

Rent Credits for Referrals!

Refer a friend to Franklin Co-op or Cole Townhomes for a November, December or January move-in and you will receive a \$200 rent credit!



Franklin has one and two bedroom apartments available. One bedrooms are renting for \$705 and two bedrooms for \$895. Franklin has spacious apartments with plenty of closets, heat included, parking for only \$20 a month, and an exercise room and several laundry rooms in the building.

Cole has two and three bedroom townhouses available. Two bedrooms rent for \$1200 and three bedrooms are \$1500. Rent includes water, trash, one parking space and one garage stall. Units have dishwashers, garbage disposals and full-size washers and dryers in the unit. Rent specials are available.

Members of all Riverton properties are eligible for the rent credit. Your referral must mention your name to the office when first seeing the apartment and offer is not valid with any other specials or referrals. Please stop by the office if you have questions!

Annual Elections



Be sure to attend your co-op's annual meeting! At your co-op's annual meeting of the membership, the president gives a state of the co-op update, new officers are elected, and bylaws can be amended. Because of the importance of this meeting, a quorum is required. Please refer to your handbook for your co-op's quorum percentage. At the annual meeting, every member of the co-op has one vote. By attending the meeting, you have the opportunity to decide who will represent you on the board of directors and decide on changes to the governing bylaws. It is important that you attend and voice your opinion!

**Franklin's annual meeting is
December 7th at 3:30 PM.**

**The Chateau Annual Meeting is
December 7th at 6:00 PM.**

Marcy Park and Marshall's meetings will take place sometime in January- look for postings for dates and times!



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Franklin Garden Party

Franklin's 6th Annual Garden Party took place on Saturday August 16th, 2008. Staff and board members decorated the courtyard with tents, tables, balloons and flowers for the event. Guests were treated to food, beverages and desserts. A few Franklin members even brought food from their cultures for everyone to enjoy.

Jeff Diamond, a musician from Las Vegas, entertained the crowd by playing a variety of music and also sang a few songs himself. Everyone thought he was very good! The Franklin 4H kids also provided entertainment by reading some of their original poetry.

The weather that day was very strange; it went from hot and sunny to hot and stormy, then back to sunny in a matter of 15-20 minutes. Everyone gathered in the tents, hoping the storms would soon stop, and luckily they did! After that the party was in full force with members, guests and even staff members singing and dancing the night away.



Chateau Smoke Free Policy

The Chateau board voted in favor of a Smoke Free Policy for the building at its October meeting. You will receive notice ahead of time alerting you when the policy goes into effect. The purpose of the policy is to mitigate the known health risks of secondhand smoke, the maintenance, cleaning and redecorating costs caused by smoking, the increased risk of fires, and lower insurance costs for smoke-free buildings. Members and guests will not be permitted to smoke in the apartments or anywhere else in the building. Smoking is only permitted outdoors at least 25 feet from any entrance or window. An ashtray is provided near the railing on the east side of the building. It is each member's responsibility to inform their guests of the policy. If any members have problems with smoke migrating into their apartment, please give us a written statement of the incident so we can take care of the problem. We will post signs around the building when the policy has gone into effect and will take reasonable steps to enforce the smoke-free policy. Violation of this policy is grounds for eviction from the Chateau.

The full policy will be circulated to all members before the starting date of the new policy. Please don't hesitate to call or stop into the office if you have any questions.



Recycling How-to at the Chateau

by Alex Samuel, Chateau Recycling Coordinator

Please recycle!

But first, make sure you sort your recyclables into two bags:



Glass
Plastic bottles
Cans



Newspaper
Office paper

Items that cannot be recycled:

- Items with food or liquid inside
- Wax items (no milk cartons, juice cartons, frozen food packaging)
- Plastic items without a neck (such as sour cream or margarine containers)

Take to loading dock:

- Cardboard (place in cardboard collection dumpster behind building)

Contact the office for:

- Furniture and other large items
- Electronic equipment

Put the recyclable items out between Sunday at 6 PM to Monday at 6 PM.
If you have any questions, please contact Alex Samuel at samu0086@gmail.com.

WEEKEND MAINTENANCE HELP NEEDED AT CHATEAU

If you are interested in doing light maintenance and cleaning at the Chateau on the weekends, please contact Jim LaNore, our Director of Facilities, at maintenance@riverton.org.

CARETAKER NEEDED FOR MARSHALL CO-OP

Marshall Co-op needs a new caretaker. Duties include light maintenance, cleaning, shoveling, etc. You will be compensated in the form of a generous rent credit. Please contact Jim LaNore at maintenance@riverton.org for more details.

IMPORTANT WINTER REMINDERS

- Please do not open windows in the winter. Open windows can cause pipes to freeze and burst, causing damage to your apartment and potentially your belongings.
- Be aware of postings around the building alerting you of parking lot plowing. When lots are plowed, you need to move your car out of the lot or it will be towed at your expense.

HELP!!!



My Internet Doesn't Work!

Members living at the Chateau, Marcy Park, Marshall and 4th Street Co-op have internet included in their rent. If you experience any problems with your internet service, please contact Metro Provider's technical support right away to report the problem and their technicians will work to get your internet back up and running as quickly as possible.

www.metroprovider.com

support@metroprovider.com

Hours of operation: 7 AM - 10 PM 7 days a week

Chateau: 763.235.3060

Marshall: 763.235.3060

4th Street: 763.235.3060

Marcy Park: 763.235.3043



Dave Rugg
riverton board president

nasco campus co-ops hall of fame

Every year, the North American Students of Cooperation (NASCO) Board of Directors inducts outstanding individuals into the Campus Cooperative Hall of Fame at a ceremony at the annual NASCO Conference in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This year, NASCO's board chose Dave Rugg, Riverton's Board President. Dave was inducted into the "Founder" category for his work co-founding the Chateau Student Housing Cooperative, Riverton Community Housing, Marcy Park Student Housing Cooperative, and Lots in Common (LINC is a joint venture between NASCO and Riverton).

Dave's co-op involvement dates back to 1981 where he served on the Chateau board. This led to his involvement in NASCO where he served on many boards and held many various offices over the years.

Dave has been a key player in the expansion of Riverton from its first co-op, the Chateau, to now providing quality, affordable housing to over 900 members in areas surrounding the University of Minnesota and beyond. Thank you, Dave, for your dedication to the cooperative movement!

Marshall's Community Garden

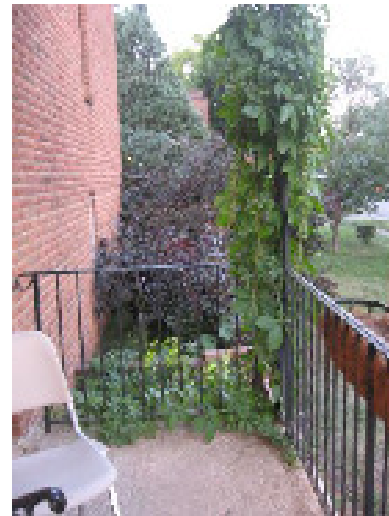
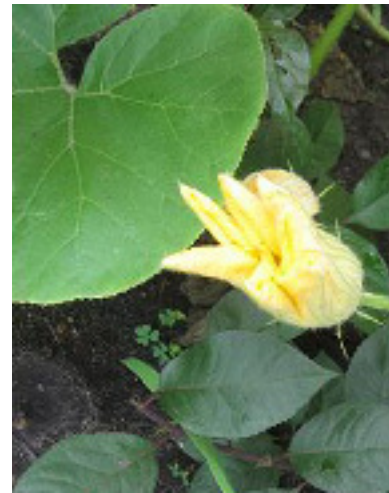
written by Katherine Schaffer-Wishner, Marshall Board President

There are many benefits, big and small, to starting and maintaining a community garden. It is a peaceful way to improve the intrinsic value of a neighborhood and subtly show residents and visitors alike that the space here is valued. While gardening in the city has its challenges, it also poses the same rewards as gardening in other places.



Cooperative living is a great resource for working together and making a difference, and working together on a community garden is one quiet but effective method of pulling together and nurturing seedlings of hope and change within a community. It can also be seen as a testament to ideals like sustainability, organic living, community awareness, etc. that make a statement about our ideals.

The Marshall Cooperative started their Gardening Committee last year, and is seeing success on organic vegetable, herb and bush gardening. Efforts collaborating with other cooperatives allow us to share in our pride and knowledge. There are several community gardens in the metro area, and I encourage you to check them out and consider working on them with your neighbors and community to bring the many rewarding and tasty fruits of labor.




A simple internet search can introduce you to local projects like GardenWorks that have frequent events like workshops and an upcoming parade.



November 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 RENT DUE!
2	3	4 VOTE!	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Marshall Board Mtg. 5 PM	17 Marcy Park Orientation 6 PM Board Mtg 7 PM	18	19 Riverton Annual Mtg 5:30 PM	20	21 Chateau Movie Night: Kung Fu Panda 	22
23 Chateau Policy Mtg 7 PM Chateau Board Mtg 8 PM	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Offices Closed 	28 Offices Closed	29
30 Marcy Park Thanksgiving Potluck						

December 2008

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	1 RENT DUE!	2	3	4	5	6
7 Franklin Annual Mtg 3:30 PM Chateau Annual Mtg 6:00 PM	8	9 Riverton Board Mtg. 5:30 PM	10	11	12	13 Chateau Movie Night: The Dark Knight 
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 ***	25 Christmas Day Offices Closed 	26 ***	27
28	29	30 New Year's Eve! 	31 New Year's Day Offices Closed	January 1		

*** We will post our Holiday Hours at a later date ***

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