



VISTA VOICE

March 2011



WE HAVE A WINNER!

Meet the “Biggest Loser” Challenge Winner Joe Meyer!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the “Biggest Loser” Challenge, presented by Sun Prairie and Snap Fitness. There were 64 residents signed up for the contest that ran from Dec. 1st to Feb. 9th. Unfortunately, only 11 participants made it to their final weigh-in, but that group lost a total of 299 pounds! You should be proud of all you’ve accomplished!

Sun Prairie would especially like to congratulate Joe Meyer for winning the contest by losing the largest percentage of body weight. Joe lost a total of 14.2% of his body weight, receiving the grand prize of one month’s free rent plus a number of other gifts which together totaled over \$1000!



Joe accomplished his weight loss with lifestyle changes: giving up after-work drinks with friends, eating correctly and starting to exercise.

Joe tells us, “If I can do it, anyone can. It sounds cheesy but it’s the truth.”

Dates of Interest

- Mardi Gras - March 8th
 - Daylight Savings - March 13
- DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCK FORWARD ONE HOUR!*
- St. Patrick's Day - March 17
 - Spring Begins - March 20th

SUN PRAIRIE TRANSITIONS TO SMOKE-FREE

The health and safety of our residents is of utmost concern, so after much consideration and in the aftermath of the recent fire, Sun Prairie has decided to transition itself to a smoke free complex. This decision reduces maintenance, cleaning and redecorating costs caused from smoking, as well as decreases the costs of fire insurance for buildings that are smoke free.

Starting on February 9th, all *new* leases will include the Smoke-Free Addendum, which prohibits smoking everywhere on the property except for in the residents’ cars and in designated smoking areas. All residents who are currently in leases will be permitted to smoke until their lease is up, and residents who are month-to-month will be permitted to smoke until June 30, 2011. For this reason, the complex will not be 100% smoke free until March 1st, 2012.

Residents violating this policy will be subject to a \$100

fee and the cost of any damages caused by the smoking. Remember, you are responsible for your guests actions, so remind them of this policy if you have guests who are smokers.

Sun Prairie is also partnering with the American Lung Association and offering free smoking cessation classes for people who are interested in quitting smoking, and covering up to \$100 of the costs for smoking cessation products. While the specific date has not been set yet, the American Lung Association is hoping to begin classes mid-March. If you are interested, contact us to sign up. More information will be posted on bulletin boards.

Lastly, if you can continue to smoke because you were in a lease prior to February 9th, or are currently month-to-month, stop by the rental office to pick up a metal can to dispose of your cigarette butts. DO NOT dispose of butts in plastic containers - that was how the fire started.



NEW FACES AT SUN PRAIRIE



Jaime Peterson
Leasing Consultant

Jaime started with PPM this January. She is a 2005 ISU graduate who loves cheering for her Cyclones! Her many other loves include spending time with her boyfriend Joel, visiting her sisters, swimming, Valentine’s Day, animals, and vacationing. She also loves meeting new people and considers herself a master aquarium hobbyist.



Greg Schrader
Grounds Associate

Greg has been with the company since December 2010. He is 28 years old and is originally from Des Moines. In his free time Greg enjoys boating, golfing, and hanging out with friends and family. He is also a huge Hawk-eye fan. If you see Greg out and about this spring, be sure to say “hi”!

LAUNDRY ROOM ETIQUETTE

In an attempt to make laundry day hassle-free for all residents, Sun Prairie works hard to make sure that all machines are in working order. If you notice that a machine is not working properly, please post the machine with an out-of-order sign and immediately call the maintenance department at ext. 114. We cannot fix a problem until we are aware that there is a problem.

Because there are apartment homes located on each side of the laundry room and the noise from the machines may be audible in these apartments, we ask that you do

not start loads before 9:00 am or after 9:00 pm.

Please time your loads so that others can use the machines when you are done. Wash times typically range from 30-45 minutes, dryers range from 40-45 minutes. If your clothes sit for longer than 15 minutes after the machine has finished all cycles, expect that they will be removed by the next person. This being said, if you remove someone else’s clothes, please use care. If you open someone else’s dryer while their load is still going, be sure to restart the machine.

Learn more about the rest of our staff by visiting our blog:

<http://sunprairie.myaptportal.com>



IS MONEY TIGHT?

RENEW YOUR LEASE TODAY TO AVOID THE MONTH-TO-MONTH FEE AND RECEIVE A \$15 MONTHLY DISCOUNT ON YOUR RENT!*

CALL KATIE AT 226-0000 ext 116 TO START SAVING MONEY!

*MONTHLY DISCOUNT ONLY APPLIES TO 12-MONTH RENEWALS. RENTERS INSURANCE REQUIRED FOR THE ENTIRE LEASE TERM.



Kids Corner

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD FIND



A HISTORY OF ST. PATTY'S DAY

Get out your favorite green shirt because St Patrick’s Day is right around the corner. St. Patrick’s Day is traditionally an Irish holiday, and although it is not officially recognized as a holiday here in the United States, it might as well be! Over 33 million Americans have Irish ancestry, and many people who don’t have any Irish in them at all celebrate the day in some way or another. The day has become such a large partying event that it has overshadowed the original meaning of the day, which celebrates St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.

In the United States, the Irish Society of Boston organized what was not only the first Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the colonies but the first recorded Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the world on March 18, 1737 (the first parade in Ireland did not occur until 1931 in Dublin). One of the largest St. Patrick’s Day Parades is put on in Chicago, where the Chicago River is dyed green specifically for the event. The whole idea of dying the river green actually happened by accident when plumbers were using dye to trace illegal substances that were polluting the river. The dying of the river has now been a tradition in Chicago for over 40 years. However you celebrate St. Patty’s Day this year, be sure to wear green or you are fair game for getting pinched!

**FROM THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT:
DO NOT USE COLORED INK FOR RENT CHECKS! THE ONLY COLORS THAT
SHOULD BE USED ARE BLACK AND NAVY BLUE. THANK YOU!**

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