

Lexington Townhouses Cooperative

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Fire Prevention – Recently, Village Square Cooperative in Utica experienced a fire. Four units were extremely damaged while several other units have smoke damage. Luckily, no one was injured. However, dealing with a fire can be devastating. We would like to remind all residents of the following:

- Keep all flammable items away from the furnace and hot water tank.
- While cooking, frying or broiling food on the stove, stay in the kitchen & keep stove clear of pot holders and towels.
- Keep baking soda nearby to extinguish a grease fire. Water may spark a grease fire and actually make the fire worse.
- Keep the handles of pots and pans turned in such a way on the stove to prevent knocking them over by bumping handles while cooking.
- Check smoke detectors regularly and NEVER remove the batteries.
- Clean dryer lint traps after every load. Clean dryer vents on a regular basis. Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- All new electrical work requires a permit and must be performed by a licensed electrician.
- Never use a damaged extension cord. Do not over load circuits.
- Use extreme care when using candles. Put candle in a sturdy holder and on an uncluttered surface. Consider using flameless candles. They look and smell like real candles without the worry.
- Review your insurance policy for proper coverage. Do not let the policy lapse. Submit a copy of the policy to the office for your file.
- Should you have a fire, call the Fire Department immediately not the maintenance department.
- Discuss fire prevention with all members of your family.

Work Orders: If you need to have something repaired in your unit, please call the office. Do not approach the workers while they are outside. Once the work orders are called in, they are put into the computer system.

Pets: As a reminder to all residents, it is a violation to have more than one pet (dog/cat) in your unit. ONLY one pet is allowed. Your dog or cat must be registered with the cooperative and proof of current shots/vaccinations must be submitted to the office. All pet feces are to be picked up on a daily basis, even in the winter months! All kitty litter pans are to be cleaned on a regular basis. When throwing away kitty litter it should be double bagged. Pets are never to be allowed to run loose in the complex.

Warren Community Center: Looking for something to do? The Warren Community Center offers “Free Senior Fridays” this takes place every Friday morning 9 – noon (January – March 9) for Warren residents age 55 & over. They have open swimming, water aerobics, shuffleboard, walking, crafts, fitness room, table tennis and shuffleboard.

The Warren Community Center also has BINGO every Monday, noon – 2 p.m. \$1 per person plus admission cards @ \$1 each. Transportation is available call 586-268-0551 for a ride.

The Warren Civic Center Library will host a free event for children. They will have plenty of supplies to make beautiful Valentines. No registration is required for this drop in program. The event will take place on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 from 3 – 5 p.m. ages 3 – 11.

Tweens and teens with interest in upcycling an old t-shirt into something more fashionable are invited to the Miller Library on Thursday, February 8 from 6 – 7:30 for Refashioned T-Shirts! Please bring a t-shirt to cut-up. For ages 10 -17. Registration is required; please call 586-751-5377

Free Income Tax Help for Seniors: Mondays and Wednesdays February 5 – April 11 – held at Warren City Hall 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Tax-Aide helps low and moderate income taxpayers file their personal returns. Taxpayers with complex tax returns may be advised to seek paid tax assistance.