

Clay Center Housing May 2018

Office Hours:

9 AM—Noon Monday—Friday

Afternoons By Appointment ONLY

ONLY during window hours— Tuesday & Friday from 9 AM to Noon— may tenants purchase stamps, get change, and pay rent in person. Checks and money orders may be placed in the drop box slot on the office door. Newsletters and statements are available at the office the last week of each month, after the 25th. **Each household is responsible for picking up the newsletter and READING the information provided.**

Outside of window hours, **please call before coming to the office, to verify that someone is available to speak with you.** The afternoons are when we schedule interviews and work on paperwork. Therefore we may not answer the phone or door at these times. Please make arrangements to pickup packages between 8 AM and Noon.

If you have a lock-out, call 785-632-2100 or come to the office. Only in the evenings or on weekends, if you have an emergency, should you call 785-447-9352. For a work order, **CALL THE OFFICE, NOT** the emergency number. It is NOT necessary to come to the office, just call. Leave a message stating unit number, nature of problem and whether maintenance has permission to enter. Your needs will be addressed as soon as possible in the order of urgency.

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Top Causes of Unintentional Injury and Death in Homes and Communities

from the National Safety Council

According to Injury Facts 2017, about 146,571 people died from unintentional injury-related deaths in 2015. That's an all-time high. Often, these tragedies happen when least expected – during a vacation, while doing chores at home or while driving across town – and they are all preventable. Accidental injury has become the No. 3 cause of death for the first time in U.S. history.

Injury statistics examined by NSC data experts confirm that preventable deaths rose 10% in 2016. Based on new injury statistics, an American is accidentally injured every second and killed every three minutes by a preventable event – a drug overdose, a vehicle crash, a fall, a drowning or another preventable incident. A total of 14,803 more people died accidentally in 2016 than in 2015, the largest single-year percent rise since 1936.

NSC encourages everyone to be aware of hazards related to leisure and recreational activities, take proper safety precautions and sign up for NSC Monthly News. You'll get timely and useful blogs, seasonal safety tips, survey results, legislative updates, event information and lots of other safety-related news.

Here, in order, are the top causes of unintentional injury and death in homes and communities.

#1: Poisoning In 2011, poisonings overtook motor vehicle crashes for the first time as the leading cause of unintentional-injury-related death for all ages combined. Unintentional poisoning deaths in the adult population were not prevalent until the early 1990s. Since then this category has skyrocketed to first place, driven by unintentional drug overdose predominantly from prescription painkillers. Poisoning deaths are caused by gases, chemicals and other substances, but prescription drug overdose is by far the leading cause.

#2: Motor Vehicle Crashes No one wakes up thinking they will lose a loved one in a car crash, but motor vehicle crashes are the second leading cause of unintentional-injury-related death overall. Impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding and inexperience can cause a life to be cut short in the blink of an eye.

For the first time in nearly a decade, more than 40,000 people died in motor vehicle crashes in 2016. That marks a 6% increase over 2015 and a 14% increase over 2014 – the most dramatic two-year escalation in 53 years . Everyone has a role in making our roads safer.

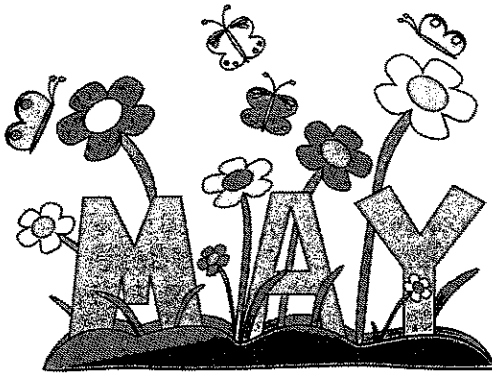
#3: Falls More than 33,000 people died in falls in 2015. Falling is the third leading cause of unintentional-injury-related death over all age groups, but it's the #1 cause of death for those 65 and older, according to *Injury Facts 2017* The good news: Aging, itself, does not cause falls. Learn what you can do to help protect older loved ones.

#4: Choking and Suffocation Suffocation is the fourth leading cause of unintentional injury-related death over all age groups, and choking on food or other objects is a primary cause. Suffocation is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death for people 87 and older. Mechanical suffocation is the #1 cause of death for infants. Learn prevention and rescue tips.

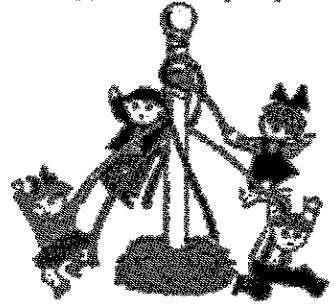
#5: Drowning Not including boating incidents, about 10 people drown every day. It's the fifth leading cause of unintentional-injury-related death over all ages, and the #1 cause of death for children ages 1 to 4, mostly due to children falling into pools or being left alone in bathtubs. Learn how to keep yourself and your family safe.

#6: Fires and Burns Fire is the sixth leading cause of unintentional-injury-related death over all ages. About 2,646 deaths were caused by burns and injuries related to fire in 2015. Often fires start at night, when family members are asleep. A working smoke alarm will cut the chances of dying in a fire in half. A home fire is reported every 86 seconds. Despite this threat, families rarely practice home fire drills, and nearly half of parents report their children do not know what to do in the event of a fire.

#7: Natural and Environmental Incidents Disasters are front-page news even though lives lost are relatively few compared to other unintentional-injury-related deaths. Weather-related disasters claim hundreds of lives per year. NSC encourages families to learn all they can about emergency preparedness, and always have an emergency kit on hand.



Celebrate May Day



My mother kept a garden

My Mother kept a garden.
A garden of the heart;
She planted all the good things,
That gave my life it's start.

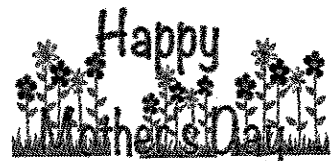
She turned me to the sunshine,
And encouraged me to dream:
Fostering and nurturing
The seeds of self-esteem.

And when the winds and rains came,
She protected me enough;
But not too much, she knew I'd need
To stand up strong and tough.

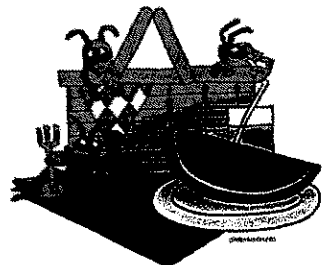
Her constant good example,
Always taught me right from wrong;
Markers for my pathway
To last my whole life long.

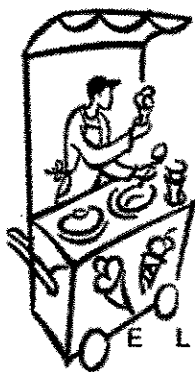
I am my Mother's garden,
I am her legacy.
And I hope today she feels the love,
Reflected back from me.

Author Unknown



Don't forget
Mom on
Sunday May 13th





At the Ice Cream Shop

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MARSHMALLOW

NUTS

ROCKY

SORBET

SUNDAE

VANILLA

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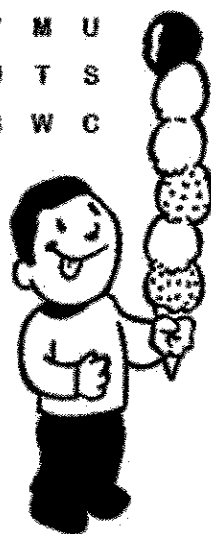
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TENANT NOTICES

FILTERS & BATTERIES - Parkview furnace filters and detector batteries will be changed May 1st. This is something that must be done and maintenance will be in your apartment whether you are home or not. This is your advance notice. Apollo batteries will be finished on May 2nd.

APOLLO TOWERS ELEVATORS - The problems with the small elevator have been fixed. Parts were replaced, correcting the trouble with the locking mechanism on the doors. As always, be sure to notify the office if/when you have problems. We will eventually be updating both elevators so there will be long periods of time with only one running.

COMMUNITY ROOM DOOR - If you find the community room door unlocked in the evenings and/or weekends, **DO NOT lock it**. Someone will be using the room and the door needs to remain unlocked. When you take it upon yourself to lock the door you are forcing housing personnel to make an extra trip to unlock the door again. **Leave the door alone!**

ANNUAL CERTIFICATIONS - Even after 4 years we still have Apollo & Parkview residents that do NOT read nor understand the letter that that is included in the final certification paperwork from Atchison. If you have questions or believe something is incorrect, come to the office here or call Atchison at the number listed on the change notice. Below you will find an example of the portion everyone seems to find confusing.

ADJUSTMENT IN PAYMENTS:	FROM	TO
HAP Payment	\$ 107.00	\$ 125.00
Tenant Rent ←	\$ 350.00	\$ 332.00
Total Contract Rent/Rent to Owner	\$ 457.00	\$ 457.00

The only thing you truly need to be concerned with is the line that says "Tenant Rent". This line shows what your rent was and what it is going to be on effective date listed below this portion. This is only your

rent amount. This figure does NOT include the cable TV fee (\$25) nor the utility fee (\$10-\$15-\$25 depending on unit size). All these are on your monthly statement which you pay to Clay Center Housing.

MAINTENANCE - Unless you have an urgent request (tripped breaker or no power to outlet) or a true emergency (running water or fire), do NOT expect work orders to be addressed immediately. The maintenance staff is responsible for maintaining three properties, 121 units, inside and out. Usually, we do not schedule regular work orders, things are addressed as needed and available but normally, within 24 hours. Requests such as installing curtain rods or mounting large pictures or shelves are at the bottom of the list. Maintenance does NOT built, move or remove furniture, electronics, or small appliances. These are your personal property and your responsibility. Nor is any housing staff responsible for making sure your TV, WIFI and other electronics work.

POTLUCK - Join your fellow tenants at 6 PM Friday May 11th in the Apollo Community Room for some shared food, fun and friendship. Potluck is the second Friday of each month.

TAI CHI PROGRAM - May 18th in the Apollo Community Room from 10 - 10:45 AM. The program will be presented by Jacquie Mack of Angel Care Home Health and is held the third Friday of each month.

BALANCE & STRENGTH EXERCISES - Sponsored by the Wellness Council Gail Hileman will again lead a series of classes every Monday starting April 2 through May 23rd. This will be held in the Apollo Towers Community Room to begin at 1:30 PM and last approximately one hour.

PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTING CLASS - \$25 fee - Classes will be Monday evenings June through September at 7 PM. Enrollment closes on May 11th.

BUDGET MEETINGS - for all properties will be held in the Apollo Towers community room on Sunday July 29th at 3 PM.

Join **Gail Hileman** in the Apollo community room every Monday through May 21st for low-impact exercises.

The office will be closed Monday
May 28th for Memorial Day.

There will be NO maintenance or
cleaning staff available. If you
have an emergency please call
447-9352.

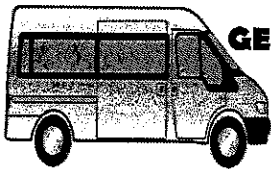


PET WASTE BAGS - 25¢/roll at the office

SPRAY DAY - Wednesday May 9th is bug spray day for
Apollo Towers. Parkview & Tolin are the even months and
Apollo the odd, usually on the second Wednesday of each
month. This is your advance notice and we will spray **ALL**
units.

UNIT INSPECTIONS—Thursday May 10th all units on
floors 5 & 5 of Apollo Towers will be inspected whether you
are home or not.

FRIENDSHIP MEALS—For information or questions please call 785-
632-5767 or contact Amber in the Nutrition Office located next to the
south entrance of Apollo Towers.



GENERAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MINI-BUS

Call 785-632-2447 and schedule your ride today!

Beauty Shop—Arlene Stewart

Located on first floor of Apollo Towers

by the community room.

For an appointment call 785-630-0742

