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ALL THE GHOSTS AND GOBLINS CHEER YOU A BIRTHDAY TOAST!

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A Message From The Wichita Fire Department

The season for wood-burning fireplaces will soon be here again. We want to remind those of you with fireplaces that the Wichita Fire Department answers numerous alarms caused by the improper disposal of hot ashes each year. In an effort to reduce these alarms, they are asking for your cooperation to help make your apartment building fire safe. Therefore, in the interest of safety for all concerned, the following guidelines are submitted:

- Do not place ashes in plastic, cardboard, or wood containers. Use metal containers with metal lids. No person shall deposit ashes or coals except in a noncombustible container with tight-fitting lid kept or maintained in a safe location. (UFC, Article 11, Div. 1)
- Remove ashes from the building immediately after removing from a fireplace. Do not store ashes inside your apartment or outside on your balcony!
- Ashes and combustibles are not to be placed in the same container.

We and the Wichita Fire Department thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions regarding the use of your fireplace (ie - how to open your flue), please stop by or call the Southlake Village office at 522-4855.

How Your Furnace Works

With cooler weather already here, we would like to remind you of how your heating unit operates. Unlike using your air conditioner where the unit turns on and off at demand, your heating unit operates on a delay before it will activate and a delay before it will shut off. When you set your thermostat to AUTO & HEAT and select the temperature desired, your unit will turn on within three to five minutes. Likewise, when manually turning off your unit, give it about three minutes to shut off. If you have any problems, call the office, 522-4855.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Very Important - Please Read!

Recently we have had some fairly serious problems with sewers backing up in some of the buildings. In every case, the blockages were caused by the same offending items: Grease, feminine hygiene products, diapers, Q-tips, and surprisingly, toilet paper. It does make a difference what toilet paper is used. The worst kinds are the fluffy thick ones like "Charmin" and "Cottonelle." Therefore, we ask all residents to help alleviate this problem by not using such toilet papers and disposing of the above mentioned items in your regular trash instead of down the toilet or your disposal. And speaking of disposals, never put grease, rice, or potato peels down them. When using your disposal, be sure to run plenty of cold water before, during, and after each use to flush the line. If you are experiencing problems with your disposal or toilets, please contact the office and make a maintenance request.

Just a Reminder...

Air Rifles and BB Guns (as well as ANY other weapons or firearms) are **ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED!** If you observe someone shooting any kind of gun, do not hesitate to call us and/or the Wichita Police Department! Thank you for your cooperation.

Also, make sure your children are not riding their bicycles between cars in the parking lot. They're hard to see and we don't want anyone getting accidentally hit.

A Word on Security

We have found that the best "preventive medicine" in regard to security is a "proprietary interest" on the part of all who live here. Take an extra 30 seconds whenever you leave or come to your apartment and look around. If you see anything suspicious or unusual, call 522-4855 (24 hours). That small act can make your living environment better!


In conjunction with the above, there is a standing offer of a \$500.00 reward to any resident who furnishes information that leads to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons committing an act of burglary, theft, or vandalism against Southlake Village or the residents thereof. If you observe such an act, do not attempt to apprehend, but report immediately to the Wichita Police Department, 911, or our "Courtesy Patrol" by calling our 24-hour number, 522-4855.

Another problem that occurs from time to time is Noise Disturbances. The problems most commonly reported to us are loud stereos or televisions being played late at night. Although these problems do not occur too often, they do happen. We would appreciate everyone's cooperation in keeping such volumes down to a reasonable level that does not carry to other units. If you are experiencing a noise problem in your area, please report it to us, 24-hours a day, by calling 522-4855. We will dispatch a representative to investigate and follow up with you the next day. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: Large Roll-Top Desk. Less than 3 years old - Like New! \$500. Please call 529-2812 for more information.

FOR SALE: 2 Sets of Dishes: Set 1: Casual stone dishes by Coventry. Gold with brown design. Set 2: Stoneware dishes - Cream with brown and gold stripes on the edge. Used. Please call Sara at 351-7181 for more information. Leave message.

Remember, this is your newsletter. Items for publication are taken all month long at the Southlake Village office. Call 522-4855 or drop your ad by the office. We accept announcements, classified ads, and newsworthy items. Please submit your item(s) prior to the sixth of each month. *Made on a  Mac!*