



Anawim Housing Tenant Newsletter

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STAY UP TO DATE ON THE "HAPPENINGS" OF ANAWIM HOUSING

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

The CREST at Baker Creek

Currently under construction are the apartment complexes of The Crest at Baker Creek. The apartment complex located at 4560 Hubbell Avenue will have a variety of 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom apartments. **These will be completed by mid-June and pre-applications will begin April 1st.**



The other apartment complex, to be managed by Anawim Housing, will be

Baker Creek Senior Living for those 55+ located at 4555 Hubbell Avenue. These units will be 1 & 2-bedroom and are projected to be completed in late August. For more information on The Crest at Baker Creek or to add your name to the Interest List, please call: 244.8308.

GRASP CARDS

The City of Des Moines, in collaboration with the Des Moines Parks and Recreation, have created a program offering low-income families significant discounts on activities. With your GRASP Card, which stands for **G**reater Des Moines **R**ecreational **A**ctivity **S**cholarship **P**rogram, you could receive discounts on Parks and Recreation programs including swim lessons, tennis lessons, basketball, shelter rentals and much more if your household meets income guidelines.

If your household meets the income guidelines you can have more fun for less money this year.

You can apply for these cards now! The year-round locations you can call or visit to learn more include:

- *Parks/Rec Office
237.1386
- *6th Ave Action Agency
248.6216
- *Pioneer Columbus Center
248.6316
- *Four Mile Center
248.6310

Congrats Tenants

Congratulations to:

Victoria Smith & Alycia Greene

For being our big winners of the \$100 drawing we had to encourage tenants to start paying rent online.

It's easy and saves you time

PAY APRIL RENT ON-LINE FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN OUR FINAL \$100 DRAWING!

Here is how: Just go to:

http://anawimhousing.org/tenants/online_bill_pay It will walk you through the steps to pay your rent. This is a secure website and you will get a printable receipt after payment.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES



POT OF GOLD FOR ST. PATTYS DAY!

FROM: <http://spoonful.com/recipes/st-patricks-pot-of-gold>

What you'll need

- 3-ounce box of lemon-flavor gelatin
- 6 limes
- Sugar

1 teaspoon of whipped cream

How to make it

1. Line an 8-inch square baking dish with plastic wrap, leaving several inches of overhang on each side. Combine a 3-ounce box of lemon-flavor gelatin and 1 cup of boiling water in a medium bowl, stirring until the gelatin is dissolved. Stir in 1 cup of cold water, then pour the mixture into the baking dish. Cover the dish with plastic wrap and chill the gelatin for 4 hours or until firm, then slice the gelatin into 1/2-inch cubes.
2. Cut off the top quarter of each of 6 limes, then, without cutting into the fruit, slice a thin layer of peel from the bottom of each one to help them stand upright. With a small knife, cut around the inside of each lime's rind to loosen the pulp, then spoon it out to make a shell.
3. Place a pinch of sugar and 1 teaspoon of whipped cream in the bottom of each shell, then fill each lime pot with gelatin gold. Makes 6



Challenge for youth 6th—12th grade to get good grades!

For students in 6 - 12th grade: if you receive at least 3 letter grades of a B or better, you will receive a certificate and a prize!

Bring your report card summary in to the Anawim Housing office to get your incentive! Call Tiffany at 244.8308 x119 if you have any questions.

* Only 1 prize 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.



Last Chance for Energy Assistance

The City of Des Moines provides the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for those that qualify until **April 30th.**

To schedule an appointment or see if you qualify, please contact the Des Moines Community Ac-

tion Agency located on 1618 6th Avenue. A staff person can be reached at 515.248.6216 Mon. through Fri. from 8a.m.—5p.m. They have extended hours until 7p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Households who are over income guidelines may still

be eligible for 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 heat is included in your rent, you are not eligible.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Anawim Housing hosts a series of educational programs throughout the year on a variety of topics. All tenants are invited to be a part of these classes. The upcoming classes include:

Tues, March 26th at 5:30p.m.—6:30p.m. Evelyn Davis Center/ Educational Programs

Tues, May 14th at 5:30p.m.-6:30p.m. A Des Moines Credit Union will be here to talk about

their unique banking/ savings programs.

July 23rd at 5:30p.m.—6:30p.m. Living within your means \$

To see a full list, please visit our website.

Property Services - This is YOUR HOME

Please help Property Services Staff by filling out a **written request for work** you would like addressed. A maintenance request form may be found at:

http://anawimhousing.org/tenants/maintenance_form

We will do our best to get to your request in a timely manner.

When Should You Call the Emergency Maintenance Number?

- Broken Water Pipes (Water Flowing)
- Break-In (Kicked in Exterior Door or First Floor Window)
*Police must be called before calling Anawim
- No Heat
*Call as soon as heat loss is noticed. Be sure to check furnace switch, thermostat batteries and filter before

calling.

*Calls after 10p.m. will be addressed the next day.

- No Air Conditioning
*Call as soon issue is noticed. Be sure to check furnace switch, thermostat batteries and filter before calling.
- Clogged Toilets - you must be home to let someone in.
- Lock Outs (charges apply)

What is NOT an Emergency?

- Cannot pay rent
- No hot water—this will be handled next business day
- Drains are slow
- No Electricity (call MidAmerican)
- Mediacom Install or outage
- Neighborhood Complaints (call Police then leave a message for Property Mgr.)

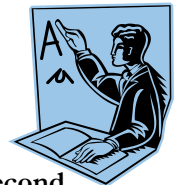
The Heating Season is almost over

1. Please change your furnace filters monthly—Need help getting a new filter? Let us know.
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. Boilers will be shut down the last week of April/first week in May. Be sure exterior doors are closed.

THANK YOU for a great start to 2013.

**-Tim Davis, Director of Property Services
515.564.6577**

Community News and Information



New to the Southside of Des Moines: Goodwill Industries of Central Iowa CONNECTION CENTER is now open to serve job seekers at Southridge Mall.

The Connection Center bridges the gap between the job seeker and local companies. They offer job search assistance FREE of charge and no appointment is needed.

Located: Southridge Mall

1111 E Army Post Rd., Suite 152

Des Moines, IA 50315

Hours: M-F 10a.m. - 3p.m.

Phone: 515.953.6456

FREE TAX PREPARATION:

If you haven't done your taxes and need some assistance, there is still time to get help with your taxes through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. Call 2-1-1 for more information.

TEEN TALK:

Free event brought to you by Venus Family Planning Services for guys and gals on March 19th from 10a.m.—4p.m. at GrandView University Student Center. Learn about Dating 101, STD/HIV, Finance 101, Healthy Relationships, Body Image. Register by calling 558-9985. If you have questions, call 558-9580.

ESL (English as a Second Language)

Basic ESL Classes are being held at St. Vincent de Paul located at 1426 6th Ave for free.

For information on the next session call Josh at 282.8328 x18.

Forest Ave Library: Conversations and Coffee:

An opportunity for residents who are learning to speak English can practice with community volunteers while enjoying snacks on Tuesdays at 12:30p.m.



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Property Management Reminders



- In case there is more snow to come this spring, be sure to remove snow from sidewalks/walkway within 24-48 hours of the snow falling.
- Please keep your yard clean of trash and garbage. Be sure your garbage can is closed so animals can not cause a mess. The only furniture allowed outdoors is lawn furniture
- Do not park on the grass
- Check smoke detector batteries
- 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.
- If your rent is being paid after the 3rd of the month, be sure to include your \$25.00 late fee with your rent.
- Don't forget about our **REFERRAL PROGRAM!** Any tenant can refer a new Anawim tenant and get a \$50 giftcard. 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 244.8308 x112 if you have any questions regarding a referral.