

# Anawim Housing Tenant Newsletter

Home is everything.

SUMMER 2013

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

- Anawim Housing Web Page
- FACEBOOK Fan Page
- Twitter
- YouTube

## Anawim Housing's Secret Gardens

The Anawim Housing tenants at Forest & Fields Townhomes had the opportunity to participate in



Tenants (left to right): Yolanda, Brianna and Giday get ready to start planting in their garden

a community garden this year.

Forest & Fields is part of a unique housing program that allows us to provide access to gardening while at the same time, promote healthy living. Five tenants participated, planting a variety of vege-



Tenants (left to right) Ophelia and Brandon prepare for planting

tables such as jalapenos, tomatoes and green peppers. Anawim Housing is excited to be able to offer

this new opportunity to our tenants to support a healthy and active lifestyle.

## Family Wellness

### What Is Family Wellness?

Provides financial support to Anawim Housing tenants to participate in Des Moines area cultural, social and/or educational opportunities.

### What Can I Do?

Any event or activity that promotes participation in the community. Here are some examples: GED classes, Science Center, Blank Park Zoo passes, YMCA memberships, swimming passes, adult classes, summer camps, etc.

### Where Do I Apply?

Ask for an application from the receptionist, or Tiffany, Family Advocate

### What Else Should I Know?

We ask that you pay a small portion of the cost (10%). Or, you can volunteer for at least 1 hour at a place of your choice. Please provide verification of your volunteer service along with your application. We ask that you write a short summary of your experience.

Tenants may not apply if he/she currently carries a balance or resides in a unit of which Anawim is a third party management company.

If you have questions, please call Anawim at 244.8308 x119 or email [tking@anawimhousing.org](mailto:tking@anawimhousing.org)

## Congratulations!



Congratulations to tenants, Cheryl and Genesta for completing the 8-week Dress for Success Going Places Network Class.

This program focuses on women advancing in their professional careers. Any female Anawim tenant wanting assistance with employment can be referred to this program. Call Tiffany King for more details.



# YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Recipe from KRAFT.com

## FRESH CORN SALSA

### What You Need

1. 4 tomatoes
2. 1 C corn kernels
3. 1/2 C chopped red onions
4. 1/2 C cilantro
5. 1 chopped jalapeno pepper
6. 1/4 C Italian dressing



**COMBINE** all ingredients except dressing in large bowl.

**ADD** dressing; mix lightly.

All classes are held at Anawim Housing  
  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Bring your report card summary in to the Anawim

Housing office to get your incentive by June 30th! Call Tiffany King 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.

## College Assistance Drawing

Anawim Housing is having a drawing for a \$200 gift card towards a tenant's selected college institution's bookstore to assist with the purchase of textbooks and school supplies. This drawing is available to all Anawim Housing tenants\* who are enrolled

as a full-time student at a 2 or 4 year college/university for the 2013/2014 year. Applications are available at the Anawim Housing office and must be submitted by August 20th.

\*Drawing is not available for tenants in which Anawim is a third party mgmt. company.

## Fresh Produce

### Craving Fresh Produce?

Stop at the **Salvation Army** on 1326 6th Ave every Wednesday (except the 2nd Wednesday of the month) at 12:30p.m. to sign up for free produce in the back parking lot.

**Cross Ministries** at 1050 24th St. also gives out free produce Wednesdays 3p.m.-6p.m. and Saturdays 9a.m.-12p.m. No paperwork needed. Free to all.



## Get Paid to LEARN!

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. **Rent credits are also available to**

**tenants who attend 2 or more classes.** *Incentives are not available for tenants in units of which Anawim is a third party management company or subsidized rental program.*

The upcoming classes include: **July 23rd** - Living within your means  
**Sept 17th**-Home Ownership through DSM Housing  
**Nov 12**-Maintenance Tips/Tricks

# Property Services - This is YOUR HOME

Please help the Property Services Staff by filling out a written request for work you would like addressed. A maintenance request may be filled out [www.anawimhousing.org](http://www.anawimhousing.org) under the section *For Our Tenants*. We will do our best to get to your request in a timely manner.

## When Should you Call the Emergency Number?

- Broken Water Pipes (Water flowing)
- Break In (kicked in exterior door or first floor window)
- No Heat - call as soon as heat loss is noticed. Be sure to check furnace switch, thermostat batteries and filter before calling



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- Clogged Toilet - you must be home to let them in
- LockOuts (charges apply)

## What is NOT an Emergency?

- No air conditioning - Be sure to check furnace switch, thermostat batteries and filter before calling
- Can not pay rent
- No Hot Water - this will be handled the next business day
- Drains are slow/clogged
- No Power - Call Mid-American
- Mediacom install or outage
- Neighbor Complaints - Call police then leave a message for your property manager

Every tenant's residence is their home. We will help you in maintaining your home by fixing items that aren't working correctly. But we need your help with some basic items.

1. **Change your air filter EVERY month.** The air filter helps clean the air.
2. **Replace smoke detector batteries** every 6 months (9volt). The life you save may be your own.
3. **Always clean the lint trap in dryers between loads.** This is the #2 cause of fires in homes (the #1 cause is smoking in bed). Cleaning the lint trap keeps the dryer running efficiently.

Remember our job is to help insure that **Home is Everything.**

## Community Information



**GRASP:** The City of Des Moines and Des Moines Parks and Recreation, have created a program offering low-income families discounts on activities. With your GRASP Card, which stands for **Greater Des Moines Recreational Activity Scholarship Program**, 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.

## Summer Vacation

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

for these cards now! Call the Parks/Rec Office 237.1386 or the 6th Ave Action Agency 248.6216

### Ongoing Free events:

#### Des Moines Art Center:

[www.desmoinesartcenter.org](http://www.desmoinesartcenter.org)  
4700 Grand Avenue.

Take your kids to this art museum to teach them about various forms of artwork from over the years.

#### State Historical Museum:

600 E Locust Bldg

**YOGA in the Park:** Grays Lake 1400 Fleur. 9 a.m. every Sat. through, through Sept.

**Downtown Des Moines Farmers Market:** Saturday Mornings from May – Sept

**Valley Junction Farmer's Market –**  
Every Thursday from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Swimming** at a BEACH: Easter Lake, Raccoon River Park, Grays Lake

#### Free Flicks:

Outdoor movies throughout the DSM area parks and facilities. Check out Des Moines Parks and Recreation Website for more information. All movies are free.

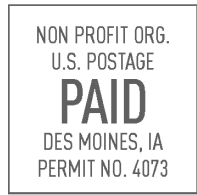
#### Des Moines Library:

- Baby Rhyme Time
- Toddler Story Time
- Teen Time
- Family Story Time

Check out your local library for specific times for programs



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## Property Management Reminders



- 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
- Please watch out for children playing this summer—drive safely!
- 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.
- Don't forget—you can now pay your rent **ONLINE**. Visit our website and click on **For Our Tenants** and **Online Bill Pay**
- Do not park on the grass
- If your rent is being paid after the 3rd of the month, be sure to include your \$25.00 late fee with your rent.
- **REFERRAL PROGRAM!** Any tenant can refer a

new Anawim tenant and get a \$50 gift card. 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.

### Important Numbers

- Property Services  
564.6577
- Emergency After Hours  
Phone 333.7124
- All property managers have their own direct line—if you don't know yours, call us and we can tell you!

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