

Grass Roots



Vol.13, Issue 11, January 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Offices of the Housing Authority of McDonough County will be closed Monday, January 2., 2012

*Project HOPE
First Presbyterian Church
400 East Carroll, Macomb, IL 4PM-6PM
January 29, 2012
For a ride call 309-333-7747*

The Crossing has a food pantry open the 3rd Saturday of every month!

*Housing Authority Emergency
Maintenance number for
After hours, weekends &
holidays
309-313-1116*



Inside this issue:

Warmer Homes	1
Snow Removal	1
Happenings	2
Clean and Healthy Home	3
Pest Control	3
Lease Reminders	3
In Our Communities	4

SIMPLE STEPS TO A WARMER HOME

- Close and lock all doors, including storm doors.
- Close and lock all windows.
- Close curtains on cloudy days and let the sun in on sunny days.
- Keep registers OPEN and do not put anything over them.
- Keep the area in front of the furnace air grates CLEAR.
- Wear layers of warm clothes.
- Set your thermostat at a lower temperature at night when sleeping and when you are gone.
- Report any air leaks, or heat loss to the Central Office: 309-837-2363.
- Report any Maintenance Emergency to our On Call Service at 309-313-1116 after 4 p.m., holidays and weekends.
- **IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AT THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER IF YOU DO NOT HAVE HEAT!**

SNOW REMOVAL

The Housing Authority of McDonough County uses the following guidelines when removing snow from the sidewalk in front of your house.

- Maintenance personnel will remove snow, sleet and ice from common sidewalks. Residents are responsible for removing snow, sleet and ice from walkways and front entrances at their homes.
- Elderly and disabled residents are exempt from the previous rule. Maintenance employees keep a list of residents who are physically unable to shovel snow and will clean the front walk, entrance and ramps at those homes. Reasonable Accommodation is available for assistance in removing snow for persons with VERIFIED disabilities.
- Snow removal begins one hour after it stops snowing, provided it snows less than five inches. However, if snowfall is heavy and expected to continue over a sustained period of time, crews may begin snow removal before snowfall ceases.
- The Maintenance Superintendent will decide when it is necessary to spread salt on sidewalks, entrances, ramps, dumpster enclosures and parking lots. In most cases, salting will begin one hour after all other snow removal services are finished.

If weather conditions suggest that fresh snow will melt before 2 p.m. on the day it falls, the Maintenance Superintendent may decide to let nature take care of snow removal.

FITCH MANOR NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Remember to keep your personal belongings on your ramps stored neatly so maintenance can easily scoop snow when or where required.

The Resident Council has new officers. The official start date is January of 2012. President, Diane Sipes, Vice-President, Maxine Swift, Treasure Marcia Buley and Secretary, Becky Klinedinst. Residents will meet at the Greenbrier Community Center on January 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. There will be speakers talking about energy conservation.

Social Security is no longer coming to Macomb due to budget restrictions. You may contact them via www.socialsecurity.gov or 1-800-772-1213.

EISENHOWER TOWER UPCOMING EVENTS

January 7, 2012 @ 5:00 p.m. is the resident meeting and un-decorating party. Ham sandwiches and chips will be provided.

January 21, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. is BINGO.

Shopping carts should be returned to the lobby after each use for the convenience of ALL residents.

Please remember to clean up after your pet while walking them on the property. Residents may receive a fine for leaving a mess.

Social Security is no longer coming to Macomb due to budget restrictions. You may contact them via www.socialsecurity.gov or 1-800-772-1213.

PRAIRIEVIEW TOWN HOMES

FAMILY FUN NIGHT will resume Thursday, January 26, 2012. Homework help will resume Monday, January 23, 2012. FFN is 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Homework help is available on Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Social Security is no longer coming to Macomb due to budget restrictions. You may contact them via www.socialsecurity.gov or 1-800-772-1213.

GREENBRIER TOWN HOMES

Family Fun Night resumes Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Come join the fun!

Social Security is no longer coming to Macomb due to budget restrictions. You may contact them via www.socialsecurity.gov or 1-800-772-1213.

KEEP YOUR HOME CLEAN AND HEALTHY

Keeping a clean home will help keep your family healthy all year long. Things that make a home unclean are often things you cannot see. Mold, mildew and bacteria hide in damp places. Cockroach waste is small black specks that can be hard to see and they can even be in the air. Tobacco smoke also makes the air unhealthy. A clean home helps prevent breathing problems and colds and infections. A clean home will also keep germs from spreading. To keep your home clean and healthy consider doing the following at least weekly:

- Remove dust-Using a wet, clean cloth, wipe off windowsills, walls and shelves.
- Clean floors-Sweep and wet mop hard surfaces, vacuum carpets.
- Wash things your child puts in his or her mouth-pacifiers, toys, bottles.
- Clean areas that get wet-counters, sinks, bathtubs and showers, then dry them with clean cloths. (Make your own cleaner with 1 teaspoon of bleach and 1 quart of water. Never mix bleach with other cleaners).
- Prevent odors and germs-clean trash cans, inside the refrigerator and toilets. Put used diapers in a covered container.

KEEP YOUR HOME FREE OF PESTS

- Store food in sealed containers-refrigerate leftovers after eating.
- Clean surfaces-wipe off crumbs and other traces of food from countertops, tables, stovetops and floors. Clean up spills right away.
- Take out trash-replace trash bags as soon as they are full.
- Wash dishes soon after eating-Use detergent and hot water.
- Do laundry often-try to wash clothing, sheets, and towels once a week.

LEASE REMINDERS

DID YOU KNOW AS A CONDITION OF YOUR LEASE YOU SHOULD:

- Use reasonable care to keep your apartment in such condition as to ensure proper health and sanitation standards for Tenant, household members and neighbors. Residents must not create fire hazards, a place for infestation of insects or rodents, or unsafe or unhealthy living conditions for themselves or others.
- Keep your apartment and other such areas as may be assigned to Tenant for exclusive use in a clean and safe condition. This includes keeping front and rear entrances and walkways for the exclusive use of Tenant, free from hazards and trash, and keeping the yard free of debris and litter. Yard and other outside areas cannot be used to store items that are not appropriate for outdoor usage by the household. Exceptions to this requirement may be made for Tenants who have no household members able to perform such tasks because of age or disability.

Grass Roots

IN OUR COMMUNITIES!



President: Diane Sipes
 Vice President: Maxine Swift
 Treasurer: Marcia Buley
 Secretary: Becky Klinedinst



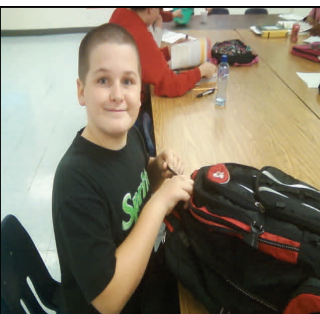
Christmas Party with the Fitch Folks and Officer elections.



EISENHOWER TOWER CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING PARTY.



GREENBRIER KID'S MADE COOKIES IN A JAR AT FAMILY FUN NIGHT!



PRAIRIEVIEW FAMILY FUN NIGHT AND HOMEWORK HELP