

# Commonality

For Tenants of Wilmington House and Roscommon Place  
Winter 2008

## Color Your World?

Can you paint your unit? The answer is Absolutely, Yes! You need to have the colors approved at the office first, and you must agree to return the unit to our standard color (from Sherwin Williams) before vacating the unit.

You might also consider covering the walls with inexpensive fabric. Just dip it in LIQUID STARCH and it will adhere to the wall like wallpaper. When you peel it off, the wall can simply be wiped down with warm water.

## Giving Back

Winter, with it's cold temperatures and short daylight hours can sometimes make us feel alone and isolated. Doing something for someone else is one of the best ways to keep this feeling at bay.

Consider volunteering once a week at a shelter or food bank, walking dogs for SICSA or helping as an after-school tutor. Even if you don't want to leave your house, you can learn to craft blankets for newborns!

Check the Dayton Daily New for volunteer opportunities or give Pene a call if you need a suggestion!

To Reach Our Office Call  
**(937) 294-3853**  
Monday-Saturday 9-6

## BRRRing on Winter Weather...

Winter is upon us. It's a perfect time to call up a few friends and make a pot of Chili! The LIBRARY has a great selection of FREE videos, too. Check out Dayton's INDOOR ACTIVITIES like the Boonshoft Museum and Planetarium, The Dayton Art Institute, or the Air Force Museum.



## Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow..

### But can we skip the ICE?

We have certainly had our share of nasty weather this year. Kudos to Fred for his valient effort at keeping the walkways salted. Thanks, too, to the tenants who alerted us to potential troubles and those who look out for their neighbors!

With the warming and re-freeze, keeping the walkways passable is always a challenge. We have used another 1000 lbs or ice-melt, but it has simply been too cold for it to work. My 15 year-old suggested we use a flame-thrower to melt it. Not the most practical idea, but we DO understand his point. We have covered the walks with sand, which is helping with traction, but I fear that the Wilmington House Courtyard may look like beach-front real estate by spring!

**PLEASE BE CAREFUL!**

## Maintenance Corner

When it's this cold, the furnace works overtime. Here are some tips to help keep your heating costs under control...

- Make sure your vinyl storm windows are down. If you need help with this, submit a Maintenance Slip and we'll check for you.
- Check around your air conditioners and door for cold air leaking in. If you need weatherstripping, let Fred know.
- Turn your Water Heater down from "HOT" to "VERY WARM"
- If you use a space heater, make sure it is UL approved and has an emergency "tip over" switch.

Of course, you can always take your Mom's advice:

Set the heat at 68 degrees and put on a sweater! :)