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Grand Old Day Means Summer is Almost Here!

This Sunday is Grand Old Day, the day all of St. Paul turns out to celebrate what makes our neighborhood special. In addition to the entertainment and events all day along the avenue, there are a couple of events going on right outside our front doors:



8am-9am: in-line skaters and runners will be doing the **8k race** along Grand.

10:30am: the **parade** will start at Dale and head toward Fairview

12-2pm: **music** on the 1st floor balcony at 657 Grand

While Grand Old Day is a day to meet and celebrate with friends and neighbors, there are also lots of people coming and going. Please keep the following simple conditions in mind to ensure everyone can safely enjoy the day:

- ◆ Please **do not prop open the entrance doors**. We have secure buildings and propped doors are an invitation to thieves.
- ◆ **You are responsible for the actions of your guests**. Please make sure they treat our home with the same respect as they'd treat their own.
- ◆ As always, **be courteous to your neighbors** and please keep in mind if you are having a party or hanging out late that Monday is a work day for most of us.

Important Spring Reminders

1. It's an unfortunate fact that with warm weather comes increased car, house and apartment break-ins. To minimize your chances of becoming a victim keep these tips in mind: (1) **do not keep valuables in your car**, (2) keep any valuables **in your apartment out of site** and in a safe place, (3) **always lock** your car, and apartment doors and windows, and (4) **call the police non-emergency number, 291-1111 if you see any suspicious activity**.
2. Please contact Chad for help installing an **air conditioner**. We know the screens are tricky to get out and have spent years perfecting our techniques! It also important to put some wood blocks on the inside and outside of the storm window frame so the air conditioner does not bend the storm window frame.
3. **Grilling** on the decks is allowed only with gas grills. If you have a charcoal grill you must use it on the ground.



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Online Maintenance Requests

We've updated our web site to include a spot for residents to fill out maintenance requests. Go to our homepage at:

<http://management.skallys.com>

Then click on "Maintenance" in the upper right hand corner.

Tips on Using Space

Think multi-function:

A cedar chest (or other chest) which can be used as storage for out of season clothes and/or linens as well as a coffee table

A kitchen table which can also be used as a desk

Think big. That's right, big:

A couple or a few carefully chosen pieces of furniture can actually make a room seem larger; lots of smaller pieces can just make it look cluttered.

Think necessities:

Decide which things are essential, which would be great to have, which you can live without if necessary.

Information from:

<http://apartments.about.com/cs/mallspace/a/smalldecorate.htm>



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Current Availabilities

We have a **1 bedroom** apartment available for September at 622 Grand Ave, and a **1 bedroom with a balcony** available for August at 657 Grand Ave. We keep a current list of availabilities on our website: <http://management.skallys.com>. If you know someone interested have them call Rebecca or Chad. Remember that current residents can transfer to another apartment. Also if you refer someone who rents an apartment you will receive \$100 off your next months rent and they receive \$100 off their first months rent.

Everyday things help the Environment

Reduce rubbish

Only buy things you really need. Most of what we throw away could be used again. Think twice before you put something in the bin. Try and cut down on the amount you buy new and then throw away.

Reuse products

Use containers again - buy food, drinks and toiletries in returnable containers and ask local shops to stock them. Ask your school or workplace to provide reusable cups, plates, cutlery etc.

Give away or sell

Charity and nearly new shops, jumble sales and community schemes are good places to donate or sell second hand clothes, toys and furniture. It is also well worth shopping at second hand outlets.

Repair or adapt

The best environmental choice is to repair, restore or adapt a product you already have. You may need professional help but it could still be cheaper than something new - half of electrical goods left at dumps work or require only very basic repairs.

Cut down packaging

The amount of plastic packaging waste from UK households is about one million tonnes. Buying fruit and vegetables loose could cut your waste drastically. Take a shopping bag with you and try not to buy drinks in plastic bottles. Write to the companies concerned asking them to change their policies.

Recycle more

Recycle things yourself, and buy recycled products. For information on household waste disposal get in touch with your local authority for recycling schemes in your area - and ask them to improve their recycling services. Why not start your own collection scheme at work or school.

Information from:

http://www.foe.co.uk/campaigns/waste/press_for_change/home/