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It's Almost Election Time

It's never too early to start thinking about running for office. IACE is always looking for fresh new ideas to help build a better and stronger organization. It has been confirmed that at least one current Board member will not be running for a 2011/2012 term position. Elections will be held at the December 8, 2010 quarterly membership meeting.

Event though six current Board members will be running for office, you may put forth your candidacy for any of the IACE Board positions. In fact, you are encouraged to become involved. Kelly Anbach is the nominating committee chairperson and would welcome any interest from the membership.

Requirements to run for office are simple. You must be an active member of IACE in good standing. You must be able to meet monthly at various locations and work to increase the membership; help provide quality educational programs; and promote the code enforcement organization.

If you are interested in running for any office, please send Kelly the following information about yourself: the Board position you wish to run for; your current job title and community you work for; how many years you have been in the Code Enforcement field and other relevant experience & credentials; and the reason why you want to run for office. Send the information to kanbach@villageofhinsdale.org or you can call Rhonda Klecz at 630-454-2705 with any questions.

You can obtain a list of Board positions and duties at <http://www.i-ace.org/bylaws.htm>

Together we can make a change!

September 8th IACE Training Seminar

I am excited to announce that September's training seminar will be about Environmental issues that plague us as Code Enforcement Officers. There will be discussion and training on illegal dumping, mold, lead base paint and the new regulations, asbestos and what our legal responsibilities are to enforce these issues.

IACE has been very fortunate to secure as our speaker, Dr. Dick Young, PhD, REM, PE. Dr. Young who is the Executive Director of the National Registry of Environmental Professionals will be presenting an all around Environmental program that he has developed just for IACE.

So please bring your question, concerns and experiences, spread the word and make it a point to join us for this exciting program on September 8, 2010.

Any questions about the program can be directed to Rhonda Klecz at 630-454-2705.

Presidents Forum

As we begin the summer of 2010 new and old challenges confront us.

Normally it is not a problem to enlist the support of the neighbors (in fact they usually complain) when dealing with a home business operating without a license. We often run into people operating a landscape business out of their house and the neighbors want the trucks and trailers removed at once. However, when the home business is renting out inflatable bouncy rooms that the neighborhood kids play in it becomes a different story. Imagine turning down a residential street into what appears to be a fun fair with seven or eight brightly colored inflatable rooms lining the front lawns (they dry out the rooms used that weekend).

How about the fellow who called to complain that the waste hauler did not pickup his garbage. Of course the garbage was not in bags, he had not paid the bill in years, the water had been turned off two years ago and the house was foreclosed on last year. Instead of staying under the radar and living for free we now have to pursue his eviction. Though there is no water there is power and he has a nice stereo and TV.

We end our story with the poo house. Fire department called to townhouse on complaint of smoke alarms going off. Even before you enter there is the olfactory slap to the face and the oh so familiar smell of ammonia. First floor no poo in sight but the carpet is wet and stained and the wood floor ruined. Unfinished (thank god) basement full of smells, dog cages and hair but where is the poo. Upstairs bedroom, eureka, resident did not read all of the directions on the cat litter and instead of scooping out the cat feces and disposing of them they have saved them all in fifteen or twenty five gallon plastic buckets. Neighbor said they moved out last week at night. Neighbor said they did not do not smell anything but sometimes there are flies. Did I mention that the neighbor is the president of the HOA.

Remember to keep these dates open:

September 8th

December 8th

And as always if you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact any Board member and have a safe summer.

Sincerely,

William Donovan

William Donovan
President IACE

Goofy Laws Still on the Books

In Alabama, it is illegal to wear a fake mustache that causes laughter in church.

In Texas, it is illegal to curse in front of, or indecently expose oneself to a corpse.

In Michigan, a man legally owns his wife's hair.

Kansas law prohibits shooting rabbits from a motorboat.

In Idaho, the law states all boxes of candy given as romantic gifts must weigh more than 50 pounds.

It's against the law to catch fish with your bare hands in Kansas.

In Washington State, it's against the law to sleep in an outhouse without the owner's permission.

Putting salt on a railroad track can be punishable by death in the state of Alabama.

In Texas, it's illegal to put graffiti on someone else's cow.

In Alabama, dominoes may not be played on Sunday.

In New York City, it's illegal to shake a dust mop out a window.

In New York, it's against the law to throw a ball at someone's head for fun.

In Pueblo, Colorado, it is illegal to let a dandelion grow within city limits.

In the state of Washington, it's illegal to catch a fish by throwing a rock at it.

It is illegal to lie down and fall asleep with your shoes on in North Dakota.

In Berkeley, California, you can't whistle for an escaped bird before 7:00 a.m.

An old law in Bellingham, Washington, made it illegal for a woman to take anything other than backwards steps while dancing.

In California, it is a misdemeanor to shoot at any kind of game from a moving vehicle, unless the target is a whale.

San Francisco bans any "mechanical device that reproduces obscene language."

In Nogales, Arizona, it is illegal to wear suspenders.

In Atlanta, Georgia, it is illegal to tie a giraffe to a telephone pole or street lamp.

In Logan County, Colorado, it's illegal for a man to kiss a woman while she's asleep.

There's a San Francisco law that states it's illegal to play poker in public or gamble in a barricaded room.

In the state of Texas, it is illegal to take more than three sips of beer at a time while standing.

A person is not eligible to become governor in Pennsylvania if they have participated in a duel.

It's against the law for a woman to drive in a house coat in California.

In Texas, it's illegal to milk another person's cow.

Contributed by Rhonda Klecz

Sample Form

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM & SMOKE DETECTOR AGREEMENT

Resident Name: _____

Address/Unit: _____

State law requires property owners to install one approved operating carbon monoxide alarm within 15 feet of every sleeping room in a dwelling only if the building uses fossil fuel combustion for any purpose or has an attached garage. State law also requires one smoke detector within 15 feet of each sleeping room. These devices may be combined or separate and can be battery operated, plug-in with battery backup, or hard-wired with battery backup.

It is the responsibility of the property owner to supply and install the required alarms, and provide written instructions (carbon monoxide alarms only) regarding testing, operation, and maintenance to the resident.

It is the responsibility of the resident to regularly test the alarms, provide general maintenance for the alarms, including replacement of batteries as necessary, and to notify the owner in writing of any deficiencies that the tenant cannot correct.

Tampering with, removing, destroying, disconnecting, or removing the batteries from any installed alarm is a Class 4 Misdemeanor for a first conviction, and a Class 4 Felony for any subsequent convictions.

Resident shall read and initial each item:

____ 1a. No carbon monoxide alarms are required in this dwelling (skip to #3).

or

____ 1b. (Number) _____ Carbon Monoxide Alarm(s) are installed and working,

____ 2. I have received written instructions for the carbon monoxide alarm,

____ 3. (Number) _____ Smoke Detector Alarm(s) are installed and working,

____ 4. I understand testing, operation & maintenance of these devices,

____ 5. I will notify the owner in writing of any operating deficiencies of these devices.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE:

Resident Signature

Owner's Representative

Print Name & Date

Print Name & Date

Document provided by the Coles County Landlord Association, P.O. Box 1245, Mattoon, IL 61938

Code Enforcement Board Drops Fines Against Piggie Pie Freckles' Unwitting Landlord

|By Margie Kacoha, Daily News Staff Writer

The unwanted tenant at a Brazilian Avenue apartment earlier this year turned out to be a real pig, according to testimony Thursday before the Code Enforcement Board.

According to property representative Adam Falkoff, Piggie Pie Freckles tore up the place, leaving it smelly, in disrepair and temporarily un-rentable.

The former tenant and pig owner, Kimberly Kelley, got slapped with a \$150 per day fine for housing the porker pet in Palm Beach, violating Town Code.

Just in case, the board also named property owner Rosalind LLC in violation and made the company a party to the fine.

The penalty eventually mounted to \$5,250. Kelley disappeared with her porker pet, leaving the property owner accountable.

Kelley moved in at the beginning of April with her secret, 51-pound pig pet, who wore nail polish and took walks down Worth Avenue.

Falkoff said Kelley had been advised that cats and dogs were allowed in the building, though pigs were never mentioned. He said the trouble started with a call from the local leasing agent who said, "There was a pig roaming the hallway" of the two-story rental building. He said he also received a letter from code enforcement officer Rob Walton stating, "There was a pig living at that apartment."

To add insult to injury, Falkoff said Kelley had been behind on her rent, the pig had damaged the floors, carpeting and the furniture. The cost of getting the apartment back in shape, and rent revenues lost during the cleanup and repairs, totaled about \$21,000, according to Falkoff.

Board members, sensitive to the landlord's plight, dropped the fine altogether against the rental complex. The fine still stands against the pig's owner.

As for Kelley, "We don't know where she is now," Walton said.



Code Enforcement Program Feature

Phase II of Rental Property Owner Training Begins

The Crime Free Program was mandated in the Village of Addison on May 1, 2009. The program combines the efforts of the Addison Police Department, the Village of Addison Community Development Department, and the owners and managers of rental properties to keep drugs and illegal activity off their property. The program is designed to be easy and direct, yet very effective in reducing the incident of crime in rental property. Since the implementation of this program, 245 rental property owners have attended the mandatory Phase I training class.

What topics does Phase I Address?

Understanding Crime Prevention

C.P.T.E.D Concepts

The Application Process

Active Property Management

Community Rules/Leases

Police: To serve and protect?

Combating Crime Problems

Partnering with the Fire Department

Dealing with Non-Compliance

Gangs / Illegal Activity

Phase II will certify that the rental property has met the security requirements for the resident's safety.

In Phase III, a resident Crime Prevention meeting will be conducted for full certification. The owner will be granted the use of the Crime Free Multi-Housing sign for the property, and the use of the program logo in all advertising.

The program is now expanding to include property owners who rent out single units or homes. We will offer 2-hour evening and Saturday classes to satisfy the mandatory Phase I portion of the program for these owners.