

VISTA VOICE

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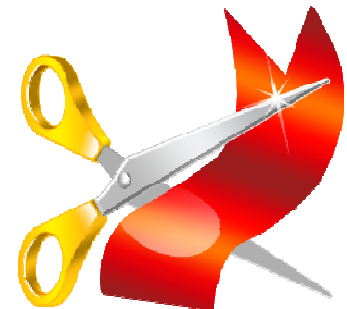
“The Upgraded Building”: The Re-Opening of 6699 Vista Drive

On January 29th 2011, Sun Prairie and its residents experienced fire damage to the 36-plex 6699 building. The fire caused all residents in the 6699 building to be displaced, many of whom lost all of their possessions. Fortunately, the structure and foundation of the building were able to be salvaged, in part due to the new metal roof. Now, five months to the date after the fire, the 99 building will be ready for occupancy on June 28, 2011.

Upon realizing the magnitude of the damage, we had a decision to make: do we restore the building to a similar style as previous, or do we take this opportunity to make contemporary upgrades? After much discussion, we decided to proceed with making renovations that outshine any other building that we have here at Sun Prairie.

Included among the features unique to the upgraded building are brand new carpeting and flooring, brand new appliances (side-by-side double door Energy Star refrigerator with icemaker, self-cleaning smooth top stove, and Energy Star five-cycle dishwasher); new light fixtures throughout the building; sprinkler system in the attic and on every deck; maple kitchen cabinets; brushed nickel faucets and fixtures; and granite looking countertops, just to name a few.

In addition, we have chosen to provide the electricity, cable, and internet in each apartment in the 6699 building, which will be reflected in the rent. So the only thing residents will be paying for in the new building will be their rent! The cable package we have selected is Dish Top 200, which has 270 video and music channels, and the internet included will be 10Mbps x 10Mbps high-speed internet.



If you have any questions or interest in relocating to this new building, contact the rental office. Don't delay! Over half of the units have already been rented!

NEW RESIDENT COMMUNICATION HEADED YOUR WAY!

In order to keep residents informed in a timely manner of upcoming events, building notices, etc. we will start reaching out via email. In the event that we do not have an email address for you on file, a member of our staff will be contacting you soon!

Save The Date SUN PRAIRIE'S SPRING GARAGE SALE!

Saturday, June 4th
8:00am - Noon

Stop by the office for maps of the event pinpointing all garage locations. Doughnuts, Coffee, and Juice for participants and shoppers will be available at the rental office during the sale. Good Luck and Happy Hunting!

CRITTER CONTROL



Now that the colder weather has left us, critters such as squirrels and raccoons have come out of their winter hiding and are becoming more visible throughout the property. In order to reduce the likelihood of problems arising with the newly present animals, do not feed them! If you are experiencing a problem, you can call West Des Moines Animal Control at 515-222-3364.



FRIENDLY REMINDER:
Gas grills are permitted on decks and patios,
but per the West Des Moines City Code charcoal grills
are not allowed.

CHANGING ROOMMATES: THE RIGHT WAY

Living on a limited budget can be extremely difficult since rent is most people's largest monthly expense. Having a roommate is a great way to cut down on some of the costs of living.

This being said, Sun Prairie not only has occupancy guidelines, but also a tenant selection criteria that EVERY applicant must meet. Sun Prairie's lease states:

"Occupancy by any person even on an overnight basis is prohibited, except with landlord's written consent"

This means if you would like to add someone to your lease, they will need to come into the office and complete an application.

We want you to enjoy your home here and this guideline is truly in your best interest. If you already have someone living with you who is not on the lease, come into the office as soon as possible to complete an **Amendment to Lease to Change Tenants**. Before the request can be processed, this form needs to be filled out by all remaining tenants, new tenants, and tenants who are moving out along with the guarantor, if applicable, and all incoming tenants need to fill out an application. If you have questions please contact Chris at 515-226-0000 x122.

Time to Play: Playground Rules & Pool Hours

The pools will open on Saturday, May 28th at 9am. The hours of the pool are 9am to 9pm daily. No children under 16yrs are permitted unless accompanied by an adult 18yrs or older. Please refer to your Resident Handbook for all other rules.

It is that time for fun on the playgrounds please make sure to supervise all children under 4yrs of age. The playground is open during the daylight hours only. Please refer to the Resident Handbook for all other rules.



KEEP YOUR JUNK (MAIL)!

We have decided to remove all of the small trash bins located near the mailboxes that were intended for junk mail, because unfortunately, they were being used for household trash, fast food wrappers, gum and soda cups. From this point on, all junk mail and other trash will need to be disposed of properly in your own trash or in the dumpsters. If you received a past residents mail, please bring it to the office and we will take care of it. Please help us keep the buildings looking their best!



KEEPING COOL

As the temperature and relative humidity continue to rise, you may find that you can no longer get by with just leaving your windows open.

Each apartment has an energy-efficient air conditioner which, when operated properly, is sufficient to cool even the largest of apartments. This being said, there are certain things you can do to cool your apartment faster.

Your window quilts are there to compliment your air conditioner. When the quilts are in the closed

position, they block out direct sunlight, which can warm up your apartment quickly.

Each A/C also has a filter that prevents outside dust and dirt from entering your apartment. To keep your A/C at peak performance, we recommend that you clean the filter at least once each operating season. This is very easy to do - simply remove the front cover of the air conditioner, and pop the filter out. You can clean it by rinsing it under tap water.

While it may be tempting to open

windows at night, this will counter what your air conditioner has done all day by letting in humidity. your A/C will have to run longer to cool the apartment again the next day.

When your air conditioner generates colder air, you will need to run it for shorter lengths of time to achieve the desired temperature, thereby reducing your electric bills.

If you have any further questions regarding maintenance of your A/C, contact Property Coordination at 226-0000 x114.

Kids Corner *Make Your Own Ice Cream*

Use this fun and simple recipe to make a tasty treat on those hot summer days.



What Do You Need?

- 1 tbsp sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
- Ice
- 6 tbsp rock salt (in baking aisle)
- 1 gallon size Ziploc bag
- 1 pint size Ziploc bag

How Do You Make It?

1. Fill the gallon size bag (the larger bag) with ice about half way and add the salt and seal it.
2. Mix the sugar, milk and vanilla in the small pint sized bag and seal it.
3. Open up the large bag and put the small bag inside and seal the large bag again
4. Shake the large bag for approximately 5 minutes and the mixture will start to turn into ice cream.

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