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APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WICHITA



'Tis the Season—to Celebrate Safely!

This isn't just the time of year that we eat more than usual, it's also the time when we have the most household accidents and fires. To help make sure your holidays don't go from merry to scary, remember these Twelve Holiday Safety Tips:

1. Keep decorations at least three feet away from heat sources—especially those with an open flame, like fireplaces and candles. And remember to blow out your candles when you leave the room or go to sleep.
2. The best decorations are safe decorations, so when you are decorating, make sure not to run cords under rugs or furniture, out of windows, or across walkways and sidewalks.
3. If you have a natural Christmas tree, water it to keep it fresh and safe. Real trees can dry up and turn into kindling in no time at all. Get rid of the tree after Christmas. Dried out trees are a fire hazard and should not be left in the home or garage.
4. Always turn off your decorations when you leave your home and when you're sleeping. Most deadly fires happen while people are asleep.
5. Be mindful of how you are using electrical outlets. If you're using extension cords or adapters that add receptacles, consider having a qualified electrician add more outlets to your home. Extension cords are a common cause of home fires.
6. Only use electronics in dry areas. As tempting as it is, you just can't decorate your aquarium with icicle lights.
7. Remember that phones and tablets should stay on your nightstand. We all love falling asleep to the muffled crooning of Bing Crosby and Michael Bubl , but overheated electronics under pillows and blankets are dangerous.

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Member of the Month

By: Jessica Lewis, High Plains Development

Want to be inspired? Meet Aric Hershley, December's Member of the Month. Aric is a Customer Service/Product Manager for Thornell Corporation, the manufacturer of Odorcide products. Aric's daily routine includes answering customer calls, implementing marketing strategies and doing a lot of customer call prospecting to help the company grow its business. He also does a lot of pull, pack and ship of truck palletized orders and individual UPS packages. This requires a lot of lifting and physical activity. Sounds pretty much like a normal routine until you know that Aric has Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy, a condition that affects the muscles in his legs and upper extremities. So these activities require a bit more effort. Sometimes a lot more. But Aric doesn't complain. He hasn't let it get to his drive and determination to continue to live and work to the best of his abilities. Aric is active with local MD associations speaking at many of their fund raising events. Co-workers say that he's a joy to be around...even if he is a Green Bay Packer fan.



Aric Hershley
Odorcide
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Answer Advantage would love to give major kudos to their "Apartment Whisperer" Lynde Greco. She plays a critical role in their office handling hundreds of "on call changes" for our apartment community accounts! Not only in Wichita but all apartment communities that we service nationwide. She ensures everyday that we not only have the correct maintenance staff on call but she constantly views reports too ensure that residents are all being taken care of and completes test calls with new maintenance staff. She is super thorough and always on her "A" game! Truly amazing at what she does!

Leisure Creations, one of the newest members to join the AAGW, would like to introduce our association to Staci Ebert. Staci has recently been promoted to area account manager for both Kansas and Missouri and looks forward to serving our membership. Congratulations on the promotion and we welcome you to Kansas, Staci!



Cox Communications would like to welcome Randy Rolland as the new account executive for Wichita and all of Kansas. Randy has been with Cox for 38 years. His background includes installations, service, construction, design and engineering. His vast experience makes him uniquely qualified to meet the apartment community needs. He comes to us from San Diego, CA by way of Phoenix, AZ where he spent 34 years. He's a father of three, with five grandchildren. He's enjoying all that Kansas has to offer and can be found most weekends out exploring all the state has to offer.



We would like to welcome Winter Jay as our new Assistant Manager at Pawnee Park Apartments with BPMG. She is very energetic, motivated and has a big heart! Winter is a quick learner and willing to take on any task! The residents and staff here at Pawnee Park Apartments love and appreciate her so much!



Gordy Square and Heritage House Apartments in El Dorado are pleased to announce the addition of Christian Routh to our team! Christian is the service coordinator for these senior properties managed by Key Management.

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8. Need a perfect gift idea? How about a smoke alarm and CO² detector? Every home needs a working smoke alarm in each bedroom, outside sleeping areas and on every level, including the basement. And remember to test your own to make sure they're working. Give the peace of mind to all and know they are protected.
9. If you're using a space heater, switch it off before leaving the room. It only takes seconds for a fire to start if a space heater tips over or encounters something combustible, like a blanket or curtains.
10. Inspect your decorations and discard any that are damaged or worn out. It may be time to replace and up date. A great excuse to check out Black Friday deals!
11. Keep batteries stored safely in their packaging and out of reach of anything that might try to eat them, like small children and pets. Eating a battery can be deadly.
12. The best gift for your family is to upgrade to Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupter breakers or outlets. It is estimated that half of the electrical fires that occur every year could be prevented by AFCIs. All upgrades should be completed by a qualified electrician.



THE STAR OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

TICKETS GO ON SALE IN DECEMBER!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 12th, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Workforce Center
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, December 18th, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Furniture Options
Suppliers Council Meeting

Thursday, January 9th, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
AAGW Main Office
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, January 15th, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Furniture Options
Suppliers Council Meeting

Saturday, January 25th, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Crown Uptown Theatre
Star of Excellence Awards

Thursday, February 13th, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
AAGW Main Office
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, February 19th, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
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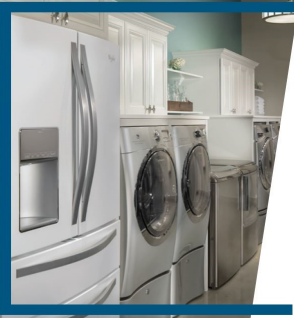
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