



Property Manager News

November/December 2007

Key City Contacts

Community Oriented Policing (C.O.P.) Unit

Officer Ewing
763.493.8318

Officer Bergeron
763.493.8313

Officer Foster
763.493.8467

Officer Breth
763.493.8283

Calls for service info

Connie Sjulstad
763.493.8278

Housing Inspectors

Rodney Beystrom
763.493.8071

Steve Tiedman
763.315.8449

Eric Tessman
763.493.8103

Environmental Health Manager

Keith Jullie
763.493.8094

Project Facilitator

Kaydee J. Kirk

Property Managers' Coalition Meeting Tuesday, November 20, 2007, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

City Hall, Council Chambers

5200 85th Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, 55443

Topics: HousingLink resources, Fire Department update, Huntington Pointe resident relocation, Crime Prevention/Police updates

Property Maintenance Tips

By Rodney Beystrom, Housing Inspector

The following tips for Property Managers and Property Maintenance staff are suggestions to provide quick, effective help for common maintenance concerns until more elaborate permanent means can be used for repairs.

- 1) Mice entry holes can be plugged with "SOS" or "Brillo" steel wool pads (they are impregnated with high concentrations of soap). As mice try to chew through, they get the soap in their mouths and quit—a great deterrent!
- 2) Animal urines such as dog, cat or ferret can be successfully removed and disinfected at the same time by using a solution of 50% white vinegar and 50% the of the hottest water available in your carpet shampooer. Vinegar is a disinfectant and neutralizes the urine and removes the odor and will not harm the carpet fabric like some bleach products or leave a soapy film like some carpet shampoos. Works great!
- 3) By using dampened small rags with household ammonia, rabbits and other such pests can be discouraged from raiding flower beds. This also works for eliminating mice travel routes. Place ammonia rags around plants or rub ammonia around mice travel routes. Mice will avoid these areas and the mice scent will be obliterated.
- 4) In bathrooms or other moist areas where flaking paint is a repeated problem due to lack of ventilation, flaking paint can be

eliminated by using an "exterior" type primer on walls and ceilings that has high moisture and mildew resistance and then following up with using an "exterior" type house paint finish coat with moisture/mildew resistant additives in paint. This works well in situations where a bath fan had not been used or when moisture builds up in the winter months. For only a few dollars more than interior type paints cost, you can have a moisture proof/resistant walls and ceilings in baths or other moisture problem areas and no more peeling paint!



- 5) Furnace air filters are manufactured for air to travel through them in only one direction. We need to be reminded to look for the "air flow" arrow on the filter edge when installing a new filter for heating or air conditioning in the furnace. Make sure the arrow is pointing toward the furnace blower cage/blower motor in the direction of the cold air return flow into the furnace. When installed backwards/the opposite of this, the air flow can be resisted and improper filtering takes place. As a result the furnace has to run longer to produce the same amount of air thus wasting energy and causing early blower motor burn out on the furnace.

Recreation and Parks Winter Programs

Tom Turkey Skate & Jazzercise at the Community Activities Center (CAC)

Thursday, November 22

9 - 10:30 am

Community Activity Center

\$1 off admission with canned good donation to food shelf.

An Old Fashion Farm Christmas with Norwegian Traditions

Saturday & Sunday, December 1-2

1 - 5 pm

Celebrate Norwegian traditions at the 1900 Eidem Holmstead in Brooklyn Park. Dancing, carolers, gift making, kick sleds, cooking, hayrides, bonfires, children's activities, and a visit from St. Nick himself.

- \$6 for adults;
- \$4 for children 3-12 years

The Eidem Homestead is located at 4345 101st Avenue North, on the corner of Noble Parkway and 101st Ave.



Family Open Gym Sunday Nights at Armory Gym

Sunday, November 11 - December 30

(No November 18 & Dec 9)

6:15 - 7:30 pm

For children ages 5-13 with parents

\$2 per person



Family New Years Eve Party

Monday, December 31

5:30-8:30 pm

Ring in the New Year at the Community Activity Center (CAC) with a fun, family event! Admission includes horse drawn hayrides on the CAC grounds, ice skating, face painting, inflatable bounce, and dance with DJ Bob. Celebrate the change over to 2008 at 8 pm with a balloon drop in the Armory Gym. Concessions will be sold at the Ball Drop Café for an additional charge. Bring your camera to capture the moment at the photo op. Remember to bring warm clothes for ice skating and outdoor hayrides! Pre-register by December 28, fee is \$5 per person ages 2 and up. All kids under 15 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Summer Recreation youth volunteer & employment —plan ahead!



Looking ahead to the January Property Managers' Coalition meeting the Recreation Staff from the city will talk about youth volunteer and employment opportunities for the summer to assist and lead recreation programs. You will be given an overview of the application and interview process the staff will begin in January and the many opportunities that are available for "outstanding youth leaders" in your apartment community over the age of 15 years old. They are looking for the "cream of the crop" in Brooklyn Park and you can help them!

Meet New City Staff!

Congratulations to **Gerry Gibbs** who is the new Crime Prevention Coordinator. She succeeds Lee Glamm who took a position outside the City of Brooklyn Park. And welcome aboard to **Terry Dehmer** our new Crime Prevention Specialist.

Congratulations to **Eric Tessman** who joins Building and Engineering as a new Property Maintenance Inspector.

Another congratulations to **Keith Jullie** who is the new Code Enforcement and Public Health Manager. He succeeds Vickie Schleunig who accepted a position outside the city.

Congratulations to all!

Calling all youth for NW-YLAC!



NW-YLAC stands for Northwest Youth Leadership Academy. The group is open to all young people. Most of those who are involved are in their teens. The group meets at Park Haven Apartments at 6917 76th Avenue North every other Tuesday from 4:15 to 6:00 p.m. Other meetings times are listed below. If you know of any youth that has interest in meeting or looking for something to do - send them our way! Contact Cookie Onaiwu at 763-566-6360 with questions or for more details.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 13, 4:15p-6:00pm
AIDS Awareness Clinic

Saturday, November 17, 12:00-3:00pm
Bowling**

Tuesday, November 20, 4:15p-6:00pm
Mary Kay Facials

Saturday, November 25, 12:00 noon
Flag Football

Tuesday, November 27, 4:15p-6:00pm
Movie Night

Tuesday, December 4, 4:15p-6:00pm
BINGO

Saturday, December 8, 10-12:00pm
Gifts in a jar/cookie bake fund raising prep

Tuesday, December 11, 4:15-6:00pm
Youth survivors of war speaks

Tuesday, December 18, 4:15p-6:00pm
Holiday Party/movie

Tuesday, January 8
TBA

Saturday, January 19
TBA

Tuesday, January 22
TBA

Upcoming Youth Activities to be scheduled: Tour of the Police Department and self-defense session. Come get involved!

Heads up on HousingLink

At the November 20 Property Managers' Coalition a HousingLink staff representative will be with us to share more about their services for property managers and owners. Since 1997, HousingLink has been the primary provider of affordable housing information in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. By serving housing seekers, landlords, service agency professionals and policymakers, HousingLink is able to connect people and communities to affordable housing information and resources they need. HousingLink provides a free listing service to landlords and a Housing How-to Library with culturally competent resources on working with renters from different cultures.



PMC 2008—mark your calendars!

The Property Managers' Coalition (PMC) is a regular gathering of professional property managers that oversee the management of apartment communities 16 units and over in Brooklyn Park. The PMC meets every other month on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Please mark your calendar for 2008 meetings.

January 15

March 18

May 20

July 15

September 16

November 18

The official newspaper for the City of Brooklyn Park is the Sun Post. For circulation contact 952.392.6860 or www.mnsun.com

City of Brooklyn Park | 763.424.8000 | 5200 - 85th Avenue North | 55443 | www.brooklynpark.org

November/December 2007 Property Manager News

