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ARM Newsletter

(Association for Responsible Management)

Fulfilling the Need for Quality Housing

Meeting Date: September 8, 2011 at 10 a.m.

Topics of Discussion: Signs and Prevention of Child Abuse and Domestic Abuse

A panel of guest speakers from the Brooklyn Center Police Department, D.A.R.T. and Project Peace will be presenting information on what behavior and signs may be an indication of child abuse or domestic abuse and when to call the police or other agencies for intervention.

Preventing Basement Flooding & Water Damage

Reduce the risk of future basement flooding by implementing easy solutions to eliminate the most common causes of flooding. A few suggestions are provided below.

Lot Grading

When a house is built, the earth around the outside of the house is graded to slope away from the foundation walls. Over time, the direction of this slope can change due to the ground settling and shifting causing the ground to slope towards the house. The result is that the surface water travels towards the house, down the outside of the foundation wall and eventually into the house. If you have cracks or holes in your foundation walls, the surface water that has traveled down the outside of the foundation walls can seep into the basement through the foundation cracks.

Take a walk around the outside of your home and check the outside walls at ground level. If the land slopes in toward the foundation, rainwater is being directed toward the drain tile system or your basement. To correct this problem, you will need to grade your lot so the land slopes away from the foundation.

Downspout Drainage

Clear the leaves out of your gutters and downspouts regularly and ensure that the downspout outlets are extended away from the foundation wall. If possible, redirect the downspouts to discharge at least 6 feet from your foundation walls.

Ensure the water is draining onto your property, and not onto your neighbor's property. You may not discharge water in a manner that adversely affects neighboring properties.

Flood-Proofing Devices and Techniques

In some cases a drain tile system and/or sump pump may be needed in order to handle the amount of water around the property. Drain tiles are pipes with drainage holes located underground around the perimeter of the basement foundation intended to prevent ground water from entering the basement. A plumbing permit is required from the City.

Tips for Keeping Your Basement Dry

Grade the lot away from the foundation walls. Check for, and fix, leaks in walls, floors and foundation. Clean gutters and downspouts. Extend your downspouts 1.8 meters (six feet) away from the basement walls. Disconnect all downspouts from the sanitary drain.

Keep your sewer unobstructed - do not pour grease down the drain or flush objects down the toilet. Consider soft-surface landscaping that allows storm water to soak into the ground. Have a qualified plumber regularly inspect all back-flow prevention systems and plumbing fixtures to ensure proper operation. Keep the sewer service clean-out cap in place. The clean out is usually located downstream from the floor drain.

Look for additional information located on the City's website
www.cityofbrooklyncenter.org.

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

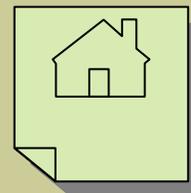
March 10

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.