



Neighbors



Rimini Place, L.P

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



- ◆ For those getting Social Security, please bring in your 2026 award letters as they come in.
- ◆ It's that time to take down your decorations. All Christmas trees, lights and outside decorations should be removed from outside the apartments by January 12th or MCHA will remove them and charge you. Thank you for your cooperation.
- ◆ The cold weather is here and as a reminder, please keep your windows closed when the furnace is on. This makes the furnace run twice as hard causing wear and tear and will eventually break. If this is the case, you will be responsible for replacing the furnace.
- ◆ Rent is due on the 1st of each month. If rent is not paid by the 5th, you will be charged a \$50.00 late fee
- Please report work orders as soon as they happen.

Stay safe and healthy this holiday season.

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The office will be closed on:

-Thursday, January 1st and Friday, January 2nd to observe New Years

-Monday, January 19th for Martin Luther King's birthday

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Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

CLOSED WEDNESDAY

Thursday & Friday

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

EMERGENCY

NUMBER:

(217) 827-2100

EMERGENCIES

INCLUDE:

- ◆ **Gas leaks**
- ◆ **Broken water pipes**
- ◆ **Exposed electrical wires**
- ◆ **No heat (if the outside temperature is 45-degrees or lower)**
- ◆ **Sewer line stoppage (not drain line)- this includes a clogged toilet**
- ◆ **CO/Smoke detector beeping or chirping**

Also fire, flood, or anything that threatens life, safety or property damage.

INSPECTIONS FOR DECEMBER

There are no inspections this month.

INSPECTIONS MAY TAKE PLACE ON ANY DAY OF THE MONTH BETWEEN THE HOURS OF

8:00 A.M.- 4:30 P.M., MONDAY-FRIDAY

Q&A (Quality Assurance) inspections may take place on work orders and inspections anywhere from 3-5 days after the inspection/work order happens.

how to pay off debt fast

- stop adding new debt
- list every debt you owe
- pick your payoff method
- throw extra money at one debt
- make the minimum payments automatic
- find your "extra cash"
- have a plan for your money
- keep an emergency fund
- celebrate every payoff

@InspiredBudget

Income Tax Refund Ideas:

If you are getting an income tax refund this year, don't waste your money on clothes, hair, phones, eating out, shoes, nails, pocketbooks, cars that you know you're not going to keep, etc. This year do something different. Here are a few suggestions you can do this year instead of blowing your money unnecessarily.

1. Pay your rent up in advance for 3-6 months.
2. Open up a bank account for your children (Deposit \$100 in each account and every month add \$25 dollars to it).
3. So you won't be complaining about not having Christmas stuff for your kids in December, go ahead and Christmas Shop. Order it off line so it will be boxed already and you won't have to worry about having to hide it.
4. Go ahead and start buying school clothes for the upcoming school year. Get book bags, clothes, shoes, underwear, etc. Then set it aside and don't use it until school starts in the fall.
5. Pay your past due bills or any debts that you owe to people or bill collectors.
6. Enroll your kids in activities. (Dancing, boxing, karate, sports, etc.) Pay it up in advance so that you don't have to worry about that monthly bill.
7. Buy grocery store gift cards and save them for hard times. Buy 10 \$50 gift cards and put them up for when you're low in food and need food for the house and are low on funds.

18 THINGS TO LET GO OF BEFORE 2026:

1. **Clothes** you haven't worn in a year.
2. **Expired** makeup and skincare.
3. **Broken** gadgets collecting dust.
4. **Extra cables** you don't need.
5. **Books** you'll never reread.
6. **Old receipts** and papers.
7. **Shoes** that hurt your feet.
8. **Kitchen gadgets** you never use.
9. **Worn-out towels** and sheets.
10. **Outdated** magazines.
11. **Toys** your kids outgrew.
12. **Decor** that feels outdated.
13. **Junk emails** cluttering your inbox.
14. **Apps** you never open.
15. **Duplicate** or blurry photos.
16. **Subscriptions** you don't need.
17. **Old files** you forgot about.
18. **Negative** friendships.

LESS STUFF, MORE PEACE

- Bedroom**
 - Focus areas: Closets, nightstands, drawers, under-bed
 - Steps:
 - Remove clothes you haven't worn in 12 months
 - Toss single socks, torn items
 - Clear nightstand — keep only lamp + book + essentials
 - Donate duplicate blankets + pillows
 - Goal: Calm, breathable space
- Kids Room / Playroom**
 - Remove broken toys & puzzles with missing pieces
 - Rotate toys store half
 - One basket per category: blocks, cars, dolls, books
 - Involve kids — let them choose 5 favorites
- Living Room**
 - Clear surfaces: table, TV console, shelves
 - Remove old magazines, decor overload
 - Keep 3 decor items per surface (rule of 3)
 - Designate a basket for remote + chargers
 - Goal: Clutter-free & inviting
- Laundry Room**
 - Toss single socks + empty bottles
 - Use bins: whites / darks / delicates
 - Keep only products you use weekly
- Home Office**
 - Recycle old papers
 - Limit stationery to essentials
 - Organize cables with clips
 - Digital declutter: delete files, clean desktop
- Car**
 - Remove trash, old receipts, unused chargers
 - Keep: tissues, sanitizer, water bottle, emergency tools
- Closet**
 - Use the 1-year rule: If you didn't wear it, let it go
 - Keep only 1-2 of each type: jeans, jackets, sneakers
 - Store seasonal clothes separately
 - Use matching hangers for neatness
- Bathroom**
 - Throw expired medicines & skincare
 - Toss hotel minis, empty bottles, old makeup
 - Organize hair tools in one basket
 - Keep counter clear — essentials only
 - Goal: Spa-like simplicity
- Kitchen**
 - Zones: Pantry, fridge, utensils, plastic containers
 - Toss expired food + sauces
 - Remove duplicate utensils
 - Keep only containers with lids
 - Keep a snack basket and a tea/coffee station