

NEWS Neighborhood

Informative news for Military Members living at Offutt!

Spring-2009

FIRE PREVENTION

It's never too early to think about fire prevention in your home. Living in a multifamily community will require special attention to fire prevention. With spring knocking on our doors and summer approaching fast, it's a good idea to brush up on you and your family's safety tips!

- Make sure smoke alarms are in working order. Make it a habit to check your batteries often and never remove batteries from smoke alarms to use in other household items. If your smoke detector doesn't work, please contact the Rising View Service Desk immediately.
- Never burn candles unsupervised. Children and pets can knock over candles easily.
- Distinguish cigarettes properly and never smoke in bed.
- Never run extension cords under carpets as the cords can overheat. Extension cords are only for temporary use and are not a substitute for proper, permanent wiring.
- For all grills/barbeque smokers/smoke pits, per the Resident Handbook, page 13, it states "WHEN IN USE BARBEQUE GRILLS AND ALL TYPES OF SMOKERS MUST BE SUPERVISED BY ADULTS ONLY. Do not use them under building overhangs or on porches or decks. They must be kept to a minimum of 10 feet distance from constable structures at all times." Also, any of the grills/barbeque smokers/smoke pits MUST BE KEPT IN THE BACKYARD ONLY!!

Even under the most careful circumstances, fires do happen. Therefore, you must have a plan.

- Become familiar with all exits in your house. Hold practice fire drills and know what to do once outside the building.
- If you can get out do so right away. The longer you wait the more chance smoke will build up in your home.
- Once you are out, do not go back into your home. Call 9-1-1 from a safe location.
- Never use a fire extinguisher to put out a grease fire.

If you are unable to leave the premises, there are steps you can take to keep you safe:

- Keep as much room as possible between you and the fire. You may have to stay close to a window to go to a back room.
- Call 9-1-1 and let them know of your location.
- If possible, hang a sheet out your window to alert fire personnel of your location.
- Sit as close as possible to the floor where the air is freshest.

Remember fire safety is everyone's responsibility. Take time to discuss with family and friends how to respond in the event of a fire. A little preparation can go a long way in a fire.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

COME JOIN US AT OUR NEXT TOWN HALL MEETING!

We'll meet Thursday, May 7th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Center. See you there!

HELP US CONSERVE ENERGY!!!

As residents of Rising View, please remember to turn off lights when they are not in use!

Please review our Resident Handbook, page 9, for our energy conservation tips. Exterior porch lights should always be turned off during the day but can be left on from 5 P.M. to 11 P.M. Thank you for your help!

COMMUNITY UPDATE

The Rising View community has experienced many changes over the years. Since 2005 over 1,250 homes have been demolished, 400 homes renovated and 350 new homes have been built!

**Rising View**
A BELLEVUE/OFFUTT
COMMUNITY

SPRING EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH

O'Celebrate O'St. Patty's Day!!

Write a short story or poem using "O" in front of each word! Whoever shows the most creativeness wins the O'GRAND O'PRIZE!!

Are you Cravin' a Raisin?

March 24th is National Chocolate Covered Raisin's Day! Stop by the Leasing Office and enjoy some chocolate covered raisins!

Spring into SPRING!!

What's your favorite part of this time of year? Draw it!

APRIL

HIPPITY!! HOPPITY!! Easter's on its way!

April 12th is Easter and we want the best Easter egg drawn and colored! The winner gets an Easter delight!

Sometimes you feel like a nut!

April 21st is National Chocolate Covered Cashews Day! Stop by our office to enjoy some FRESH covered cashews!

Happy Birthday, Earth!!

April 22nd is Earth Day! Mother Nature has been good to us so show her how greatly we appreciate her by writing a poem or short story. A prize is likely to blow your way!

MAY

April Showers bring May Flowers!!

Color a floral explosion!!! Help us decorate the office with your artwork of flowers and win a prize!

We're all TWISTED!

May 28th is National Pretzel Day! Stop by the office and enjoy some pretzels!

School's Out! For the summer!!

Mid-May marks the end of another school year... what are you going to miss about the past year? Let us know!! If you pass this last test, you'll receive an A+ prize!

Winter is on its way out and each spring we experience the old adage "April showers bring May showers", the maintenance department would like to remind you to check your window well covers, that downspout extensions are attached and gutters are clear. Give these a look each week and call in a service request if you need assistance. If you have some bare spots on your lawn we will have grass seed and weed - n - feed available on a limited basis, remember plan your seeding in between lawn cuts to allow for the best results and water your lawns in early morning and evenings. Excessive watering will kill off grass and seed matting but not your sod. As always, our self-help desk is here to assist you with such items as furnace filters, touch up paint and just about any item to help you keep your home in top condition.



Chuck Ketchum
MAINTENANCE MANAGER



CHEF CHARLES ON THE WEB!



Valentine's Day Winners

Congratulations to Michael and Mariel Bickwermert and their son Roman for winning the Valentines Dinner from Chef Charles!

Visit the Rising View web site at www.risingview.com under "Current Residents" for Chef Charles' latest recipe: "Thai Mussels." This recipe will really WOW your taste buds with its bold flavors. If you are looking for where to buy some of the best seafood locally, then read Chef Charles' article, "Something Fishy is Going on Here." Plus, enter to win a \$50.00 dollar gift card to "Absolutely Fresh Seafood" so you can cook up Chef Charles' latest recipe. The winners will also receive a bottle of Gewurztraminer wine that will pair well with the recipe. You can also register for the contest at the Rising View Leasing Office.

