

# Clay Center Housing August 2018

## Office Hours:

**9 AM—1 PM 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 office is **CLOSED in the afternoons.** There may not be anyone available to answer the door or telephone so leave a message. 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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# Back to School Safety Tips

With summer ending and the start of school just around the corner, drivers need to do their part to keep kids safe as they walk and bike to school. Whether you are taking your kids to school or just driving through a school zone, you can do your part to keep kids safe.

August is designated as Back-to-School Safety Month, and we want to remind motorists to be extra careful at all times. Follow the tips below to make sure you keep your children safe while walking and biking to school:

## Walkers »

- Walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk and you must walk in the street, walk facing traffic
- Before crossing the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming
- Never dart out in front of a parked car
- Parents: Practice walking to school with your child, crossing streets at crosswalks when available
- Never walk while texting or talking on the phone
- Do not walk while using headphones

## Bike Riders »

- Always wear a helmet that is fitted and secured properly
- Children need to know the rules of the road: Ride single file on the right side of the road, come to a complete stop before crossing the street and walk the bike across
- Watch for opening car doors and other hazards
- Use hand signals when turning
- Wear bright-colored clothing

## **Bus Riders »**

- Teach children the proper way to get on and off the bus
- Line up 6 feet away from the curb as the bus approaches
- If seat belts are available, buckle up
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before standing
- Do not cross in front of the bus if possible, or walk at least 10 feet ahead until you can see the other drivers

## **Drivers, Share the Road »**

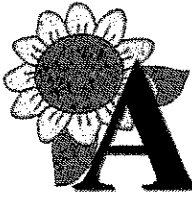
- Don't block crosswalks
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, and take extra care in school zones
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children

The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus.

## **Teen Drivers**

Teens crash most often because they are inexperienced. They struggle judging gaps in traffic, driving the right speed for conditions and turning safely, among other things. As your teen becomes a new driver, learn more about what you can do as a parent to keep them safe.

Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is vitally important that they – and the motorists around them – take proper safety precautions.



# AUGUST



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*"Once I learn how to use Google, isn't that all the education I really need?"*

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

~Nelson Mandela

"Intelligence plus character--that is the goal of true education."

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

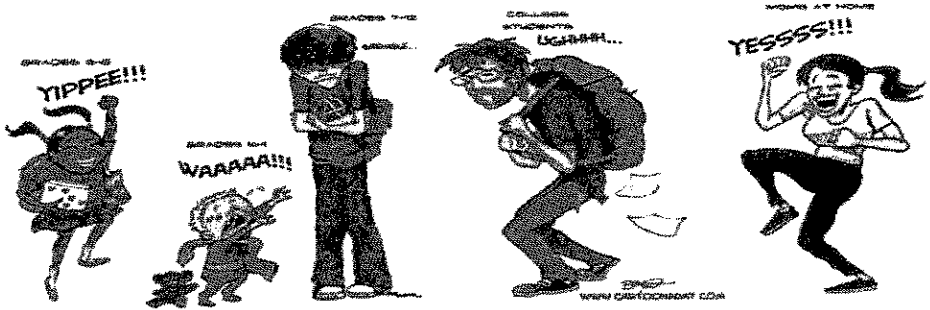
~William Butler Yeats

"You can never be overdressed or overeducated."

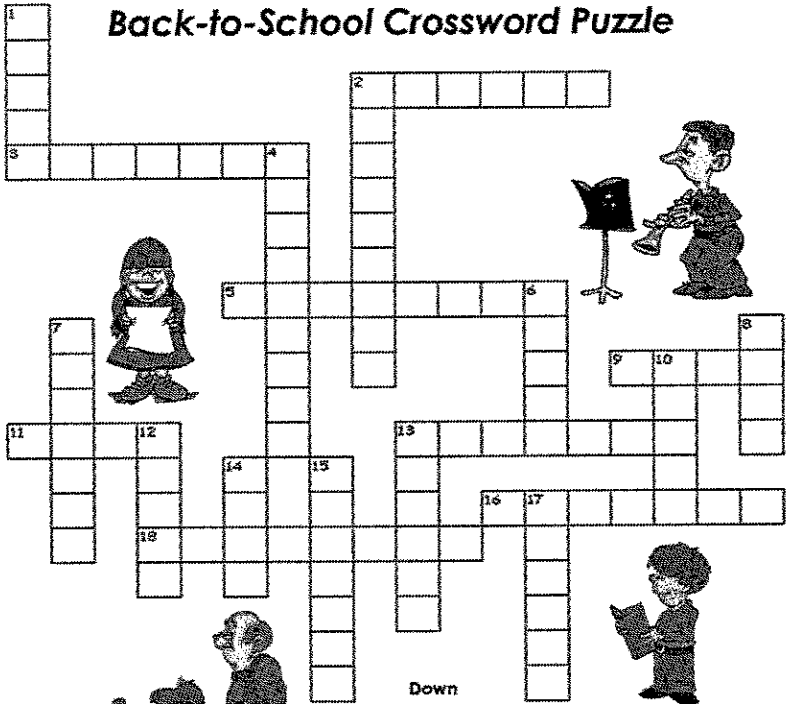
~Oscar Wilde

# FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL

FROM DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW



## Back-to-School Crossword Puzzle



### Across

2. tool for writing
3. tools for coloring
5. device for connecting to the Internet
9. used to stick papers together
11. another word for quiz
13. to put a point on a pencil
16. person who plans lessons and helps you learn
18. book with blank pages for writing

### Down

1. subject in which you learn about songs and instruments
2. person in charge of a school
4. yellow vehicle that brings kids to school
6. measuring tool
7. people you like being around
8. look at words and understand them
10. afternoon meal
12. what you do with your brain
13. place where students learn
14. subject in which you learn about numbers
15. place where books are kept
17. pink item that helps remove mistakes

## TENANT NOTICES

**Apollo Towers & Parkview Plaza are NOT owned nor are they operated by Atchison Housing.** Your rent checks should be made out to Clay Center Housing. Any questions or problems should be directed to the Clay Center office. Atchison has nothing to do with the daily operations of Clay Center Housing. They manage the waitlist, pass subsidy funds to us and submit information to HUD on our behalf. Unless you have been directed to call Atchison, it is unlikely they will be able to help you.

**APOLLO TOWERS** - Furnace filters will be replaced Wednesday August 1st. The charge for the filter will be on your September 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 in September. Please realize that only one elevator will be running at a time and the work on each one could take up to 8 weeks. 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. Do not sit and smoke at the benches near any entrance. Doesn't matter if the sign is faded, don't smoke there. **SMOKE ONLY IN THE AREAS MARKED AS ALLOWED.** If it doesn't say smoking allowed, don't light up.

**RECYCLING BINS** - In the northeast corner of the Apollo parking lot we will soon have several bins for tenants to place recyclable items. A label on each bin will be notify you to what should be placed inside the indi-

vidual containers. You must sort your items before placing anything in the bins. These bins are NOT for trash, only for clean recyclables.

**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.

**PARKING LOTS** - Being nice in dealing with the parking issues has not worked. You may only park ONE vehicle per household in the parking lot. If you don't have mobility issues, DO NOT park up close to the sidewalk/building. There is a limited number of total spaces and even fewer designated wheelchair/handicap spots. Several tenants have handicap hangtags or license plates but some may have more problems than others. Loading and unloading passengers or groceries does NOT require handicap parking. There is no reason to leave any vehicle in the driveways/circle drives for more than a few minutes. If something may take longer, park in the lot, not at the end of the sidewalks.

**BUDGET MEETING** - for all properties will be held in the Apollo Towers Community Room on Saturday July 28th at 3 PM.

**POTLUCK** - Join your fellow tenants at 6 PM Friday August 10th in the Apollo Community Room for some shared food, fun and friendship. Potluck is the second Friday of each month.

**TAI CHI PROGRAM** - August 17th 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.

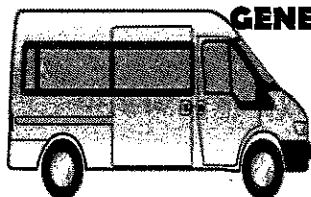


The office will be closed **Monday September 3rd** for **Labor Day**. There will be no housing staff available that day. If you have an emergency please call the cell number - **785.447.9352**. For anything else, leave a message and someone will get back with you on Tuesday.

**\$PRAY DAY - Bug spraying for Tolin and Parkview was taken care of July 23rd so there will be no spray in the month of August.**

In September we will return to our regular schedule: On the second Wednesday of each month, Apollo Towers in the odd months and Parkview & Tolin the even. We **WILL spray** every unit whether you are home or out. This is part of your lease.

**FRIENDSHIP MEALS**—For information or questions please call 785-632-5767 for 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*

