



Cornerstone
of Topeka, Inc



"Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness
One Family at a Time"

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And the
Winners
are...

January - John

February - Nancy

March - Alicia

FRIENDLY

REMINDERS

- **Rent is due on the 1st** of each month & no later than the 6th
- **The office will be closed**
May 25th — Memorial Day
- **Other Dates to Remember**
April 5th — Easter Sunday
May 10th — Mother's Day
June 21st — Father's Day

Congratulations to our monthly drawing winners!!

You could be our next winner. If we receive your rent payment no later than 5:00 pm on the 6th of each month, you will automatically be entered to win a \$50 Walmart gift card. Good Luck!

Spring Maintenance: Furnace filters should be changed quarterly to ensure that the unit runs efficiently. If you haven't changed filters in the past 3 months, now is a good time to change the filter.



Sewer Back up Issue: Lately, many of our sewer backups have been caused by what the tenants are putting down the toilet. Sewer pipes do not like the following items:

- Baby wipes
- Toilet Wipes (No matter what the box says)
- Tampons (No matter what the box says)
- Q-tips
- Paper towels
- Charmin toilet paper
- Grease

Any of the above items will catch in different areas of the sewer lines and cause a blockage. It can cost the tenant anywhere from \$90 and above to fix this situation. Please do not put any of these items down the toilet, tub or sinks drains.

Bed Bugs Bed Bugs, Wacha gonna do?: These pesky bugs are still an issue city wide. They can be found in beds, sofas, bedside tables, and picture frames. Bed bugs spread through walls along wire and pipes, and from anything (furniture, backpacks, laundry) coming from an infested property.

Precautions to take: Keep coats, backpacks, purses, and bags off beds, recliners, and sofas. Don't bring home used furniture, even from those you know. Don't take things out of dumpsters. Look for signs of bed bugs before sleeping.

DON'T WAIT!!! If you think you may have bed bugs, call the office and we will have pest control inspect your unit. Pest control treatment for bed bugs is the tenants responsibility. The cost to you to treat will only increase the longer you wait to report it.



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CORNERSTONE NEWS AND UPDATES

I wanted to take a moment to officially introduce myself. My name is Katie Travis and I am the new Administrative Assistant. I am excited to be a part of the Cornerstone team and look forward to meeting all of the tenants.

The three new single family homes on SW Mission Street are getting closer to completion. We hope to move our first family in at the beginning of May.



Don't forget that the **Topeka Farmer's Market** will be back in Downtown Topeka beginning in April. The market remains open each Saturday morning from 7:30 a.m. until Noon, through the month of November.



If you are looking for some fun things to do with your kids this Spring why not go to the **Topeka Zoo**. After you pay the admission fee for the zoo these upcoming events are free to participate in!

April 4th: Easter Eggstravaganza

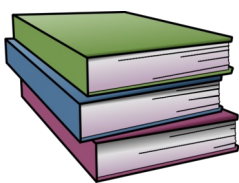
April 18th: Earth Day - Party for the Planet

May 16th: World Endangered Species Day

June 6th: World Ocean Day

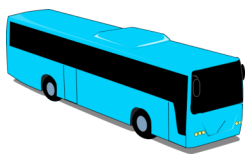
June 20th: World Giraffe Day

Admissions: Adults: \$5.75, Seniors: \$4.75, Kids (3-12): \$4.25, Kids under 2: Free



Topeka & Shawnee County Library will be offering a summer reading program starting in June. Your child can sign up through their school or with the library itself. For every two hours of reading they log they will receive prizes. They will also be eligible to enter the drawing for a final grand prize at the end of summer.

Check out Kidsbowlfree.com and register your child for 2 free games of bowling daily all Summer long at West Ridge Lanes and Gage Center Bowl.



All kids under 17 will ride free from May 15th - August 15th through the **Topeka Metro Transit Authority**.

The Topeka Metro's new **Bike Share Program** begins April 15th. There will be 100 new smart bikes stationed around the city that you can rent for a few hours at a time. Each bike is fitted with a computer and locking system on the back. A year's membership is \$25 which will grant you access to 2 hours every day. Or you can simply rent a bike for \$2.50 an hour when you need it. You will also be able to drop the bike at any hub within the city.



To find out more or reserve a bike check out topekametrobikes.org

It is a violation of federal law for a housing provider to refuse to rent or sell a home, to offer unequal terms, quote different prices, or apply different policies on the basis of race, color, religion, disability, or handicap, sex, familial status, or national origin. State law prohibits discrimination on the basis of marital status, ancestry, age, or familial status. Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 bars discrimination in the sale or rental of housing on the basis of a disability or because there are children in the family, but exempts housing for older persons.

