

## RENTER'S INSURANCE

A number of years ago, while renting a small studio basement apartment, the water lines to the laundry room next to my apartment broke. My small apartment was flooded. All of my belongings within two inches of the floor sustained substantial water damage. This was a difficult lesson for me to learn regarding the importance of renter's insurance.

This is a very similar situation to what many of the residents of Portneuf Towers have recently experienced. As often happens in the winter, a pipe froze and broke. This was, however, no ordinary pipe. It was a fire suppression line. As such, it was capable of discharging a huge amount of water in a short span of time. I saw their frustration as their lives were disrupted by loud fans and restoration crews. And I remembered.

Both of these experiences have just solidified my understanding of the importance of renter's insurance. I was so disheartened, all of those years ago, to learn that many of my items could have been replaced had I carried a policy. But I didn't. I was quite surprised to learn how inexpensive a policy for this type of coverage is. We try to encourage all of our program participants to make the small investment to be insured. It certainly helps to make a bad situation just a little better!

*Sunny*



## Doggie Droppings

HACP has received numerous phone calls regarding ... well, dog poo. It seems that there are some who are not picking up after Fido. Now! Is it residents of our properties? One cannot know for sure. It could be those just passing by, as well. We would just remind everyone to do your part when walking Fido or Fifi. Thank you!



**Remember! Maintenance can always be reached at 220-9621!!**

**\*GOOD NEWS\***

The Housing Authority would like to thank Intermountain Gas Company for donating a wonderful gas barbecue grill. We look forward to putting it to use this summer!



**Happy New Year!**

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**Contracting Opportunities for the City of Pocatello**

As part of its RENEWAL Program, the City of Pocatello's Neighborhood & Community Services Division offers bidding opportunities to area contractors. Rehab projects include plumbing, electrical, and HVAC work, as well as roof replacement or repair and sidewalk installation. Interested contractors can request to be placed on bid mailing lists by calling 234-6255, or can view current bids at the Housing Authority office, at City Hall or on the City's website at [www.pocatello.us](http://www.pocatello.us). Preference is given to Section 3 residents and business concerns. For more information, please call 234-6185

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