

# Clay Center Housing July 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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# SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

## Beat the Heat

Anybody can be at risk for a heat-related illness - heatstroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps. The best way to avoid a heat-related illness is to limit exposure outdoors during hot days. Air conditioning is the best way to cool off, according to the CDC. Also:

- Drink more liquid than you think you need and avoid alcohol
- Wear loose, lightweight clothing and a hat
- Replace salt lost from sweating by drinking fruit juice or sports drinks
- Avoid spending time outdoors during the hottest part of the day, from 11 AM to 3 PM
- Wear sunscreen; sunburn affects the body's ability to cool itself
- Pace yourself when you run or otherwise exert your body

## Bug Safety

Mosquitoes can cause a number of illnesses, including Zika Virus and West Nile Virus. Everyone can protect themselves and families by following simple preventative measures:

- Use insect repellent with DEET and wear long sleeve shirts and long pants
- Read product labels and apply as directed
- Do not leave doors or windows propped open
- Once a week, scrub or empty planters, birdbaths, etc.; mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water
- Turn on air conditioning; mosquitoes prefer warm, damp spaces

## Playgrounds

Nearly 80% of playground injuries are caused by falls. Here are playground hazards to watch for:

- Improper protective surfaces: Fall surfaces should be made of wood chips, mulch, wood fibers, etc. and be at least 12" deep
- Inadequate use zone: The area under and around play equipment where a child might fall should be at least 6" in all directions
- Protrusion hazards: Hardware is capable of impaling or cutting a child or catching strings or clothing
- Head entrapment hazards
- Overcrowded play area
- Trip hazards
- Lack of supervision

- Age inappropriate activities
- Lack of maintenance
- Sharp edges
- Platforms with no guardrails
- Equipment not recommended for public playgrounds: injuries caused by monkey bars are so significant many experts recommend removal

## **Fireworks**

Leave fireworks to the experts. If fireworks are legal to buy where you live and you choose to use them, be sure to follow these safety tips:

- Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol
- Never allow young children to handle fireworks
- Never light them indoors
- Do not try to re-light and handle malfunctioning fireworks
- Keep a bucket of water nearby

## **Water Safety**

Swimmers should keep a few safety precautions in mind:

- Don't go in the water unless you know how to swim
- Never swim alone
- Swim in areas supervised by a lifeguard
- Don't push or jump on others
- Don't dive in unfamiliar areas
- Get CPR training

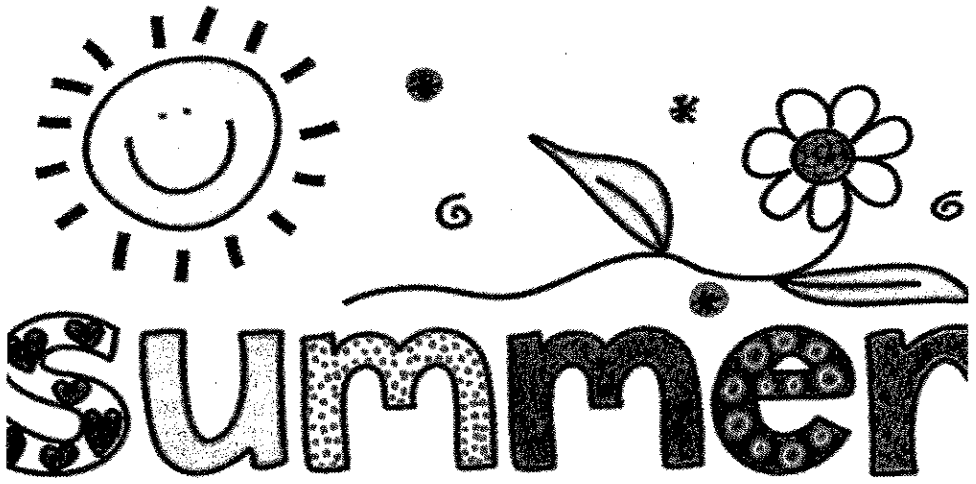
## **Bicycling**

- Cyclists must follow the same rules as motorists
- Use hand signals when turning, use extra care at intersections
- Wear a helmet, protect your brain
- Make sure you have front, rear, pedal and spoke reflectors

## **Pedestrian Safety**

We rarely are more vulnerable than when walking in urban areas, crossing busy streets and negotiating traffic. And we all are pedestrians from time to time, so it's important to pay attention to what is going on around us.

- Don't wear headphones while walking
- Never use a cell phone or other electronic device while walking
- Cross only at designated crosswalks
- Wear bright and/or reflective clothing
- Look left, right and left again before crossing the street

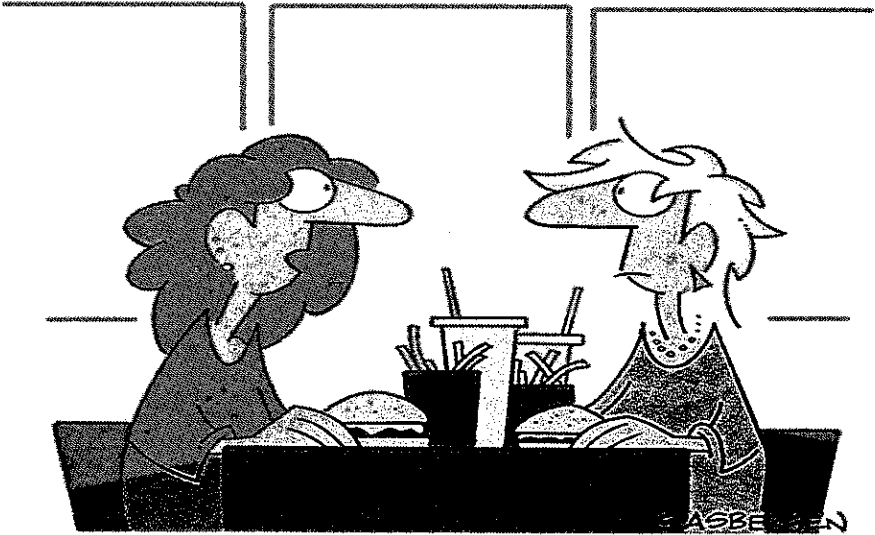


“One benefit of summer was that each day we had more light to read by.”  
~ Jeanette Walls, *The Glass House*

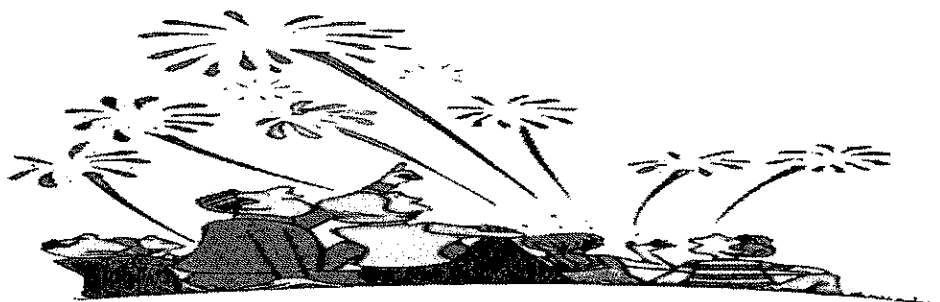
“In summer, the days were long, stretching into each other. Out of school, everything was on pause and yet happening at the same time, this collection of weeks when anything was possible.”

~Sarah Dessen, *Along for the Ride*

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**“I found a good job for the summer.  
I’m a grief counselor in a swimsuit store.”**



## Fourth of July Word Search

Find the hidden words associated with the Fourth of July.

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## TENANT NOTICES

**PARKVIEW PLAZA RESIDENTS** - There will be an informational meeting for all Parkview residents on Tuesday July 10th at 5 PM in the Apollo Towers Community Room. The rehab of the Parkview will be discussed and how it will effect each household. Please be sure to plan on attending this important meeting as these changes will effect every unit at Parkview.

**TOLIN TERRACE** - Furnace filters will be replaced Monday July 2nd. The charge for the filter will be on your August statement. All filters will be changed whether you are home or not. Please make sure nothing is blocking access to the filter.

**APOLLO ELEVATORS** - There is a strong possibility Thyssenkrupp will begin work on the elevators toward the end of July. Please realize that only one elevator will be running at a time. Please be patient and remember once finished, the building will have much nicer equipment that runs smoothly

**NO SMOKING** - It doesn't matter where you live, what your health may be or what time of day it is. **NO SMOKING IS ALLOWED** in any apartment/building of Clay Center Housing. Smoking is allowed ONLY in clearly marked, designated spots. That means no one, not residents, not family, not guests. We can, have and will evict anyone defying this policy. State law says all smoking must be at least 10 feet away from any doors and windows so do not light up on your way out. **SMOKE ONLY IN THE AREAS MARKED AS ALLOWED.** If it doesn't say smoking allowed, don't light up.

**PICNIC AREA** - Clean the grills and tables after use. Dispose of your trash properly. If you are going to sit at the picnic tables, sit on the benches not the table. Don't smoke anywhere in the patio area around the raised garden beds, picnic tables & grills. It's a picnic area, **not** a smoking zone.

**LOCK YOUR DOORS** - We cannot force you to lock your doors but not

locking them isn't smart. You should lock your apartment door whether you are gone or at home and never leave the door standing open (it's a lease violation). When at home by not locking your door, you open yourself up to someone walking in on you because they're on the wrong floor or someone is looking for easy things to steal. Even when checking your mail, lock the door. Anyone could can along, walk right in and help themselves to your stuff. If you think something is missing from your apartment, you must call the police and file a report. The housing staff can't do anything about a theft but we can offer evidence to the local PD from our security cameras if necessary.

**RECYCLING BINS COMING SOON** - In the northeast corner of the Apollo parking lot we will soon have several bins for tenants to place recyclable items. We will have more information next month.

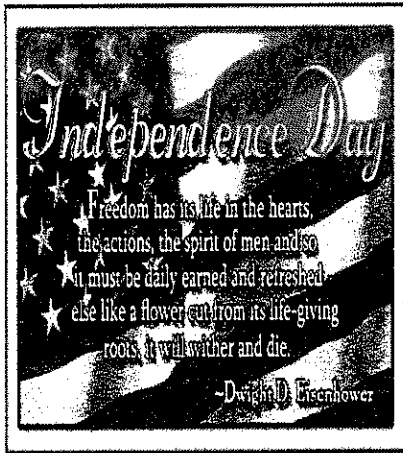
**TENANT INFORMATION** - There are a few tenants that have changed their contact numbers but failed to notify the housing office. Please remember when you get a new phone we need to update your file. The same goes for new vehicles, we need to know what belongs in our parking lot and what doesn't.

**BUDGET MEETING** - for all properties will be held in the Apollo Towers Community Room on Sunday July 29th at 3 PM.

**POTLUCK** - Join your fellow tenants at 6 PM Friday July 13th in the Apollo Community Room for some shared food, fun and friendship. Potluck is the second Friday of each month.

**TAI CHI PROGRAM** - July 20th 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.

**NEEDLEWORK CLASSES** - Interested in learning how to knit, crochet, hand embroider or brush up your skills? Tenant Shirley Murray will be in the Apollo Towers Community Room at 10:30 every Tuesday morning. Bring your supplies and let Shirley help you create your own handwork.

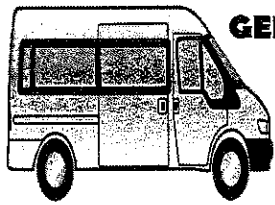


The office will be closed **Wednesday July 4th**. Maintenance and cleaning staff will also be unavailable that day. If you have an emergency call 785.447.9352. For work orders and all other issues leave a message and they will be dealt with the following day.

**SPRAY DAY - Wednesday July 11th** is bug spray day for Apollo. 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 July 12th** all units on the 8th floor 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*

