



# Clay Center Housing June Newsletter

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Office Window Hours - Tuesdays & Fridays from 9am to Noon

Only during window hours may you purchase books of stamps, get change and pay your rent in person. We must use the other office hours to perform our administrative work. There is normally someone in the office weekdays from 8 am to noon and 1pm to 5pm. Please, only come by during these hours for appointments, package pickup or lockouts. If you have a workorder you should call and leave a message. Occasionally both Kim and John will have to be gone to meetings, etc. We will always try to inform you in advance and there will always be someone available to address lockouts, work orders and plumbing emergencies during these times. On **Wednesdays** during the school year the office will close at 3:30pm.

## **FIGHT ILLEGAL DRUG USE**

It's a threat to health and safety.



### **Set a good example**

--Don't use illegal drugs yourself. Don't allow illegal drug use around you or on your property.

### **Protect yourself**

--Never open abandoned coolers or glass jars. Don't go into a dwelling where you know drugs are being produced. The potential for fires, explosions and exposure to hazardous chemicals and fumes are a real danger.

### **Work with Neighbors**

--There's strength in numbers. You can hold anti-drug rallies, organize drug-free activities, etc.

### **Work with your local police or sheriff**

--Report any suspicious activities. Ask how else you can help.

### **Get involved with civic groups**

--Work to fight drug use. For example, find out if local youth groups, religious organizations, etc., have drug-fighting programs.

**Consider joining or starting a neighborhood crime watch.**

**Talk with the local police or sheriff to learn more.**



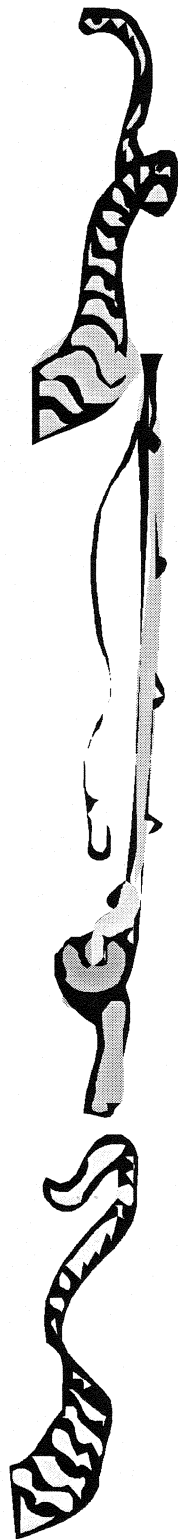
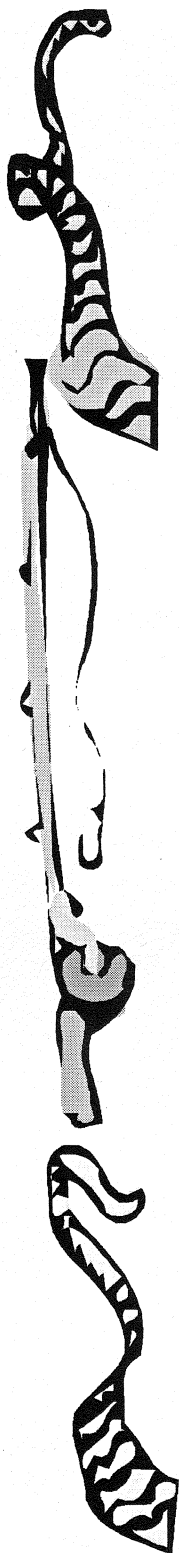


## Life Lessons

You may have thought I didn't see,  
Or that I hadn't heard,  
Life lessons that you taught to me,  
But I got every word.  
Perhaps you thought I missed it all,  
And that we'd grow apart,  
But Dad, I picked up everything,  
It's written on my heart.  
Without you, Dad, I wouldn't be  
The (woman)(man) I am today;  
You built a strong foundation  
No one can take away.  
I've grown up with your values,  
And I'm very glad I did;  
So here's to you, dear father,  
From your forever grateful kid.

*By Joanna Fuchs*

[www.poemsource.com](http://www.poemsource.com)





In 1900, fathers could count on children to join the family business.

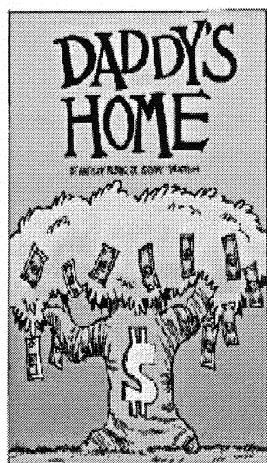
Today, fathers pray their kids will soon come home from college long enough to teach them how to work the computer and set the VCR.

In 1900, fathers and sons would have heart-to-heart conversations while fishing in a stream.

Today, fathers pluck the headphones off their sons' ears and shout, "WHEN YOU HAVE A MINUTE".

In 1900, a father came home from work to find his wife and children at the supper table.

Today, a father comes home to a note: "Jimmy's at baseball, Cindy's at gymnastics, I'm at adult-Ed, Pizza in fridge."



**FEDERAL CUTS WILL AFFECT YOUR SERVICES** - The 2011 budget that passed in April included a 4% cut in operating subsidy and 20% cut in capital funds. The House proposal for 2012 includes a 15% cut in operating subsidy. Our housing authority already cut our expenditures in 2007 by over 15% so, while we are working on cutting our 2012 operating expenditures, we can only go so far before cutting services. I have talked with housing staff for all three of our congressional delegates monthly but they need to hear from the folks who are receiving the services. It costs money to take care of these properties every day and perform all of the administrative requirements. If they cut too much then you will be directly affected by losing such things as being able to talk with Kim or I anytime you want or having residents like Bonnie and Mary to assist you in the off hours, and receiving prompt maintenance on minor issues. Please tell your congressman and senators that you need the services we provide you and that they need to keep them funded at the 2011 level without any more reductions. You can write or call, but do it soon as the committees are already marking up preliminary budgets for 2012 in both houses.

**Representative Tim Huelskamp**

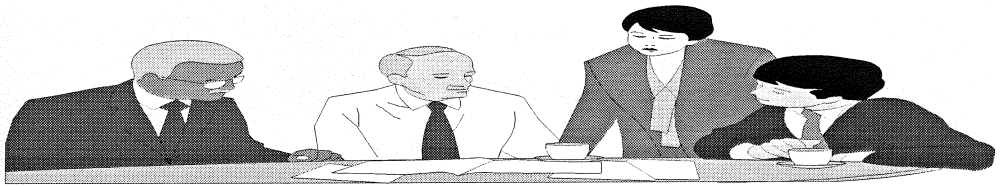
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**2012 BUDGET MEETING** – There will be a resident meeting at 4 p.m. on Friday, July 1 on the third floor of Parkview Plaza for residents to review the 2012 budget draft for Apollo Towers, Parkview Plaza, and Tolin Terrace. This meeting allows residents to look at the budget, ask questions, and make comments. Your questions and comments will be used as the Board of Directors and John Kaul work on the final budgets to be approved by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting in September.

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**SPECIAL INSPECTIONS** – John will be inspecting all apartments in Apollo Towers on June 14 and Parkview Plaza units 1101 through 3105 on June 15 and units 3106 through 5110 on June 16 in preparation for a HUD inspection on June 20. Anything John finds during these inspections will be addressed the same day or the day after by maintenance and John will be back to make sure any problems have been addressed before June 20. That could include the weekend if necessary. On Monday, June 20, the HUD contracted inspector will randomly choose 20 apartments to inspect. The emphasis will be on electrical outlets and switches, smoke alarms, egress, plumbing hardware, and appliances. This inspection should be routine since you already are inspected semi-annually.

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**Apartment Supervisors** are available after office hours, holidays & weekends for lockouts, elevator lockoff, access to community room and emergency maintenance only. Please keep this schedule handy and do not bother them if it isn't their day.

**Bonnie Taylor @ 632-5818 in Apt. 1102**

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

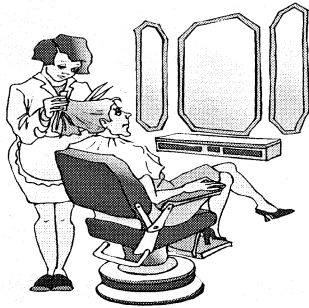
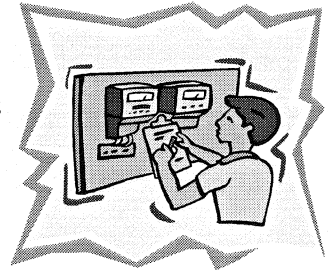
**Mary Martin @ 632-3006 in Apt. 3101**

Thursday, Friday & Saturday

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### **Parkview Utility Readings**

Staff will read the Parkview electric meters on Wednesday morning, June 1, 2011.



*Beauty Shop - Arlene Stewart*

*Located in Apollo Towers on the first floor by the community room.*

*Call 630-0742 for an appointment..*

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**Spray Day** - Wednesday, June 8th is bug spray day for Parkview and Tolin. Spray day is always the second Wednesday of each month. Apollo is the odd months and Parkview and Tolin are the even months.

