



Anawim Housing Tenant Newsletter

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WINTER 2011

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STAY UP TO DATE ON THE "HAPPENINGS" OF ANAWIM HOUSING

- Anawim Housing Web Page
- FACEBOOK Fan Page
- TWITTER
- YouTube
- Linked In

Senior Housing Project

Christ the King is an affordable housing complex located on SW 9th St., in Des Moines. The project is expected to be completed by January 2012.

Application Requirements for the housing complex are as follows:

- Applicants must be 55 years of age or older
- No eviction in the previous 12 months
- Positive rental (unit maintained and previous land-

- lord would re-rent)
- Credit score of 600 or above
- Minimum income requirement of \$14,200 for a 1x bedroom and \$16,000 for a 2x bedroom, rental amounts

- are between \$400-\$595
- The units include utilities.

Unit amenities include: stove, refrigerator, microwave, security entrance, stacked washer/dryer.



Applications are currently being accepted at Anawim Housing. If you know anyone interested in this property, please call the Anawim Housing Office.

LIHEAP Season

The City of Des Moines provides the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for those that qualify from November—April.

To schedule an appointment or see if you qualify, please contact the Des Moines Community Action Agency located on 1618

6th Avenue. A staff person can be reached at 515.248.6216 Monday through Friday from 8a.m.—5p.m. They have extended their hours until 7p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Households who are over LIHEAP income guidelines may still be eligible for LIHEAP benefits through the

medical waiver component. LIHEAP is a one-time payment.

You can only get assistance if you pay for your heat yourself. If your heat is included in your rent, you are not eligible.



Holiday Chex Mix

Recipe

NEED:

- 17oz Crispix Cereal
- 1/2 package of pretzel sticks
- 1 can of mixed nuts
- 1 bag of M&M candies
- 1 1/2 C brown sugar
- 1 1/2 C butter
- 1/4 C white syrup
- 1/2 tsp baking soda

Directions

1. Spray inside of a brown paper grocery bag with non-stick cooking spray and add cereal, pretzels and nuts to the bag.
2. In a medium saucepan, bring the brown sugar, butter and syrup to a boil and then add baking soda.
3. Pour over cereal in the bag and shake to mix.
4. Fold the bag shut and place in the microwave for 70seconds, then shake. Repeat 5 times.
5. Open the bag to cool. When cool, add the M&M candies and store in an air-tight container.

www.recipetips.com



Anawim Holiday Party

The Anawim Housing Annual Holiday Party took place on Saturday, December 10th at the Polk County Senior Center.

Anawim tenants came and had the opportunity to get to visit with their neighbors, other tenants and Anawim staff.

The youth were able to create their own ornaments, make their own key chains and decorate cookies to eat.

Thanks to the generosity of Anawim Housing supporters, Jethros BBQ, Boesen the Florist, Hy-Vee, and the volunteers—the event was a success!



Job Expos Coming up

Iowa WORKS – Central Iowa Career Fair
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011 10 am – 12 pm
Wallace Building Auditorium, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, IA

How to Maximize Your Career Expo Results (FREE WORKSHOP!)
Wednesday, December

14, 2011
1:00 – 2:30 pm
Wallace Building Auditorium, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, IA

Central Iowa SHRM Career EXPO
Thursday, January 5, 2012
Net2work – 9 am – 10 am
Expo Open- 10 am – 3 pm

Hy-Vee Hall (downtown Des Moines)

Creative Visions is now hosting a Job Club every other Tuesday. Call 244.4003 for more information.

IowaWORKS

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The 2012 Anawim Housing Education Programs are currently being planned. These classes will be every other month and offered in the evening at Anawim Housing.

In January, we will bring in the owner of Simply Organized. She will demonstrate her expertise on how to keep an organized home.

Be sure to mark your calendars for **Tuesday,**

January 31st from 5:30p.m.—6:30p.m. at the Anawim Housing office as we welcome Noelle Carroll from Simply Organized. Visit our website for updates on education classes.

Maintenance Memo

The Heating Season is Here (SAVE \$ on ENERGY BILLS)

1. Please change your furnace filters monthly
2. Please set your thermostats to 72 degrees when home and 68 degrees when out.
3. Please make sure all windows are closed
4. Those tenants with Boilers—the goal is to have the building as a whole at a constant temperature. Our units do not have individual control of temperatures.

*Some units will be warmer and/or colder as the building tries to regulate itself

*Please be sure all exterior doors are closed

SNOW REMOVAL

1. The Contractor will begin removal once the snow has stopped and we have received 2 inches or more
2. Snow events of 6 inches or more will be addressed on a situational basis
3. **Tenants are responsible for the removal of snow from their own sidewalks and steps**
4. Tenants have **24 hours** from the time it stops snowing to have it removed.

Holiday Decorations

1. Please make sure all lighted decorations are plugged into the

multi outlet strips (reduce the opportunity for shorts and fires)

2. Be safe

This is your Home

1. Please help the Maintenance Staff by filling out a written request for items you would like addressed.
2. Maintenance Staff will do their best to get to your request in a timely manner

Thank you for a great 2011, and we look forward to a fabulous 2012.

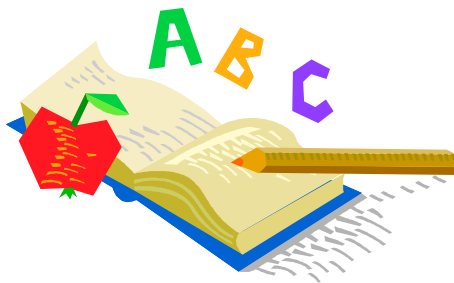
-The Maintenance Man

Educational Opportunities for Youth

TUTORING

College Access Program Tutoring Center: Get live help with homework and tutoring for any and all high school courses. This is open to all DSM Public High School students. You are also able to get FREE transportation via DART with a student id. 6p.m.-8p.m. Tuesday evenings at the DSM Public Library on the 2nd floor in the computer lab. Questions? Call Ashley at 868.1399

DSM Public Library also has online tutoring available on their website. Visit: http://www.pldminfo.org/kids_teens/livehomeworkhelp.html



GOOD GRADE INCENTIVE:

Don't forget to bring your report cards to Anawim for your incentive! All youth from 6-12th grade—if you receive 2 or more letter grades of a B or better you will get a gift card. All report cards must be brought in no later than December 30th.

Gateway to College:

www.dmac.edu/g2c

Gateway to College is a scholarship program that offers high school dropouts the opportunity to earn a high school diploma while earning college credit at the same time. Accepted students receive a full scholarship.

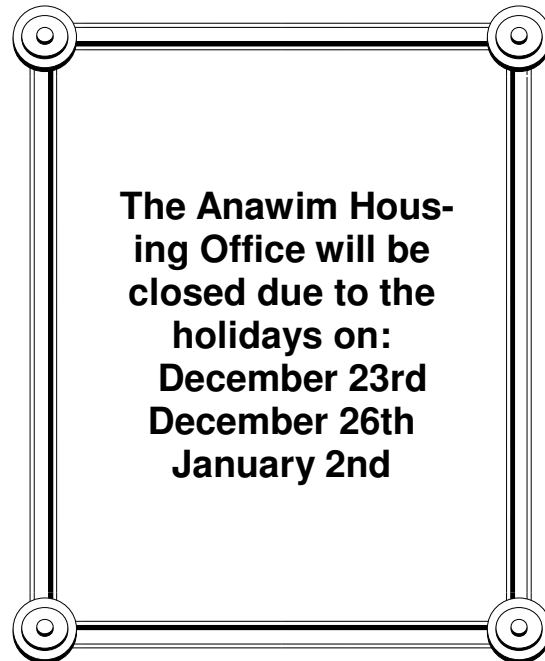
Only 50 students are accepted into the program each semester, so call 515.697.7847 or email g2c@dmac.edu to reserve your spot.



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The Anawim Housing Office will be closed due to the holidays on:
December 23rd
December 26th
January 2nd



Property Management Reminders

- If you need to call the emergency pager (333.7124) after hours or on the weekend, please leave your name, number, address, telephone number and a brief message. This emergency service is for Anawim Housing tenants only.
- When paying rent or other fees, Anawim Housing can not accept Postal Money orders.
- Partial payments toward rent can no longer be accepted. Contact your Housing Manager before the 1st of the month, if you

need to make arrangements regarding your rent.

- Did you know that you will get a \$50 gift certificate if you refer another person to Anawim Housing? The applicant must state that he/she was referred by you in the interview. After the new tenant gets approved, you will receive a gift card. Call Monica, Senior Housing Manager at 244.8308 x112 if you have any questions regarding a referral.
- If you currently carry a balance with Anawim Housing due to a late payment or a maintenance

charge, please take care of it by calling your property manager. If balance is not taken care of — you will not be eligible to apply for Family Wellness or participate in other events Anawim Housing has available to tenants.

- Anawim Housing has survey cards at the front desk. We encourage you to fill out these cards. We want to know how we are doing and how your housing experience is. Please be honest so that we may know how to better serve you. You do not have to put your name on these comment cards.