

# Grass Roots



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Project HOPE*

*(Help Our People Eat)*

*First Presbyterian Church*

*400 East Carroll*

*Macomb, IL 61455*

*4PM-6PM*

*April 24, 2011*

*Get a free sack of groceries!*

*For a ride call 309-333-7747*

### *Housing Authority Emergency*

*After hours*

*Maintenance number:*

*309-313-1116*



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## EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING FOR BUSHNELL AND MACOMB

Bushnell Elementary and MacArthur Early Childhood Center will offer screening to assess general development, speech, language, motor skills, vision and hearing for children ages 3-4.

Screenings for Bushnell will be held at Bushnell Elementary, 345 E. Hess on Monday, April 18th and Tuesday, April 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m and Wednesday, April 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. You must have an appointment. Bushnell residents should call 309-772-9464.

Screenings will be held at MacArthur Early Childhood Center on Thursday, April 7, 2011 and April 14, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please call 309-833-4273 for an appointment. If you have a public aid card, please bring it with you.

## LEASE HIGHLIGHTS

### **GUESTS**

Residents are only allowed to have overnight visitors 14 days total per year. This does not mean 14 days per visitor. A resident must get permission from the Housing Authority to exceed the 14 days per year. Forms are available at the office.

### **SATELLITE DISHES**

Residents are required to get permission to install a satellite dish. Installers are required to dig a hole for placement of the dish and underground utilities must be marked before digging may begin. There may be only one entry point for service into the apartment. **ALL CABLES MUST BE SECURED TO THE FLOOR AND ABOVE DOORWAYS TO AVOID A TRIP HAZARD.**

### **CABLE**

Residents do not need approval to install cable service however, residents are allowed only one entry point into the apartment. If you desire to have cable in more than one room, you must ask the cable installer to run the cable to the desired room. **ALL CABLE MUST BE SECURED ON THE FLOOR AND ABOVE DOORWAYS TO AVOID A TRIP HAZARD.**

### **PET WASTE**

It is a lease violation not to clean up after your pet. If the Housing Authority determines that you are not cleaning up after your pet, a work order will be submitted and you will be charged \$10.

### **TRASH**

Residents are responsible for keeping their personal living space free of debris. Properties are littered with soda cans, papers, fast food bags and cigarette butts. If the Housing Authority finds these items in your personal living space, you will be asked to clean it up. If it is not cleaned up, a work order will be submitted and you will be charged \$22 per hour to pick it up.

## FITCH MANOR NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 19:** August: Osage County (At Hainline Theatre-WIU Campus).

**April 21:** Monthly meeting with guest Beth Chatterton-Healthy Eating.

Watch for announcements about Delimma with Dinner at Macomb Community Theater.

Resident council meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the Month at Greenbrier Community Center at 3:00 p.m. All Fitch Residents are encouraged to attend and get involved.

**July 11 and 12, 2011 are the dates Jo Anna and Kevin will begin inspections at Fitch Manor.**

By mid-April, an inspection checklist will be available at the office. Residents may find this useful in preparing

## EISENHOWER TOWER NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 1, 2011-Garden Meeting in Community Room.**

**April 9, 2011** at 5:00 p.m. Cookout/Pot Luck/Resident meeting. Brats and hot dogs provided. Sign up for a side dish or dessert. Come dressed in your finest western wear. There will be Prizes for best dressed Dude and Duette.

**April 19:** August: Osage County (At Hainline Theatre-WIU Campus).

**April 23:** Bingo at 7:00 p.m. Prizes will be given out for winners. This month, Diana Dowacter's aunt has donated lap blankets to give away. Other prizes will be given out as well.

**May 2, 3 and 4, 2011 are the dates Jo Anna and Kevin will begin inspections at Eisenhower**

**Tower.** By mid-April, an inspection checklist will be available at the office. Residents may find this useful in preparing for the visit.

## PRAIRIEVIEW NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Weekend Activities:**

On **April 23** from 12-3 at PV Basketball Court-fun activities for kids! Fun, games, food and prizes.

On **April 30** from 9-12, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Comcast will hosting activities with BBBS. They will be picking up trash, planting flowers, arts and crafts. Please plan to participate!

**June 6, 7 and 8, 2011 are the dates Jo Anna and Kevin will begin inspections at Prairieview.** By mid-April, an inspection checklist will be available at the office. Residents may find this useful in preparing for the visit.

## GREENBRIER NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

A public housing authority is only as strong as its residents. When residents work together, anything is possible. Resident councils are established as a way for community members to voice their opinions and work together to make each housing development a great place to live. Please consider participating in a resident council at Greenbrier. Contact Jo Anna if you are interested in starting a council.

**July 5 and 6, 2011 are the dates Jo Anna and Kevin will begin inspections at**

**Greenbrier.** By mid-April, an inspection checklist will be available at the office. Residents may find this useful in preparing for the visit.

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT PRAIRIEVIEW

April 7: Mural Painting (wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on).

April 14: Beth Chatterton from U of I Extension presenting health eating and snacks.

April 21: Alex Buckney-Hood and WIU students from the RPTA Dept will be presenting activities for the evening.

April 28: Family Fun Night End of Year Celebration-Please let Family Fun Night volunteers know if you plan to attend!

### MARCH PHOTOS



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### OPERATION ROYALTY

Catholic Charities wants to help high school girls going to prom. They have collected lots of prom dresses, shoes and some accessories in many different sizes. They want girls to feel like princesses this Prom season. Please call 309-833-1791 for more information.

#### SALVATION ARMY CAMPS

The Salvation Army will be hosting camps this summer for first graders through 12th graders as well as adults 55 and older. Advanced registration is required. Contact them for specific information regarding their offerings at 309-837-4824.

#### AIR CONDITIONER FEE

The charge for air conditioners is going up. This year it will cost \$31 per month, per air conditioner.

#### VENTILATION

Keep air moving in your apartment to prevent mold from growing.

#### WE NEED APPLICANTS, OUR WAITING LIST IS GETTING SHORT FOR:

AFFORDABLE 3, 4 & 5 Bedroom Apartments at PRAIRIEVIEW TOWNHOMES, Macomb. Electricity & water included PLUS help with your gas bill. Amenities: Off street parking, washer/dryer hook ups, playground on site, close to schools & shopping, public transportation comes directly to complex.

~OR~

AFFORDABLE 2, 3 & 4 Bedroom Apartments at GREENBRIER APARTMENTS, Bushnell. ALL UTILITIES INCLUDED! Amenities: Off street parking, washer/dryer hook ups, playground on site., close to schools, McDonough County Public Transportation comes directly to complex.

~OR~

#### ELDERLY/DISABLED OPPORTUNITIES

AFFORDABLE 1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments at FITCH MANOR APARTMENTS, Bushnell. Water included PLUS help with your gas/electric bill. Amenities: Off street parking, on site laundry, central air, McDonough County Public Transportation comes directly to complex.

Call today for an application 309-837-2363 or logon [www.mcdonoughhome.org](http://www.mcdonoughhome.org). Equal Housing Opportunity

## ***HAPPY EASTER!***

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