

THE TERRACE TIMES

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MANAGEMENT NEWS

It has finally arrived! CTC NOW ACCEPTS CREDIT CARDS-Make a payment with your credit card, now accepting Visa, Master Card, Discover, Diners Club and American Express. (Service fees apply)

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After fall comes winter...Getting ready for the Minnesota *Winter*.

Management and Maintenance would like to remind everyone of the winter policies and share some helpful hints for staying warm.

Commonwealth Terrace Cooperative is more than simply low rent housing- it is a family community. Therefore, it is very important that all residents are aware that performances of resident/member responsibilities are essential if CTC is to thrive as a community. As a member of CTC you are expected to take on responsibilities that you may not take on at other housing complexes.



SNOW REMOVAL

Shoveling: Residents are responsible for clearing the walkways of snow; in the front and back areas of the two and three bedroom units and the stairs and walkway of the one-bedroom buildings.

Snow Emergency: CTC management makes every effort to keep the main sidewalks and roadways clear of snow. Occasionally, a snow emergency must be declared to facilitate the removal of snow from all of the parking areas. When a snow emergency is declared, you are expected to move your car off the CTC property. The schedule, date, and times will be posted in the Terrace Times and on the Web site. If you do not comply with the notice, and you do not move your car for the snow removal, your car will be towed.



Heater Posts

Minnesota winters can be very long and cold. At times the weather may make it difficult to start some cars. Heater post plug-in is available for your use on a first-come, first served basis. Contact the Management office to register to use one.

A fee of \$20.00 is charged each month. Here are the guidelines.

You provide your own tank heater and three-pronged heavy-duty extension cord of at least #23 gauges.

- Heater posts plug-ins can only be used for tank heaters.
- Electrical cords cannot be run from your apartment to your car.

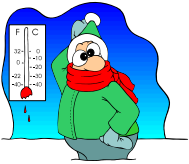


CTC OFFICE INFO

Office Hours: 8am-4:30pm
 Phone: 651-646-7526
 Fax: 651-646-3319
 Email: ctc@umn.edu
 Website: www.umnctc.org
 Location: 1250 Fifield Avenue, Falcon Heights, MN 55108. For all maintenance emergencies and lock-outs call CTC office 651-646-7526 for a live operator.

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- Heater post plug-ins charges are due for payment at the time that you pay your rent. You cannot ask for a rent extension because you cannot pay for this charge

**Temperature Control**

The heating systems at CTC are complicated because several buildings are heated using the same system. Not all apartments have the same amount of heat or maintain the same temperatures. Some are too hot and some are too cold. CTC Maintenance staff strive to maintain all apartments at a reasonable temperature during the winter months, but in order to correct an individual unit, a whole building needs to be serviced, which can be time consuming and does not always result in the hoped for outcome. If you are experiencing heating problems, please check these things in your unit, before calling the Management office.

- The windows and storm doors must be closed.
- The storm door insert (s) must be closed.
- A temperature reading should be taken in the apartment to determine if the temperature falls within the guidelines or not. The thermometer must be placed 5 feet above the floor on an inside wall for accurate temperature reading. Thermometers are provided for you. If your unit does not have one, stop into the Office and pick one up. The normal temperature that is maintained in the unit is between 68 and 72 degrees.

The radiator should be cleaned free of dust or other obstructions (i.e., should be dusted or vacuumed).

Move furniture or drapes away from the radiators to allow heat flow.

If the temperature is at the normal range, and you are cold, consider putting on a sweater or sweatshirt.

**Helpful Winter Hints**

- Have some type of rug near the entrance doors to put up against doors to help with some of the cold air draft that can come from under the doors.
- Make sure the bathroom exhaust fan is working properly. It is important to keep the humidity levels below 40% (This provides a safer indoor air environment)
- Raise blinds during the day time. This will allow sunlight (warmth) in, as well as give the condensation formed on the window sills an opportunity to evaporate. (This will also assist in reducing mold that grows around the area).
- **DO NOT** use stove/oven as a heat source to warm the unit. This can cause carbon monoxide poisoning (NOTE: carbon monoxide kills approximately 500 people in the US every year. It is odorless and tasteless).
- Avoid leaving storm doors open. The storm doors serve an important role in reducing heat loss.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CTC Fall Clean-up 2007

(All members are requested to participate)

Saturday October 20, 2007

Time to be determined

(Rain back up date Saturday October 21st, 2007)

Meet neighbors, enjoy pizza, get exercise and make CTC a clean place

CTC REVISED RESIDENT HANDBOOK

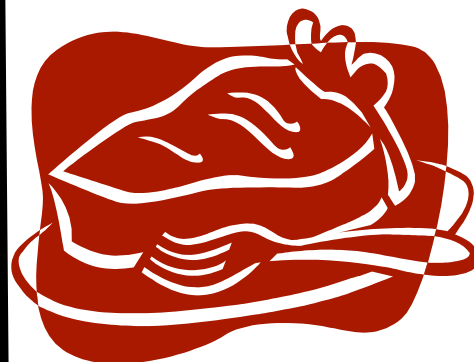
AVAILABLE ONLINE

WWW.UMNCTC.ORG

KIDS KORNER:AMAZING ANIMAL FACTS

- Camels are called "ships of the desert" because of the way they move, not because of their transport capabilities. A Dromedary camel has one hump and a Bactrian camel two humps. The humps are used as fat storage. Thus, an under-nourished camel will not have a hump
- A crocodile can't move its tongue and cannot chew. Its digestive juices are so strong that it can digest a steel nail
- The oldest living thing on earth is 12,000 years old. It is the flowering shrubs called creosote bushes in the Mojave Desert
- The bird that can fly the fastest is called a White It can fly up to 95 miles per hour
- Did you know fishes talk to each other? Some of them communicate by making noises in their throats by rasping their teeth, others use their swim bladders to make sounds
- The largest frog in the world is called Goliath frog. Frogs start their lives as 'eggs' often laid in or near fresh water. Frogs live on all continents except Antarctica. Frogs belong to a group of animals called amphibians.
- A cheetah can run 76 kilometers per hour (46 miles per hour) - that's really fast! The fastest human being runs only about 30 kilometers per hour (18 miles per hour).
- How do reindeers survive in the extreme cold? Most animals don't eat moss. It's hard to digest, and it has little nutritional value. But reindeer fill up with lots of moss. Why? The moss contains a special chemical that helps reindeer keep their body fluids warm. When the reindeer make their yearly journey across the icy Arctic region, the chemical keeps them from freezing—much as antifreeze keeps a car from freezing up in winter
- Did you know the largest fish ever caught was the Whale Shark? It was 59ft long. These fish can weigh up to 15 tons

RECIPE OF THE WEEK:CRUST-LESS SPINACH PIE



10 oz. pkg frozen spinach
thawed and drained
8 oz. grated cheddar
2 c. non-fat cottage
cheese
4 eggs
6 Tbsp. flour
salt and pepper to taste

Combine spinach, cottage
cheese and cheddar.

Mix rest and combine with
spinach mixture.

Pour into lightly oiled pie
pan. Bake at 350 degrees
for 45 minutes.

COOPERATIVE NOTES

**WE ARE ON THE WEB!
COME VISIT US!**

CTC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Every 2nd Friday of the month 6:00p.m. – **Executive Committee Meeting.**
- Every 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00p.m. – **Sports Committee Meeting.**
- Every 1st Wednesday of the month 7:00p.m. – **Grounds Committee Meeting**
- Every 2nd Thursday of the month 6:00p.m. – **F&O Committee Meeting**
- Every 3rd Tuesday of the month 7p.m. – **Board Meeting** (Board minutes can be viewed on the CTC website <http://www.umnctc.org> click on CTC Board Info)
- Every 1st Saturday of the month 9a.m. - 11a.m., in the CTC Play Center – **Programs Committee Meeting**
- Every 1st Thursday of the month 6:30p.m. – **C&E Committee Meeting**
- Every 1st Thursday of the month 7:00p.m. – **Safety Committee Meeting**
- Every 1st Thursday of the month 7:00p.m. – **Hospitality Committee Meeting**
- Every 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00p.m. – **Sustainability Committee Meeting**

[OCTOBER 2007]

CTC Fall clean-up
Saturday
October 20th.
*(Rain back-up date
Saturday
October 27th)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Grounds	4 C & E Hospitality Safety	5	6 Programs
7	8	9 Sports Sustainability	10	11 F & O	12 Executive	13
14	15	16 Board Meeting	17	18	19	20 Fall Clean-up
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 *Rain back-up fall clean-up
28	29	30	31			

Reminder: read the Terrace Times for all the CTC updated information. Submissions may be delivered to the Terrace Times mailbox in the CTC office or e-mailed to the editor at ctcedit@auxs.umn.edu.



CLASSIFIEDS: FOR SALE

Sale:
 1) 1 microwave, \$10.00;
 2) 2 fishing sets, \$15.00 for two,
 \$10.00 for one;
 3) 1 vacuum, \$ 15.00;
 4) 2 humidifiers, \$5.00 each;
 Please contact: 612-978-2261

Carpet for Sale: Gently used(6 months), high quality (padded),
 Cornflower blue. 12.5ft X 14 ft.
 Measured to fit CTC 1-Bedroom living room Price: \$120
 Call Masi at (651)917-0450 or email: msech002@umn.edu

Full Size bed with box and frame asking \$40 Please call 651-917-2604

A clean dining table: asked for \$10
 A clean table: asked for \$10
 A Futon, nearly new, asked for \$50
 A night stand, asked for \$5.
 A new 7-drawer cabinet: asked for \$100.
 Please call 651-6466339. Ma

What: YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord Fall Garage Sale
 When: Wed. Oct. 3 to Sat. Oct. 6, 2007
 Where: Minnesota State Fairgrounds – Merchandise Mart
 Contact: YMCA camps office 651-645-6605
 A sale offering so many treasures it's at the State Fairgrounds!
 YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord hold their annual Fall Garage Sale at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds Merchandise Mart building from Wednesday, Oct. 3 to Saturday, Oct. 6. Free admission from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to noon for Saturday's Bag Sale. Hundreds of families contribute good quality clothing, household items, baby equipment, toys, books, collectibles, furniture, sports equipment, etc. All proceeds go to the camps. For more information, call 651-645-6605.

For Sale: Five-drawer dresser (\$15). Please call 651-646-8102
 leave a message including your number if interested.

WANTED

The CTC Sports Committee is looking for a volunteer yoga instructor to lead sessions at the CTC Community Center. If you are interested or for more information please contact the Sports Committee (ctcsports@yahoo.com).

Sports Committee is looking for anyone interested in joining the Poker and Chess Club. Meet every Saturday 7:00pm-12:00AM Upstairs CTC Community Center .

SERVICES AVAILABLE

ECFE Class is Starting
 If you have children who are not in school yet.
 If you want to meet other parents.
 If your child needs other children to play with.
 If you want information and resources about raising children.

Then Come and Join Us
 -at ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education)
 -on Friday mornings 9:15-11:15
 -at Crossroads Elementary School in St Paul
 -transportation is available
 Please call Agnes at 651-767-8555

Free Classes start September 17th: English from Beginning to Advanced
 Cooking, US Culture and Day Trips around the Twin Cities.
 Classes offered at the Hospitality Center for Chinese (Hua Xia Zhi Jia)
 Located four blocks north of CTC at 1407 Cleveland Ave N.
 For more information contact us: amy@chinesehc.org, 651.659.9740, or stop by the Center.
 Open Monday-Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. You are welcome!

FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASS

Are you interested in improving your English conversation? Come practice speaking English with me and American friends Wednesday October 3, 2007 (6-7pm) Upstairs CTC Community Center Everyone welcome! E-mail: Hannah at Hannah.khjeon@gmail.com

Harry Potter: Not science fiction anymore

Often I have wondered if there is anything called science fiction anymore. Many scientists would agree there is nothing called science fiction and there is always a scientific explanation behind everything. Well then how come science fiction movies are always ahead of the technology? For example in the article let's see how Harry Potter is no longer science fiction.

Harry Potter's fans would know that he was presented with the invisible cloak in his first year of Hogwarts Academy. That's right Harry becomes invisible when he slips under the cloak. The invisible cloak is no longer science fiction but reality. The scientists at the University of Tokyo have developed the invisible cloak using optical camouflage technology.



Photo courtesy @Tachi Laboratory, the University of Tokyo

Optical-camouflage technology developed at the University of Tokyo

The person where the invisibility garment is very similar to Harry Potter's except there are a few complex arrangements. The person wearing it has stand at a certain position and angle from the other person who is observing the invisibility. Although this technology has its limitation there is definitely a trend that real science follows science fiction. Real science always has a catch nevertheless technology is advancing and very soon most of us would have our own piece of our favorite fiction character.

If you would like to learn more about this article, check out (kids as your parents/adults to help you read)

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/12961080/>

<http://science.howstuffworks.com/invisibility-cloak.htm>