

Put a Freeze on Winter Fires



Home fires are a greater risk in the winter when people cook holiday meals, display decorations and use heat sources unsafely, according to the U.S. Fire Administration.

Statistics compiled by the National Fire Incident

Reporting System reveal that cooking is the leading cause of all winter home fires and 5 to 8 p.m. is the most common time for winter home fires. More than 900 fire-related deaths occur annually and more than \$2 million in property is lost from these fires.

Residents are reminded not to use a range or an oven for additional home heating. Not only is it a safety hazard, it can also be a source of potentially toxic fumes.

In an effort to prevent injuries, fatalities and property damage, the USEFA urges parents to educate their children about the nature of fire: fire can be fast, hot, dark and deadly.

HERE ARE SOME TIPS:

- *Keep matches and lighters in a secured drawer or cabinet.*
- *Encourage your children to tell you when they find matches and lighters.*
- *Develop a home fire escape plan. Practice it with your children and designate a meeting place outside.*
- *Supervise young children closely.*
- *Teach children that fire is a tool, not a toy.*
- *Show children how to stop, drop to the ground and roll if their clothes catch fire.*
- *Show children how to crawl low on the floor, below the smoke, to get out of the house and stay out in the case of fire.*
- *Teach children not to hide from fire fighters.*
- *For more information, go to www.usfa.fema.gov, the Web site of the U.S. Fire Administration.*

Personal Property Insurance Can Protect Cooperative Members

Can members of Highleah Townhouses afford to be without insurance?

Property insurance offers protection and coverage in such unfortunate situations as a fire, water damage and other disasters that can occur unexpectedly and inconveniently, said Tom Quick, vice president of Cretcher Heartland Incorporated, an insurance agency in Overland Park.

Quick cites four reasons cooperative members should consider personal property coverage for belongings in their units.

1. Based on limits and coverages, insurance for your personal property can be purchased for as low as \$160 a year.

2. Insurance coverage is available to pay you for the improvements and betterments you have made to your unit.

3. Insurance coverage is available to pay your living expenses if you are displaced from your unit by fire or other covered peril.

4. Insurance coverage is available for your defense and settlement for the property damage or bodily injury you or any member of your household are liable for.

Please contact your insurance agent for additional information and premiums to meet your needs and budget.

High School Seniors Can Apply for Education Grant

This spring, Highleah Townhouses, Inc., and Linville Management Services, Inc., will award the annual \$500 education grant to a deserving graduating senior.

Students and their family members must be in good standing at Highleah. The grant is awarded to high school graduates who will be attending an accredited college, university or trade school in the summer or fall. Students must complete an application, write a 500-word essay and comply with all requirements. The essay must explain why the applicant believes he or she deserves the grant.

The student also must make arrangements with a high school administrator to send an official student transcript to the office.



An information sheet and application form are available from the office. Applications, essays and transcripts must be received in the office no later than March 18.

Please send to the attention of:

Diane Pulford
Education Grant Committee
Highleah Townhouses, Inc.
2001 Pembroke Crescent West
Independence, MO 64057

GRANT SELECTION COMMITTEE

Selecting the grant recipient will be the responsibility of a committee of at least two and no more than four Highleah members and Diane as the representative from the board of directors.

Members who want to participate in the student selection process should submit a letter of intent. The member must be in good standing at Highleah.

The letter must include the reason the member wants to serve on the committee, an address and phone number. Please send to the attention of the board of directors by March 18.

February Meeting Moved to Fourth Monday

The board meeting for February has been changed to avoid a conflict with Presidents Day, a federal holiday, on the third Monday.

The board will meet on February 24.

The open meeting begins at 6 p.m. Please join us.



Pet Rules & Regulations of Highleah Townhouses, Inc.

All members must file a statement whether or not the member has a pet on the premises at the time of move-in and every year at the time of recertification.

DEFINITIONS

Control: A pet shall be deemed to be under control of a responsible person when that person can observe and take effective corrective action to prevent nuisance or harm to people, animals or property.

Owner: Shall mean any person residing in the community who keeps or harbors a pet.

Pet: Any non-human creature maintained in the community.

REGISTRATION

All pets kept on the premises must be registered with the Cooperative Office within 10 days after move-in or acquisition of the pet.

The following forms are required to complete the registration.

1. Pet registration form
2. Signed Pet Rules and Regulations form
3. Proof of current vaccinations in accordance with City of Independence animal ordinances
4. Current weight of the pet