GREATER IOWA CITY AREA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION

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Better Landlording through Education

JOIN US FOR OUR MARCH 28TH, 2017 MEMBER LUNCHEON FEATURING:

Kenzie Hein & Brandon Keese Hills Bank



Our speakers for March are Kenzie Hein and Brandon Keese from Hills Bank.

They will provide information on Positive Pay (check positive pay, ACH, signature positive pay and account reconciliation), Real Estate standard underwriting practices, appraisal trends, and millennials and real estate.

A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

Suggestions for Speakers/Lunch Discussion Topics

Is there a topic you would like to learn more about, or do you have an idea for a speaker to invite to future GICAA meetings? If so, please contact any board member or send an email with your suggestions to: <u>apartmentassoc@gmail.com</u>. Thank you!

Upcoming Fair Housing Training

The City of Iowa City's Office of Equity and Human Rights welcomes Shanna L. Smith, President/CEO for the National Fair Housing Alliance for public events on April 19 and 20, 2017. These complimentary fair housing trainings are being held to celebrate National Fair Housing Month and are open to the public; however, pre-registration is required.

Applying Fair Housing in Your Daily Life – Wednesday, April 19

This event will be held from 6-8 p.m. in Meeting Room A of the lowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn Street, and will focus on recognizing and reporting housing discrimination in rental, sales or insurance. Some topics are: Stopping Racial, Religious and Sexual Harassment in Housing; and Many Ways to Promote Neighborhood Diversity.

Promoting Fair Housing in your Business and Complying with the Law – Thursday, April 20

This event will be held from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Conference Board Room at the Johnson County Extension Office, 3109 Old Hwy. 218 South. Training will cover the latest housing discrimination issues being raised in the rental and sales markets. Several Quick Quizzes are part of the training to help you evaluate your understanding of the Fair Housing Act. And there will be plenty of time for questions and answers.

Some of the topics include: Is advertising via social media increasing access to housing?; What is linguistic and email profiling and can I avoid it?; Is my apartment building accessible?; Can I suggest to an Asian American buyer to work with the Asian American agent?; Does the parking lot have legal size handicapped spaces?; How does a real estate professional address racial, religious or sexual harassment in rental complexes or neighborhoods?; Can I promote neighborhood diversity without violating the law?

To register visit https://

<u>fairhousingtrainings.eventbrite.com</u>. Certificates for attendees will also be presented upon request. Registration closes April 17.

Contact Equity Director Stefanie Bowers at 319-356-5022 or email <u>Stefanie-bowers@iowa-city.org</u> with any questions.

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Membership Meeting at Flannigan's in the IOWA RIVER POWER COMPANY

Our next General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday March 28th, at 11:30 am at Flannigan's in the Iowa River Power Company, $501 - 1^{st}$ Ave, Coralville.

Any interested member of the Association is welcome to attend starting at 12 noon. If you wish to have lunch, please arrive at 11:30. The buffet lunch will include: BBQ pork, coleslaw, chips, salad, fruit, drink & dessert.

Please RSVP by email (apartmentassoc@gmail.com) or phone to Mark Ruggeberg at (319)338-0435 with the number of individuals from your office or home who will be attending. **Cost is \$12.00 per person**. It is important to let us know if you will be attending and having lunch. If you do not RSVP and intend to have lunch, you may be asked to wait to serve yourself until we are sure that we can provide food for those who have RSVP'd.

The speaker will have the floor from noon to 1pm.

LUNCH IS \$12.00 AT THE DOOR.

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City of Iowa City Begins Curbside Compost Program

The City of Iowa City began collecting curbside compost on Monday, March 13, 2017.

The new program will help divert some of the roughly 18,000 tons of food waste that reaches the lowa City

Landfill each year. Residents will be able to compost many different

types of foods, including fruits/vegetables, meats and grains, as well as paper products like pizza boxes, leftover containers and uncoated, disposable dishes.

Food waste will be collected curbside in the same containers and in the same trucks used for yard waste, and will be taken to the Iowa City Landfill's Commercial Compost Facility.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Curbside composting is available to residents who currently receive City of Iowa City garbage, recycling and yard waste services. Residents must have an annual yard waste sticker and supply their own 35-gallon container that includes a lid. Set your container out by 7 a.m. on your regular trash, recycling and yard waste collection day.

YARD WASTE STICKERS

The current orange yard waste stickers will be accepted until March 31, 2017. New, purple yard waste stickers can be purchased for \$12.50 and will be valid now through Dec. 29, 2017. Stickers can be purchased in-person at City Hall, by mail or by phone from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In-person: Visit City Hall at 410. E. Washington Street By phone: Call 319-356-5066 to pay by Visa or MasterCard By mail: Mail orders to Cashier at City Hall and include the name, service address, mailing address and a \$13 check to cover the postage and a handling fee for each sticker.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For information on how to compost, a full list of items that are safe/unsafe to compost, and other waste reduction tips visit <u>icgov.org/foodwaste</u>. It is important to reduce food waste first, and then compost. Those with questions about the new curbside composting program can contact City of lowa City Recycling Coordinator Jennifer Jordan at 319-887-6160 or jennifer-jordan@iowa-city.org.

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Iowa City Police Review Board Community Forum Scheduled

The Community Police Review Board will host its annual Community Forum to hear views on Iowa City Police Department policies, practices and procedures. The community is invited to submit questions and comments that will be used during the event.

The forum will begin at 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 12, 2017 inside Meeting Room A of the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn Street, Iowa City.

Police Chief Jody Matherly will also attend the forum and be available to meet and talk with participants.



Calendar

Greater Iowa City Area Apartment Association meetings are held on the **4th Tuesday of each month at Iowa River Power Company.**

March 28: GICAA lunch meeting April 25: GICAA lunch meeting May 23: GICAA lunch meeting

