

RHA Update

Spring Cleaning & Reminders

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Neighborly Advice from Mr. Rogers

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Many of us are familiar with Fred Rogers and his wonderful children's program on PBS, *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*. It's good to remember the things he had to say about being a good neighbor:

- ♥ "Imagine what our real neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered, as a matter of course, just one kind word to another person...One kind word has a way of turning into many."
- ♥ "It's not so much **what** we have in this life that matters. It's what we **do** with what we have."

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RENT REMINDER

April rent is due no later than Friday, April 5th. A 5% late fee will be added to any payments made after this date. If you are not able to pay your rent on time, please call to make payment arrangements:

Sheri – 775-2926 ext. 14
Julie – 775-2926 ext. 19



Here are some quick reminders and requests for all tenants as winter weather finally gives way to spring!

Sheldon Towers and Hickory Street Residents:

- ♥ This time of year, warm days and freezing nights can lead to icy conditions on sidewalks and pavement in early morning and evenings. Please be cautious while walking on paved surfaces.
- ♥ Melting snow reveals spring sprouts...and dog feces that weren't properly disposed of during the winter. Please pick up any dog waste that you left behind in the snow.
- ♥ If you smoke, please take some time to help pick up the cigarette butts on the ground around your building.
- ♥ While driving, please do not speed through the property and remind your guests to slow down.
- ♥ **Sheldon Towers:** And yes, warmer weather is coming! The excess utility fee for air conditioners for the months of June, July, August and September is \$15 per AC unit.

- ♥ **Also at Sheldon Towers,** three new commercial washers have been purchased and installed in the laundry room. Please treat these new machines with respect – do not overload them or use too much soap, and remind your housekeepers of these guidelines. Following them will keep the new machines running well for many years to come.

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Spring 2019 Career Fair Wednesday April 24, 2019



11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
U.S. Military & Veterans

12 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Open to Public

Franklin Conference Center
1 Scale Avenue
Rutland, VT

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- ❖ Please remember that your porches are not to be used for storage.
- ❖ Make sure your grill is at least ten feet away from buildings while in use.
- ❖ Please do not drive or park on the grass along the roadsides, and remind your guests about this as well.
- ❖ Please do not park your vehicles in the staff/guest parking spots by the Community Room. Templewood Court has limited visitor parking and when these spots are filled visitors tend to park in resident parking spots.
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Templewood Court Bi-annual Unit

Inspections are scheduled for Wednesday, April 24th through Friday, April 26th beginning at 1:30 P.M. each day. Here's what's expected:

- ✓ Clean refrigerator and stove (including under the top burners of the stove).

- ✓ Make sure there is no rotten food in the refrigerator or elsewhere in your apartment.
- ✓ Clear kitchen sink and countertops of dirty dishes.
- ✓ Empty the trash.
- ✓ Sweep floors and vacuum carpets.
- ✓ Pick up clothes, rubbish and debris from floors.
- ✓ Straighten the closets and make sure they're not overful.
- ✓ Clean all areas of the bathroom (tile, tub, toilet, medicine cabinet, sink).
- ✓ Discard any pet waste.
- ✓ Make sure your apartment is free of foul odors.



You do not need to be present during this inspection. If we find that repairs are needed or if there is a housekeeping concern, we will clarify the concerns in writing and leave a copy for you. If we need to do a work order, the form we leave after your inspection serves as notice that maintenance will be back to fix it. If we discover a housekeeping issue, we will indicate a re-inspection date on the form, giving you at least one week to correct the problems before we return.

Thanks for the effort you make to keep your homes tidy and clean!



Sheldon Towers Tenant Events for April:

- Community Coffee Time - Every Monday & Friday, 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM (except for April 8th)
- Bone Builders - Every Wednesday at 4:30 PM

Spring Cleaning: Organize Your Important Documents

Shared by Kevin Loso, Executive Director

When we think of spring-cleaning, we usually think of deep cleaning the nooks and crannies of our home and organizing our cupboards. However, spring-cleaning can (and should) include cleaning drawers and file cabinets and organizing important documents – after all, you’re probably already handling some of them during tax time and/or for your rent recertifications.

Documents can be stored by keeping the physical files, or you can scan and save them electronically on a USB flash drive or your computer. Shred anything you are not storing that has personal information (name, social security number, or bank account information). The list (and link) below is a guide to help you decide what to keep, and for how long.



KEEP INDEFINITELY/PERMANENTLY

- Birth and death certificates
- Social security cards
- ID cards and passports
- Pension plan documents, retirement plan records
- Marriage license, divorce papers
- House deeds and mortgage documents
- Insurance policy (as long as policies are in force)
 - Wills, living wills, and powers of attorney, burial instructions

For additional guidelines visit
<http://www.businessinsider.com/hereshow-long-to-keep-all-your-important-financial-documents-2017-1>

WORDSEARCH: April Already!

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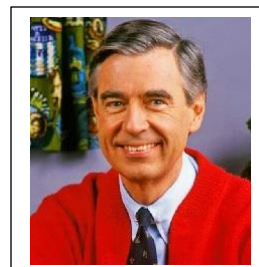
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Advice from Mr. Rogers, continued

- ♥ “If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person.”
- ♥ “We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It’s easy to say, ‘It’s not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.’ Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.”
- ♥ “The more you grow into a helpful person yourself, the happier you’ll find this world of ours is.”



Thank you Mr. Rogers!