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### From the Desk of Your Directors

We know that summer is a busy time for everyone with numerous outdoor kids' activities and family vacations, so we would like to thank all of those members that made time in their schedules to attend the ILA breakfast meetings, vendor meetings and general membership meetings.

The final breakfast meeting of the season is Aug. 19 at the Cub Club in Principal Park. (See page two for details and reservation information.)

We have our Annual ILA Family Picnic scheduled for Aug. 24 at Raccoon River Park in West Des Moines. (See page three

for all the details.) This will be a fun-filled event for everyone. There will be food, games, prizes and a chance to relax with fellow members.

We will start organizing the Fall Educational Seminar and Trade Show soon and will keep you posted as to the details with e-bulletins and information in the newsletters.

If you would like to help organize or be on a committee for any of our events, please contact the chairperson listed on the left-hand side of this page. We also discuss all of the upcoming events at our monthly membership meetings. We are always looking for good people to help out!

Due to the ILA Annual Family Picnic on Aug. 24, we will not be holding the vendor meeting or membership meeting during August. They will start up again on Sept. 18 at the Okoboji Grill in Johnston.



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Shane Griffin - Nevada, Iowa

Midtown Apartments - Boone, Iowa

Hancock Apartments - Boone, Iowa



## BREAKFAST

At the July breakfast meeting our vendor partner Tom Harvey with Cyclone Pest Management educated us about the growing concern of "Bed Bugs" in Iowa and how to deal with them as well as other unwanted critters.

Ken Tharp with Iowa Equity Exchange will be our featured speaker at this month's ILA breakfast meeting. He was the scheduled speaker for the June meeting that had to be cancelled due to flooding at the park. Ken will speak on the Section 1031 Tax Deferred Exchange.

The buffet breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m. at the Cub Club, Sec Taylor Stadium at Principal Park followed by our speaker. The meeting will last approximately an hour to an hour-and-a-half. The cost is \$20 per person.

Please call Connie at 255-0675 or e-mail her at [ilaservices@iowalandlord.org](mailto:ilaservices@iowalandlord.org) for your reservations. We are limited as to number of attendees, so sign up early.



### POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

#### Step Out Into the Night

For the past 25 years, on the first Tuesday in August, people have been coming out of their homes and coming together to take a bite out of crime.

Established in 1984 by Matt Peskin of the nonprofit crime-prevention program, National Association of Town Watch, National Night Out is a statewide community and police partnership program designed to strengthen community spirit by encouraging citizens, civic groups, businesses and law-enforcement agencies to participate in anticrime events and programs. More than 2 million people across

#### Are You Hosting a National Night Out?

The community plays a vital role in assisting the Des Moines Police Department in crime, drug and violence prevention efforts. We would encourage neighborhood associations, neighborhood watch groups, businesses, civic groups, schools and churches to make a special effort to get to know your neighbors and the police department. For many years groups have had block parties, cookouts and other special events, with a special emphasis on our police-community partnership.

**If your organization or group is planning a National Night Out activity, please contact us.**

**We will make every effort to have a police officer stop at your National Night Out event and say hello.**

**Sgt. Larry Davey -Officer Kelly Fisher-Officer Larry D. Rogers-Officer Steve Anderson**  
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23 states participated that first year by holding "lights on" doorstep and porch vigils.

Since its inception, "America's Night Out Against Crime" has grown. Last year's campaign saw more than 34 million people from every state unite as one.

National Night Out was designed not only to let criminals know that neighborhoods are fighting back but also to heighten awareness about crime and drug prevention and increase participation in local community-based programs. Through block parties, cookouts and flashlight walks, neighbors get to know each other, thereby creating a sense of unity that oftentimes extends beyond just the one evening. Another benefit: Local crime tends to go down.

This year's National Night Out takes place Aug. 5 in cities, towns and neighborhoods stretching from New York to California. Visit [www.NationalNightOut.org](http://www.NationalNightOut.org) for more details.

#### Maintenance Moment

Keep cool without shooting your electricity bill sky high:

Tips to tenants!

- Use fans to circulate air through your apartment. This keeps rooms cooler longer and reduces the time your A/C runs.
- Keep the blinds or curtains closed. This helps keep the cool air in and the warm air out.
- Change your A/C filter every month. Clogged filters force your A/C to work harder to circulate air through your apartment.
- Set the thermostat at 78; raise it to 80 or 82 when you aren't home. Do not turn your air conditioning off when you leave—your apartment will store up the heat and you're likely to make the air conditioner run for hours just to feel comfortable.



## ILA Annual Sizzle'n Summertime Family Picnic

On Aug. 24, we will be hosting the ILA Annual Sizzle'n Summertime Family Picnic for the third year at Raccoon River Park, 1223 S. 24th Court, West Des Moines, in Shelter "A" from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. (Lunch will start around noon).

ILA will provide the hamburgers, cheese, buns, plates, tableware and condiments. All you need to bring is a covered dish (with serving spoon) and your appetite.

There will be plenty of food, games for the kids to play and prizes to be given away. We had a record number of people attend last year's picnic and would like to break that record again this year!

Get in on what will be an afternoon of good food, games, family fun and sun! Call Connie at (515) 255-0675 or email her at [ilaservices@iowalandlord.org](mailto:ilaservices@iowalandlord.org) with the number of family members that will be attending.



## HOUSING NEEDED

New Web Site to Assist Those in Need of Housing

In the wake of recent natural disasters around Iowa, the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) recently launched [www.HousingInIowa.org](http://www.HousingInIowa.org), a web site that provides listings of available rental properties around the state. Property managers and owners are encouraged to submit information about available units to the site. Here's why you should take advantage of [www.HousingInIowa.org](http://www.HousingInIowa.org):

There is no cost to list your units, no matter how many you list.

IFA is advertising the site in newspapers around disaster-ravaged eastern Iowa.

Information about the site is available in each of the Disaster Recovery Centers that exist to help Iowans who are impacted by the disasters.

Community leaders in many impacted communities have been briefed on [www.HousingInIowa.org](http://www.HousingInIowa.org) and are encouraging their residents to use it as a housing resource.

FEMA is publicizing [www.HousingInIowa.org](http://www.HousingInIowa.org) through its newsletters, etc.

[www.HousingInIowa.org](http://www.HousingInIowa.org) features both market-rate and affordable units.

To learn more about [www.HousingInIowa.org](http://www.HousingInIowa.org), contact IFA's Julie Noland at (515) 725-4916 or [Julie.noland@iowa.gov](mailto:Julie.noland@iowa.gov). The Iowa Finance Authority's (IFA) mission is to finance, administer, advance and preserve affordable housing and to promote community and economic development for Iowans. IFA is a self-supporting public agency.

## Meet a Vendor

### WRIGHT OUTDOOR SOLUTIONS

In an effort to combine the best of both worlds, Wright Tree and Heard Gardens have joined forces to create Wright Outdoor Solutions.

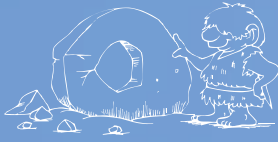

United for all of our landscaping needs, we strive to provide the highest quality of outdoor services. We are the only TCIA (Tree Care Industry Association) accredited company in Iowa and our knowledgeable staff includes six ISA Certified Arborists.

Our hardworking team can revitalize your property by tackling key issues involving design, installation and grounds maintenance that will keep it in the best condition possible.

For more information, please call Allen at (515) 987-4281 or visit our website at [www.wrightoutdoorsolutions.com](http://www.wrightoutdoorsolutions.com).



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		<b>national inventors month</b>				1	2
3	4	5 	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19 Breakfast Meeting 7:30 a.m. Cub Club Principal Park	20	21	22	23	
Aug. 24th 24/31 ILA Family Picnic 11 a.m. - Raccoon River Park, West Des Moines	25	26 National <b>Women's Equality Day</b>	27	28	29	30	



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