



Property Manager News

Important City Numbers COPS Unit

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Upcoming Manager Meetings

March 15

May 17

July 19

September 20

November 15

Meetings are the third Wednesday of the odd months at 9:30a.m. unless otherwise announced.



Right on Target!

Brooklyn Park is proud to be the home of Target Corporation's north campus. In November, 2005 Target announced plans to vastly expand the campus to create up to a total of:

- 8 million sq. ft. of offices for over 26,000 employees
- 2 million sq. ft. of retail/commercial space
- 3,000 units of housing
- A new park
- Land for a new Hennepin County library
- Two or more hotels

This new city center is a major asset to Brooklyn Park residents and the region. It keeps Minnesota home to one of our great corporate citizens. Target will continue its presence in Minneapolis and use the Brooklyn Park campus to accommodate the company's significant growth. Learn about and discuss the proposal at the upcoming community meeting.

Run Off with Inspections

Spring showers and improper landscaping can cause problems in garden level apartment units. Here are some tips to direct water away from your buildings:

- Install and compact soil so it slopes away from the foundation of the building (at least 4 feet)
- Install landscape plastic (at least 6mm thick) over the soil. Run it slightly up the side of the foundation and down the slope-avoid seams
- Do not use a solid plastic landscape border - it can actually retain moisture next to a building.
- Use boarders that are notched on the bottom.
- Cover the plastic with pea gravel or other landscape material. Wood chips tend to float away; and could create mold problems. Stringy cedar mulch (un-dyed) is not as likely to wash out.

Good landscaping allows water to run through the mulch, onto the plastic, down the slope and escape through the boarder.

Think Summer Fun!

The summer Recreation Services Brochure is coming out at the end of March. Make sure you have this invaluable resource for children and families by contacting Jan Ficken at 763-493-8340. There is financial assistance available to those who qualify- the key is to get registered early! ■

Amy Baldwin, Business Developer



Community Meeting (regarding Target)
Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30pm
City Hall- 5200 85th Avenue North

Visit the [city's website](#) for more information. ■

Rodney Beystrom, Inspector

Planting too close to the foundation is not recommended; roots hold water. Certain plants can impact proper emergency escape from garden level windows.



Regularly clear debris from gutters. Check downspouts, elbows, and extensions routinely to ensure that water flows freely. To avoid washout, use gutter extensions to take water past the landscape material onto a splashblock.

Use these tips to ensure a dry foundation. If you are interested in preventing excess runoff into storm sewers, investigate rain gardens. Visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/volunteer/mayjun04/raingardens.html for more information. ■

Jan Ficken, Recreation Services Manager

Apartment Crime Update

Jody Murphy, Crime Analyst

The police department has been busy at our apartments with total crime having increased 13% in the last three months.

We had 50 burglary reports from December to February, which was a 61% increase over this time period last year. About half of the burglaries occurred in December. We believe that the suspect(s) would first ring the security buzzer or knock on the door and when there was no answer, they would force entry to the apartment door. Most occurred during the day. Although these incidents have tapered off, residents do need to know that suspicious people knocking on doors or ringing buzzers should be investigated. We encourage residents to call 9-1-1.

We also had a string of robberies where two black males were approaching people in the parking lots and robbing them, usually using a gun to threaten them. We had seven of these incidents, the last one on 1/24/06 resulted in the arrest of two suspects after they fled and were tracked to a near-by single family home by our K-9.

We're seeing an increase city-wide in theft from auto reports. We've had 30 cars broken into in apartment parking lots, which is less than last year during this time when we had 32. We would still like residents to report any suspicious activity in the parking lots. If these thieves are not caught in the act, it's very difficult to solve and get the property back.



As we usually see, disturbance reports were the number one crime reported in the last three months. We had 153 of these incidents which was an increase of 18%.

Specific information regarding your apartment community can be given by contacting your COPS officer. The Crime Prevention Unit has great resources to help you reduce the likelihood of these crimes at your apartment community. ■

Awards

Vickie Schleuning, Code Enforcement Public Health Manager

Awards recognizing pool and food operators who have demonstrated exemplary standards in the comprehensive operation of their business were handed out at a council meeting in February. Criteria for both awards include:

- No critical violations that result in temporary closure.
- No more than three non-critical violations during any inspection. (Including maintenance records and minor repairs.)
- Ongoing completion of repairs or substantial upgrades

Cool Pool Awards

Stonybrook East, 6360 – 84th Ct N
Riverview Apartments, 8150 West River Rd
Towns Edge, 6400 Welcome Ave N

Food Awards

Cub Foods, 7555 West Broadway N
House of Java, 3320 Brookdale Dr N
McDonald's, 9000 – 85th Ave N
Taco Bell, 8575 Aspen Lane N
White Castle, 7741 Zane Ave N

Next Meeting

Wednesday

March 15, 2006

9:30 a.m. City Hall Council Chambers

85th & Regent

Topic: Storm damage, replanting guidelines and recycling updates. Also we will be selecting topics for all 2006 manager meetings.

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