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Steinbach Housing



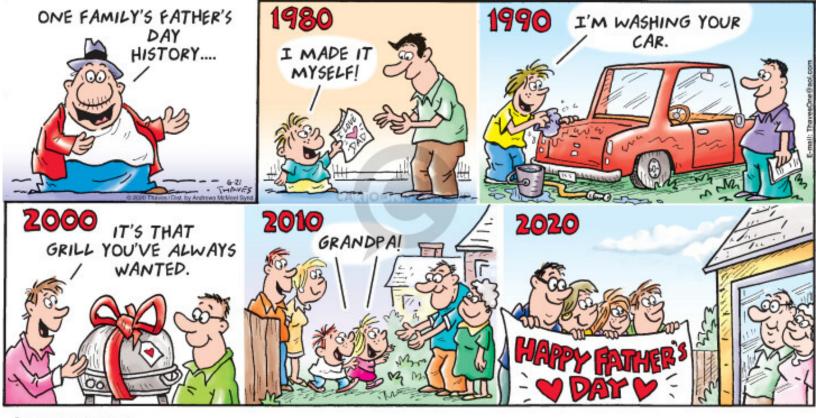
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### June Birthdays

6 Margaret Toews
7 Anne Funk
16 Joyce Chornoboy
17 Esther Funk
21 Irma Jernberg
22 Mary Byman
25 Selma Friesen
27 Kathy Martens
27 Roy Byman
28 Agatha Rempel
28 Beverly Durston
30 Martha Berg



To serve you better we have added a new component to the newsletter, each month we will be sharing a different policy for tenants to reference.



#### Steinbach Housing Inc. - Policy Manual

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 Bed Bugs Management
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#### POLICY SUBJECT:

Bed Bugs Management

#### PURPOSE:

N/A

#### BOARD POLICY REFERENCE:

8417

#### POLICY:

Steinbach Housing is committed to providing effective and efficient response to tenants who suspect they may have bed bugs.

#### DEFINITIONS:

N/A

#### IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER:

N/A

#### PROCEDURE:

Should a tenant notice (bed) bugs in a room, apartment, office or common area, please report it to Administration immediately.

#### Landlord Responsibilities:

- Act promptly to any report of (bed) bug infestation
- Contact the pest control business to confirm the type of bug and arrange for treatment, when required
- Notify the tenant of any treatment plan including the distribution of preparation instructions
- Provide a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours' notice to enter apartment to provide treatment

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- Cost of treatment; if applicable, file claim with Residential Tenancies Branch if tenant caused infestation or does not follow preparation instructions for adequate treatment(s)
- Discourage the purchase of second hand items being brought into apartment complex

#### Tenant Responsibilities:

- · Promptly report any new (bed) bug infestation
- Do not attempt to self-treat bugs with any home remedy or store bought product; bed bug treatment is quite extensive and while initial home treatments may seem to work they are not reliable
- Minimize clutter within your apartment
- Cooperate with the landlord by allowing access and adequately preparing for treatment
- Do not purchase second hand items for your apartment

The cost of bed bug treatment is the responsibility of the Landlord, however should the Tenant not cooperate by adequately preparing for treatment, the Landlord may file a claim against the tenant to recoup their costs.

#### EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES:

N/A

#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

N/A

#### REFERENCES:

N/A

### **NO EXCUSES**

Here are some notes written by parents requesting that thier children be excused from school. The misspelled words made the teacher's day. "My son is under a doctor's care and should not take physical education today. Please execute him" A littles girl's slip read, "Please excuse Lisa for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot" I love this one "Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close viens" How about this plea? "Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the

porch, and when we found it Monday,

we thought it was Sunday."

Submitted by Debbie G. 429



### New programs coming up this month....

With the ever changing rules and restrictions program planning has become a little more difficult. We will be offering coloring and activity pages as well as a scrapbook that you may pick up on the main floor fireplace. We will also still be doing a weekly coffee or meal delivery and a monthy craft that you can sign up for. Please watch your mail boxes for more details on these and other programs.

## From the Chaplain's Desk: "But Who Is My Neighbour?"

36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise (Luke 10:36-37)".

Many of us are familiar with rural life. Long gravel roads, wheat fields, livestock, and a spread of only a few houses on the horizon. Rural life is often associated with a slower pace, and a greater sense of community with others.

One aspect of country living that some people are confused by is the way in which country folk define their neighbours. "Well yes, that's my neighbour, he lives just a few miles south, and then two miles west." That seems a little far away to have a nice conversation with someone on the other side of the fence! The reality is, "neighbourhood" is not about location. Perhaps the person you consider a neighbour is the one who has offered to help you out, the one who checks in to ask, "what's new?", the one who lives down the hall, in the same building, grew up with you, or attended the same school district as you in the 40's. Though these people are all excellent examples of neighbours, Jesus has some important insights to add. In Luke 10:29-37, Jesus answers the question "who is my neighbour?". He tells the story of a Jewish man who is traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. The man is attacked by robbers, stripped, and badly beaten. A priest passes the man, but gives no help. So too, does a Levite, who also offers no assistance. Finally, a Samaritan man, a mortal enemy of the Jew, sees the victim on the side of the road. He stops to care for the wounded man, but his care doesn't end there. The Samaritan then brings him to safety at an Inn, and generously pays for the Jew's stay until he is healed. This story would have challenged the original listeners 2000 years ago. In those days one's neighbour was defined by family connections; the failure of the priest and Levite to aid the Jew would have been particularly shameful. But the Samaritan's

care for the injured Jew shows that we are not to limit the definition of neighbour only to those who are like us. These men were supposed to be enemies, yet one went out of his way to sacrificially care for the other.

I hope our connections to people go beyond the fun of discovering past relationships in our family trees, or socializing only with those we enjoy talking to. We are not to

pass by when we see someone in need, even when it may feel uncomfortable to help them. Let us stop and respond in love, whether they are friend or stranger. This kind of love responds by bending a knee, sharing a word, listening in care, in obedience to Christ. Demonstrating this love proclaims Christ. What would it look like if we all went out of our way to love and encourage our neighbours here in these apartments? Or those we meet throughout our day?

God has made us new in Christ, called to love others for His glory.

Aaron Barkman, Chaplain