

# Clay Center Housing July 2017

**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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## RED CROSS SAFETY TIPS FOR THE 4TH OF JULY

### (& THE REST OF YOUR SUMMER)

**FIREWORKS SAFETY** The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public fireworks show put on by professionals. Stay at least 500 feet away from the show. Many states outlaw most fireworks. If someone is setting fireworks off at home, they should follow these safety steps:

- Never give fireworks to small children, and always follow the instructions on the packaging.
- Keep a supply of water close by as a precaution.
- Make sure the person lighting fireworks always wears eye protection.
- Light only one firework at a time and never attempt to relight "a dud."
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from children and pets.
- Never throw or point a firework toward people, animals, vehicles, structures or flammable materials.
- Leave any area immediately where untrained amateurs are using fireworks.

**GRILLING SAFETY** Every year people in this country are injured while using backyard charcoal or gas grills. Follow these steps to safely cook up treats for the backyard barbecue:

- Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use.
- Never grill indoors – not in your house, camper, tent, or any enclosed area.
- Make sure everyone, including the pets, stays away from the grill.
- Keep the grill out in the open, away from the house, the deck, tree branches, or anything that could catch fire.
- Use the long-handled tools especially made for cooking on the grill to keep the chef safe.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited.

- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using grills.

**BEACH SAFETY** If someone's visit to the shore includes swimming in the ocean, they should learn how to swim in the surf and only swim at a lifeguarded beach, within the designated swimming area. Obey all instructions and orders from lifeguards. Other safety tips include:

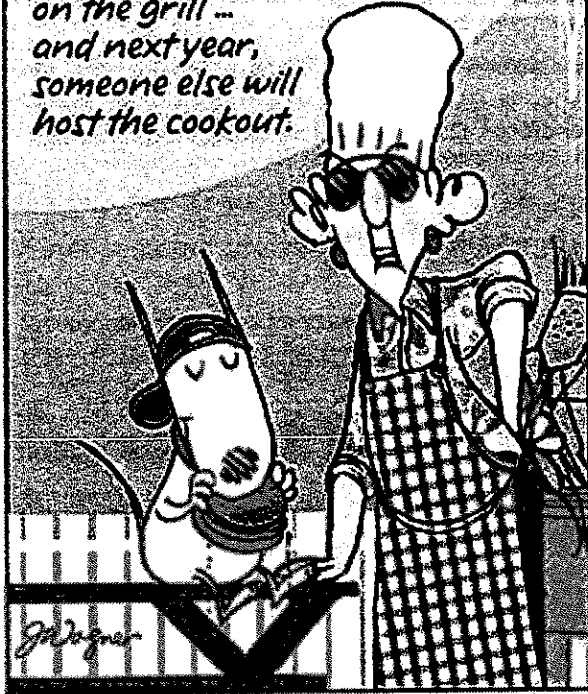
- Keep alert for local weather conditions. Check to see if any warning signs or flags are posted.
- Swim sober and always swim with a buddy.
- Have young children and inexperienced swimmers wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
- Protect the neck – don't dive headfirst. Walk carefully into open waters.
- Keep a close eye and constant attention on children and adults while at the beach. Wave action can cause someone to lose their footing, even in shallow water.
- Watch out for aquatic life. Water plants and animals may be dangerous. Avoid patches of plants and leave animals alone.

**SUN PROTECTION** Limit exposure to direct sunlight between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and wear a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a protection factor of at least 15. Reapply sunscreen often. Remember to drink plenty of water regularly, even if not thirsty. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine in them. Protect the eyes by wearing sunglasses that will absorb 100 percent of UV sunlight. Protect the feet - the sand can burn them and glass and other sharp objects can cut them.

During hot weather, watch for signs of heat stroke—hot, red skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse; rapid, shallow breathing. If it's suspected someone is suffering from heat stroke:

- Call 9-1-1 and move the person to a cooler place.
- Quickly cool the body by applying cool, wet cloths or towels to the skin (or misting it with water) and fanning the person.
- Watch for signs of breathing problems and make sure the airway is clear. Keep the person lying down.

*A 4th of July planning tip:  
this year throw veggie burgers  
on the grill ...  
and next year,  
someone else will  
host the cookout.*



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Rupert, the salesman, was demonstrating unbreakable combs in a John Lewis department store in Doncaster. He was impressing the people who stopped by to look by putting the comb through all sorts of torture and stress. Finally to impress even the sceptics in the crowd, Rupert bent the comb completely in half, and it snapped with a loud crack. Without missing a beat, he bravely held up both halves of the 'unbreakable' comb for everyone to see and calmly said, 'And this, ladies and gentlemen, is what an unbreakable comb looks like on the inside.'

Independence Day is the birthday of the United States of America and is celebrated on the Fourth of July each year. Independence Day is the anniversary of the day on which the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776.

John Adams, one of the founders of our new nation, said, "I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward for evermore." Independence Day was first celebrated in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776.

In 1941, Congress declared July 4 a legal public holiday.



## Independence Day



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allegiance

American flag

American Revolution

barbecues

baseball games

Charles River Esplanade

Continental Congress

democracy

fireworks

founding fathers

Freedom Festival

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Great Britain

Independence Day

John Adams

July

Macy's Fireworks

national anthem

national holiday

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Rainbow Gathering

Red White and Boom

Stadium of Fire

Thomas Jefferson

Yankee Doodle

## TENANT NOTICES

Please remember the office is **CLOSED in the afternoons**. We schedule appointments, interviews and paperwork for those times. You should always call the office before coming, if you don't have an appointment, just to make sure someone is available at that time. Also, do not come to the office to purchase quarters or stamps outside of windows hours. **Window hours are only Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9AM to Noon.**

**HOUSING CELL NUMBER 785.447.9352 - Why are you calling this number during office hours???** It is only to be used after hours, weekends and holidays **ONLY IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY** or if specifically instructed to do so. Asking a question is NOT an emergency. Losing money in the vending machine is NOT an emergency. A fire, running water, and being locked out of your apartment are all true emergencies.

**BUDGET MEETINGS** - 2018 Budget meeting for Tolin Terrace will be at 5PM on July 14th at the Tolin Community Room. The 2018 meeting for Apollo Towers and Parkview Plaza will follow in the Apollo Community Room at 7PM that same evening.

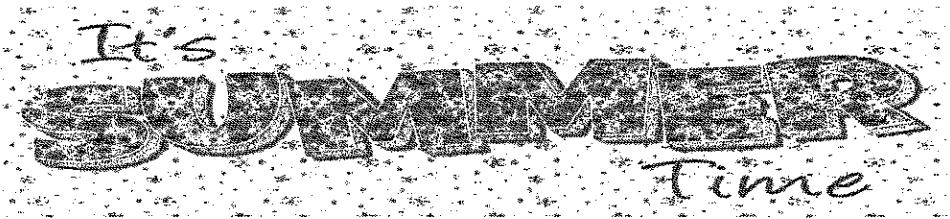
**NO SMOKING** - There is absolutely NO smoking in any apartment or common areas of any of our buildings. No cigarettes, no cigars, no pipes in any building. Past tenants have been evicted for this and it will happen to you too! Do not light up in the elevators and lobbies. Outside, you may only smoke in designated areas. You are responsible for the actions of anyone visiting you.

Another a reminder since we are dealing with smoke; no one may burn any candles, absolutely no open flames allowed. No flammable materials and no fireworks may be stored in your apartment. No fireworks are not allowed on any housing property, inside or out. Please do not shoot off fireworks on the sidewalks, in the parking lots or the lawn. Any dam-

age you cause, you will pay for.

**LAUNDRY ROOMS** - Please leave the washer doors OPEN when not in use. You are causing mildew to grow on the seals and the odor can transfer to the clothing being washed. Leave the washers OPEN!!! Do not open the windows in the laundry rooms.

**TRASH DISPOSAL** - The tenants, their family and/or helpers are responsible for disposing of unwanted items, i.e.. furniture, appliances, clothing, books. Do not leave items sitting in the hallways and lobbies. Do not set anything on the ground around the dumpsters and never put furniture or appliances in the dumpster.



**POTLUCK** - Join your fellow tenants at 6 PM Friday July 14th in the Apollo Community Room. Potluck is the second Friday of each month.

**TAI CHI PROGRAM** - July 21st in the Apollo Community Room from 10 - 10:45 AM. The program will be presented by Jacquie Mack of Angels Home Health and is held the third Friday of each month.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - The Nutrition Site is looking for volunteers to help with assorted jobs here at the housing complex. Please see Amber at the nutrition office to help in any capacity or with any questions.

The **TENANT ASSOCIATION** is looking for new people to participate in meetings and the planning of activities. This is an organization for tenants of Clay Center Housing, to provide opportunities to gather as neighbors. It's about sharing ideas and working together to get new individuals involved in the happenings of the complex. It's your home, won't you consider being part of what goes on around you. What would make you want to be involved? Please see Amber for more information today!



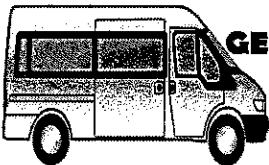
Tuesday July 4th is a federal holiday and the office will be closed. Tuesday is a window day and also the first Tuesday of July so be sure to plan accordingly. Friday July 7th will be the only day the window will be open that week.

**UNIT INSPECTIONS**—As all units at Apollo Towers were inspected on May 22nd, unless on-going issues were found, there will be no regular inspections for June or July.

**SPRAY DAY - Wednesday July 12th** 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.**

**Wednesday July 5th** maintenance will be changing furnace filters at Tolin Terrace.

**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*

