



# THE SCOOP

## Co-op Events Draw Big Crowds

Summer parties and back-to-school BBQs drew much participation from co-op members as the school year kicked off.



**Marcy Park** held their Fall BBQ on the afternoon of Sunday, September 9th. Co-op cohorts coalesced in the parking lot of the 1000 building and enjoyed the company of their neighbors, as well as dining from a fantastic menu. Food options included beef, buffalo, lamb and turkey burgers as well as a slew of different vegetarian options topped off with a myriad of sides, sauces and cheese choices.



**The Chateau** held their Back-to-School BBQ on Saturday, September 15th. Upwards of 75 residents came to the BBQ and enjoyed Wally's catered

food with a menu of meat and falafel gyros, salad, hummus plate and cookies. In addition, attendees played bean-bag-toss and jammed to tunes.



**Marshall** held their Fall BBQ following a new-member orientation with their biggest turnout ever! Chicken patties of the meat and veggie variety were served with chips and pop. A fun time was had by all.



**Franklin** held their Summer Garden Party on Saturday, July 14th. A tent was set up and great BBQ food was served. There was also a DJ, games and even a bake sale! The 4H Club performed a song and the Minneapolis Fire Dept. put on a fire safety presentation.



### Randy's Recommendations:

Riverton maintenance technician extraordinaire Randy Clepper's helpful tips to keep your apartment running smoothly:

- Do not rinse food down your drain. It will clog and require a work order. Let the office know if you do not have a drain strainer.
- Scrape off your dishes before placing them in the dishwasher. Also, be sure you use dishwasher DETERGENT, not SOAP if you have a dishwasher.
- Do not hang anything off of the heating & A/C valence in your living room (Chateau residents).
- Do not put aluminum foil on top of your stove, this is a hazard and may cause a fire.

**Thank you for your cooperation!**

## COLE TOWNHOMES TO GET GRILL, PICNIC TABLE IN SPRING

In addition to the fact that the cold weather is here to stay and the snow will undoubtedly begin to fall sooner than we'd like, residents of Cole Townhomes have another reason to look forward to Spring: A brand new grill and picnic table will be installed in the grassy common area between the 2500 and 2600 rows of the townhomes as soon as the nicer weather begins!

The grill and picnic table will be a great addition to the Cole Townhomes community and will enable residents to not only cook meals outside, but also sit and enjoy their food while at the same time enjoying the company of their neighbors and nice, sunny weather.

Let's hope for another early Spring!

MARCY PARK SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Members of the Marcy Park Board of Directors began planning the Riverton Community Housing School Supply Drive in February of this year. After months of planning, contacting businesses, and collecting donations, the School Supply Drive was a success. Participating members of Riverton Community Housing raised over \$1,000 in supplies and monetary donations for children of low income families. Together with Keystone Community Services and Urban 4-H Youth Development we were able to provide over 300 backpacks filled with supplies to children in the Twin Cities. These backpacks were handed out to children at the three Keystone Community Services food shelves throughout the Twin Cities. One of the food shelf managers had this to say about our school supply drive, "I had another woman come in today who said she was so grateful that she cried. She said her kids are so proud of their backpacks that they come home and clean them daily with wet wipes." Riverton Community Housing is proud to have teamed up with such great organizations to help our community and looks forward to raising even more money and supplies for children next year!

- Jason Schmuck, President, Marcy Park Co-op

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CHATEAU RECYCLING POLICY

Please review the signage above the bins on each floor. The instructions are clear cut on what can and cannot be recycled. If you are unsure about whether something is recyclable, refer to the signs (now with pictures).

There is absolutely NO FOOD OR TRASH allowed in the bins. Each floor has a trash chute for old food and other trash items. Also, be sure to completely empty and wash out all recyclables! There should never be leftover liquids or food of any kind in the recycling bins.

**NO CARDBOARD ALLOWED!** Cardboard is recyclable, but cannot be placed in or around the recycling bins. Cardboard should be flattened, broken down and placed in the designated cardboard bin outside in the back of the building.

The Chateau board will start imposing **\$50 fines** on apartments or floors that are found to be repeat offenders of the recycling policy. It costs the Chateau a lot of money when non-recyclable items are placed in the bins and this negatively affects the

co-op's bottom line (and may ultimately lead to higher rent increases due to the increased cost).

With everyone's adherence and participation, the Chateau can make a positive difference with its recycling program!



DID YOU KNOW?

Riverton has a new website! Riverton.org is brand new and up and running. The new, sleek design will be a great tool for current and prospective residents alike. Visit the site and check back often for information, news and updates. Also visit Riverton on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/riverton.housing](http://www.facebook.com/riverton.housing).

## CO-OP NEWS

**Co-ops are Recruiting New Board Members**

Attention all residents of Franklin, 4th Street and Marcy Park Co-ops: Your board of directors wants you! There are a couple of vacancies on each board and all co-ops are looking for residents who would like to be involved in the decision-making process of their building. Being on the board is not a huge time commitment. The board meets once a month to discuss co-op business, plan events and talk with residents about their ideas and concerns. Also, being on the board is great leadership experience, looks good on your resume and you even get rent credits for your efforts! Contact Joe Goetzke at [joe.goetzke@riverton.org](mailto:joe.goetzke@riverton.org) if you are interested!

**Big Haul for Marshall Spring Clothing Drive**

Marshall held a spring clothing drive during the month of May where they handed out bags for residents to place lightly used, unwanted clothing. The goal was to provide a way for residents to donate reusable clothing instead of simply throwing it out. They collected over a dozen bags and donated the contents to the Salvation Army!

**More Riverton Co-ops now on Facebook**

Marshall, 4th Street and the Chateau all have brand new Facebook pages! Residents of all co-ops are encouraged to "Like" the pages and check back often for co-op news, updates and general info. See below for all Facebook pages:

Marshall: [www.facebook.com/marshallcoop](http://www.facebook.com/marshallcoop)

4th Street: [www.facebook.com/4thstreetcoop](http://www.facebook.com/4thstreetcoop)

Chateau: [www.facebook.com/chateaucoop](http://www.facebook.com/chateaucoop)

Marcy Park: [www.facebook.com/marcyparkcoop](http://www.facebook.com/marcyparkcoop)

Riverton: [www.facebook.com/riverton.housing](http://www.facebook.com/riverton.housing)

**Chateau Lock-out Committee**

If you are ever locked out of the building or your apartment after-hours, there is a service provided by the Chateau Board of Directors to help you! You just need to call the office phone number (612-331-3911) and follow the prompts to reach the after-hours emergency line. Tell the operator your situation and they will page a resident who is on the Chateau Lock-out Committee to come help you. Please note there is a \$50 fee associated with after-hours lockout calls.

**4TH STREET CO-OP EARNS A GRANT FROM THE COOPERATIVE FOUNDATION**

In February, the 4th Street Co-op board devised a plan to brighten up the hallways by making it their goal to bring more art into the building. Board President Sarah Sosa, an artist herself, thought it would be neat to find historic pictures of Dinkytown and place them side-by-side with current pictures of the same locations documented in the old photographs. However, the board quickly realized that with their limited budget, framing over a dozen photos and hanging them could become an expensive undertaking. So, they applied for a grant from The Cooperative Foundation and a month later they were awarded a \$750 grant to make their dreams of a Dinkytown photo project come true!

If you would like to help out with the 4th Street Co-op photo project, please visit them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/4thstreetcoop](http://www.facebook.com/4thstreetcoop) or send their board of directors an email at [4thstreetcoop@gmail.com](mailto:4thstreetcoop@gmail.com).

**More information about The Cooperative Foundation:**

The Cooperative Foundation is a steadfast supporter of cooperative development, research, and education. For more than 60 years, vision and generosity has guided the work of the foundation and in turn benefited cooperative members and communities. Formed by cooperative leaders in 1945, The Cooperative Foundation received much of its financial assets through the vision and generosity of St. Paul architect Thomas

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## RIVERTON STAFF NEWS

**Farewell Bryan**

To the Residents and Staff of Riverton Community Housing –

I am sad to announce that as of July 27th, 2012 I will be no longer be the Property Manager at Franklin Co-op. I will be moving from Minneapolis to Fort Collins, Colorado at the end of July where new adventures await. During my two years at Franklin I've grown both personally and professionally and developed some great relationships along the way. I will miss Franklin, Riverton, and Minneapolis but am grateful to have had this experience with all of you. Thank you all for your continued commitment to our co-ops and communities; these places would not exist without you. I truly wish you the best.

-Bryan Thompson

**Welcome Karyn**

Hi my name is Karyn Zwieg. I am the new Property Manager at the Franklin Housing Cooperative and I am happy to be a part of the Riverton Housing community! I have been in Housing and Property Management for over 15 years. I have a wealth of experience working with different populations of people that come from a variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds. I started interning and working in a battered women's shelter in Minneapolis. From there I worked in transitional housing for single parent families, then next to affordable housing, market rate, senior housing, public Housing and now here at Franklin Housing Cooperative.

I have a Bachelor's degree in Human Services Administration from Metropolitan State University. I was born in St Paul MN and raised in New Brighton, MN. I have a dog named Morgan and a cat named Envy.

**A Fond Farewell To Riverton**

After twelve years of working at Riverton, it's time for me to move on. I will be staying home with my 20-month old son named Spencer. This will be a huge change from what I am used to, but I am very much looking forward to spending more time with my little guy and watching him grow.

It's hard to believe I have been here for so long- where does the time go? I began my career at Riverton as a Marketing Intern while attending Augsburg College, not having any experience with co-ops or property management. Now many years – and job titles- later, I leave with a plethora of experience and memories under my belt. I have done pretty much everything, from cleaning toilets to entering rents, moving furniture to attending co-op board meetings, working at both the Franklin and Riverton offices, and even traveling to Ann Arbor twice for the annual NASCO conference. But the best part has definitely been the people that I have been lucky enough to meet along the way. I truly have enjoyed my time at Riverton and will especially miss the fantastic staff that I have had the pleasure to work with. Thank you all for making my time at Riverton so great!

- Lindsey Gunstad

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