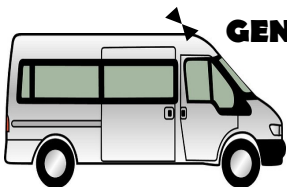




SPRAY DAY - There will be no bug spray until further notice.

UNIT INSPECTIONS - Unit inspections will be postponed until further notices.

FRIENDSHIP MEALS—For information or questions please call the Nutrition Office at 785-632-5767. The nutrition office is now located across the hall from maintenance.



GENERAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MINI-BUS

Cancelled till further notice!

Beauty Shop—Arlene Stewart

Located on first floor of Apollo Towers

by the community room. For an appointment call 785-630-0742



**Clay Center Housing
April 2020**

**Office Hours:
10 AM—4 PM
Monday—Friday**

WINDOW HOURS are Tuesday & Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM

Only at these times may tenants purchase stamps, get change, cash checks or pay rent in person. Rent checks and money orders may be placed in the drop box slot on the office door. Newsletters and statements are available after the 25th of each month. **Each household is responsible for reading ALL the information provided every month.**

When calling the housing office number, please listen to ALL phone options. The work order - #1 and application - #2, options are set up to take messages only. For a work order, **CALL THE OFFICE and select option 1, then leave a detailed message**, stating unit number, nature of problem and whether maintenance has permission to enter.

Packages are available to be picked up in the outer office Monday through Friday. Make sure you get only your own packages.

Only in the evenings or on weekends, if you have an emergency, i.e. lockout, elevator issues or water leak, should you call 785-447-9352.



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April is Fair Housing Month

Fair Housing is an important law that came out of the 1960's and evolved from there. Originally, the law was passed to protect groups of people who were receiving gross discrimination and segregation in both finding a home or apartment for rent but, also purchasing a home and even obtaining a mortgage to purchase a home. While housing discrimination is nothing like it was in the 1960's and earlier, it does still exist and I see it right here in Kansas, and yes, even in Clay Center. That is why I host an annual meeting to discuss the topic and answer questions. Rarely, does anyone show up and, worse, I never see any local landlords.

The Kansas Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) identifies six impediments to fair housing, including:

- Difficulty in finding accessible housing (accommodation for disabilities)
- Lack of fair housing information (publicity: rights and complaints)
- Biased lending practices (predatory lending)
- Lack of Reporting (knowledge, fear of retribution, and apathy)
- Resistance to single parent rentals (large families)
- Resistance to minority rentals (Hispanic, African American, Asian, etc.)

I will be hosting a Fair Housing Informational Meeting at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 12th in the Apollo Towers community room at 330 West Court Street in Clay Center. If you have any questions or know someone who is dealing with some of the issues above, I encourage you to attend. You may also find

where else, on public or private property. That's just wrong!

Also, get away from the doors when taking your dog out. There is NO reason to stand at the door and let your pet drop right outside the door, walk the poor animal! Use your lease, do not let them run loose. Your dog must remain on a leash, under your control anywhere outside of your apartment.

Please do NOT spray anything on the elevator buttons! If you would like to wipe them off, do not use a saturated cloth as you can damage the electronic components.

- TENANT ACTIVITIES -

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The community rooms and other public amenities will remain closed.

Any restrictions placed on the buildings and the residents of this housing complex is for the protection and safety of ALL who live and work here.

There will not be any unit inspections, nor will furnace filters or batteries be replaced until the current health crisis has passed. Work orders that are not urgent will need to wait.

MEALS KITCHEN is looking for volunteers, Monday through Friday, 10 AM - 11 AM & 11:30 AM - 1 PM. Even as a volunteer, you must follow all health and safety regulations while in the kitchen.

TENANT NOTICES

MARCIA CAMPBELL IS NOT ON CALL 24/7. She works in the office Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 4 PM. Never go to her home for housing business. **DO NOT** stop/talk to her in the laundry room, hallway, parking lot, etc. (or the grocery store) regarding business operations, outside of business hours. Any tenant bothering Marcia Campbell with housing related issues outside her work schedule will incur a \$25 charge for each incident. If you have an emergency, call the emergency number. Otherwise, call the office or come in during office hours.

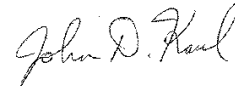
RENT PAYMENTS DUE BY THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH - Rent is past due if not paid by the close of business on the tenth of each month. A late fee of \$25 will be on your next statement and you will receive a 14-3 notice of eviction if rent is not paid.

An automatic payment (EFT) of your rent is an option. This payment is withdrawn from your account on the 6th of every month, unless it falls on a weekend or federal holiday.. It will then occur on the following business day. You will still receive a monthly statement that shows the amount due. This should serve as a reminder of your EFT.

RECYCLING - There are recycling containers inside the fence at the back of the Apollo Towers parking lot. Use grocery sacks to sort your items. I.e. paper in one bag, plastics in a bag, aluminum in another. Please, please, break down ALL cardboard boxes (no cardboard milk or juice containers) and put in metal cages. Never put appliances, furniture or food inside the fence with the recycling items. These things you are responsible to dispose of yourself.

DOG POOP - Apparently some dog owners think if there is snow on the ground or windy or rainy or cold, they don't need to pick up their animals' poop. There is NO reason not to pick it up! If you are a pet owner it is your responsibility, no matter the weather, to use a bag to clean up ALL solid waste on ALL housing property. You also shouldn't leave it any-

quite a bit of information on Fair Housing on our website, www.claycenterhousing.com. Just click on our "Fair Housing" page.



Executive Director
Clay Center Housing



Mission Statement

“IT SHALL BE THE MISSION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CLAY CENTER TO ADVOCATE FOR AND DEVELOP, MANAGE AND MAINTAIN PROPERTIES AND PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE SAFE, SANITARY, AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO QUALIFIED, VERY LOW, LOW, AND MODERATE INCOME RESIDENTS IN CLAY CENTER, KANSAS.”

Upcoming classes & meetings:

Fair Housing Public Meeting

4p.m. Sunday, June 14, 2020
Apollo Towers Community Room

2021 Operating Budget Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, August 5, 2020
Apollo Towers Community Room

Personal Financial Management Class

6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 16, 2020
Location: Apollo Towers Community Room
No Cost
Must enroll no later than September 4, 2020

APRIL

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Your mind is the garden, your thoughts are the seeds, the harvest can either be flowers or weeds." ~William Wordsworth

"When something bad happens you have three choices. You can either let it define you, let it destroy you, or you can let it strengthen you." ~Dr. Seuss

The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand. We listen to reply." ~Stephen R. Covey

"Strength doesn't come from what you can do. It comes from **OVERCOMING** the things you once thought you couldn't." ~Rikki Rogers



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Spring Word Scramble

Unscramble the following words about Spring.

Welcome Spring!

plair _____ rtemhso yda _____

orwlesf _____ blmelaur _____

esidasi _____ gpsnir _____

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