

# Housing Insider

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## Director's Cut

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### FROM THE DIRECTOR...

I would like to thank the residents who reside on Alton Griffin and those who commute on this street for your patience and cooperation as Alton Griffin is being reconstructed. Construction on this street is on schedule and should be approximately completed by mid-March 2007. Should anyone have any questions or concerns, please call or stop by the office. Once again, thank you for tolerating all the inconveniences.

## Occupancy Owl

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### WITH HOMEOWNERSHIP COMES... RESPONSIBILITIES!

#### Monthly Safety Tests

Make your home safer by inspecting these items monthly and keeping them working properly.

- automatic garage door opener
- ground fault interrupter receptacles and circuit breakers
- smoke alarms
- inspect and lubricate (if needed) windows for emergency exits
- carbon monoxide detectors
- general inspection of heating unit and water heater

#### Monthly Interior Jobs

These are some monthly jobs that should be done to keep appliances and mechanicals working properly. Doing so will likely extend the life and performance of each item.

- inspect and clean faucet
- aerators and shower heads
- clean frost-free refrigerator drain pan
- inspect dishwasher for leaks
- clean kitchen exhaust fan filters
- grind ice cubes in disposer
- check and replace (if needed) heating system air filter
- drain 1-2 gallons of water from water heater
- maintain drains with baking soda or hot water, not with chemical drain openers
- pour water down unused drains
- inspect visible foundation areas, pipes, vents and ducts

On a different note ...

Keep in mind that yard inspections will be an on-going thing. Make sure your yards are kept up to avoid any fees that may be assessed to your MEPA. Yard inspections scheduled for March 1, 2007.

It is very important that you provide the Housing Department with a current contact number. If and when the number changes, make sure you provide the Housing Department with that change.



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# Collection's Corner

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## SHOW ME THE MONEY

The Housing Department has added an additional payment method for monthly house payments. While our preferred payment methods are checks and/or money orders, we will accept cash. However, residents who opt to make monthly payment in the form of cash, must bring in the exact amount. Residents must understand that the Housing Department will not issue change. Amounts made over the required monthly payment will be, at the discretion of the resident credited to the next month's house payment or will be applied as a Voluntary Mepa Payment. The Housing Department is implementing this payment method for the convenience of our residents.

Please note- house payments in form of cash may **NOT** be dropped in the Night Drop Box. Housing will **NOT** be responsible for any cash payments made via Night Drop Box.

## Extra ... Extra ...

# YDSP Recycling Collection Site

## Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Environmental Management Office



The YDSP Environmental Management Office (EMO) is pleased to announce that a recycling drop-off location will be established on the New Reservation. The Old Reservation will be receiving curbside recycling services from the City of El Paso. Now, the option of recycling will also be available to residents of the New Reservation. The six compartment recycling container pictured above will be placed in a convenient drop-off location on the New Reservation. The EMO expects this location to be open for residents in late February or early March of this year. Additional details will be provided in the near future as to the location and items acceptable for recycle. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!!!



Please contact us for more information!  
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## Upcoming Events

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| <i>Rent Payments Due</i>                                 | <i>March 1</i>  |
| <i>Yard Inspections</i>                                  | <i>March 1</i>  |
| <i>Daylight Savings Time</i>                             | <i>March 11</i> |
| <i>Saint Patrick's Day</i>                               | <i>March 17</i> |
| <i>If notified, - Annual Inspection/ Recertification</i> | <i>March 22</i> |

