

NEWS Neighborhood

Informative news for Military Members living at Offutt!

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FIRE PREVENTION

It's up to everyone to take fire prevention seriously. Follow a few simple rules to keep your family and neighbors safe.

Christmas Lights

- Christmas lights are beautiful and much safer than candles, but electricity can cause problems if not used properly. Christmas lights can get hot enough to burn or ignite other decorations. Plus, the cords can fray, leading to a short and possibly causing a fire. Inspect each set of Christmas lights - old or new - for damage. Return or throw out any set with cracked or broken sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections.
- Only use Christmas lights that have fuses in the plugs.
- Replace burned out bulbs promptly with bulbs of the same wattage
- Use extension cords properly. Outdoor cords can be used inside or outside. Do not overload extension cords - they can get hot enough to burn.

Grills, Barbeque Smokers, Smoke Pits

- Page 13 of the Resident Handbook states, "When in use barbeque grills and all types of smokers must be supervised by adults only. Do not use them under building overhangs or on porches or decks. They must be kept to a minimum of 10 feet distance from constable structures at all times." Also, any of the grills/barbeque smokers/smoke pits must be kept in the backyard only.
- If you experience a problem with your outdoor appliance, call 911 immediately

Remember fire safety is everyone's responsibility. Take time to discuss with family and friends how to respond in the event of a fire. A little preparation can go a long way in preventing a fire.

PARKING AT RISING VIEW

Below are just a few important notes regarding parking at Rising View. Please let us know if you have any questions about the policy.

- The Installation Commander and Security Forces are responsible for the control and safeguard of all base property. Routine patrolling of the housing areas is accomplished on a continual basis by the base Security Forces, and when notified, they will investigate all incidents.
- Parking of privately owned vehicles, including motorcycles, will be in driveways or authorized parking areas only.
- Parking of boats, trailers, camper tops, pick-up toppers, motorized vehicles and pull type recreational vehicles are prohibited in the housing area in excess of three days.
- Please Reference: AFI 31-204/OAFB Sup1, for complete motor vehicle code details.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO RISING VIEW

Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit Rising View on December 17th between 4:00 – 6:00pm. The jolly pair from the North Pole will be escorted by the Offutt/Bellevue fire department and will have a lot of candy for all of the good kids in the community. So, make sure you are on the "Nice List" and look for Santa Claus in the neighborhood.

LIGHTING CONTEST

Decorate your house for the holidays and win a gift! The best decorated homes will be notified on December 24th.

IT'S APPLE CIDER TIME!!

Chef Charles is here to spoil us again! Stop by our Leasing Office and enjoy a fresh, homemade cup of hot apple cider! Check out the website at www.risingview.com for dates.



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WINTER EVENTS CALENDAR

Kids Contests DECEMBER 2009

Decorate your favorite reindeer and bring it to the Rising View Office by December 30th. The best picture will receive a prize.

Write a short story about your favorite part of the season and bring it by the Rising View Office no later than December 31st to win a prize!

JANUARY 2010

Draw a picture of you and your friends enjoying your favorite activity in the fluffy, white, cold snow! Bring it into the Rising View Office no later than January 23rd. The best drawing wins a prize!!

Write a poem about your winter break from school. Drop it off to our Office for display by January 30th. The most creative wins a prize!

FEBRUARY 2010

Make a valentine and drop it off at the Office by February 14th. The best Valentine wins a prize!

Can you draw a picture using only circles and triangles? Try drawing a picture about your favorite springtime activity with only two shapes and drop it off at the office by February 28th. The most creative picture will win a prize!

Time to get ready for another winter season! As we do each year, I would like to point out a few bits of information that will help everybody during the upcoming cold weather months.

I am sure by now you have seen the "Time to rake and disconnect your hoses," signs throughout the property. Leaving your hoses connected during cold weather could cause a waterline to split and damage or flood your home. If you have a friend or neighbor who is deployed or out of town, lend a hand and unhook it for them as this may save them from an unwanted surprise when they return.

If you will be gone from your home for more than five days be sure to notify the Maintenance Office at 991-9820 and give us a name and number of the person who is watching your home. We will place a weather light in your home. Please remember to turn off your water.

Just a friendly reminder that any ice or snow needs to be removed from driveways and sidewalks within 24 hours of accumulation. We will have ice melt available on a limited basis at the Self Help desk. Stop by during business hours.

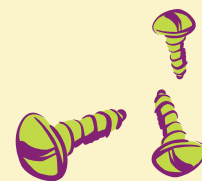
Please place vehicles in driveways or garages during and after a snowfall so our snow crews can clear the streets as quickly as possible. For information on how the streets will be cleared, visit the web site at www.risingview.com. With snow crews and kids out playing, please be sure to drive carefully in the neighborhood.

Christmas decorations are allowed after Thanksgiving and must be taken down by January 10, 2010. Please do not nail or drill holes into your home. Lights may be illuminated from 5:00pm - 11:00pm.

On behalf of everyone at the Maintenance Office, we wish you a wonderful holiday season!



Chuck Ketchum
MAINTENANCE MANAGER



THE CHEF'S DILEMMA: By Chef Charles

The holidays always bring back lots of great memories and it's hard to believe that we are at the beginning of our fourth year here at Offutt. Back then, we were all getting to know each other at the Leasing Office and we decided to have a joint Thanksgiving celebration with the employees at the Housing Office.

Somehow my former status as a chef netted me the duty of chief food preparer for the turkey and several side dishes. Now what many people don't understand is that just because a chef can put together a six course wine dinner at the drop of a hat doesn't necessarily mean they have a clue about good old fashioned home cooking. Unfortunately, I am one of those people! Combine my lack of home cookery experience with a less than optimally equipped kitchen and limited time and you have a recipe for an interesting cooking experience.

Luckily, I had the help of one of the Housing Office staff, who was a veteran in deep frying turkeys. After a while, I started to think that even without the commercial kitchen or staff, we would be able to organize a dinner in a reasonable timeframe.

Then came the dilemma: a last minute request for stuffing; however, I just didn't have time to pull off homemade cornbread stuffing. I looked at the timeline once more, swallowed my pride and decided that I would indeed go with plan z: Stovetop Stuffing. I couldn't serve it as is straight from the box, but maybe with a few additions, I could kick it up a few notches.

Turkey day at the office arrived and all I heard was how incredibly delicious the stuffing was. One co-worker would tell the story of how I made the best stuffing he had ever eaten. To this day I always get several requests for the "special" stuffing. I finally wrote out a recipe for my "Kicked Up Stovetop" stuffing so that people could make it at home for their families over the holidays. If you'd like to give it a try, visit my website at (www.risingview.com/chef.aspx).