



Anawim Housing Tenant Newsletter

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WINTER 2012

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- Anawim Housing Web Page
- FACEBOOK Fan Page
- TWITTER
- YouTube
- Linked In

WIN A \$100 GIFTCARD

You can now pay your rent online! To kick off this new convenient tool—we will be doing a drawing for those who start paying their rent online. Here is how it works:



3. Monthly winner will be notified by the 15th of the month.

Any questions about this program? Please call our office.

1. Pay your January, February, or March rent on-line on or before the 3rd of the month.

2. If your balance is current, your name will automatically be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card.

Visit http://anawimhousing.org/tenants/online_bill_pay to make your first online payment!



The City of Des Moines provides the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for those that qualify from November—April.

This program is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services through the Iowa Department of Human Rights/DCAA, and has been established to help qualifying

low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs.

To schedule an appointment or see if you qualify, please contact the Des Moines Community Action Agency located on 1618 6th Avenue. A staff person can be reached at 515.248.6216 Monday through Friday from 8a.m.—5p.m. They have extended their hours until 7p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Households who are over LIHEAP income guidelines may still be eligible for LIHEAP benefits through the medical waiver component. LIHEAP is a one-time payment.

You can only get assistance if you pay for your heat yourself. If your heat is included in your rent, you are not eligible.

LIHEAP Season

Holiday Chex Mix

Recipe

NEED:

- 17oz Crispix Cereal
- 1/2 package of pretzel sticks
- 1 can of mixed nuts
- 1 bag of M&M candies
- 1 1/2 C brown sugar
- 1 1/2 C butter
- 1/4 C white syrup
- 1/2 tsp baking soda

Directions

1. Spray inside of a brown paper grocery bag with non-stick cooking spray and add cereal, pretzels and nuts to the bag.
2. In a medium saucepan, bring the brown sugar, butter and syrup to a boil and then add baking soda.
3. Pour over cereal in the bag and shake to mix.
4. Fold the bag shut and place in the microwave for 70seconds, then shake. Repeat 5 times.
5. Open the bag to cool. When cool, add the M&M candies and store in an air-tight container.

www.recipetips.com



Anawim Holiday Party

The Anawim Housing Annual Holiday Party took place on Saturday, December 8th at the Polk County Senior Center.

Approximately 200 Anawim tenants came and took part in this special holiday event.

The youth were able to participate in a variety of

children's activities such as cookie decorating, ornament making, etc.

Teens were entered into a drawing for a prize, as well as each household. Every household who attended the party received a prize.

Thanks to the generosity of Anawim Housing supporters, Jethros BBQ, Hy-Vee, Anawim staff, and

the volunteers who helped with this fun party—the event was a success!.



GOOD GRADES



Don't forget to bring your report cards to Anawim for your incentive!

For students in 6—12th grades: if you receive at least 3 letter grades of a B or better, you will receive a gift card.

- ⇒ **Only 1 gift card will be given out per student per school year.**
- ⇒ **Incentive is not available to tenants of units in which Anawim Housing is a third party management company.**

Bring your report card in to the Anawim office to get your incentive!

VITA

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance: A Convenient, Accurate, no-stress and FREE way to get your taxes done. If you earned \$50k or less in 2012 you may be eligible to receive FREE tax preparation. Call 2-1-1 for information on times/locations.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The 2013 Anawim Housing Education Programs are currently being planned. These classes will be every other month and offered in the evening at Anawim Housing.

SAVE THE DATES:

January 29th from 5:30 -6:30p.m., we will have Parent Educator, Charlene Beattie to talk about Healthy Sexual Development and protecting children from predators.

March 6 from 5:30—

6:30p.m., we will have Andrew Gross from the Evelyn Davis Center come in to talk about the new center and the DMACC programs.

All tenants welcome to attend.

Maintenance Memo

The Heating Season is Here (SAVE \$ on ENERGY BILLS)

1. Please change your furnace filters monthly
2. Please set your thermostats to 72 degrees when home and 68 degrees when out.
3. Please make sure all windows are closed
4. Those tenants with Boilers—the goal is to have the building as a whole at a constant temperature. Our units do not have individual control of temperatures.

*Some units will be warmer and/or colder as the building tries to regulate itself

*Please be sure all exterior doors are closed

SNOW REMOVAL

1. The Contractor will begin removal once the snow has stopped and we have received 2 inches or more
2. Snow events of 6 inches or more will be addressed on a situational basis
3. **Tenants are responsible for the removal of snow from their own sidewalks and steps**
4. Tenants have **24 hours** from the time it stops snowing to have it removed.

Holiday Decorations

1. Please make sure all lighted decorations are plugged into the multi outlet strips (reduce the opportunity for shorts and fires)

ODD/EVEN Snow Parking

Beginning this year, all residential

streets Citywide will be plowed after 2” of snowfall. **Carpenter, Drake, Drake Park, River Bend, & Sherman Hill Neighborhoods** are now included in the odd/even side snow parking program. If you cannot move your vehicle off the street in these 5 neighborhoods, parking will alternate on both sides of the street during snow plowing operations. On odd number dates, vehicles park on the side of street with odd numbered houses (on even days, vehicles park on even numbered houses). Failure to do so will result in a \$35 fine and possible towing. Call 283.4950 if you have any questions about the program.

Thank you for a great 2012, and we look forward to a fabulous 2013. -Tim, Director of Property Services

Going Places

Congratulations Carla!

Carla participated in the **Dress for Success Going Places Network** and recently received her certificate of completion. This 6 week program is offered throughout the year and all female tenants needing assistance with employment and getting their foot in the door looking for a job is able to be referred to this program through Anawim. “This was an awesome program to be a part of. The teachers were amazing and I learned so much. Every woman should go through this program. I’m so glad I did it,” said Carla.



Iowa Adolescents Making Choices to Control Their Future

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Do you have questions about your health, your body, your sexuality or anything else about your life?

Check out a new blog developed by ISU Extension and Outreach (funding by IA Department of Public Health) called www.IAMINCONTROL.org

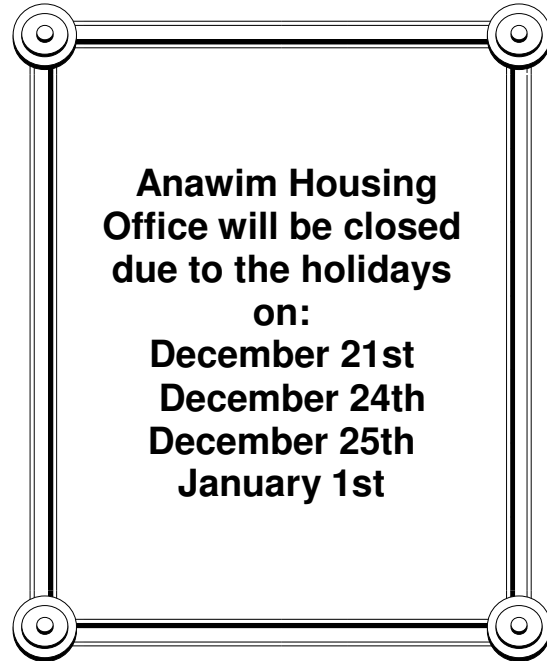
to find answers to your questions and learn how you can take control of your life.

A live chat feature is also available if you need more information on a health topic. If you would like to talk to a teen counselor, you can call the Teen Line at 1.800.43.8336, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



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**Anawim Housing
Office will be closed
due to the holidays
on:
December 21st
December 24th
December 25th
January 1st**

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Property Management Reminders

- If you need to call the emergency pager (333.7124) after hours or on the weekend, please leave your name, number, address, telephone number and a brief message. This emergency service is for Anawim Housing tenants only.
- Partial payments toward rent can no longer be accepted. Contact your Housing Manager before the 1st of the month, if you need to make arrangements regarding your rent.
- Did you know that you will get a \$50 gift certificate if you refer another person to

Anawim Housing? The applicant must state that he/she was referred by you in the interview. After the new tenant gets approved, you will receive a gift card. Call Monica, Senior Housing Manager at 244.8308 x112 if you have any questions regarding a referral.

- If you currently carry a balance with Anawim Housing due to a late payment or a maintenance charge, please take care of it by calling your property manager.

- Anawim Housing has survey cards at the front desk. We encourage you to fill out these cards. We want to know how we are doing and how your housing experience is. Please be honest so that we may know how to better serve you. You do not have to put your name on these comment cards.

- When paying rent by check or money order, make sure to include your property name, your address and your signature.

