

Vista Voice



YOUR GUIDE TO FALL FUN

The leaves will soon transform into ruby red, pumpkin orange, and maize yellow; and winter will soon follow. Why not make the most of fall and experience Des Moines' best fall festivities!

Patch's Pumpkins & Honey Farm
35588 L Lane, Adel
Phone: 515-834-9092.

Open: Weekends, 10 am to 5 pm;
(Open the last weekend in Sept & every weekend in Oct.)

- Pick a pumpkin in the field or at the store
- Home of the world-famous pumpkin cannon - a must see!
- Pick your own apples
- Train rides
- Straw maze, tractor-pulled hay rides & wagon rides
- Turkeys, honey from hives on the farm & pre-picked produce
- Gift shop, snacks, refreshment stand, restrooms & picnic area
- Face painting, pony rides, & petting zoo

Geisler Farms
5251 NE 94th Ave, Bondurant
www.growingfamilyfun.com
Phone: 515-964-2640

Open: Weekends through Oct. 30th.
Saturday 10-8 & Sunday 12-6

- Navigate your way through a 10-acre corn maze
- One of a kind hayride
- Concessions, Iowa-made soy candles, homemade jams, take and bake pies
- Prime pumpkin picking

Sleepy Hollow Scream Park
401 Dean Ave, Des Moines
Phone: (515) 262-4100

Open: October 9-10, 16-17, 22-25, 29-31; Opens at 7 PM.

- Virtually no waiting in line!
- Features three haunted houses: The Castle of Blood, Chaos, and Nightmare Estates
- Illusions Halloween Hayride
- Fog maze
- Zombie Shootout

Cutty's Haunted Nation

Take I-35 to exit 127 (hwy 141) turn right on 141 to NW 54th Ave. Turn right & go .5 miles to Cutty's campground. Turn right into Cutty's.

Phone: (515) 986-3929

Open: Weekends 7pm to midnight & weekdays 7pm-10pm.

- Experience many new Scares & Scenes
- Paintball shooting gallery,
- Strangest Thing, & other oddities show

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Important notice for all Sun Prairie Trick-or-Treaters: To prevent bothering those who do not wish to participate in the festivities, please refrain from knocking on doors that do not have the official Sun Prairie Halloween door hanger. If you wish to hand out candy, please stop by the office to pick up a door hanger!



MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR SPACE

Feel like you're living in cramped quarters? Don't let lack of space keep you from living large! Maximize your space by following a few helpful tips:

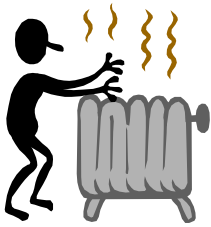
1. **Make Your Living Room Livable:** To make the most of this space, invest in an entertainment system to combine the stereo, TV, and other electronics into one vertical area. Also, look for end tables and ottomans that double as storage.
2. **Kitchen Configuration:** Create more the illusion of spaciousness by keeping the counters free of clutter and designate one area for food preparation. Only keep items that you use on a daily basis on the counters! If you don't use your toaster often, put it away when you're done. Cabinets also need to be well-organized for this to work—store the appliances that you use the most often in the front.
3. **Clear Out the Closets:** A great way to maximize the space in small places is clearing out your closets. If you haven't worn or used something in the past two years, you can part with it. If it is still in good shape, donate it to charity. If not, toss it! Seasonal clothing can be stored in totes under your bed to free up space.

Once you have created a roomier place, invite your friends over to show off your beautiful space!

REMINDER:

Are you planning on moving? Your lease must be up and written notice is due no later than noon on the last day of the month prior to the month you are moving. Late notices are not accepted! Please call the rental office at 226-0000 with questions!

HEAT SEASON IS AROUND THE CORNER!



Chilly weather is here, and the boilers are producing heat. To adjust the temperature in your apartment, adjust the thermostat in your unit. This will open and close a valve, allowing water to circulate through the radiators in your apartment when opened. When the valve is closed, it causes the hot water to bypass your apartment.

To control the temperature between the different rooms in your apartment, open and close the moveable dampers on top of the radiators. The dampers are the adjustable metal strips which run the length of the radiator.

If your apartment is too cold, make sure that the dampers are open and the thermostat is turned to a desired temperature. There is no advantage to turning the heat up to 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, as the majority of the heat loss is through the windows.

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). The best air flow is accomplished by having two ceiling fans moving in opposite directions. The direction of the ceiling fans can be adjusted by moving the switch on the side of the fan.

Check by running your hand around the outside edge of the air conditioner cover to make sure it is on tightly and air is not leaking into the apartment.

Then 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.



YIKES! WHAT'S THAT GROWING IN YOUR FRIDGE?

Each time you open your fridge, your nose is greeted with a putrid smell. You see a foil-wrapped lump in the back of the fridge and you have a sneaking suspicion that you ate the other part of that lump two months ago. You've avoided it long enough - the moldy mass in the back of the fridge needs to be thrown out!

Hectic schedules can often inhibit your ability to complete thorough housekeeping. Regular cleaning of your apartment, however, benefits you in countless ways.

In addition to odors created by spoiling food in the refrigerator or sitting out on the counter, for example, you also run the risk of attracting pests.

In the event that you notice any pest problems, please contact the office right away. It is our policy to address any pest issues that residents have quickly and aggressively.

There are some pests that are more common than others. If you are experiencing ants, spiders, ladybugs or Boxelder bugs, they can be treated with a simple home

insecticide, which can be purchased at any grocery store or general store, or is sometimes available at the rental office.

If you see or suspect that you have cockroaches, bed bugs or other insects, your apartment will be inspected and treated promptly. Be sure to follow any pre-treatment instructions given to you by our Property Coordinator to ensure that the treatments are effective.

SUN PRAIRIE'S ANNUAL SAFETY SOCIAL WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 5TH FROM 5:30 TO 7:30!

COME FOR A FREE PANCAKE DINNER, DOOR PRIZES & TAKE YOUR PICTURE WITH THE WDMPD'S CANINE UNIT!

Kids Corner



Gather round ghosts and goblins, tonight is your night to fill all with fright!

Your special night, beggars night takes place in the following locations:

Valley West Mall Trick-or-Treat

Tuesday, October 25th
5:30 - 8pm

Waukee

Sunday, October 30th
6 - 8pm

West Des Moines

Sunday, October 30th
6 - 8p.m.





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