

VISTA VOICE

Sun Prairie & Vista Court Apartments

January - February 2011

New Years Day	Jan. 1st
Martin Luther King Day	Jan. 17th
Groundhog Day	Feb. 2nd
Super Bowl	Feb. 6th
Black History Month	February Month
Valentines Day	Feb. 14th
Presidents Day	Feb. 21st

LEASE REMINDER:

Rent is due on the FIRST of the month! There is a drop box available to bring your rent after-hours.

Make sure to put your apartment number on your check. Also, if you plan to move, your written Notice to Vacate is due by NOON on the LAST DAY OF THE MONTH.



BRING ON THE COLD!

With the beauty of freshly fallen snow also comes the frigid Iowa temperatures! We want you to be comfortable, so please familiarize yourself with our heating system:

If your apartment is too cold:

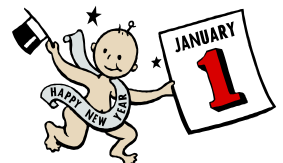
- Make sure that the dampers (the adjustable metal strips which run the length of the radiator) are open and the thermostat is turned to a desired temperature. There is no advantage to turning the heat up to a maximum; it heats at the same speed until it reaches the set temperature.
- If the heat is on, the dampers are open, and your apartment is not as warm as you'd like, make sure all the windows are tightly closed and locked with the window quilts completely down. The majority of the heat loss is through the windows. Also, make sure nothing is blocking the vents like furniture, blankets, etc.
- Ceiling fans are a great tool in aiding the circulation of WARM air through the apartment. Because the heat in your apartment is radiant heat, it needs air flow to circulate (versus a forced air furnace system).
- Carefully feel the pipe under the radiator. If it is warm, the system is providing heat and the apartment should eventually warm up. In the event that the pipe is cold, please contact the office immediately at 515-226-0000 ext. 114.

DON'T BREAK THE ICE!

Just because it's cold and snowy, doesn't mean you have to be stuck inside all winter. Ice skating is one good thing that happens directly because of the cold weather. Not only is it a good way to get out of your apartment, it is also fun and helps keep you active. One place worth checking out this winter is the Brenton Skating Plaza downtown along The Principal Riverwalk. This outdoor skating facility is fun for the whole family. No skates of your own? No problem - skate rentals are available at a nominal cost. And don't forget a nice cup of hot chocolate afterwards! Check out www.brentonplaza.com for more information.

KEEPING YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS!

A long-term study by the U of Washington found that only 40% of people who stick to their #1 resolution did it on the first try. The rest had to try multiple times; 17% finally reached their goal after more than six attempts. If your goal for 2011 involves getting into shape, Sun Prairie's partnership with Snap Fitness can help you achieve success in the New Year. Make sure to ask Snap about how professional, personal training can fit into your schedule—and your budget!



RECYCLING RESOLUTION



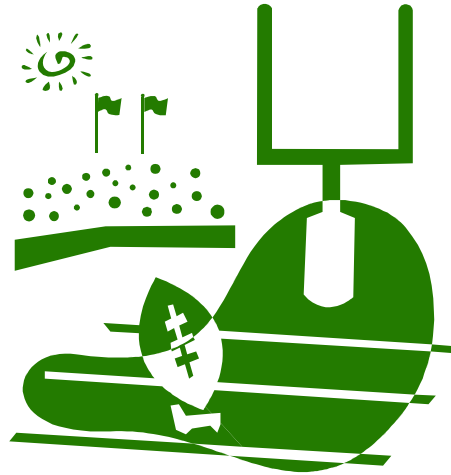
Every day, Americans buy 62 million newspapers and throw out 44 million. That's the equivalent of dumping 500,000 trees into a landfill every week! Sun Prairie offers its residents recycling bins, located on the west side of 60th street in the parking lot in front of the 6549 building. While it certainly isn't required, recycling is encouraged! Its one of the little things we can do that can make a big difference for our environment.

HUT, HUT, HIKE!

The 45th edition of the NFL's Super Bowl falls on Sunday, February 6, 2011 at the newly built Dallas Stadium in Dallas, TX. The Super Bowl is second to Thanksgiving for the largest day for U.S. food consumption. Most years, the Super Bowl is the most watched American television broadcast. Last year's Super Bowl XLV between the New Orleans Saints and the Indianapolis Colts, became the most-watched American television program in history. It

drew 106.5 million viewers.

Commercials during the Super Bowl have almost begun to overshadow the game itself. A lot of viewers tune in solely to watch the commercials. Advertisers work all year on creating a commercial that will be broadcast to the largest TV audience of the year. The average cost for a 30 second commercial last year was a whopping \$3.01 million!



Not a football fan? The "Puppy Bowl" airing on Animal Planet (Channel 75 with Vision Systems) during the Super Bowl is a great alternative. It also features a kitten halftime show!

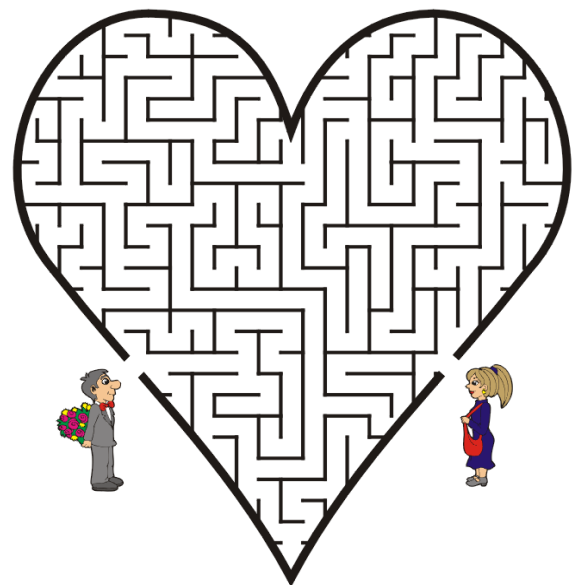
Kids Corner

VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to reveal words related to Valentine's Day!

1. D U I P C
2. T H A R E
3. L W O F E S R
4. V L E O
5. N D A Y C

1. Candy 2. Cupid 3. Heart 4. Love 5. Day





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Renew your lease today and receive a
\$15/month discount and avoid the extra
\$20 month-to-month fee.

Call Katie at 226-0000 x 116 for details!

USING SUN PRAIRIE'S AFTER-HOURS PHONE NUMBERS

Sun Prairie is proud to provide our residents with after hours customer service to be used for emergencies. Your problems and concerns are important to us, but please be conscientious of what constitutes an emergency and what can wait until the next business day:

Lockout: In the case of a lockout, you must be a lease signer and provide photo identification. There is also a \$35 lockout fee.

Noise Complaints: Loud parties, music, yelling, stomping, etc. Please try to address noise complaints directly with your neighbor first. Most residents would prefer to hear directly from you that they are being noisy rather than getting a call from office staff. If the noise persists or

a confrontation ensues, contact the on-call staff.

Other: If you suspect a domestic dispute, criminal activity or drug use, or if there is a fire or medical emergency, first call the police, then the on-call staff. We are not a substitute for the police or fire department for this kind of emergency.

Maintenance: No heat, electricity, smell of natural gas, broken glass, unsecured apartment or garage.

DISTURBANCE 515-577-7862

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WDM POLICE: 515-222-3321



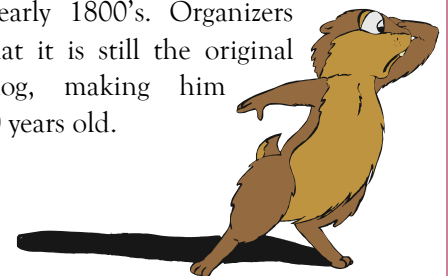
IS THE END IN SIGHT?

Throughout the year the groundhog basically goes unnoticed in the news, but for one day out of the year, the groundhog becomes a star and the focus of national media outlets. This day, known as "Groundhog Day," falls on Wednesday, February 2nd. The belief is that on this day, if the

groundhog sees his shadow, then there will be six more weeks of winter; however, if he does not see his shadow then we are in for an early spring (which we can only hope for).

The most well-known celebration of groundhog day takes place in

Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania with the groundhog Punxsutawney Phil. The celebration dates back to the early 1800's. Organizers claim that it is still the original groundhog, making him over 200 years old.



Don't get your hopes up if Punxsutawney Phil predicts an early spring - Statistics have shown him to be accurate only 39% of the time!



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