idea of full-size HDMI and USB ports. For a specific use, including customisations and future upgrades, the Toshiba AT100 offers some extra flexibility. Yet, the hefty size and weight (plus the passable screen quality) is the main reason we prefer other recent tablets.



HTC Flyer

UK release date: Out now

Specs: Android 2.3, 1.5GHz single-core Snapdragon, 1GB RAM, 32GB memory, 7-inch capacitive LCD at 1024x600, 5MP camera, 3MP front-facing camera, phone-call-friendly 3G, 415g.

What we think: HTC has decided to release its first tablet running on Android Gingerbread (2.3), which will upset some purists that only believe these tablets should run on Honeycomb. However, it does come with a new version of HTC Sense with dual-pane windows which works well with videos and email. As a single-core device in a dual-core world, though, the Flyer just isn't good enough. And the chunky form factor and lack of sparkling features are a real let-down.



Archos 101 G9

UK release date: Out now

Specs: Android 3.2, Dual-core CPU, 10.1-inch capacitive display at 1280x800, HDMI-out, rear-facing camera, front-facing camera, multiple storage options including 250GB HDD. What we think: If you're in the market for a capable tablet, but have a limited budget, then this is one of the best options outside of price cuts that you can get. The potential problem is we're about to be bombarded by cut-price tablets, and much better units can be had for this kind of cash - tablets with more memory, built from better materials and generally put together with more love.



Viewsonic ViewPad 7

UK release date: Out now

Specs: Android 2.2, Qualcomm MSM 7227 600MHz CPU, 512MB RAM, 512MB storage, 7-inch capacitive LCD at 800x480, 3MP rear-facing camera, VGA front-facing camera, phone call-friendly 3G, 375g.

What we think: Not technically built by Viewsonic, this tablet is also available under various different titles. Essentially it's a Chinese-built OEM device, but you'd be wrong if you think that means it's not very good. It is. It's responsive, it's a nice size and it's usable. The problem is that at launch it should have cost £200, not £400. And even though it can now be found for around £180, the ship has sailed!



HP TouchPad

UK release date: Discontinued

Specs: webOS 3.0, 1.2GHz dual-core Snapdragon CPU, 1GB RAM, 16GB, 32GB storage, 9.7-inch capacitive screen at 1024x768, 1.3MP front-facing camera, 740g.

What we think: The HP TouchPad is less polished than the iPad, with a smaller range of impressive third-party apps. Yes, it's got features that the iPad lacks, but so do the Android tablets, and they have a bigger app selection, too. The interface appears more polished than many Android tablets, but in operation that doesn't really stand up. It's also lagging behind in many

hardware features, such as HDMI output. And it's also not very tricky to get hold of, as HP killed it just a couple of months after it launched. If you can pick one up cheap though, it could be a good budget option.

Read more: HP TouchPad review



**Acer Iconia Tab A500**

UK release date: Out now

Specs: Android 3.0, Nvidia Tegra 2 dual-core CPU, 1GB RAM, 10.1 capacitive screen, 5MP rear-facing camera, 3G.

What we think: The A500 was ultimately a disappointment. It was relatively competitive on price, but it simply did not offer the same good looks as the likes of the iPad or Galaxy Tab. It will forever be known as an also-ran, but you can be sure that Acer will be back for more next year. If you can find this model at a crazy cheap price, it might be



worth a splash. But otherwise, you should opt for one of the tablets higher up in this list.

Read more: Acer Iconia Tab A500 review

**Samsung Galaxy Tab GT-P1000**

UK release date: Out now

Specs: Android 2.2, 1GHz Cortex A8 CPU, 512MB RAM, 16GB/32GB, 7-inch capacitive LCD at 1024x600, 3.2MP rear-facing camera, 1.3MP front-facing camera, phone-call-friendly 3G, 380g.

What we think: While the Galaxy Tab promised the world, it didn't quite deliver the tablet experience we were hoping for. As the first big-name tablet to take on the iPad, it failed to live up to its billing. That said, user response has

been positive, and despite the ageing features, this first-generation Android 2.3 tablet can now be picked up for under £200 if you look hard enough.

Read more: Samsung Galaxy Tab review

**Acer Iconia Tab A100**

UK release date: Out now

Specs: Android 3.0, Nvidia Tegra 2 dual-core CPU, 7-inch capacitive screen at 1024x600, 5MP rear-facing camera, 2MP front-facing camera, 3G.

What we think: The A100 is the little brother to the Acer Iconia Tab A500, and it's not a bad option all-told.



It's hardly a great looker though, and ultimately fails to make a case for itself among better and more aggressively priced competitors.



**Asus Eee Pad MeMo**

UK release date: Winter 2011

Specs: TBC...

What we think: We don't know much about the Asus Eee Pad MeMo yet.

What we do know is that there are four models in the Asus Eee Pad range, and the MeMo is the one yet to see even a hint of a release. We do know that Asus is taking its time with these Eee Pads, so we can be fairly confident that when it does finally go on sale, it'll be good. And the latest news suggests it may have a glasses-free 3D screen.



**Amazon Kindle Fire**

UK release date: Early 2012?

Specs: Heavily modified Android 2.3, 512MB RAM, 1GHz Texas Instruments OMAP 4 4430 CPU, 7-inch capacitive screen 1024x600, microUSB port, Amazon Sevices bundled, 8GB storage

What we think: After months of speculation, the Amazon Kindle Fire has been officially announced at an event in New York, marking the first time the company has entered the tablet market proper. The successor to the Amazon Kindle is a 7-inch device that comes with Android, albeit a version that has been heavily altered by Amazon to make the best use of the company's e-shopping spine. The screen is an IPS display that's made from Gorilla Glass, it houses a dual-core processor, and weighs in at 14.6 ounces. There is a tablet-optimised shopping app on board - this is said to comprise simplified and streamlined pages, so it is easier to buy stuff on than the actual Amazon website.

Tags: tablets, mobile computing, iPad, Apple, Samsung, BlackBerry, HTC, Android, webOS, Eden

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Hey...Owner,  
Please! I need  
my shots & stuff  
Thank-you  
Love, Your  
Doggie and /or






FEEDING OUR DOGS (see entire article online at <http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/dog-care/feeding-your-adult-dog.aspx>)

### How, What, When

Dogs may be fed successfully in a number of ways that meet both the owner's and the animal's needs and circumstances.

These methods include portion-control feeding, free-choice feeding and timed feeding.

-  - **The portion-control feeding** entails measuring your pet's food and offering it as a meal, thereby controlling the amount of food that can be consumed. This method is used for weight control programs and for animals that might overeat if fed free-choice. Food can be provided in one or more meals daily.
-  - **Free-choice feeding** is also known as "ad lib" feeding or "free feeding." Food is available at all times, as much as the pet wants, whenever the pet wants. Most nursing mothers are fed by the free-choice method. This method is most appropriate when feeding dry food, which will not spoil if left out.
-  - **The timed feeding method** involves making a portion of food available for the pet to eat for a specified period of time. For example, the food can be placed in the dog's bowl for thirty minutes. After that time, if the pet has not consumed the food, it is removed.

### Two Square Meals a Day

We recommend all dogs be fed twice daily. Simply divide the amount suggested on the label of your pet's food into two meals, spaced eight to twelve hours apart. You may need to adjust portions as you learn your dog's ideal daily "maintenance" amount.

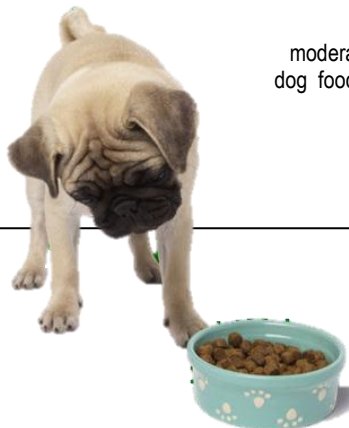
### A Growing Problem

Some dogs will overeat when fed free-choice method, which can result in obesity. If your pet eats free-choice and has put on too much weight, you will need to switch to portion-control feeding.

### Take Five (Or Less)

We all love to give our dogs treats. However, treats should be given in daily food intake. The rest should come from a nutritionally complete exercises, try to use the smallest pieces you can.

moderation and should represent five percent or less of the dog's dog food. When using treats frequently, such as during training



# NO CIGARETTE BUTTS

Over the last month or so we have noticed residents or their guests are not properly disposing of cigarette butts.

At Wildwood and Morrison Creek Estates we take pride in the appearance of our communities. Please dispose of all cigarette butts and any other garbage in any common area. Place trash in your personal trash cans.

Our landscape and maintenance contractors are on the grounds daily and will be watching for any littering on the property. If caught littering, a fine will be imposed at the owner's expense.

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## California Law on Carbon Monoxide Detector Requirements

By Christine Bryant, eHow Contributor updated: June 27, 2010

The state of California requires carbon monoxide detectors in all homes. In May 2010, the state of California enacted a [law](#) requiring [home](#) owners to install carbon monoxide detectors in their homes. According to the California Air Resources Board, 30 to 40 people die each year from carbon monoxide poisoning. The senate bill, also known as the Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act, states that those deaths were avoidable. According to the bill, the California law will help prevent further deaths and increase awareness.

- **Timeline** Although the bill was signed into law in 2010, California residents must have carbon monoxide detectors in their homes as of July 1, 2011. This timeline applies only to single-family homes that have appliances that burn fossil fuels or homes that have attached garages or fireplaces. For all other types of housing, such as apartments and hotels, detectors should be in place as of January 1, 2013. [Types of fossil fuels](#) include wood, gas and oil.

**Detector** According to the senate bill, the detector must sound an audible warning once carbon monoxide is detected. It also must be powered by a battery, or if it is plugged in, have a battery for a [backup](#). The detector also must be certified by national testing labs, such as the Underwriters Laboratories. The packaging on the carbon monoxide detector will state this. If the CO detector is also a smoke detector, it must still meet the above standards and must sound an alarm that is different than the smoke alarm. Carbon monoxide detectors typically can be purchased for about \$20 and up.

**Exemptions** Although the law targets units that are occupied by humans, the law exempts state and local government [property](#), as well as property owned by the University of California Regents. The law requires **local** jurisdictions to comply; however, they may amend their current ordinances to fall more in line with the law.

**Fines** California law states that anyone who does not comply with the law may face a \$200 fine. However, residents will receive a notice of 30 days to correct any violations before they will be fined.

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**HOMEOWNERS CAN NOW ADVERTISE UNIT(S) AVAILABLE FOR RENT IN THE INFORMATION KIOSKS AT MORRISON CREEK AND AT WILDWOOD!**

**Posting Requirements**

- Postings/ads can be resubmitted and reposted at the end of the 30 days
- No more than 2 posters per person every 30 days
- Postings/ads will only be allowed inside of the information kiosk behind the glass doors.
- Rental ads and units for sale ads have priority
- Do not list the Associations number as contact for your ad
- The kiosk will remain locked at all times.
- Submission must meet the requirements outlined by management.

**Teardown Policy**

- Posters will be removed after thirty days on display

**Sanctions**

The Association has established the following sanctions for the misuse of the information kiosk. Any hanging of posters outside of the designated display area will be considered a violation. Association will use the following fine structure:

- 1st offense: \$50.00
- 2nd offense: \$200.00
- 3rd offense: \$800.00