



# Property Manager News

## Tips for Turns

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### Important

#### City Numbers COPS Unit

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Turns are the perfect time to upgrade to current requirements of the International Property Maintenance Code making it easier to pass city inspections. Turns are also a great opportunity to reduce owner/landlord liability and provide for safer living quarters and conditions— with a couple extra steps.

The following are my *Top 10 "Tips for Turns"*. For a detailed version, please check out the city's website: [www.brooklynpark.org](http://www.brooklynpark.org)

1) Out with sparky outlets: With an electrical tester make sure every outlet in the kitchen, bath and laundry/utility areas have secure and grounded three-prong electrical outlets.

2) Love those self slamming doors: Apartment entry doors and common area hallway fire doors need to self-close.

3) No poo – pooing the plumbing: Check anything that touches water to make sure it's functioning. Don't forget vents...they're for air-borne water (aka steam).

4) Avoid roasting marsh-mellows over grease fires: Range vent hood filter, stove tops and ovens should be free of grease and debris. Replace kinky gas supply lines.

5) Check on Smokey the Bear's Buzzer: Smoke alarms should sound when the test button is pushed.

6) Mosquitoes are our outdoor friends: All patio doors and windows should open, close, and lock properly. Screens are required from April 15th until October 15th.

7) No toe casts: Carpets and flooring be free from tears and trip hazards.

8) Winter is always near in Minnesota: Thermostats need to be covered and work properly. Base floor heat runs should have covers and zone valves operating normally to distribute heat .

9) Boom boom is for music, not boilers: Annual check of the boiler room RPZ valves need to be conducted by qualified licensed contractor or certified individual.

10) Extinguishers and cans of pop all need fizz: All fire extinguishers must be checked and updated yearly by qualified individuals.

These "tips" are not all encompassing but will greatly enhance a property's ability to pass the Brooklyn Park Rental Licensing Inspection the very first time. ■

## Safety Camp For Kids

Children who have completed second and third grades are invited to the 2006 Safety Camp on June 13-14. Safety Camp teaches recognition of dangerous situations, injury prevention, emergency response on the following topics: electricity, sever weather, bicycles, fire, internet, drug and seat belt safety. When not in a class, camp instructors engage the campers in fun activities, such as games of tag, catch, hula-hoops and even a large bouncy.

Safety Camp instructors come from various state and county agencies such as: North Memorial Medical Center, the Department of Natural Resources, Poison Control, Minnesota State Patrol, and members of Brooklyn Park's police, fire and recreation departments.

This two day event comes to a celebratory close with a family barbeque and awards ceremony. Registration is \$25 for residents and \$30.00 for non-residents and includes lunches, a T-shirt, educational materials, and the barbeque. Local businesses generously donate money, supplies and services to help make this program possible. Register at the Community Activity Center, 5600 85<sup>th</sup> Av N or at [www.brooklynpark.org](http://www.brooklynpark.org). ■



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## *New Meeting Day*

After some discussion and polling of managers the Coalition meeting day has been changed from Wednesday to Tuesday. Meetings will now be held on the **third Tuesday of the odd months**. Remaining

2006 Meetings:

Tuesday, May 16

Tuesday, July 18

Tuesday, September 19

Tuesday, November 21

Topics generated at the last meeting include:

- Diversity Related Issues
- How to Help a Disorderly House
- Social Service Resources
- Bus Tour of Apartments
- Credit Counseling Resources
- CEAP
- Emergency Preparedness

If you have more ideas please let us know. ■

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## *2nd Annual Public Safety Open House*

**Sunday, May 21st 1-4p.m.**

**Police Department (5400 85th Avenue North)**

**Central Fire Station (5700 85th Avenue North)**

At the Police Station come see: New SWAT Truck, Kid's Events including Child ID Kits, Minnesota State Patrol Helicopter, North Memorial Ambulance Service, visit from McGruff, visit with Patrol and D.A.R.E. Officers. There will also be short seminars on different crime prevention subjects and canine demonstrations.

At the Fire Department experience: Fire Truck Tours, Building Tours, Safety Hopper, visit from Sparky, Command Post, Balloons!

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## **Next Meeting** *Tuesday* **May 16, 2006**

**9:30 a.m.**

### **Police Department Training Room**

5400 85<sup>th</sup> Ave N (just west of City Hall)

Enter through the door that faces 85th Avenue

#### **Topic: Gangs, Graffiti, and Violent Crimes... Are you ready for summer?**

Join your fellow managers for a morning with an officer from the Minnesota Gang Strike Force who will present updates on gang activity, crime trends and tips on how to recognize these frightening crimes. Don't miss this unique opportunity. Please note date and location change.

**Property Manager Meetings are held on the third TUESDAY of the odd months at 9:30a.m. unless otherwise announced.**