

March 2023 Board Update

Moving: Reminder to owners that the Board & Bill at Affinity should be informed if you are placing your home for sale or intend to move out & rent the unit. Rules related to realtor signs and our new owner welcome packet can be found on our website. If you rent your unit, owners are required to submit signed bylaws and the least agreement to Affinity to keep on file.

Rentals: Reminder to those who rent their unit, the Board & Affinity need a signed copy of the lease (landlord & tenant) and a signed copy of our bylaws/rules (tenant) to have on file for all rentals. If you have not submitted these documents yet, please send them to the Board email.

Maintenance: Maintenance requests should be sent to the Board's email address and the Board will inform Affinity of what needs to be done. Emergency maintenance can be reported directly to Affinity's 24/7 emergency line 319-393-0814.

Recycle bin: We added an additional recycling container across from building 300 to help with the overflow we were experiencing on the weekends. This will be emptied twice a week with the other one. Please make sure the lids shut completely and all boxes are broken down.

Fireplace inspections: We have had a couple people reach out about fireplace inspections. We found Midtown Chimney Sweeps, who will do an inspection, cleaning & maintenance. 319-499-4144 If you haven't had yours looked at in a while, you may consider having it inspected. Most recommend having it done annually.

Marijuana: We have seen a big uptick in complaints about marijuana use in our condo buildings. As with any smoking, the smell is not contained to the unit it is being used in. In addition, marijuana is still considered an illegal drug and therefore the user is in violations of our bylaws as well as state & federal laws. Exceptions would be if they are granted an Iowa medical exemption card. When this issue is brought to our attention, we advise the complainant they need to talk to the person if they know who it is, and they do have the option of contacting the Hiawatha police.

Townhouse Video Doorbell: Several have reached out to ask what video doorbell works well. We, the Board, do not recommend any due to none of us being in this industry. However, when speaking with Big Dog about compatibility and based on what several owners have, we are seeing mostly Ring Doorbells used. These work on 2.4Ghz frequency, so you would want to make sure your router broadcasts 2.4Ghz as well as the standard 5Ghz. These are available at Target, Best Buy, Walmart, Amazon or at the Ring website. As we get to nice weather, we typically see an uptick in overnight car & property damage. The more of these units we have installed, the more quickly the police can resolve these issues for us.

<https://ring.com/collections/doorbell-cameras>

Annual Meeting:

- If you have a bylaw amendment or addition you would like to have brought to a vote, please be sure to submit them to the Board as soon as you can. If it is a current bylaw or rule you would like to update, please include the current language (copy & paste from our website) and also send us specifically what you want the new amendment or rule to say.
- Please be thinking about who you would like to nominate to be on your Board for the next year. We can have up to 4 positions, including President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer.