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#### Corona status

Corona is still impacting us all, and restrictions have been further tightened and extended until the end of February 2021. Therefore, our offices remain closed for in-person services. However, emergency staff are still available for urgent matters, and can be reached by telephone.

In order to take care of our residents and employees, and to prevent spreading the infection, the property managers may only perform urgent and absolutely necessary tasks that cannot wait.

We are also working closely together with other housing organisations and Aalborg Municipality to stop any chains of infection from occurring.

Our staff are currently working from home and are contactable by e-mail and phone.

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## Show a little extra understanding in your daily life

These are difficult times for everyone. Nothing is as it used to be, and many people are feeling isolated and alone. We miss a normal daily life, and we miss meeting our friends and family in person.

Since the lockdown has been extended, we have received multiple complaints on matters such as children making noise. Children are currently home for most of the day as schools and educational institutions are closed. The same applies to adults, many of whom have to both work from home and homeschool their children.

Lockdown is not easy, and it is taking a toll on everyone – children as well as adults. Therefore, we ask that all our residents show a little extra understanding and patience until the trend in the infection spreading reverses. It is already heading in the right direction as spring approaches, and hopefully we will all be able to get back to a more normal daily life soon.

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# Renting out youth housing on Airbnb

Rules for renting out public youth housing were drafted during the most recent Committee of Representatives meeting for AKU-Aalborg (Assignment of Dormitory- and Youth Housing). This includes the rules that apply to residents' listing their accommodation on Airbnb.

Renting out youth housing via Airbnb is forbidden in accordance with point 6.1 of the Danish Social Housing Sector's guidance on renting out public housing, etc.: "Public youth housing can only be rented out directly to the individual lessee, as there is no legal basis for renting out multiple youth houses under a single lease."

## Staff news

After 30 years with Plus Bolig, property service engineer John Lynge will be leaving us at the end of February 2021. We wish him the best for the future and thank him for his many years of excellent work.



# Website improvements

At the previous Committee of Representatives meeting, concerns were voiced about Plus Bolig's website and its functions.

As we wrote in our December newsletter 2020, we are in the process of working with this feedback and incorporating it into our website, including a new, more user-friendly layout. We expect to be finished before the next Committee of Representatives meeting in June 2021.

# Previous chairpersonship cleared of charges

Plus Bolig and the previous chairpersonship from 2017 were accused of forgery and mandate fraud by a previous resident. Due to the severity of the accusations, Plus Bolig decided to take the case to court.

The Court in Aalborg as well as the Danish High Court have ruled in favour of the previous chairpersonship and Plus Bolig, who have been cleared of all charges. The Courts have also ruled that the verdict be made publicly available for all those who want to read about the case. Click here to read the verdict for case BS-46698/2019-VLR in its entirety (in Danish).

# Football club gains new young members

B52 has been named the "2020 Football Club of the Year in Region 1". The club has been extremely successful, and its numbers are only growing - particularly in terms of young members.

In the summer, Plus Bolig and B52 hosted the Get2fodboldskole in collaboration with DBU. The football camp was held over a weekend for the city's at-risk children and youth. This is one of the many initiatives that we hope will have a positive impact on our residential areas.

The camp was well received by the young people. The positive experiences and new friendships have resulted in 10–12 of the participants joining the club, and they have since made even more friends and become part of the club's association activities.





# The merger of Stofa and Norlys

In 2020, the Danish Competition and Consumer Authority approved Stofa's plans to become part of Norlys. One of the conditions for the approval of this merger was that previous customers would be free to choose their own tv and internet provider. For Plus Bolig's residents, this means that it is up to the individual resident to choose the subscription that best fits their own wants and needs. Equally, this means that the resident is the direct customer of the provider.

#### Facts:

- Norlys is a fusion of the companies Eniig and Syd Energi.
- > These two companies merged in 2019.
- Upon the merger they changed their name to Norlys.
- Stofa was previously owned by Eniig, which is why it was included in the merger.

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# Say hello to your new neighbours

Whenever a new resident moves in, we send an e-mail to notify the chairperson of the relevant department. This happens automatically if the chairperson has consented to receive e-mails and has provided their e-mail address.

Due to privacy laws, we cannot provide any information on who is moving in. Instead, we will say which leasehold this is relevant for and when the moving in will occur. This enables the department chairperson to welcome the new neighbours and tell them a little about life in the department.

If you are the chairperson and are unsure whether you have registered correctly on "Min Side" (My Profile), you are welcome to contact the office – we are always happy to help.

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# New housing agreement for 2021–2026

A new agreement has been reached on increasing the efficiency of the public housing sector. This agreement will last from 2021 to 2026.

For the previous agreement for the 2014–2020 period, the goal was to save DKK 1.5 billion. This goal was fulfilled with a saving of DKK 1.7 billion, which is DKK 200 million more than planned.

The current agreement has the goal of saving DKK 1.8 billion. We aim to gain DKK 1.5 billion in savings from streamlining operations and DKK 300 million from energy savings. These are ambitious goals that will be regularly followed up on an ongoing basis. These goals have been set for the housing industry as a whole; however, individual housing associations are expected to receive their own goals from 2027.

We in Plus Bolig must do our part. We must identify and plan the relevant initiatives as part of a collaborative effort between the departments. These initiatives may differ and can consist of changed energy consumption, better renovations that focus on climate proofing, energy savings, etc.

Plus Bolig has entered a climate partnership with Aalborg Municipality and Aalborg Forsyning in order to reduce the housing association's greenhouse gas emissions. This is supported by the new housing agreement. Efforts can and will be implemented from a central position, but there are numerous initiatives that must take place in the individual departments. For the departments that seek to influence and take ownership of these tasks, this is an exciting prospect.

The initiatives and ideas to be further developed in each department will be decided in their department meetings.

# Sorting of waste

Sorting waste can be a gruelling task. If you are unsure how to sort your waste, help is available. Aalborg Forsyning have produced a guide that explains how waste must be sorted, both at home and at the recycling centre. The guide can either be downloaded for printing or accessed on an app that you can install on your phone. You can find the waste sorting guide here (in Danish).