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ARM Newsletter

(Association for Responsible Management)

Fulfilling the Need for Quality Housing

Meeting Date: March 10, 2011 at 10 a.m.

Special Guest Mike Vraa, Managing Attorney and Hotline Director for HOME Line will discuss current trends related to tenant/landlord law.

Michael Vraa is the Managing Attorney/Hotline Director at HOME Line. He joined HOME Line in 1996. Mr. Vraa will speak on March 10th about various issues related to landlord & tenant rights and responsibilities. Some topics will include common tenant complaints, tips for landlords in preventing disputes and keeping good tenants, legal aspects of renting property, foreclosure issues and trends related to the rental market.

Renters Feeling the Pinch of Foreclosures

The impact on renters affected by foreclosures continues as owners of rental properties default on their mortgages. A tenant often finds out about a foreclosure by receiving a notice of a sheriff's sale, which mentions nothing about a renter's rights and often causes a hasty, unplanned departure.

Some tenants may legally have the right to stay during the redemption period following the sheriff's sale and continue with their lease during that time while they search for new housing.

The Tenant Bill of Rights offers protection to renters and landlords. Effective August 1, 2010, tenants living in foreclosed properties have the right to the term of their lease or 90 days beyond the redemption period, whichever is longer. The amount of time a landlord is required to retain property left behind by a tenant is reduced from 60 days to 28 days. For more information about the Tenant Bill of Rights, please visit the Minnesota Attorney General's Office website www.ag.state.mn.us.

Join Brooklyn Center's Centennial Celebration Festivities

In 2011, the City will be celebrating its 100th Birthday with a year-long celebration. Some annual events such as Earle Brown Days will be expanded, while many new activities are planned. This year's Centennial Celebration is sure to have something for everyone!

For more information about the Centennial Celebration, please see the special Centennial Edition City Watch on the City website at www.cityofbrooklyncenter.org or visit the Brooklyn Center Centennial Celebration website at www.bc100years.org. The website contains extensive history, wonderful picture slide shows, event information, and commemorative merchandise and will be updated throughout the year.

If you or your tenants would like to participate in planning an event or provide support, please contact Sue LaCrosse at 763-569-3406. With your participation and support, you can help make history and carry forward Brooklyn Center's proud history for future generations.

Brooklyn Center Community Resource & Residents' Guide Now Available

The resource guide has been delivered to residents and is also available at City Hall. An online version can be found at www.theprimeguide.com and selecting Brooklyn Center.

2011 ARM Meeting Dates

ARM Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month (every other month) starting in January.

Brooklyn Center City Hall
City Council Chambers
6301 Shingle Creek Pkwy
10:00 a.m.

January 13

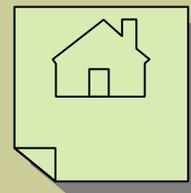
March 10

May 12

July 14

September 8

November 10



If your rental license is a Type III or Type IV, please remember that you or your representative, must attend at least two ARM meetings before the expiration of the license.